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Sarah Palin visits Asheville Civic Center

VP-hopeful introduced by Redneck Woman

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Asheville had a prominent political figure visit the area on Sunday when Sarah Palin held a rally at the Civic center to promote the campaign of John McCain for President. This visit comes less than a month after Barrak Obama held a rally for his campaign at Asheville High. All of this increased interest in Asheville, and the state of North Carolina in general, is a result of a hotly contested Presidential race.

In fact, North Carolina has not gone Democrat since Jimmy Carter ran for President in 1976 and at the time of publication for *The Clarion* this week the candidates are locked in a virtual dead heat. This is the reason for the heightened attention on North Carolina and the reason for Governor Palin's visit on Sunday.

Palin's campaign staff site the total attendance for Sundays rally at the Civic Center was 7,800 give or take a few. When Palin took the stage she was greeted with signs that read "Asheville loves Sarah" and "Kids for Sarah". After helping opening act Gretchen Wilson belt out "Redneck Woman," Palin gave a speech, the focus of which was the economy and the difficult economic storm that the country is now facing.

"John McCain will help people keep their homes, he will help retirees secure their savings," she said. "John and I are pro-growth and pro-economy and we will get America back on the right track." Palin also criticized Obama's economic plan to "spread the wealth" saying it took money from hard working people and gave it to those who were undeserving.

Palin referred to Obama's economic plans as an attempt to move our country in the direction of socialism. Palin also stated, "You can do the math or go with your gut and either way you are going to come to one conclusion — Barack Obama is for higher taxes and bigger government."

The event went smoothly with several exceptions. Civic Center security had to remove a couple of Obama supporters who were being loud and disrupting the Governor. To which she replied, "I think security should let him (them) stay so he could learn a thing or two from you (her supporters)." Also, there were about one hundred Obama supporters outside the Civic Center demonstrating against the Governor holding up signs that read "no more hate" and "real women don't vote for Palin", while shouting at the top of their lungs.

Many of her supporters stated after

the rally that they think that Palin has the ability clean up Washington. Susan Greer was quoted as saying, "I think she will clean house when she gets to Washington, she brought a boost to the conservative and Christian base." Capri Potton echoed that sentiment, "We need a strong military leader to face the adversity of the next four years, and we need (Palin) to clean up Washington."

In the wake of Governor Palin's visit to Asheville, it remains clear that she has the ability to inspire support from her followers, while simultaneously inspiring disdain from the supporters of her rival.

Candidates pledge economic change

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Many have fought and have struggled throughout American history while trying to implement a true democracy and equal rights for all. Therefore, not only is it everyone's obligation as a citizen of United States to vote, but each individual should feel responsible to do so because all of those who have sacrificed their own lives for the rights each American has today, such as an equal right to vote.

The victory of Barack Obama or John McCain will ultimately have a great effect on the future of this country and it's people in the next four to eight years, therefore each vote is considered to be quite important. However, these two candidates, one being a Democrat and the other a Republican, have somewhat different views and plans, especially economic plans, with which they hope to rescue this country from the economic crises in the future.

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