



BOB BAILEY

Black GOPers set sights on taking state

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Pledging their membership to the GOP, Black Republicans sounded off about the Republican Party's restore-value-to-America platform and fired salvos at Democrats at last week's Nevada Republican Party State Convention at the Stardust Hotel and Casino.

From April 23 to April 25, the state Republican party convened to brainstorm on how to "Take the state in '98," the GOP's election-year theme.

Dr. William H. "Bob" Bailey, former chairman of the Las Vegas chapter of the National Black Republican Roundtable, said that by voting wholly Democrat, blacks are

cheating themselves and not participating fully in government.

"The Republican party is the party of opportunity," said Sonia Joya, who is Hispanic. Joya is district campaign director for Congressman John Ensign, the Republican challenger for Democratic Sen. Harry Reid's seat. "Minorities

need opportunity," said Joya, who also served as a faithful party member under former Congressman Barbara Vucanovich and Sen. Chic Hecht.

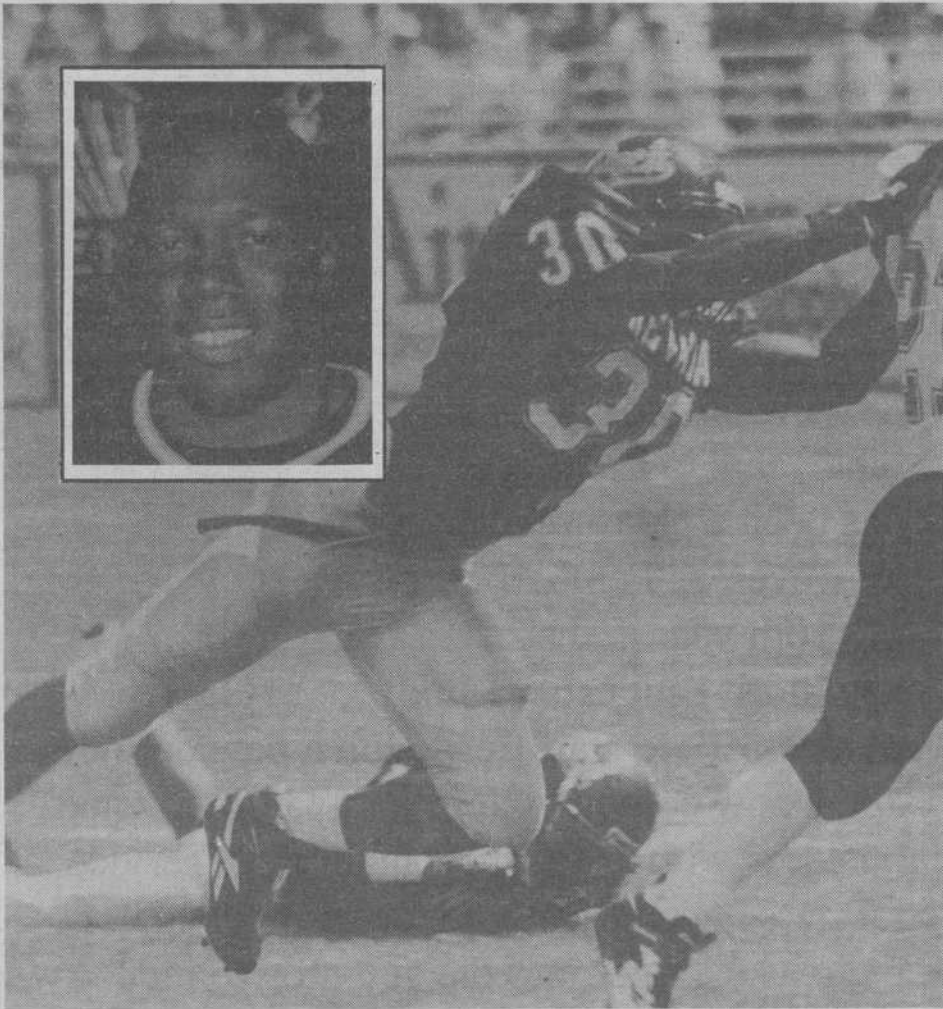
Black Republicans urged African-Americans not to be suckered into squabbling over issues like affirmative action, welfare cuts, abortion and

capital punishment, but to examine how the Republican Party's ideals fit with traditional values.

The Grand Old Party was established in 1854; its counterpart, the Democratic Party, was formed in 1790.

Disgruntled members of the Whig, Nativists, Abolitionists
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Las Vegas makes it big



University of Nevada, Reno and Cheyenne High School defensive linebacker Deshone Myles sets his sights for training camp in the National Football League this spring.
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Cheyenne grad realizes NFL aspirations

By Lee Brown
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Deshone Myles is a triple threat. Be it the baseball diamond, basketball court or football field, the 23-year-old excels; his exploits as a linebacker at Cheyenne High School earned him recognition that's still pretty rare for Las Vegas athletes: an athletic scholarship to a Division I school.

Recently, the Las Vegas native's gridiron talents scored an even rarer feat: a chance to play professional sports.

The University of Nevada, Reno standout was taken in the fourth round of the NFL draft two weeks ago by the Seattle Seahawks.

Projected as a third-rounder, the 6-foot-2, 244-pound linebacker had to wait an extra day before he got the call that changed his life.

"It's just a blessing to get a chance to play, period," he said, adding that he wasn't disappointed at being skipped over in the

third round. "I'm just blessed. I got a little money in my pocket and I get a chance to go play."

Myles' NFL dreams carry extra meaning, considering that baseball, not football, was his first love. Football entered his life in high school.

"My friends talked me into playing my freshman year," he said. "And then I had to beg my mom to let me play because she thought I was going to get hurt. That's how it started."

Myles attended Western for two years then transferred to Cheyenne when the school opened in 1992. He was elected the school's first student body president. He would match his in-class exploits with on-field brilliance, earning all-state honors and being named Cheyenne's defensive player of the year in his senior campaign.

Despite his talent, Myles found few biters at the big-time collegiate football level.

"I wasn't highly recruited out of high school," he said,
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Troutman's status lingering in limbo

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Off the air since December and with no word from KCEP FM 88.1 management, Bobbie Troutman's show "For Women Only" lingers in limbo.

Many blacks are fuming at the radio station for nixing the popular talk show host's Saturday morning program. The "People's Forum," hosted by Patricia Cunningham, has taken Troutman's 11 a.m. to noon time slot.

A petition being circulated by anonymous sources, but supported by the local NAACP, was presented at Wednesday's Economic Opportunity Board meeting.

"I desire to be back on the air," Troutman said in an interview earlier in the week. "I don't think that I have completed my full cycle."

Troutman estimated her

listening audience to be between 70,000 to 100,000 people, but she isn't certain how many of those people signed the petitions. The petition caps months of activity by Troutman's supporters to get her show back on the air.

On Easter, churchgoers found their cars tagged with fliers reading, "Bring Back The Queen. I really don't know why I'm off the air." The flier touted the accomplishments of the silenced talk show host and asked its readers to sign a petition showing their support for Troutman's return to KCEP-FM 88.1. The flyer said "vindictiveness and pettiness" were the only reasons Troutman's show sat idle.

"That is an absolute lie," general station manager of KCEP-FM 88.1 Sherman Rutledge said about the comment printed on the leaflet.

Troutman said she caught wind of her possible cancellation from friends and reliable sources who declined to be identified.

"I was in denial," she said.
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During better times former KCEP talk show host Bobbi Troutman and General Manager Sherman Rutledge exchanged ideas for her weekly show.