

# Palin comes to Carson

by FE P. KOONS

WITH roughly over 12,000 supporters, Republican vice presidential Sarah Palin spoke before a zealous crowd at the Home Depot Center last October 4. Palin, who branded herself a hockey mom praised the stadium venue, "It's so nice here. It's a beautiful cathedral of soccer moms."

She talked positively about GOP presidential candidate John McCain, "who will solve our economic crisis and cut your taxes." The Alaskan governor began to attack Obama as the candidate who talks about the wars America is in, but "he is afraid to use the word victory for America."

Palin, whose son is now fighting in Iraq, pointed out that "the US military is fighting terrorism and is defending our democratic values. John McCain believes in our troops and as a mother of one of our troops, I believe that Senator McCain should serve our nation as the president."

At this point, she asked the audience to cheer for the American troops who all shouted, "USA, USA, USA!"

The governor of Alaska was suddenly interrupted by an anti-war protester, but Palin said, "My son is over in Iraq right now fighting for the freedoms that person is exercising."

Pat Alviso of the Military Families Speak Out in the South Bay raised her sign that read "Troops home now." She was later taken out of the stadium by sheriff's deputies. Alviso said she had just held up a sign and did not try to disrupt the rally.

Alviso, 56, of Long Beach, revealed that her son is a US Marine about to leave for his third tour in Iraq. She said that

he has two children and that she is scared for her son.

"I came here to protest because this war is Iraq is based on lies. Iraq has nothing to do with 911. We need to bring home the military troops and many of their families want them home safely," Alviso said.

Palin likewise accused Obama of being "friends with someone from Chicago who was a domestic terrorist and launched the bombing of the US capitol. Referring to Obama, Palin said "This is not a man who sees America like you and I see America. We see America as a force of good in this world. We see an America of exceptionalism."

Sarah Palin was referring to Bill Ayers, one of the founders of Weather Underground. Its members were blamed for several bombings in the '70s, including a pipe bomb in San Francisco that killed a police officer and injured another. Obama, in his presidential campaign has denounced the radical views of Ayers, who is now a professor in Chicago. Although, these two served on the board of a charity organization in Chicago, there was no hard evidence that both were close pals, as described by Palin.

With regards to energy, Palin who deals with oil companies in Alaska, said that America has a wealth of natural resources. She encouraged the setting



Sarah Palin speaking in a Republican pep rally at the Home Depot Center in Carson.

up of more nuclear plants and drilling of oil.

She led the crowd in cheering, "Drill, baby, drill," and ended her speech saying that "California is still Reagan country."

Filipino American Sonora Winward, 60, of Long Beach said that she likes Sarah Palin. "I like her ideas of controlling government spending and her program on energy works in Alaska, so I think her plans about our energy crisis will be good."

Jana Lynn, a single woman who is a resident of Hermosa Beach for nine years stressed that Sarah Palin needs to be in

Washington, DC to "get rid of the old boy's club. She has a woman's perspective about the government and will care for the children and the people."

Outside the tennis stadium, a group of supporters of Obama and Biden carried signs that read, "Like Bush's Economy? Hire McCain," and "Bush, McCain, More of the Same."

Meanwhile, Democrat Carson Mayor Jim Dear who spoke at the new headquarters of the Obama-Biden campaign which is set to open on Sunday, October 12, said that the time is now for the United States to be led by African American senator Barack Obama.

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himself a shot and downed the alcoholic beverage in front of a large pro-Mexican crowd in East Los Angeles. Meanwhile, Mexican-American comedian George Lopez, who served as the emcee, grabbed the bottle and downed it akin to a scene in the *Animal House*.

After going around on a six city tour of the US for the past week-in-a-half, many members

of the De La Hoya and Pacquiao camps needed a drink to relieve them of all their travels.

"All I can say is that it's good to finally be back home," said Freddie Roach, Pacquiao's trainer.

"I was glad to see all the Filipinos from everywhere," added Pacquiao. "It makes me feel good knowing that all those Filipinos I met are all supporting me."

"I am home," said De La Hoya.

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Geothermal power now accounts for about 28 percent of the electricity generated in the Philippines.

With 90 million people, about 40 percent of whom live on less than \$2 a day, the Philippines has become the world's largest consumer of electricity from geothermal sources and billions of dollars have been saved because of reduced need for imported oil and coal, said the report entitled "Filipinos draw power from buried heat."

"The Philippines would be in hugely worse shape without geothermal as an indigenous energy source," Roland Horne, a Stanford University expert on geothermal power who has visited the Philippines more than 20 times, told the *Washington Post*.

The daily said the showcase of the country's long-term commitment to this alternative source of energy was in Leyte, where a government-created company, now privatized, has carefully transformed a vast geothermal field into the linchpin of the country's electricity grid.

It quoted experts as saying that Leyte, if it continues to be well managed, should produce electricity for centuries.

The United States has the world's largest geothermal resource, the Geysers, 72 miles north of San Francisco, but it has not been nearly as well managed as Leyte, according to Horne and other experts.

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