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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Illinois Senator and Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama addresses a gym full of listeners during his Las Vegas rally at Silverado High School on Friday.

## Obama makes stops in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — On his second campaign swing through Nevada, Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama told union hotel and casino workers that he was ready to walk their picket lines should current contract talks turn sour.

"I have already bought my suntan lotion," Obama said, prompting members of the Culinary Workers Union members to rise to their feet. "I'm prepared. I'm equipped. I'm ready to walk, I'm ready to walk. I'm ready." The 60,000-member union is locked in contract negotiations with its major employers, MGM Mirage Inc. and Harrah's Entertainment Inc. The union is expected to be a key or-

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## Barlow victor in Ward 5

By Frank A. Albano  
Sentinel-Voice

Exhibiting strains of the campaign, Ricki Barlow quipped, "I haven't a clue," while laughing in response to what comes next now that he is newly elected to the seat representing Ward 5 on the Las Vegas City Council.

He had a definitive answer when asked what he would do his first 100 days as Councilman Barlow. Without missing a beat, he said, "I'll tell you what I'm going to do in the next hundred hours, and that's rest."

In the Las Vegas Municipal General Election, a majority of voters (2,739) across 64 precincts selected Barlow as their new representative with 54 percent of the votes, topping contender Stacie Truesdell's 2,348 votes or 46 percent in a contentious race that was decided around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday night.

Barlow's headquarters busted with campaign workers and supporters on election night, while a huge sheet cake dwindled in size by the slice, well-wishers hugged and kissed Barlow and posed

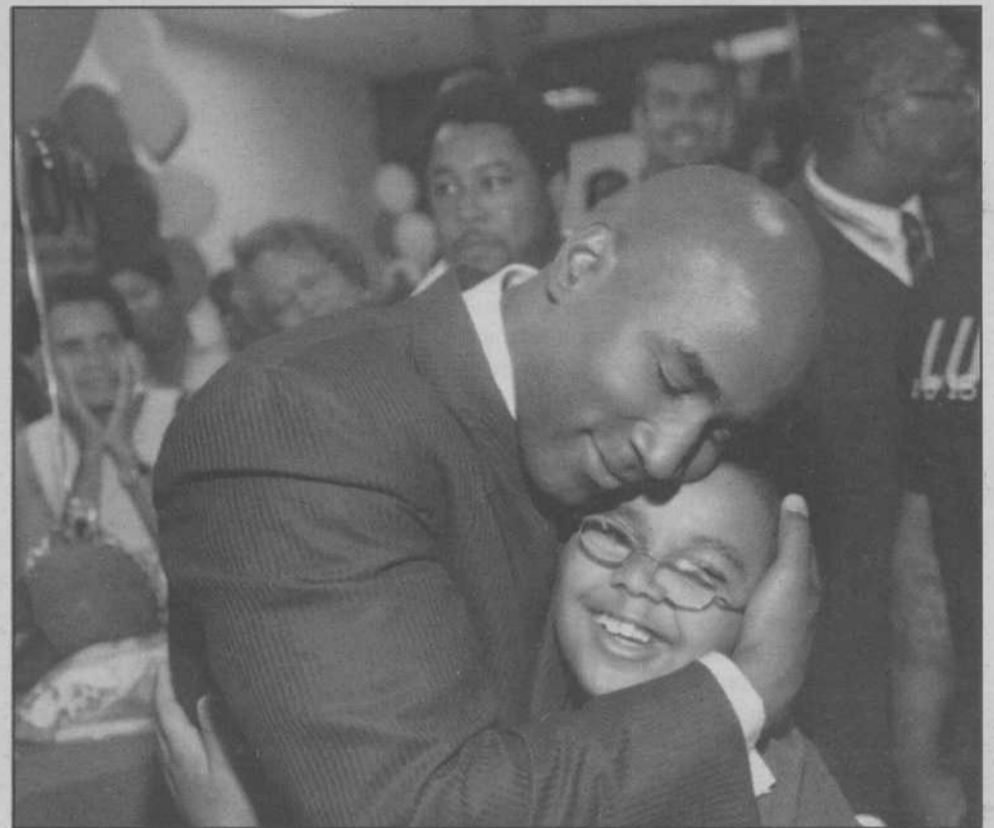


Photo special to the Sentinel-Voice by Marty Frierson

Las Vegas City Councilman-elect Ricki Barlow gets a loving hug from his 9-year-old son at his campaign headquarters Tuesday night after beating Stacie Truesdell in the general election. He takes over June 20 from interim Council Representative Brenda Williams.

for photographs.

"I'm joyful, but I'm glad it's over," Barlow said.

Barlow ran his campaign while on a leave of absence from his seven-year job as liaison for former Council-

man Lawrence Weekly who resigned earlier this year to accept a seat on the Clark County Commission.

Dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and striped necktie, the newest city council-

man said, "I worked hard for it," adding, "My hard work paid off and the residents elected me to lead the charge."

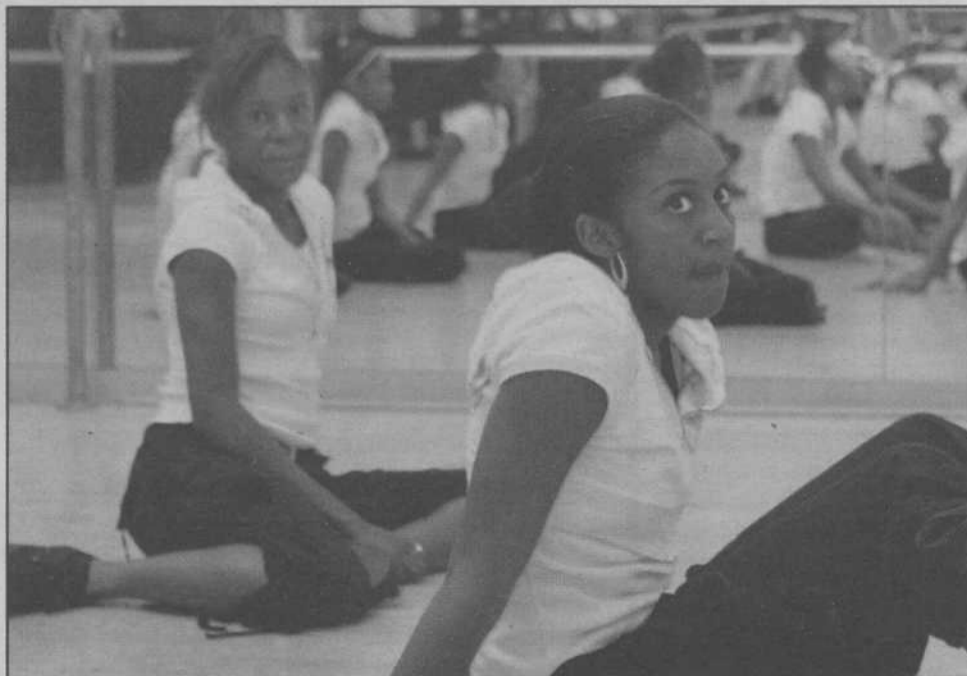
According to county election officials, (See Election, Page 3)

## Local dance group preps for BET's '106 & Park'

By Kanika Vann  
Sentinel-Voice

Las Vegas-based Critical Kondition Dance Group will appear on BET's 90-minute hip-hop variety show, "106 & Park," scheduled to air locally on Wednesday afternoon. The all-girl dance team will showcase their hip-hop dance routine live from CBS Broadcast Center at 524 West 57th Street, in Manhattan, N.Y. for a chance to be named the winner of Wild Out Wednesday, as well as the opportunity to secure a second guest appearance on the show.

Critical Kondition or CK, consists of 25 members, however, fewer than half were selected to perform, as "106 & Park" accepts no more than 10 members per-



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Darece Tellis, front, and Jasmine White of the Critical Kondition Dance Group watch the group's choreographer go through her routine as they prepare for their performance on BET's "106 & Park" next week. The show features the nation's top urban music videos.

forming with any group. Members Keyonni Waring, Darece Tellis, Akia Cook, Whitney Brown, Jasmine White, and Raquel Babero, all between the ages of 14 and 17, say they will proudly take the stage to present their 70-second, first round routine before millions of viewers.

"The girls are happy, excited, and proud to have the chance to perform on the show, represent the city of Las Vegas, and serve as positive examples for other young women who dream and hope to one day grace the open stage," said the CK Team Senior Coordinator Cassandra Lewis-Walker.

CK is artistically instructed by Alicia Coleman and UNLV law student,

Debrisha Williams. The girls have been practicing their presentation routine for a little over a month and intend to dance to singer Ciara's "Ring the Alarm" in round one and rapper E-40's "Tell Me When to Go" during the battle round.

Tellis, a member of CK since it was founded in 2001, said, "I'm excited about the performance, the routine we've practiced, and the music we've chosen. I can't wait to get on stage and, hopefully, win. I really think we can do it and can't wait to come home the winners."

Cook said as her fellow teammates laughed, "I'm scared. I won't freeze though. I'll be alright. But the minutes leading up to the performance..." (See Dance, Page 6)