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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

100 Academy of Excellence opens



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Pupils at the new 100 Academy of Excellence enjoy their new school in North Las Vegas.

Democrats rally, early vote begins

By Frank Armand Albano
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Last Saturday, the first day of the 14-day cycle of early voting leading up to the November 7 general election, the Nevada Democratic Party hosted a rally that convened at the West Las Vegas Library and ended a short walk away in the cavernous multipurpose room at Doolittle Community Center at 1905 J. St. where many cast their votes at the newly approved site.

Under an orange-colored canopy, behind the West Las Vegas Library on West Lake Mead near J Street., presenters rallied. They stood on a wooden platform with a podium and a live mic. It was from this vantage point that State Senator Steve Horsford introduced the speakers.

In a call to the party's headquarters the day before, without hesitation, a spokeswoman who answered the phone stated, "The candidates," in response to the question, "Who is this rally for, the voters or candidates?"

Horsford, who emceed the event agreed, saying



Sentinel-Voice photo by Joseph Sawyer III

Edward Brooks, right, exercises his right to vote as his son Israel Mills observes during early voting at Doolittle.

"Yes!" when asked if the rally was for the candidates.

The State Democratic Party spokesperson also said of Horsford: "He is a Black leader," adding, "He's also the National Democratic Committeeman."

One by one, the Democratic candidates and political dignitaries moved to the stand and spoke to the crowd.

It was clear that it was an important forum — and an important year — for the party's state candidates, among them: gubernatorial candidate Dina Titus; State Assemblyman Morse "Moose" Arberry; Kate

Marshall, candidate for state treasurer, and others

Nevada has replaced New Hampshire as a caucus state. Now it's Iowa and Nevada expected to set the early pace for the next presidential election.

"Many nationally prominent Democrats would be coming to Nevada as a result," said Communication Director Kirsten Searer of the Nevada State Democratic Party.

And they were there, non-Nevadans supporting candidates here.

Jason Carter, grandson of (See Rally, Page 2)

By Kanika Vann
Sentinel-Voice

The mood of the day was absolutely jovial. The air was full of optimism, the sound of children's laughter, and the smell of kettle corn. Presenters spoke accolades from the podium, and the day concluded with a highly anticipated ribbon-cutting ceremony when Imagine Schools Inc. held a grand opening for the 100 Academy of Excellence, the first charter school in North Las Ve-

gas.

The newly built school is located near the Historic Westside community at 2341 Comstock, near Carey Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard. The building was open for classes on Oct 18 and the ceremony last Friday was to make the public aware of the showcase themes of personal and academic excellence, adolescent development, community involvement and the future opportunities that will surely be

awarded to children who are effectively educated, according to the administrators.

Although the 100 Academy of Excellence just started holding classes in its own building after many weeks of construction and other delays, the academy began the semester on time in temporary rooms about five miles southwest at the YMCA across from the Meadows Mall.

Principal Juan Henderson
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PAINT A PERFECT PICTURE

Local artist Harold Bradford painted this stirring piece depicting the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: submerged hands and an untouched church in the distance. Bradford's painting won the Best of Show in a recent art show. (See story, Page 10)