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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Affiliate American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 M.L.K. Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dynair Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Banker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU/Morlet Alumni Center
- Danbar/Monk-Can Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-Monk-Can Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 7th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Post Lack: Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Sunday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Alderman Middle School, 219 Walnut Ave.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Powell pick affects McCain, Obama

CLEDO, Ohio — Barack Obama found out about Colin Powell's endorsement in the same way as the rest of America: He tuned in to "Meet the Press."

"We didn't have any conversations with him," chief strategist David Axelrod said Sunday, describing Obama as "dumb" after watching the endorsement from his hotel room in Durham, N.C. "It was purely Powell, on his own timetable and his own initiative."

Obama, said Axelrod, views Powell as "a singular presence in American life. ... For people who are still deciding, I think he laid out a case that will be meaningful to them. Independents, disaffected Republicans — there are more and more of those."

The role Powell might take in the next two weeks is unclear, Axelrod said. "We'd love to have him out of the campaign trail, we would love to have him on TV, but if he does not one more thing, he will have done us a great service."

The endorsement goes a ways toward insulating Obama from accusations that he's a



Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State

secret socialist, Muslim or both. The \$150 million his campaign brought in last month should help, too — his campaign has now raised \$600 million, more than the entire field collected in the 2000 presidential election.

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Rev. Homer Lee Avery, Sr.

Senior Pastor Homer Lee Avery Succumbs Here Last Week

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon, October 18, 2008 at First Baptist Church for one of Lubbock's Senior Pastors, Rev. Homer Lee Avery, Sr.

Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Avery, 85, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in Lubbock at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born February 6, 1923 to Oscar Avery and Carrie Espy in Ore City. Homer was raised in Ore City where he also attended school. Homer served in the U.S. Army and shortly after his discharge, he moved to Lubbock where he met and married Emma Lou. They were married in 1951, and to this happy union were born four children.

Homer worked at the Caterpillar House, where he eventually retired.

He sang in several gospel groups, including the Wayside Travelers and the Gaylarks. Later he became the proud pastor of First Progressive Baptist Church where he served for the past 27 years.

Homer was preceded in death by both his parents and two brothers, John Winston, Jr. and Robert LaVern Avery (Nevilleston).

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Emma Lou Avery; three sons, Willie Avery (Janice), Butch Avery (Virginia), and DeShawn Avery (Mery); one daughter, Evelyn Lewis (Larry); one brother, Willie Claude Winston; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one special cousin, Roy (Scooter) Harris; one special "adopted" daughter, Sandra Rogers; and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

Two Working Hard For Position of Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3 on November 4, 2008!

Another candidate seeking the position of Lubbock County Commissioner Court is Frank Gutierrez, Republican, who is challenging former commissioner Gilbert Flores who was defeated after twelve years as an incumbent by Ysidro Gutierrez.

He has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Texas Tech University, and has done graduate work towards a completion of a Master of Arts in Political Science.

At present time, Gutierrez is a Board Member of various Community Organizations. At present time, he is a Board Member of Rise Academy.

As he talks about seeking the position of Lubbock County Commissioner, he says: "I meet the conditions set forth by law, which entitles me to run for public office," he says.



Frank Gutierrez (R)

Mr. Gutierrez says the most important issue in the financing of operations is specified in the annual budget. "The financing is through taxes; these are to be held to a minimum and justified before it forms part of the budget. The budget must include a five to 10 year projection of the needs and resources to satisfy them. Projections are adjusted biannually by a Planning and Programming Committee that I will propose be constituted," he says.

When asked why he was running for this office, he said with confidence, "There is a need for good representation in

Precinct 3. I have observed that there is division between elected officials on the Court. Only by uniting can we accomplish the goals of the Court."

"Hopefully, by the citizens of Lubbock County, Precinct 3, voting for me on November 4th, they will see a difference. I just want to do the best I can if elected," he says.

"I will put great deal of emphasis and energy on the young people of Lubbock County as they are our future," he said.

In Lubbock County, there are problems which require partici-

ation of social organization, including churches to contribute to solutions. "The Commissioners Court should coordinate the activities of these organizations, while at the same time, seeking funds from state and federal programs," he says.

"Homeless veterans have programs to assist them. Focus should be given in helping children and single mothers who do not receive help from state," he continued to make known.

Social Security Announces 5.8 Percent Benefit Increase for 2009

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 55 million Americans will increase 5.8 percent in 2009, the Social Security Administration announced today. The 5.8 percent increase is the largest since 1982.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in

the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 5.0 percent.

The 5.8 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that over 50 million Social Security benefi-

ciaries receive in January 2009. Increased payments to more than 7 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will begin on December 31.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$106,800 from \$102,000. Of the estimated 164 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2009, about 11 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2009 can be found at www.Medicare.gov

Lubbockites Witness Opening of Eddie Richardson Head Start Center



Lubbockites come out in large numbers to witness the dedication of the Eddie Richardson P. Head Start Center, 1301 Redbud Street, last Wednesday morning, October 15, 2008.

Pictured from left to right: Eddie P. Richardson, whom center is named; Angela Richardson, Richardson's daughter; and Bill Powell, executive director of the South Plains Community Action Agency of Levelland. Photo by Kaylin Zooker

Covenant Dedicates Hospital Beds to SPC



Covenant Levelland recently donated five beds to South Plains College's Nursing Program. Two of the beds will be used by the Levelland and Reese Nursing Program. The other three beds will be utilized by the Respiratory Care Program at SPC Reese Center. Shown are, from left, John Dillon, CEO of Covenant; Jennifer Potts, SPC instructor in Vocational Nursing; Hope Alvarado, SPC instructor in Vocational Nursing; Lorie Hudson, SPC clinical instructor in Vocational Nursing; Tracy Cooper, SPC Reese Center coordinator for the Center of Clinical Excellence; Jerry Osburn, CEO of Covenant Levelland; student Florine Ramirez of Levelland; student Isiah DeLaF of Brownfield; student Myahia Williams of Littlefield; Maria Cottenor, SPC dean of Health Occupations; and Sue Ann Lopez, chairperson of the SPC Nursing Department. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The St. John Baptist Church will be the host Church for the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Solomon Fields is host pastor.

"The public is invited to attend this monthly meeting where the spirit will be present," says Sister Bernice Sims, president.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, October 19, 2008, at the New

Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was in their post of duty singing God's Praises! What a time.

The morning scripture and prayer was offered to the congregation.

After the singing of several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered a strong sermon. His subject was "There is Awesome Power In

Prayer." His scripture text was Acts 16:21-32. What a splendid sermon.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Tamara Clay while Brother Billy Dailey welcomed all visitors.

Early voting has begun and will continue until Friday, October 31, 2008. There is plenty of time to and vote as there is no excuse for any registered voter not to vote. Shall we see you at the Polls casting your precious vote? Hope so!

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. God is able. Brother Alfred Cavell is a

Mission & Brotherhood is held Wednesday at 6:00p.m. in prayer service and Bible study. Come out and support the meetings.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: *The lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh my enemies and my foes they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me my heart shall not fear. Though war may rise against me in this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the lord that will I seek that I may dwell in the house of the lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the lord and to inquire in his temple for in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion in the secret place of his tabernacle he shall hide me he shall set me high upon a rock.*

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Sis. Rochelotte Hood read all the announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. There was the fellowship period which was held for about 5 minutes and then the offering was taken up.

The senior choir sang "Walk With Me" and "Standing In The Need". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "What Is On Your Mind?" Afterward the choir sang "When I See Jesus." The invitation to discipleship was extended, and there were several of the members who came for prayer. Sis. Angela Johnson acknowledged all the visitors who were present.

Pray for the leaders of our country our communities and surrounding counties. Pray also for those that are sick, shut-in and those that has lost a love one. Pray prayers go up, and blessing come down.

Let's not forget that on Tuesday at 6:00p.m. Senior

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday, October 19, 2008, services got started at 11:00 a. m. New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon Barksdale teaching the lesson entitled: "All Christians Struggle With Sin". The question to ask is: "What struggle Do You Face?"

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted and dedicated Praise Team leading the way and what an uplifting and joyful time it was.

The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. I. C. Lee.

The Senior Choir went up in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith" and truly we have come as far as we are by our faith and trust in the Lord.

The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and it came from Psalm 118:1-9. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing

Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.

Pastoral Counseling & Prayer for Healing, Marriage, Drug Addiction, Alcohol Abuse, Youth, Single Parents on Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. All are welcome to attend these important programs. Kid Ministry is still held each morning at 9:00 a. m.

Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the team at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week

Church of the Blessed

Church of the Blessed
1809 34th
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FASHION TRENDS

By Shirley Robinson

BEAUTIFUL COLORFUL LEATHER

Ladies it's time for you to pull out your jackets and coats! Your basic black leather is great, yet leather in

vibrant bright colors are even better. The new fall leather colors are red, hunter green, burnt orange, lime, pink and white.

The most popular color this season for leather is deep rich PURPLE! HOW GREAT IS THAT!

Don't just think black and brown when selecting your new leather coat, it's all about color.



Fashion tip...always wear a smile!

Fashion...just for the fun of it!

Ziquiron Taylor Wins Award



Ziquiron Taylor

Dempsey Taylor, Sr. of Midland and Annie Elizabeth of Lubbock.

All are very proud of Ziquiron's success in elementary school.

Left-to-Right Book Discussion:

Come and help us celebrate our 6th Anniversary Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. as we discuss "Unexpected Interruptions" by Trice Hickman.

Please bring your favorite dish and we will provide the fun and games. We welcome new members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection.

Titles up for discussion are made available for free check-out at the library.

For more details, please call Helen Visser-Fitzgerald at 767-330 or email at: hvisser@mail.ei.lubbock.tx.us

VOTE IN EARLY VOTING!!

Obsequies

Annie McGuire



Funeral services for Annie McGuire were held last Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

McGuire, 63, of Lubbock passed away Friday, October 10, 2008 at University Medical Center.

She was born July 30, 1945 to Mrs. Bessie and Mr. George McGuire. She was a longtime resident of Lubbock after moving from Colorado City. She worked at Texas Instruments for many years. She went on to work at the University City club and the cotton gin before she became ill. She was a member of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Annie was preceded in death by her parents, Bessie and George McGuire; one sister, Dorothy Green; three brothers, J. D. McGuire, James McGuire, and Nollie McGuire. She leaves to mourn her two daughters, Sharon McGuire Johnson (James) and Cheryl McGuire Walker (Michael); three sisters, Georgie Howard, Emma Edwards, and Doris Pierson; two brothers, L. J. McGuire (Francis) and Freddy McGuire; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two very special friends, Ocie Franklin and Dean Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Morning Worship 11:00 am

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Rev. George J. Scott

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH "A Crazy Man's Lie!"

We live in a complex world. That what we sometimes see and appears to be real is not. Often because of our inability to establish between that what is genuinely good or capable of success we find ourselves in a quagmire.

The 2008 presidential campaign between Senators McCain and Obama has shown a side of America that has been seething since minorities (particularly African Americans) gain through the courts some basic freedom common to white Americans (males in particular).

It appears by the disposition and acts of inhuman behavior by some in our society that many in America are stuck in the racist past. Senator Barack Obama has been a victim of false imputations by people with lunatic behavior.

One of the perpetrators has been identified by The New York Times as Andy Martin. The Times report reveals that Mr. Martin, 62, to be a man with a history of scintillating if not always factual claims. He has left a trail of animosity—some of it provoked by anti-Jewish comment—among political leaders, lawyers and judges in three states over more than 30 years.

He is a law school graduate, but his admission to the Illinois bar was blocked in the 1970s after a psychiatric finding of

an "extremely severe character defect manifested by well-documented idiosyncrasy with a paranoid flavor and a grandiose character."

The report continues "though he is not a lawyer, Mr. Martin went on to become a prodigious filer of lawsuits, and he made unsuccessful attempts to win public office for both parties in three states, as well as for president at least twice, in 1998 and 2000. Based in Chicago, he now identifies himself as a writer who focuses on his anti-Obama Web site and press releases.

Remember Mr. Martin's appearance on "Hannity's America" on Fox News. Mr. Martin was so far out in left field that the program's producer made it known that Mr. Martin was clearly expressing his opinion and not necessarily fact. This same man accused George W. Bush of using cocaine.

One might note it is a shame that their intellectual friends and others who refuse to review the facts before assassinating the character of another like Barack Obama would believe a crazy white man. Such mannerism exposes the intelligence and beliefs of the believer.

It is also important to note in the Sunday-October 19, 2008 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Editorial Board, which consists of Publisher Stephen A. Beasley,

Editor Terry Greenberg, Editorial Page Editor Joe Hughes, editorial writer Joe Gulick, in addition to input provided by community board members Adrienne Cozart, Anna Sterling and Irasema Velasquez endorsed Senator John McCain for president of the United States of America.

Some of the reasons given for the endorsement (if you want to believe them) was McCain has a better understanding than his opponent of issues facing our nation. When it comes to making judicial selections... John McCain would select justices who would fairly interpret the laws and Constitution of the United States... It would be wrong if the recent economic crisis were blamed on Sen. McCain by some voters (who gave the Board permission to tell people how to think)... John McCain is a war hero and experienced senator with a good track record. We believe that he is better qualified than Sen. Obama and is more likely to effectively lead America during the next four years (John McCain is one of a vast number of soldiers who have given their all for America—this writer lived in San Antonio and visited soldiers whose minds had not returned to normal from the Viet Nam war—
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We Thank God for Jesus "Lubbock's Deceiving Her Children!"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, II - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Revelation 2:7a - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches.

Luke 6:39 - Jesus said, can the blind lead the blind? Shall all they both fall in the ditch.

**** No, It Can't Be Done!! ****

Some people want liquor stores in the City Limits, because they're blind. They want alcohol close to their children - like Beer, Whiskey and Wines.

Leviticus 10:9a - The Lord said, do not drink wine nor strong drink. You, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of the congregation.

We know that the love of money is the root of all evil things. Why bring alcohol in closer to our children, knowing it shows up their brain???

1 Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is the root of all evil which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

We look around Lubbock, and see the troubles alcohol has brought. Why make it easy for our children? We make it easy for our children? We know it is a drug. Is it not???

Proverb 20:10 - Wine is a mockery, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived

thereby is not wise. As you see, we're living in the last and evil wicked, hateful days. Jesus said, expected that the days be short. No souls would be saved.

Matthew 24:11-12 & 22 - Jesus said, for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places, and many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound. The love of many shall wax cold, and except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. America is so full of lying and killing. The campaign speeches were no truth. She needs to return back to the Bible. That's what she needs to do!!

Jeremiah 3:22 - Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding. Behold, we come unto you for you are the Lord, our God!!

America knows her children are in trouble, and can't fix the problem. She needs to go back to God and to the Bible where we came from!!

Isaiah 1:6-7 - The Lord said from the sole of the foot even unto the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores. They have not been closed, neither

bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolated. Your cities are burned with fire. Your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate. As overthrown by strangers, America tells her children don't drink alcohol, it is no good for you. Then shows it on every sports program. What do you think they will do???

Micah 2:1 - Woe (Cursed) to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds. When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is the power of their hands. America knows alcohol and cocaine are no good, and it's bad for the brain. As long as she is making money and money, she has no Shame, Shame, Shame!!

Isaiah 5:20 - Woe (Cursed) unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that darkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Her country is full of liquor stores as they are on the corners of many cities and towns. Her country is full of alcoholics, but she keeps the liquor and drugs around!!

Deuteronomy 12:31 - You shall not do so unto the Lord, your God; for every abomination to the Lord, which hates,
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, October 19, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Due to the illness of the reporter of this church, Sister Shirley Croudy, who was released from the hospital Monday, October 20, 2008, there is no report about the church this week. However, the following devotional will be published.

Choosing Joy

This devotional was written by Jim Liebelt

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

The story has been told of an elderly blind woman who was

being moved to a nursing home. When she arrived, she was taken to her room. She entered and told her attendant enthusiastically, "I love it!" The attendant questioned the woman, "How can you say you love it, when you've never been in it before - and you can't see what it looks like?" The woman spoke up, "Seeing the room doesn't have anything to do with it. Happiness is my choice. I have decided to love my room. Every morning, I have a choice on

whether I focus on what I don't like about my life or what I do like about it. I'm choosing right now to love the new room where I'm going to live."

Life has its share of trials and everyone will face situations that are less than desirable. Yet, so much about the quality of our lives is determined not by the situation itself, but rather how we respond to it. Honestly, I don't know if I could handle being moved into a nursing home with the grace demonstrated by the woman in the story. I hope I would, but I'm not sure.

I am always amazed at stories I read or hear along life's journey of people who choose joy, and even happiness, in the face of difficult life situations. Recently, I saw another example of someone choosing to celebrate in the midst of pain. I learned of an acquaintance who died at the age of 46 of melanoma. In the obituary, the reporter remarked how the man's wife didn't sound like

someone who had just lost her husband. Instead, she was smiling, beaming with pride, because of the life and character of the man she had been married to for 20 years. This is not to say the woman is not experiencing deep pain and grief. I'm certain she is. But it is remarkable to me that even in the midst of grief, she chose joy.

One thing we all can count on for sure: Our lives will not be lived without trial, struggle and pain. It would be ridiculous to suggest that we ought to be happy when tragedy strikes. Still, it is clear from the Scriptures that God can bring good even out of life's most difficult situations. Here's a most important question: How will we respond to difficult seasons in our lives? Within ourselves, we all have the power to choose joy. It's God's desire for our lives that we do so, and I believe that for our own sakes, joy will always prove to be the better option over bitterness or despair.

Today, choose joy. GOING DEEPER:

1. Can you think of an example from your life when you have been bitter or have despaired over a difficult situation you've faced? How did that experience change you?
2. How do you think life would have been different if you had chosen to find joy instead of bitterness or despair in the situations above?

FURTHER READING:

1 Thessalonians 5:16; Philippians 4:11-12; Romans 8:28-29
Have A Joyful Week!!!!

May God continue to bless each of you for reading this article each week. If you are looking for a Church Home, then come visit St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

You will be glad you did so, and will be filled with good teaching by our proud pastor, Rev. Canady.

Until next week, do take care and continue to trust in God!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

When you are talking about the Holy Spirit, the question which appears is: "Who is the Holy Spirit?" We're glad you asked.

The Holy Spirit is that person of God who comforts and guides all believers in Christ Jesus. He or she instructs, empowers, enlightens as well as strengthens all believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit makes his presence known on the day of Pentecost - which were fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection when all of the disciples of Jesus were gathered in the Upper Room, and on one accord, the Holy Spirit descended upon them like a strong driving wind causing them to speak in tongues and give vent and joy to His coming.

Since then, the Holy Spirit has made Himself known to all believers in Jesus Christ in every generation, to all believers who God wishes to send Him upon, and to those believers who wait for His coming.

Is the Holy Spirit separate from God and Jesus? He is a person and is everywhere present in the universe. Psalm 139:7-10. He has all power. St. Luke 1:35. He has all knowledge. I Corinthians 2:10-11. He is eternal Hebrews 9:14.

Holy Spirit's deity is revealed in that His name is coupled in Equality with the name of the Father and Son in Baptism of the believer.

The Holy Spirit is seen in Revelation to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit. Matthew 4:1.

He was crucified in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 9:14. He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit Romans 8:11. He gave commandments to the apostles and the church through the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:2.

Fire speaks of His coming in purifying power in the life of a believer. St. Luke 3:16. Wind speaks of His hidden power. John 3:8. Water speaks of His power to fill the believers. Sea speaks of His power to anoint for service. Acts 10:38. The Dove speaks of His gentle, tender, peaceful, nature. Mark 1:30.

The sins against the Holy Spirit is blaspheming Matthew 12:31. Quenching the Holy Spirit when no sin is allowed to go unconfessed by a Christian. John 1:9. Grieving the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30. Lying to the Holy Spirit. Acts 5:1-11.

Some of the works of the Holy Spirit is to convict man that Jesus is the righteousness of God. St. John 16:10. Convict man that the power of Satan is broken. St. John 16:36.

Who is Jesus?? How do we know Jesus was God?? In John 14:26 where God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are all represented in one verse.

Thanks for reading, Precious People! These scriptures will help you daily. They are II Chronicles 7:14; St. Mark 11:22-26 and Acts 1:8. Are you hurting??


Just keep praying for other Churches on your way to yours. Pray for the little boys on the

street corners. Lift each of them up today.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in. There are many in the community who would appreciate your precious prayers and visits!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Bursleson, vice president and Sister Elmore Jones, teacher.

Remember God is able in anything!!



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Obsequies

Billie Wayne Lemons

Memorial services were held last Friday morning, October 17, 2008, for Billie Wayne Lemons at the Broadway Church of Christ.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lemons, 53, of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, October 12, 2008.

He was born in Tyler. His hometown is Pampa, where he graduated from Pampa High School in 1973. He attended Texas A&M University from 1973-1977, studied Psychology and Sociology, received football scholarship, made 2nd team All-Southwest Conference, two years Honorable Mention All-American, Southwestern Conference Champions 1976 and played professional football for the Cleveland Browns in 1977.

Bro. Billie became a Certified Para-Professional while working with physical and mentally handicapped children who had violent tendencies. These children attended the Berger and Pampa schools.

Billie was baptized into the Lord at the age of 8. He was called to the Ministry in 1972 while still attending high school. He was very active in a ministry called, "Aggies for Christ," while attending Texas A&M University, he went on several mission trips including Hawaii, Thailand and Japan.

Billie attended the Sunset International Biblical Institute from 1978-1981. Billie was a Minister for 33 years.

At the time of his death, he was the pulpit Minister/Evangelist at 20th and Birch Church of Christ in Lubbock. He came from a line of ministers. His father, Wayne Lemons has been preaching for 47 years and is presently preaching in Plainview and his brother, Frankie, has been preaching for 13 years.

Billie is married to his best friend and sister in Christ, Janet Lemons. Janet is a Certified Pharmacy Technician and has just received her bachelor's degree in Social Work. She is



currently working at the Children's Home as a Child Home Developer/Recruiter of foster care and adoption. Billie and Janet are the proud parents of two sons, Devin and Kolin. Billie and Janet adopted their 2nd son, Kolin Brett on Oct. 28, 2005, who is now three years old. Billie was employed with the Children's Home of Lubbock. Billie and Janet were caretakers (house parents) of 14 children in a therapeutic cottage over a period of two years and later was asked to help start and become house parents of a new ministry, which was to mentor and teach parenting skills to teenage mothers.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Lemons; two sons, Devin Lemons (Nicole) and Kolin Lemons; one daughter, Charles Johnson; two grandsons, Gabriel and Christopher; his parents, Wayne H. and Verlene Lemons; one brother, Frankie L. Lemons (Dora); father and mother-in-law, Jessie and Dorothy Conaway; one sister-in-law, Nina Anderson; three brother-in-laws, Johnnie Collins, Barnett Collins and Jessie Conaway, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Connie Gale Hardeman



Funeral services were held last Friday morning, October 17, 2008, at the Granger St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hardeman, 56 of Lubbock passed away Saturday, October 11, 2008, at Covenant.

She was better known as Aunt Gale.

She was born November 30, 1951, to Leandrew and Lucy Diaz Hardeman. Connie became a Christian at an early age and was member of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where she participated in Sunday School, Choir, Mission, and helped with many church programs. She retired from (Grinnell) Tyco after 20 years due to health reasons.

She is survived by two brothers, Johnnie Lee Hardeman (Allarta) and Elvin Lawrence Hardeman (Carrie); six sisters, Marjorie Price (Thurman), Mary D. Stephens (Willie), Annie Louise Harris (Herbert), Vickie Lynn Hardeman, Debra Kay Williams (Will), and Lucy Marie Price (Verdel); first cousin, Minnie Rogers Smith; of Never a mother herself, she helped raise four nieces: Jennifer Payton, Jaleca Hardeman, Sierra Hodridge, and Leandrea Payton; three nephews, Gregory Hardeman, Terrell Ivory, and Jacob Hodridge; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Martha Mae Portee



Funeral services were held last Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Faith First Baptist Church.

Burial followed in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Martha Mae Portee, 55, of Lubbock passed away Monday, October 13, 2008 at University Medical Center.

She was born in Littlefield on May 15, 1954. She was born to the union of Roosevelt Sr. and Joan Portee. She received her formal education in Lubbock. She worked in a nursing home in Floydada as a certified nurse aide, and in 1993 she furthered her education by graduating from American Commercial College and majored in computer accounting.

She was member of Faith First Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory her father and mother, Roosevelt and Joan Portee; two children, son, Frederick Portee (Brandie), and daughter, Lyusha Portee; two godsons, Zackariah Skief and Jeremiah Love; four sisters, Angie Portee Evans, Wilma, Faye, and Mary Joe; six brothers, Roosevelt Portee, David, Lennie Portee, Andrew Portee, Joel Larry, and Terry Henderson; six grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Baby left in school parking lot dies

EDCOUCH — A 7-month-old baby died Friday, October 20, 2008, after being left in a vehicle parked at Edecouch-Elsa High School, according to an Elsa city official.

Officials don't intend to identify the baby's father, a teacher's assistant at the school, unless he is charged with a crime, said Paul Vazaldua, the Elsa city manager.

The child likely died from heat exposure, officials reported. He was pronounced dead at 4:20 p.m. after being rushed to the hospital.

"Elsa is a quiet bedroom community," Vazaldua said.

"We don't see too much of these types of cases."

Elsa police responded to an emergency call about a possible dead baby at 3:45 p.m. The child was believed to have been left in the vehicle most of the day.

Temperatures reached 90 degrees in Elsa on Friday.

The body was transferred to Cevallos Funeral Home in McAllen, where an autopsy is scheduled to be conducted Saturday to determine a cause of death.

Curious parents and students gathered outside the school as investigators examined the parking lot.

"It feels really bad just think-

ing about it," passer-by Juan Ventura, 36, said in Spanish. "It was probably an accident."

"I would hate to be in their place," he added, holding his young daughter whom he had just picked up from a nearby elementary school.

Two women who asked not to be interviewed sat in an SUV and wept as they gazed at the site from afar.

Vazaldua said the school will be offering crisis counseling services for students, faculty and staff at the school through this weekend.

"(This child's death is) a loud message to all parents to be more cautious," Vazaldua said.

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Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE!! THIS N THAT wants to encourage all who REGISTERED VOTER to take this opportunity to vote in this HISTORICAL ELECTION on Tuesday NOVEMBER 4, 2008 where wither the FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN OR FIRST WHITE FEMALE will be part of the ADMINISTRATION come January 20, 2009. So if you really want to be a part of AMERICAN HISTORY you will VOTE as there is less than two weeks before this will take place. Get this you have an opportunity to vote early between now and Friday OCTOBER 31, 2008 as you can see there is really not an excuse to not vote. It's up to each of us to do our part. So let's VOTE!!

VOTING WILL SET A RECORD IN LUBBOCK THIS YEAR! THIS N THAT as well as many others in Lubbock are predicting a RECORD VOTE when Lubbockites travel to their voting boxes to elect the next PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Not only in Lubbock but throughout Texas and the United States of America. The first day of EARLY VOTING on Monday in Lubbock there were 7074 as compared to the 3,078 who voted in the 2004

General Election. If this indication it could mean that two times will vote this year. This is great! THIS N THAT is hoping all of you reading this column will vote. CANT WEAR CAMPAIGN CLOTHING OR BUTTONS TO VOTE! THIS N THAT wants to remind those of you who will be voting Please Please be advised that everyone of what they must know that they absolutely CANNOT go to the POLLS wearing any OBAMA SHIRTS, PINS, OR HATS. It is against the LAW and will be grounds to have the POLLING OFFICIALS to TURN YOU AWAY. That is considered CAMPAIGNING and no one can campaign within the feet allowing at the polls. Actually they will be looking for this type of action. They are banking on BLACK PEOPLE becoming excited and not being aware of this LONG STANDING LAW. THIS N THAT knows that this will be watched closely this year and it will be enforced. THIS N THAT received this info from two of our citizens who are GWEN TITUS & GWEN SPIRES. THIS N THAT wants to thank each of them for their CONCERN FOR BLACK PEOPLE when they go to the

polls this year. PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "GO TO THE POLLS and cast YOUR PRECIOUS VOTE during EARLY VOTING thru October 31, 2008. If you miss that date then go to the polls on Tuesday NOVEMBER 4, 2008!!

REV. AVERY WILL BE MISSED! THIS N THAT as well as many other Lubbock citizens will miss REV. HOMER LEE AVERY who was pastor of the First Progressive Baptist Church. He passed away here Tuesday afternoon OCTOBER 14, 2008 and was funeralized Saturday afternoon OCTOBER 18, 2008 at the First Baptist Church where many citizens were in attendance. He did a marvelous job in singing at the SOUTHWEST DIGEST'S 36TH ANNIVERSARY and sung on his 84TH BIRTHDAY. He was an outstanding PASTOR & COMMUNITY LEADER. THIS N THAT had an opportunity of knowing this gentleman and appreciated his contributions to our community.

BANK STILL NEEDED IN EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT is still hoping for a BANK OR BRANCH BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK. Hopefully it will happen one day!!

THINK ABOUT IT!

Lubbock, Lubbock, What's Next??"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Over the years we have closely observed the local political structure for many years and observed many changes most of them, have been over the last few years. In this writer's opinion they have been different and the difference has been very different with the last councils over the past few years. The Lubbock city Councils of the past appeared to be more civil and took their positions as servants of the people and doing what they thought was best for the citizens of Lubbock.

Lubbock was admired by people from other places, but with the kind of city council we had in many aspects disagreed on many issues about many things. The only thing was it was not personal. They agreed and disagreed on issues, but it was not personal it was apart of what they were there for to make decisions for those who

put them there, but now the disagreements are taken personal and temp ra fair.

Some of the reasons things are so different now is the times have changed, the council's attitude has changed. The council of this day and age is more concerned about power and partisanship. In this writer's opinion, they want to be masters, not servants elected to be used by the people. The statement was used by the people for the good of the people, but not defiantly not misused by the people. In this writer's opinion, the reason for the change is people are more active, expect more, better informed, demand more, and expect more, especially the so called minorities, disenfranchised, and affected class minorities. From that standpoint, there is nothing to measure the past council's actions and attitudes to the present

council, but one thing for sure is Lubbock, like many other U S cities, is not ready by many. But not all citizens are truly ready for by the people for the people especially affective class minorities or the disenfranchised it stands out loud and clear with the big four, and now really, the big five which sadly to say is basically along racial lines. The sad thing is it is more than racial it is more old vs new when Central, East North, Downtown, and all of Lubbock, except New Lubbock is basically ignored. There needs to be a lot of rethinking and replanning. Growth and expansion are good and supported, but when it is not done at the expense of what you already have.

Closing Thought: Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

Parks & Recreation Annual Halloween

Community Halloween Carnival
Maggie Trejo Supercenter will host their 13th Annual Halloween Carnival on Friday, October 24, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Youth of all ages can dress up in their costumes and enjoy food, games, and door prizes. Admission for the carnival is two cans of food or \$1 per child. All canned items will benefit the South Plains Food Bank. The Maggie Trejo Supercenter is located at 3200 Amherst. For more information on this safe and fun Halloween tradition, call 767-2705.

Community Center is located at 4011 University in Clapp Park. For information, call 767-3706.

Monster Mash Dance
Bring your sweetheart and friends to the annual Monster Mash Dance at the Lubbock Senior Center on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy "treats", a costume contest and then dance the night away to live music by the West Texas Express. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dancing beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Lubbock Senior Center is located at 2001 19th Street. Call 767-2710 for more information.

Haunted House
Prepared to be scared as Rawlings Community Center presents their 4th annual Haunted House on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 5:00-11:00 p.m. Three cans of food or \$3 per person will get you in.


but how you get out is to be seen. All canned items will benefit the South Plains Food Bank. Kids of all ages from ages 8 to adult will love this scary event! Rawlings Community Center is located at 40th Street and Avenue B next to Harwell Elementary. For more information on this house of horrors, call 767-2704.

Annual West Texas Gospel Set in March

The Annual West Texas Gospel Classic Workshop Spring Festival will be held March 20 & 21, 2009. The Live Recording will be held Saturday, March 21st, in the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th Street. A dedication banquet will be held Friday, March 20th, at the Holiday Inn. An application blank will appear in next week's issue for those interested in participating. For more information, contact: Ms. Faya Brown at (806) 744-6123 or 762-3612.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Howard

As we move closer to election day, the analysts are working harder and harder to explain to John the Public what the candidates are doing and what they say really means. In the meantime, President George Bush is supposedly busy trying to fine tune solutions for the present economic and financial situation here in the United States which has definitely affected the world. Good luck.

We all have noticed that the price of gasoline has dropped, but by no means in concurrence with the price of crude oil. At \$74.00 per barrel, gasoline should not cost more than \$3.00 anywhere, but that is not the case at many pumps. We paid almost \$4.00 when crude oil was \$117.00 per barrel and \$74.00 is half that amount. So why are we paying over \$2.00

for a gallon of gasoline now? It is going to be very interesting to see how all of this plays out when the next President of the United States inherits two wars and a depression. During the Smith Dinner Roast, Obama said that he was born on Krypton. If he wins the election, he will definitely need his Superman suit for the first twelve months of his administration if not longer. He will also need Colin Powell's expertise in handling the wars and since he has endorsed Obama, he should not be reluctant to help.

Assuming that John McCain wins the election, the wars will definitely be prolonged and spread to other lands. God forbid. Since Mr. McCain is already rich financially and does not know how many homes he owns, do not expect him to help you to save yours or help you to get one. It will be prayer and garden time. Pray for our youth as this country could easily become a military state, especially since Sarah Palin is pro guns. She may want every boy and girl to know how to use one. We may not acknowledge it now, but this country is on the

threshold of an uncertain future. This election presents for the first time in the history of the United States the situation wherein voting citizens HAVE A CHOICE! That is why they have gone out to register to vote in large numbers. Past elections have been characterized by apathy, but a choice makes the difference. The choice will make the difference for this country. Will we sink into the abyss of destruction or rise above our petty differences and emerge a country united for the common good and public welfare? We MUST get 'in cinque' and make the right choices on NOVEMBER 4, 2008.

Pumpkin Carving Contest
Bring your pumpkins and tools and join Hodges Community Center for a pumpkin carving contest on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 10:00 am. Ages 5 through adult will enjoy competing for prizes! Compete as a family or against each other! Cost is \$5 per pumpkin and includes the basic carving utensils. Youth age 13 or younger should be accompanied by a parent for assistance using the carving tools. Pre-registration is required so we have enough for everyone! Hodges

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Sharpton Convicted in Sean Bell Protests

NEW YORK — A New York judge has convicted the Rev. Al Sharpton of disorderly conduct during protests over a police shooting and sentenced him to time served.

Criminal Court Judge Larry Stephen issued the verdict Wednesday against Sharpton and seven other activists. Sharpton has already served 5 1/2 hours in jail.

About 250 protesters were arrested in May for blocking bridges, tunnels and interchanges in response to the police killing of Sean Bell on his wedding day and the subsequent acquittal of the officers in the police shooting.

Most of the cases were dismissed, but Sharpton and his co-defendants had insisted on a trial.

Sharpton testified Monday that the protests were peaceful, saying: "We wanted to stop vio-



Rev. Al Sharpton

lence, not cause violence.

"If I go to jail, they will bring back to the national stage police misconduct in this city," Sharpton said.

Sharpton rejected an offer to plead guilty for time served. Bell's fiancée, Nicole Pauline Bell, and shooting victims Trent Benefield and Joseph Gorman joined Sharpton in court.

Japanise, announced her resignation this week, saying an Alaska Native would be a better fit for the position.

McAllister, who was hired in July, said he and others on the governor's personal staff are evidence that she is committed to diversity.

"She's just a warm human being who I think communicates on a deep level, both from a mass media perspective and just a one-on-one perspective," McAllister said. "So it's shocking to me that anyone would imply that she's racist or, you know, neglectful of people of color. I think she's an extraordinary woman and it's disappointing to me that folks would make these charges."

In Palin's only face-to-face meeting with black leaders in 21 months in office, words became terse when the issue of diversity arose, according to several who attended the March 2007 gathering in Anchorage. Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell also attended the 45-minute meeting.

Participants say Palin refused to reconsider her decision not to reappoint two black officials - including Stewart - from her predecessor's administration.

The implication from Palin was "you can't tell me how to do my job," said Anchorage businessman Mayfield Evans. "Her top lip got really tight. You could tell she was upset, that something was not right."

At one point, Parnell broke in and asked the group if they were accusing Palin of being racist, participants said. Parnell said the group was making "outlandish claims" and added, "I'm not going to let somebody say that about her or me."

Alaska Minorities Feel Ignored by Palin

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska's black leaders say they're not surprised to see Gov. Sarah Palin at the center of the controversy over injecting the race issue into the presidential campaign.

Palin, Republican John McCain's running mate, has repeatedly insisted that Barack Obama's former preacher, the inflammatory Rev. Jeremiah Wright, is a legitimate issue even though McCain himself has said it's out of bounds.

"She has no sensitivity to minorities," said the Rev. Alonzo Patterson, a Baptist minister and president of the Alaska Black Leadership Conference. "She's really inciting a lot of African-Americans to get out and vote."

Since taking office in December 2006, Palin has had a sometimes tense relationship with black leaders, who say they've been ignored in their efforts to get more minorities hired in her administration.

In Alaska, blacks chafed when Palin failed to issue a proclamation last year endorsing a festival that marks the freeing of slaves, though she did issue one this year. On the campaign trail, her events sometimes have attracted fringe groups hostile to minorities. At one rally attended by Palin, a supporter told a black cameraman to "sit down, boy."

This week, in the final debate of the campaign, Obama himself noted the hateful tone of some of the McCain-Palin crowds, singling out Palin herself for not doing enough to ease the friction.

Many of Palin's black constituents say they are disgusted with the campaign's racial overtones.

"It's really been like you're going to a Ku Klux Klan rally," said Jay's Gdom, an Anchorage minister. "Gov. Palin is really showing her true colors on the national stage."

In Alaska, the issue of race relations usually focuses on Alaska Natives, who make up 18 percent of the population. Blacks, in contrast, make up 4 percent.

Patterson and Gdom say that when they've pressed Palin about diversity in hiring, she gets defensive and even testy.

"If you're going to embrace the entire country, you need to address the issues here," said Marilyn Stewart, president of the Alaska Black Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer on Palin's gubernatorial campaign who has served Republican and Democratic governors. "Most certainly there are qualified minorities who would love to be part of her administration. People aren't asking for her selections to be based on color, but

because of qualifications."

Among Palin's 417 appointments or reappointments to boards and commissions since taking office in December 2006, 240 have voluntarily identified their ethnicity. Eight are black, 49 Alaska Native, six Asian or Pacific Islander and one is Hispanic.

The Palin administration says her appointments and chief advisers reflect the state's diversity. For example, her communications director, Bill McAllister, is part black. However, her rural affairs coordinator, who is part

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Powell Endorses Obama

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Obama's good news, of course, was anything but for McCain, who spent Sunday answering pointed questions on the party-crossing endorsement of his longtime friend, his choice of running mate and his campaign's continued use of robocalls, which he denounced in 2000 as "hate calls" — and which two GOP senators have objected to his using.

Appearing on "Fox News Sunday," McCain told host Chris Wallace that Powell's endorsement "doesn't come as a surprise," adding that "I respect and continue to respect and admire Secretary Powell."

In the interview, McCain was also forced to defend himself from the charge of hypocrisy for waves of negative robocalls. In 2000, when McCain was the target of such calls during the GOP primary in South Carolina, he referred to them as "hate calls," Wallace reminded him.

"They were," McCain said of the 2000 calls, but he said that his campaign's calls this year "are legitimate and truthful and they are far different than the phone calls that were made about my family — this is dramatically different." He deemed his calls, which key in on the relationship between 1960s radical William Ayers and Obama "totally accurate ... and there is no comparison between [them] and the things that were done and said in South Carolina."

He added that he would not stop the robocalls despite requests from GOP Sens. Norm Coleman of Minnesota and Susan Collins of Maine urging him to discontinue them.

Also in that interview, and later on a tele-town hall with Jewish leaders, McCain defended his running mate, Sarah Palin, whom Powell singled out for criticism and whose members have been plummeting in

recent polling. McCain, though, told Wallace that he "could not be more pleased" with his selection.

"She has excited and energized our base," he said. "She is a direct counterpoint to the liberal feminist agenda for America. ... She's a reformer. She's a conservative. She's the best thing that could have happened to my campaign and to America. And when I see the enthusiasm and I see the passion that she has aroused, I am so happy."

Later that morning while on the tele-town hall call, he likened Palin to former President Bill Clinton, whose new status, along with his wife, as a Republican folk hero has revived the old saw about strange bedfellows.

"I remember we Republicans knew of this inexperienced governor of a small state in the South, Arkansas, with no real background," McCain said. "He didn't know how to take on these issues. He's just governor of a small state, and he'll never beat George Bush Sr. What the heck? And guess what? We had eight years of President Bill Clinton."

"Now whether that was a good idea or a bad idea, the people spoke and I'll match Sarah Palin's experience up against anybody's," McCain went on. "And by the way, I happen to have a lot of respect for President Bill Clinton. But the point is she knows how to lead, and she has those intangible qualities. Right now Americans need inspiration and she's given it to them."

He also brought up Ayers, whom he tied to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), a community activist group that McCain's campaign has accused of perpetuating "massive voter

fraud," McCain said in the interview that when Obama and Ayers "served on a board together, that board gave \$230,000 to ACORN. So we need to know more about it. The American people need to know and they need to know about those relationships including the ACORN relationship which the Obama campaign in the primary gave \$830,000 to ACORN and the listing was that they gave the money for 'lighting and site selection.' Must have been great lights and a great site."

Despite a morning of good news for Obama, he experienced what pool reports described as "some powerful and at times ugly" interaction of the sort that appears to have alienated Cohn Powell from the Republican Party during a visit to Cape Fear BBQ and Chirban in Fayetteville, N.C., a traditionally Republican area.

Some applauded as Obama entered the diner, but Diane Fanning, 54, began yelling "Socialist, socialist, socialist — get out of here!," a pool report said.

Fanning said she had heard Powell endorsed Obama, calling him "a RINO, R-I-N-O, Republican In Name Only."

"I still think he's a closet Muslim," Fanning said of Obama.

At rallies in Westerville and Toledo on Sunday, McCain continued to use the same stump speech he has delivered for much of the week, bringing up Joe the plumber to accuse Obama of a socialist agenda, and telling supporters he would continue to fight, even though he said he is 6 points down in the polls and the media have written off his campaign. Obama, he said, is "measuring the drapes" at the White House.

The McCain campaign would not estimate how large the crowds were at the events on Sunday but both venues had room to spare.

"They forgot to let you decide," he told the crowd in

Westerville. "I love being the underdog. We've got 'em just where we want 'em."

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