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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



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At a press conference held Monday at the Nevada State Democratic Party's local headquarters, former Nevada Governor Bob Miller, at the podium, expresses his support for a united party. Miller is joined by other party leaders. Democrats want to ensure that Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, carries Nevada in the Nov. 4 election.

## State Dems support Obama

By Lés Pierres Streater  
Sentinel-Voice

You could almost feel the love. A who's who of Nevada Democrats, in press conferences held in Reno and Las Vegas, announced their full

support for Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, the senator from Illinois.

A contingent of Democrats, along with members of Culinary Local 226, as-

sembled at the local headquarters of the Nevada State Democratic Party on Monday in an attempt to show solidarity and speed in the fence-mending needed in the wake of a bruising, often bit-

ter primary campaign Obama and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Co-hosts State Senator Steven Horsford, an Obama surrogate, and Clinton cam-

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## CBC to Bush: Assist youth

By Hazel Trice Edney  
Special to Sentinel-Voice

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Congressional Black Caucus has appealed to President George W. Bush on behalf of the National Urban League's Urban Youth Empowerment Program set to be slashed from the budget of the Department of Labor next week.

"It is our understanding that the funding, which enables the program to provide much-needed services to young people to reduce recidivism, to complete their high school education and to find jobs is to be terminated on June 30, 2008. We urge you not to end this vital program," states a letter to Bush, signed by 37 members of the CBC and released exclusively to the NNPA News Service. "Now is not the time for the Department of Labor to turn its back on young people who are trying to turn their lives around. These young people will be kicked out of the program unless you intervene."

The letter asks that the federal government at least allocate \$4 million to allow 800 youth enrollees to complete the training that they have already begun through 2008.

"At a time when incarceration rates are at an all-time high in the nation, and unemployment among young people is steadily increasing, the program serves as a valuable resource to underserved communities around the country," the letter states. "The program has a demonstrated record of effectiveness in assisting at-risk youth in educational opportunities, job training and placement, and the support needed to make a successful transition

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## Candidate pushes green energy, jabs at McCain

Special to Sentinel-Voice

LAS VEGAS — Sen. Barack Obama blasted Sen. John McCain's energy plans Tuesday as "gimmicks," saying his policies "will only increase our oil addiction for another four years."

"What Washington has done is what Washington always does: It's peddled false promises, irresponsible policy and cheap gimmicks that might get politicians through the next election but won't lead America toward the next generation of renewable energy," Obama said.

"For decades, John McCain has been a part of this failure in Washington."

Obama commended McCain for speaking out on climate change but said that "time and time again, he has opposed investing in the alternative sources of energy that have helped fuel some of the very same projects and businesses that he's now highlighting in this campaign."

Obama praised McCain's push to develop a better car battery but added, "I've been talking about this myself for the last few years."

He also criticized McCain's proposal to



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Barack Obama made a campaign stop in Las Vegas to discuss his energy plans to a select group of invited guest at the Springs Preserve on Tuesday. Obama is pushing renewables.

offer a \$300 million prize to whoever is able to develop a suitable battery.

"When John F. Kennedy decided that we were going to put a man on the moon, he didn't put a bounty out for some rocket scientist to win — he put the full resources of the United States government behind the project and called on the ingenuity and innovation of the American people — not just in the private sector but also in the public sector."

McCain's campaign said its plan would lead to both short-term and long-term benefits.

In a conference call after Obama's speech, McCain's campaign called the Democratic candidate the "Dr. No on energy security."

"Today, it was 'no' on the \$300 million for a new kind of battery. Before, it was 'no' on ... the possibility of further exploration off our coasts. It was 'no' on gas tax relief that can help — this summer — families that are hurting. It was 'no' on expanded nuclear power investments that we can make. We think we are seeing a pattern here," McCain

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