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Obama: We can move beyond racial wounds



(CNN) — Sen. Barack Obama said Tuesday he chose to run for president because he believes "we cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together."

Speaking to supporters at Philadelphia's National Constitution Center, the Democratic presidential candidate said he rejected racially charged comments made by the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, but explained the root of his remarks.

Wright used to preach at the Trinity United Church of Christ, where Obama worships.

Obama said that his belief that all people want to move in the same direction comes from his "unyielding faith in the decency and generosity of the American people. But it also comes from my own American story."

Obama emphasized his upbringing — "the son of a black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas."

"I will never forget that in no other country on Earth is my story even possible," he said.

"It's a story that hasn't made me the most conventional candidate. But it is a story that has seared into my genetic makeup the idea that this nation is more than the sum of its parts — that out of many, we are truly one."

Obama has mostly avoided focusing on race during his campaign. His speech comes after spending the weekend on the defensive over racially charged statements from his former minister.

He said that race only became a divisive issue in the campaign during recent weeks. Watch Obama address the recent controversy.

Obama admitted he had sat in church and heard his former minister make controversial remarks.

"Did I strongly disagree with many of his political views? Absolutely — just as I'm sure many of you have heard remarks from your pastors, priests, or rabbis with which you strongly disagreed."

The remarks that caused the most recent firestorm "were not only wrong but divisive, divisive at a time when we need unity," Obama said.

Obama said that if he knew Wright only through the clips played on television and YouTube, he, too, would see reason to distance himself from the former minister.

"But the truth is, that isn't all that I know of the man," he said.

"As imperfect as he may be, he has been like family to me," Obama said, after describing his experience at the Trinity United Church of Christ.

Obama insisted he was not trying to justify Wright's comments.

"The fact is that the comments that have been made and the issues that have surfaced over the last few weeks reflect the complexities of race in this country that we've never really worked through — a part of our union that we have yet to perfect," he said.

Obama said Wright's mistake was not that he spoke of racism in our society — "it's that he spoke as if our society was static; as if no progress had been made."

"But I have asserted a firm conviction — a conviction rooted in my faith in God and my faith in the American people — that working together we can move beyond some of our old racial wounds, and that in fact we have no choice but to continue on the path of a more perfect union," he said.

Obama said playing the race card creates distractions the present change.

"This union may never be perfect, but generation after generation has shown that it can always be perfected," Obama said.

Obama was looking to explain the Trinity United Church of Christ and its worldview to voters who are aware only of the Wright's headline-grabbing comments.

The senator from Illinois' biggest challenge is the same as that faced by Republican Mitt Romney, who gave a major speech during his presidential run to reach voters unfamiliar with his Mormon faith.

Some old sermons delivered by Wright came under fire after an ABC News report last week.

Obama was not, as some reports placed him, in attendance the day Wright delivered his controversial comments, according to his campaign. But it would be difficult for him to distance himself completely from the retired minister of the Chicago church where Obama has worshipped for two decades. Watch the latest on Obama's former minister.

The title of Obama's 2006 book, "The Audacity of Hope," came from a sermon delivered by Wright, who officiated the senator's wedding, baptized both of his children and was a spiritual adviser to his presidential campaign until Friday.

Sen. Hillary Clinton and her campaign have publicly steered clear of any criticism of Obama over the issue, saying it's one for the senator to address. But that restraint has not diminished the uproar over Wright's comments, which have become a YouTube phenomenon.

Obama — who initially tried to downplay the remarks — denounced them again Monday.

"The statements that were the source of controversy from [the] Rev. Wright were wrong, and I strongly condemn them," he said on the campaign trail in Pennsylvania, though he added, "I think the caricature that is being painted of him is not accurate."

Obama's recent move to distance himself from Wright has been lauded by some of his supporters — and criticized by others. Watch what Obama says about Wright's comments.

More than 50 black ministers from around the country participated in a 90-minute conference.



David Paterson Sworn In Governor of New York Monday

Gov. David Paterson took over Monday, March 17, 2008, for Gov. Eliot Spitzer, whose vow as he took office of "Day One, Everything Changes," was unraveled a week ago by revelations of a prostitution scandal.

At his swearing-in as the state's 55th governor, Paterson he hopes his inaugural speech will project confidence and optimism, while relating his own personal struggles to New York's ability to overcome challenges, an aide said.

Paterson became the state's first black governor — and became the nation's first legally blind chief executive to serve more than a few days.

After acknowledging what a difficult week it has been for the state, Paterson talked about the need for Republicans and his fellow Democrats to work together to address pressing issues, including the state budget.

On Sunday, Paterson was catching up on budget details and preparing and memorizing his inauguration speech.

Spitzer was scheduled to officially resign at noon Monday, and Paterson will officially take over an hour later before a joint session of the Legislature in the Assembly chamber. He spent much of last week meeting with Democratic and Republican leaders in preparation for his unexpected transition.

The new governor was Spitzer's lieutenant for just 14 months. Paterson has been a Democratic state senator since 1985, representing parts of Harlem and Manhattan's Upper West Side.

He graduated from Columbia University and Hofstra School of Law.

His father, Basil, a former state senator representing Harlem and later New York's first black secretary of state, was part of a political fraternity that included fellow Democrats U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, former New York City Mayor David Dinkins — the city's first black mayor — and former Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton.

"It's very daunting," Paterson said Friday. "I definitely feel anxiety ... but in the end, we have a job to do. And we're here to do that job."

Federal prosecutors must still decide whether to pursue charges against Spitzer. The married father of three teenage girls was accused of spending tens of thousands of dollars on prostitutes — including a call girl "Kristen" in Washington the night before Valentine's Day.

Community

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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK 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
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker 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, Mac Sherman Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck 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 Twentieth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hum Elementary.
- Clairmont Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at 11st Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Meet Pastor Draggon



Rev. Rodney Draggon

Many have been asking who is the pastor of the Martin Luther King Seventh Day Adventist Church. Here he is, the Rev. Rodney Draggon, who comes to Texas from New Orleans, La. He will be preaching on Sunday morning, March 23, 2008. He also pastors the Bethesda Seventh Day Adventist Church in Amarillo. This is his second year.

Ards Named Candidate For McDonald All-American Award



Estacada High School Senior Post Player Toniqua "Girly" Ards is a candidate for the McDonald All-American High School Basketball Award.

Ards is ranked number 48 in the nation. She has made history for the Estacada High School Girls Athletic Department as she is the first in the history to receive such an award.

Congratulations are in store for Toniqua Ards and Coach D. Morgan for job well done! May you have many opportunities!

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Syphilis number rises to 11 in Lubbock, surpasses 2007 total

Lubbock County is experiencing an outbreak of syphilis, according to the Lubbock Health Department.

With 11 active cases since the beginning of the year and 10 active cases in the past month and a half, the county has already surpassed the number of cases reported in 2007.

A total of seven women and four men have been infected, said Ricky Vaughan, a spokesman for the health department. All are among people ages 21 to 38.

The health department is trying to contact 30 additional people who may have been exposed to the sexually transmitted disease.

The health department cautions people who have had sex with someone who may be infected to get tested for the STD. Syphilis can be fatal if left untreated.

Symptoms of syphilis include painless sores in the mouth or genitals, a rash on the palm, the soles of feet or body, patches of nausea in the mouth, hair loss or

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Sunrise services will be held Sunday morning, March 23, 2008, at 6:00 a. m. at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is pastor. Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor New Hope Baptist Church, will deliver the message of the hour.

The public is invited to attend.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the New Hope Baptist Church, will be held Saturday afternoon, March 22, 2008, at the Booker T. Washington Park, across the street from the New Hope Baptist

Church, from 3:30 p. m. until 4:30 p. m.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church will celebrate their Church Anniversary Sunday, March 30, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Charles Tanner is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include Brother S. L. Sanders who is a resident of Heritage Oaks Nursing Home. He is reported to be doing nicely at this report.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southwest Drive, will hold Sunrise Services on Sunday morning, March 23, 2008, beginning at 5:30 a. m.

Special guest will include the Carter's Chapel CME Church and Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

The morning sermon will be delivered by Rev. Larry Moore, pastor of Carter's Chapel. Rev. Sonie J. Beaty is host pastor.

Visit a Church on Easter Sunday morning!

New Light Baptist Church

Church services got underway at the New Light Baptist Church, where Rev. Kenneth Jackson, at 9:45 a.m. last Sunday morning, March 16, 2008, with Sister Ambra Jackson serving as teacher.

The subject of the morning was "It's All About Love." The scripture text as John 3:16; 1 John 3:16-20; 4:15-18; 5:2-5. It was a most rewarding lesson.

The morning worship hour begun with the devotion. The praise and worship was led by Sister Sudell Cavanaugh, Sister June Campbell, Sister Diane Hicks, Sister Angela Johnson, Sister Alvera Johnson, and Brother Carlton Hicks.

The responsive reading was led by Pastor Lee, with altar call led by Pastor Jackson.

Pastor Jackson delivered a sermon entitled "Were You In The Crowd?" His scripture text was Luke 19:29-40. It was a very inspiring sermon.

The total attendance last Sunday morning was 47, with six being visitors. Two joined the church for baptism.

Sister Rochelette Hood, Sister Alvera Johnson welcomed all visitors.

Easter Sunrise Services will be held Sunday morning, March 23, 2008, beginning at 6:00 a. m. All are invited to attend. There will be a light breakfast served after services.

Rev. Luther Barnes will be our guest speaker for Easter morning services.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include: Sister Lee Ann White, Sister F. Brown family, Brother Donnie Johnson, Rev. K. Thompson, Brother Walter James Brown, Mother Feede Bell Cooper, Mother Hicks,

Lubbock City Council Considers Sex Offender Ordinance

The Lubbock City Council is considering an ordinance prohibiting certain registered sex offenders from establishing a residence within 1,000 feet of a school, registered day care center, public park or recreation facility.

Currently, registered sex offenders not on probation or parole may reside anywhere. The proposed ordinance creates "child safety zones" around places children commonly gather.

"Our goal is to safeguard and protect minors from individuals who may have a propensity to become repeat sexual offenders," said Mayor David A.

Mother Mullins, Rev. & Mrs. Hightower, the Ray family, Sister Bertha Heard, and Sister Leola Clark.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

HOT WHITE JEANS

Spring is here and I for one, is extremely excited. How about that ladies?

Clean and crisp, a refreshing delight. One benefit of white jeans is huge! White goes with everything, enhancing your ability to mix and match with little effort. Here's

a vision for you, beautiful sunny summer day, you are wearing white wearing white jeans, skinny legs or flare, a cute yellow top with matching large yellow hand and fashionable yellow flat shoes!

A head turner for sure!

NOW YOU TELL ME... HOW GREAT IS THAT!

Easy to find they are everywhere

Fashion tip... always



Shirley Roberson

wear a smile!

Fashion... just for the fun of it!

LISD Board of Trustees Award Monies to LISD Students

At the meeting of the Lubbock I.S.D. Board of Trustees this morning, Academic Decathlon teams from Coronado, Estacado, Lubbock and Monterey High Schools were recognized by the Board and received scholarship awards amounting to \$16,750 from Sodexo School Services. The students were eligible for scholarship funds based on their participation on the decathlon team at their school, the number of medals won at either regional or state meets, and if the team advanced beyond the regional competition.

In other action, board members reviewed and approved the investment policy and investment strategies presented by the district administration. Changes to the LISD summer school were also outlined. All classes for advancement will be offered online with computer labs at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center open to students who don't have access to a computer. The cost of online courses is \$100 for LISD

students and \$200 for out-of-district students. Two sessions will be offered and students may enroll in one or two courses per semester. Registration will be available on the LISD Website from April 7 through May 2 with more than twenty courses offered.

Friendship Wedding Set At Bethel

The 2008 version of the Friendship Wedding at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday afternoon, March 30, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

The participants are Callie Cole, Bride; Tra'Shun Robinson Thomas, Groom; James Hollins, Best Man; Alyspsabeth Piskard, Maid of Honor.

Brides Attendants: Destiny Jackson and Mikaeela Cooney; Groomsmen: Kendrick Taylor, Caleb Cleveland-Shaw and Joshua Cleveland-Shaw.

The public is invited to attend.

Miller.

Currently, there are 276 registered sex offenders in Lubbock, including 244 convicted of sexual offenses involving a minor. The new ordinance would not affect registered sex offenders already living inside the city. However, those wishing to move or relocate to Lubbock would be subject to the restrictions.

"This gives us another tool to help protect members of the Lubbock community who can least protect themselves," said Police Chief Dale Holton.

The proposed ordinance was developed at the encouragement of local residents Trey and Sandra Coale. After learning that state law does not prevent a registered sex offender from living near a school or recreation facility, Ms. Coale contacted City Council members requesting the adoption of a local ordinance.

"We appreciate the Coales for bringing this issue to the forefront," said Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller Receives Award From Motar Board

Lubbock Mayor David A. Miller was recently selected for honorary membership in the Forum Chapter of the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society.

Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. The Forum Chapter of Mortar Board represents the top 50 senior scholars and leaders at Texas Tech University.

"It is based on your outstanding pursuit of service, scholarship and leadership that you were selected to become a member," according to a statement from the chapter board.

Mortar Board was established in 1918 as the first honor society to recognize college women. In 1927, Dean of Women Mary Doak established the Forum at Texas Technological College. In 1975, the chapter opened its doors to men, becoming a coeducational honor society.

"I'm truly honored and humbled by my selection by this prestigious organization and pledge to continue to strive to live up to Mortar Board's standards of scholarship, leadership and service," said Miller.

Saint John Baptist Church presents a Relationship Enhancement Seminar

The Relationship Enhancement Seminar is designed for individuals and couples who desire to build and strengthen relationships based on the Word of God. The Holy Scriptures, especially the New Testament, provides Godly principles whereby God has called us to live in peace.

Featured Clinician
Rev. Wendell D. Davis

Rev. Davis serves as senior pastor of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University. In the summer of 2008, he will earn his Master's degree in Counselor Education. One of his passions is in the counseling profession, and he considers it part of his ministry of "helping the hurting."

Rev. Davis and his wife Shirley have been married for 32 years. The success of their marriage is based on a multitude of real life experiences, years of faithful and sacrificial ministry while maintaining their cohesive family.

Saint John Baptist Church
1712 East 29th Street
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Saturday - March 29, 2008 - 9:00 a. m. until 12:00 Noon
Registration Fee: \$16.00 per Couple - \$5.00 Individual

Continental Breakfast and Brunch Will Be Served.



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Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. This Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. "We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9430.

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Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Serpentine In Action"

Two thousand and eight appears to be one of the most aggressive political years in the United States history. There are highly contested races from the U.S. Presidential to local city district races. Each candidate promises to do more than his or her opponent. There are record numbers of new voters. These voters are inspired by their own particular choice and liken to fulfill their political hunger.

The highly contested presidential race surrogates action at times reminds me of two snakes. One is the highly dangerous Coral snake that is common in many areas but their habitats are said to be secretive. The snakes have been documented as being found in any environment and are usually encountered in early morning and evening hours. These snakes are said to vary widely in their behavior, but most are very elusive.

Coral snakes are most notable for their red, yellow, white and black colored banding. The venom of the Coral Snake is neurotoxin, meaning it paralyzes the nerves. Because of the time it takes for the venom to take effect, coral snakes have a tendency to hold on to its victim and biting and injecting as much poison as possible. It is recommended that any bite from a Coral Snake should be considered life threatening and immediate treatment should be sought. The Arizona Coral Snake venom is said to be very toxic and there is no antiven-

om for this species. There is another snake that can be mistaken for a Coral Snake because it looks like the venomous and dangerous Arizona Coral Snake. However, this snake is not venomous. It is the California Mountain King Snake. This snake is often called the "false coral" because of the similarity of many colors and patterns. This snake is said to rarely bite when handled. It is ringed with red, black, black and yellow. The first color on this snake nose is red, whereas the coral snake starts with black. This snake does not have to be aggressive and bite its victim because it can mimic its poisonous cousin.

The American voter and especially black voters should not be fool by those with serpentine political behavior. Nor should the voters be fool by their surrogates. Voters must act responsible for the good and well being of all Americans. The voters of District 2 in Lubbock should take a hard look at the District's pros and cons. We must look with microscopic vision at those who want to be the District's representative and asked ourselves if these candidates are political neurotoxic and if elected will inject a political, social and economic venom that will permanently and ultimately destroy the base of the district.

The black voters of District 2 who are inactive and going along with the thoughts and suggestion

of the ignorant and unlearned political mannequin who deal in abstract political wisdom should "wake up and smell the coffee!"

The black voters of Lubbock's District 2 need to take a look backward so they may make the right decision when voting in the upcoming election. Young black voters in District 2 need to understand that a price was paid so they would have the opportunity to vote as a single member district.

Before the ruling by the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Lubbock was a "home rule" city with a mayor and a four member city council. The mayor serves a two year term and the council members serve four year terms. The City of Lubbock was divided into voting precincts and the entire City elected the mayor and the council at large. Council members did not have to live in any particular part of the City. Consequently, Lubbock black voters were denied equal access to the political process.

Court records identify the Rev. Roy Jones et al. and plaintiff-intervenor-appellee, Rose Wilson. The Rev. Roy Jones was a pastor in Crosbyton and Rose Wilson was sponsored by the League of Women Voters. These and a few other people and a couple of preachers who did not run like "coons from a pack of coon dogs" so to speak, made it possible for the blacks of Lubbock to be represented as other ethnic groups.

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We Thank God for Jesus "America Has Cursed Her Children"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - 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 23:28 - Jesus said, daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

As you can see, we're living in the last and evil wicked and hateful days. Jesus said, excepted that he days be shorten. There would be no souls saved.

Matthew 24:7, 11, 12-22 - Jesus said, for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places, and many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold, and expect those days should be shortened. There should be no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

*** We're Living In The Last Evil Shorten Days!!! ***

America is so full of lying and killings, and even in her government. There is no truth. She needs to return back to the Bible. She knows that's what she needs to do!!!

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

*** The Blind Is Leading The Blind!!! ***

America knows her children are in trouble, and can't fix the problem. She needs to back to God, and back 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, bruises, and putrefying sores. They have not been closed. Neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolated, your cities are burned with fire. Your land, strangers (From Mexico) devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers.

*** Have You Seen The Illegals??? ***

America tells her children don't drink alcohol. It is good for you. Then she shows it to them on every sport's program. What will they do???

Micah 2:1 - Woe (Cursed) to them that devise iniquity, and works evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hands.

America knows alcohol and cocaine is no good, and it is bad for the brain. As long as she is making money, money, 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.

America is full of liquor stores on every corner of many cities and towns. Her country is full of alcoholics, but she keeps the liquor drags around!!!

Deuteronomy 13:31 - You shall not do so unto the Lord your God. For every abomination to the Lord, which he hates, have they done unto their Gods, for even their sons and daughters; they have burned in the fire to their Gods.

America has let the TV, show acts on sex, punting and grinding as in dry sex!!! She has so many teenage mothers, and no fathers. What do one expect???

Proverbs 6:27-28 - Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals and his feet not be burned?

America is one country who has allowed to let her honor go way down. She gives rights to freedom or speech. To curse words, no matter how it sounds.

II Kings 17:17 - They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and use division and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord to provoke him to anger.

Remember, God is able, no matter our situations. Just hold on to Him. He'll always be there for you and I!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were held last Sunday morning, March 16, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is the Reverend Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School with Pastor Canady in charge. It was another wonderful lesson which was taught by Pastor Canady. The sub-

ject of the morning lesson was "Chosen For A Specific Task." The lesson scripture was I Chronicles 28:5-10, 20-21. The main thought was: "Take heed now, for the Lord hath chosen thee

to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

The morning worship services began with devotions at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. Sister Annie Stanley continued in prayer.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. The dedicate choir members are always eager to sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was: "When You Know God's On Your Side; Don't Quit Doing What You Are Doing." His scripture text was Daniel 6:7-10.

What a wonderful time all had in the Word! God is so GOOD!

Let us continue to pray for our

sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Luella Harris who was able to leave rehab for morning service. She enjoyed the services.

Jesus thou art my righteousness.

For all sins were thine;
Thy death hath bought of
God my peace,
Thy life hath made Him mine.

Thought For The Week: "The nail pierced hands of Jesus reveals love - filled heart of God."

Let us attend church services on Sunday morning, Easter Sunday. This is the resurrection day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. What a victory! He took the sting out of death. He has risen, and all of us should be glad!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Continued From Last Week: In Mark 14:61-62 - "I am the Christ; John 6:388 8:42. "God the Father sent me."

John 10:30 - I and the Father are One.

What Jesus claimed To do: Matthew 9:6 - Forgive Sins. John 5:22 - Judge Mankind.

What others said about who He was?

(His followers): John The Baptist (John 1:29)

The Lamb of God who takes away sin

Peter (Matthew 16:16) The Son of the Living God.

How did Jesus respond to what Peter said? (V. 17), You are the Christ, the Son of God.

Thomas (John 20:20) - My Lord and my God.

(His enemies)

The Jews (John 10:23) - He blasphemed because He claimed to be God.

The Roman Soldier (Matthew 27:54) - He was the Son of God.

And this is the testimony that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe on the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

IF YOU ARE NOT SAVED, AND WANT TO BE SAVED TODAY!

Romans 10:9 says: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God had raised Him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED!!!

For all of you who are ill, let

God take control. He is a specialist. He specializes in whatever you're having problems with. He knows you from inside out.

For those of you who you lost loved ones. Remember, God knows how much you can bear. Only He can heal a heart which is hurting. Call Him!

Thanks for reading, Saints!!!

God Bless all of our readers! Please keep those drive by prayers going for our people.

God is love, and don't you forget that!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

Remember Easter Sunday and His Resurrection!!!

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Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
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God's Plan for Single Men
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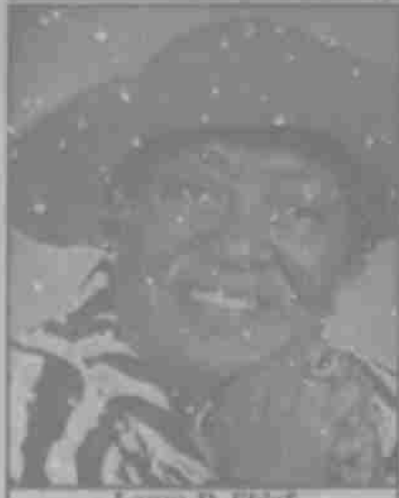
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Obsequies



Laura R. Skief

Laura R. Skief, 90, passed Sunday, March 9, 2008, in Long Beach, Calif.

Laura R. Skief was born October 27, 1917 in Calvert, Texas, to Charlie and Pearl Reed. Mother Skief was a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church since 1981, where she faithfully served as WMU director, Usher Ministry, and the Mother's Board.

She leaves to cherish her godly legacy and loving memories six children, Minnie Jackson, Mary Johnson (John), Charles Skief, James Skief (Henda), Gloria Williams; Laverne Bailey (Larry); one goddaughter, Janie K. Ellison; one brother, David Reed; ten grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and her "Special Children."

Services were held Monday, March 17, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church; burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Johnny Anthony Hooper-Jones



Johnny Anthony Hooper-Jones, 34, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at a Lubbock hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008, at the First Baptist Church, with Reverends James Brigham and Jessie Hooper, officiating. Burial will be in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery, directed by Adams Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 12, 1974, in Stamford, Anthony was a son of Winnie Hooper and Johnny Jones. He attended school in McCaulley and graduated from Hamlin High School in 1992. Anthony lived most of his life in the McCaulley/Hamlin area, and resided in Lubbock for the last several years.

Anthony was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents (Katherine and Milton Jones, Sr.), two uncles (Andre Cox and Billy Waller), and an aunt (Glenda Lewis).

Survivors include his wife, Nikki, of Lubbock; a daughter, Falcia, of Lubbock; his mother, Winnie Hooper, of Hamlin; his father, Johnny Jones, of Hutto; a sister, Melissa Hooper and husband, Larry, of Hamlin; two brothers, Scotty Jones and Casey Jones, both of Austin; grandparents, Willie and Earnest Butler, of McCaulley, and Clyde Hooper, of Houston; two uncles, Milton Jones and Stanley Jones, both of Hamlin; four nephews; five nieces; father and mother-in-law, Larry and Sandra McCoy; three sisters-in-law, Angie Gann and husband, Ray, Alicia Smith and husband, The Bob, and Lindsay Strand and husband, Eric; and numerous cousins and friends.

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Each of Us
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Robert Lee Kelley



Robert Lee Kelley, 76, of Lubbock, passed away at Covenant Medical Center, Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

He was born July 13, 1931 to William and Bertha Kelley in Waco; the family moved to West Texas and resided in Muleshoe, Texas where he attended school.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one grandson, and three nieces.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Roberta; three daughters, Mae Brown, Erma Kelley and Robbie Brewer; one brother, William, Kelley, Jr.; three sisters, Mary Holmes (Jr.), Bernice Kilgore (Robert, Sr.), and Bertha Dever; four grandchildren, Avery Brown, Ricky Hill, Angela Karl and Natsha Haulman; nine great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces/nephews, brother/sisters-in-law, loved ones and friends.

Services were held Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Community Baptist Church; burial followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

attended the 2007 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible.

2nd Annual Estacado High School Soul Food Cook-Off Held March 8, 2008 At EHS Cafeteria

The 2nd Annual Soul Food Cook-off was held March 8 at the Estacado High School cafeteria. According to Rejane Sylvester, Soulfood organizer, the turnout was more than expected this year than last year. "We had a few less entrants than last year, however with the entrants, we had a lots more food category variety. She stated, "Normally we hold the cookoff in February in observance of Black History Month, but with other commitments we had to move the date. We encourage the whole Lubbock community to come and participate next year. There was a little fewer than a hundred who showed up and sampled some of the delicious soul food.

Here are the categories and the winners:
Main dish
Jambalaya - Justin Harris 3rd place
Stew - Paul Fraser 2nd place
Dorito casserole Kecia McCarty 1st Place

- Meats**
3rd Place - Chicken Fajita - Elijah Jackson
2nd Place - Scattered porkchops - Sam Shuler
1st Place - Neckbones - Sam Shuler
- Vegetables**
2nd - Greens - Mandy Brown
1st - Sweet potatoes - Christine Johnson
- Desserts**
3rd - Sock-it-to-me cake - Keith McCarty

- 2nd - Chest pie - Tommy Ervin
1st - Sweet Potato pie - Betty Brown
- The judges for the cook-off were: some of East Lubbock's finest
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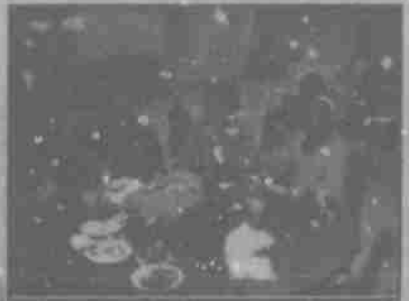
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Sedella Solomon

54th Anniversary of Federation Of Choirs Set Sunday Afternoon

The 54th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008, at 2:30 p. m. at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. J. H. Ford is

pastor. Ms. Bennie Sims, president, says: "Thank God for Anoli a blessing!" She continues, "We thank God for fifty four years of singing, praising a nd fellowship; with one another in our city."

The Federation of Choirs was organized by the late Mrs. Sedella Solomon. Everyone in the Lubbock community have been blessed with such a history. The prayer is God will continue to bless the many efforts of the Federation of Choirs.

Mrs. Solomon was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Blakely in Ferris, Texas; February 8, 1919.

She attended the public school in Ferris, then to J. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth, Texas where she graduated.

Mrs. Solomon's education was continued in Butler College, Tyler, Texas, and later in Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas. She was the member of the Class of 1950 where she graduated.

She did her graduate work in Denver University, and had obtained her B.S. degree.

Mrs. Solomon taught school in Ferris for twelve years, and was employed in by the Lubbock Public Schools for six years. In both locations, she operated a School of Music.

She taught vocal music at Ella lles Elementary School.

In Ferris, she organized The Gospelairens and traveled with them extensively. She also played for the Mt. Herib Baptist Church Choir.

In 1954, she organized the Federation of Choirs and was in charge of the Treble Choir in school, and was Director of Music at the New Hope Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; served as Chairman of the Cancer Fund in

1957, and worked on the Heart Fund in 1958.

Mrs. Solomon was married in the late Walter R. Johnson, and they were parents of a child, Darlene.

Rehearsals for the 54th Annual Federation of Choirs are held each Friday evening at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Supt. David Haynes is Chairman of the Program Committee.



Gwen Richardson

Richardson Speaks About Dr. Wright

There is an adage that the most segregated hour in America is at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Therein lies the difference in reaction to the recently released videos featuring provocative statements by Sen. Barack Obama's pastor for the past 20 years, Dr. Jeremiah Wright.

Most African Americans who view these video snippets know that they are taken out of context and can be taken with a grain of salt. Sermons by Black pastors are often filled with hyperbole, colorful language and cultural cadences. In an average year, Wright probably delivered at least 50 sermons on a variety of topics.

Meanwhile, the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, which Wright pastored for 35 years until he retired in February, continued to be a beacon of light to people in the surrounding community, providing drug and alcohol recovery, marriage counseling, prison outreach and other community services. As in most Black churches, the members of Trinity engage in the Christian rituals of baptism and communion, as well as baby dedications and rites of passage ceremonies. The church's Afrocentric focus, which teaches the principles of self-reliance and self-determination that conservatives claim to embrace, is designed to build its members' self-esteem and solve some of the intractable problems within the African-American community.

Wright himself spent six years in the military, has four earned degrees and has been the recipient of eight honorary doctorates. He is the author of several books, including two titled What Can Happen When We Pray? and Good News!

Sermons of Hope for Today's Families

Annie's Chat And Chew Set Here March 29!

The Annie Chat and Chew will be held Saturday morning, March 29, 2008, at the Mac Simmons Senior Center, 2004 Oak Avenue.

This annual event is held in memory of the late Annie Sanders who was a dedicated citizen. She worked many years volunteering her time to make Lubbock a much better place for all of us to live.

This benefit is sponsored by the Lubbock Meals on Wheels, which was one of Mrs. Sanders' favorite programs.

Gospel Fest 2008 Set For Sunday, March 23, 2008



Gospel Fest 2008 will be held Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008, at the Church of the Bless, 1809 34th Street, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

A workshop will be held at the New Light Baptist Church, 3015 Idalou Road, where the pastor is Rev. Kenneth Jackson, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, march 20, 21, 22, 2008., beginning at 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. with the Saturday workshop from 9:00 a. m. until 12 noon.

Luther Barnes from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, will conduct the workshop. Local citizens have already signed up for the workshop and will be a part of the West Texas Mass Choir.

Barnes, who is a minister, will be preaching at New Light Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Award-winning gospel artist Luther Barnes began performing professionally when he was only nine years old. During his long career he has been part of a number of groups, released a long list of albums, had his songs featured in films, and even appeared in off-Broadway plays. He has many talents, including singer, songwriter, and pianist.

Luther Barnes was raised in North Carolina as part of a large extended family comprised of many musicians and vocalist. Another love the members shared was of the gospel, in both word and song. When Barnes was only nine, he became part of a group called the Barnes Juniors. It was formed by his father, Reverend F.C. Barnes. Other members were Luther's brothers and one of his uncles. Luther also took part in another family group, the Sunset Jubilaires, and then later in the Budd Gospel Choir. When time came for college, Barnes entered the St. Augustine College located in Raleigh, NC. There he earned a B.A. degree in Music Education. He used that training to become a music teacher at both his former junior high and high schools, and to give private piano and vocal lessons. He has also served as minister of music at his church, and director for On the Rise Youth Choir. Barnes' recording career began in 1987 with the completion of the album, See What the Lord Has Done, released under the Atlanta Records label. Between then and the year 2000, he recorded nearly 20 full-length gospel offerings. Some of the tunes listeners can sample from his albums include "It's a Good Thing to Be Chosen," "How Can You Walk on By," "He'll Come to My Rescue," "We Must Be Ready," "Sometimes I'm Burdened," "Lord I'm Waiting," and "So Satisfied." - Charlotte Dillon, All Music Guide.

Appearing with Luther Barnes will be Keith Wonderboy Johnson of Brooklyn, New York. Some of his recordings include: "Hide Behind The Mountain", "Don't Be Afraid," "Lord I Want To Be A Christian," and "God's Amazing Grace."

The public is invited the performance on Sunday afternoon, March 23rd. For more information, call Ms. Faye Brown at (806) 831-9986 or (806) 744-6123.

This concert is sponsored by the Each One, Reach One.

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Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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DREAM ... and Blacks don't need an equal opportunity ... but a way out of the mess this country is in today ... While serving on the ... Lubbock City Council ... **THIS N THAT** ... it was quite its obvious that it was not fair when it came to appointing a Black or person of color on an board which was an officer of the city ... When the name came up ... the question asked was ... **"WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE DOES HE OR SHE HAVE?"** ... But the posture of the thing was that ... one vote in executive session ... would black ball a person y you know that would make an outstanding contribution to this ... **THIS N THAT** ... is sure that our Lubbock Councilman ... **FLOYD PRICE** ... would agree with this type of a situation ... Of course ... anyone want to do the right thing ... but it ain't always fair ... **THIS N THAT** ... remembers being drafted into the U.S. Army because of the local draft board member knew of my attempt to enroll at Texas Technological College ... in 1959 ... when a an acting president ... **DR. GOODWIN** ... made it loud

and clear that a Black or Colored ... would never enter Texas Technological College ... As ... **THIS N THAT** ... so clearly recalls ... this writer was not allowed to enter the Administration Building as Dr. Goodwin talked to me ... Anyway ... that is past history ... but the remarks made by Rev. Wright brought back many memories ... **THIS N THAT** ... is no road today ... but let's get on with doing the right thing thing in Lubbock for all of us ... regardless of where we live and reside ... Using what the late ... **REV. A. L. DAVIS** ... who was pastor of the St. Luke Baptist Church ... said ... **"EAST LUBBOCK IS NO WAY KIND TO SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST LUBBOCK"** ... Let's not continue to talk about what is needed ... and start doing some things to make it better for all of us ... **BANK OR BRANCH BANK GOOD START! THIS N THAT** ... would hope that ... **CITY COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE** ... who represents District 2 and is seeking re-election ... would bring up the fact that there is something ... **Continue on Page 4**

Think About It!

"Role Models"

by Eddie P. Richardson

We hear so much about role models, but who or what should young people look up to as role models? Many of the people out there, at least many or most of them, are not what decent parents would like for their children to look up to this day and time. Most of the so-called role models come from the sports and entertainment industry, but many in these fields are of the worst moral character and are living a very low life style. Many of them are young people, but bad influence. On the other hand, young people, in some cases, their influence is so terrible that they should be ashamed of themselves when they review their actions in the news, especially if they are a celebrity. Sometime, you do not have to look all around for the goose that laid the golden egg. It could be in your own backyard. Someone in

the community, your school, your church or even your own home. It may be the janitor at a local school who set a very positive example by rearing their family who did attend school. He has made a very positive contribution to his community in various ways. There are local teachers, the Sunday School teacher, the Scout leader, the camp worker, the football coach, and many, many other people who you don't see daily. There are just so many good people who have to offer. Yes, there are many who are overlooked daily who live around us in various places. In many instances, we take what they do for granted and fail to

see the positive influence they display. There is nothing wrong with celebrities being role models if they warrant being one. The honor is great, but not just because of the status. It will be because of their character and positive actions. Local people should not be overlooked, because they are local and you know them. You see them daily without really seeing who and what they are. The word role model means just what it says, role model. Only we should say positive role model! *** Thought of the Week: "While you are searching all over for the goose that laid the golden egg, it (egg) could be in your own backyard!"

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

At this juncture, there is a tendency to play the 'race card' with regard to Barack Obama's heritage, an African father. Because of his name, he is often alienated because of the belief that he is a Muslim. This country is old enough now, though it is one of the world's youngest cultures, made from the various countries around the world; a variety of ethnic groups, religious groups, cultural differences which together makes this a very rich country offering areas of interest to just about anything anyone wants or needs to know. With the world situation as it is today with warmongering in the Arab, Muslim and Israeli worlds, and the United States is involved in the mix, one would think that the United States would welcome a President, born in the United States who can identify with other nations and lay a firmer foundation for brotherhood in the world. A Black President would indeed give the rest of the world the notion that this country had finally arrived at a station in life where

all men are looked upon as equal not only in the sight of God, but in the sight of man. A female president will have an almost equal advantage in the world, proving that the United States is not a country where powerful men dominate and force their ideas and ideals on weaker nations. Regardless, the Democratic Party would do well to see to the ugliness that is possible, being kept out of the campaign and at best, encourage each candidate to look at the possibility of a single ticket with both their names on it. This will be the only surefire way to win the election in November against John McCain. It is most likely, that the Superdelegates will decide who will be the Democratic Nominee. It is making it more important than ever before to press Congress to devise a system which uses the popular vote to elect a president. If they had done this years ago, we would not have suffered eight years of George Bush and the current recession/depression. Let us get 'in cinque' and make our wishes known to Congress.

Lubbock police department making it easier to get accident reports

By Robin Pyle | AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

Getting an accident report in the future could be as easy as a click of the mouse. The Lubbock Police Department is planning to make full accident reports — which many need for their insurance company — accessible online. Right now, residents must get the report in person if their insurance company doesn't take care of it. A report costs \$6; it's likely the online report will cost the same. Police officials do not know yet when full wreck reports will go online, and are still in the early phases of planning. "Eventually we hope to put those online," said Karen Southerland, records system manager, adding there are several obstacles to getting the reports on the Internet. First, the state requires accident reports be documented on the state form, which requires the officer to write much of it by hand. Officers also must sketch a drawing of how the accident happened on the report. "That makes it a little more difficult to make it online," Southerland said. She said the department is looking at different ways to upload them, perhaps by using special software or scanning equipment.

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Parson Smith

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The 1917 charter of Lubbock commission adopted the at-large system intended to exclude black electoral participation. In fact, city newspaper editorial "took the position that Lubbock's blacks would carry disease, cause crime and invite further influx of blacks into Lubbock."

This writer was told that an oral agreement was made between the older Mexican leaders and blacks of Lubbock that each would always have a representative with District 1 being Mexican-American and District 2 being African-Americans. Blacks have kept their gentlemen agreements and have never run a candidate nor acted as a candidate for councilpersons in District 1 (At least for the 23 years this writer has resided in Lubbock).

Clinton Apologizes to Black Voters, for Ferraro and for US Response to Hurricane Katrina

By DEVLIN BARRETT
Associated Press



Sen. Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen.

Hillary Rodham Clinton did something Wednesday night that she almost never does. She apologized. And once she started, she didn't seem able to stop.

The New York senator, who is tight race with Illinois Sen. Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination, struck several sorry notes at an evening forum sponsored by the National Newspaper Publishers Association, a group of more than 200 black community newspapers across the country.

Her biggest apology came in response to a question about com-

ments by her husband, Bill Clinton, after the South Carolina primary, which Obama won handily. Bill Clinton said Jesse Jackson also won South Carolina when he ran for president in 1984 and 1988, a comment many viewed as belittling Obama's success.

"I want to put that in context. You know I am sorry if anyone was offended. It was certainly not meant in any way to be offensive," Hillary Clinton said. "We can be proud of both Jesse Jackson and Senator Obama."

"Anyone who has followed my husband's public life or my public life know very well where we have stood and what we have stood for and who we have stood with," she said, acknowledging that whoever wins the nomination will have to heal the wounds of a bruising, historic contest.

"Once one of us has the nomination there will be a great effort to unify the Democratic party and we will do so, because, remember I have a lot of supporters who have voted for me in very large numbers and I would expect them to support Senator Obama if he were the nominee," she said.

The Clintons long have enjoyed overwhelming support from black voters, but that has been eclipsed during the primaries and caucuses by enthusiasm and support for Obama, who has pulled huge margins among black voters. Arguments over the role of race and gender have flared up repeatedly throughout the contest between Obama, who would be the nation's first black president, and Clinton, who would be its first female one.

Earlier in the day, Hillary Clinton supporter and fundraiser

Gerakline Ferraro gave up her honorary position with Clinton's campaign after she said in an interview last week that Obama would not have made it this far if he were white. Obama said Ferraro's remarks were "ridiculous" and "wrong-headed."

Of Ferraro's comment, Hillary Clinton told her audience: "I certainly do repudiate it and I regret deeply that it was said. Obviously she doesn't speak for the campaign, she doesn't speak for any of my positions, and she has resigned from being a member of my very large finance committee."

As first lady and senator, Clinton rarely cedes an inch to her critics. On the issue of her vote to authorize the Iraq war, for instance, she steadfastly has refused to apologize, coming close by saying she regrets it, despite calls from many anti-war voters in the party to make a more explicit mea culpa. Her third conciliatory statement of the evening was more in keeping with that fighting stance.

Asked about the government's efforts in the Gulf States after Hurricane Katrina, Hillary Clinton turned an apology into a criticism of President Bush, who happened to be speaking at a Republican event in another room at the same hotel.

"I've said it publicly, and I say it privately: I apologize, and I am embarrassed that our government so mistreated our fellow citizens ... It was a national disgrace," Hillary Clinton said.

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