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Colin Powell Endorses Obama



Former Secretary of State Colin Powell

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) -
Former Secretary of State
Colin Powell, one of
America's most distin-

guished Republicans, has
decided to support Sen.
Barack Obama as the next
president of the United
States. He announced his
bomb-shell of a decision on
the Sunday edition of NBC's

"Meet the Press."

Powell said of Obama,
"He has both style and sub-
stance. I think he is a trans-
formational figure."

Powell, a former chair-
man of the Joint Chiefs of
Staff under George W. Bush
and Bill Clinton and national
security advisor under
Ronald Reagan, said that
Obama displayed "steadiness,
the intellectual curiosity and
he selected a vice president
who is ready to be president
on Day One."

Powell still identified
himself as a Republican and
said he will remain one. But
he said he has become con-
cerned about the tone of the
campaign of Sen. John
McCain, whom he has
known for 25 years.

"It seemed to me that
his (McCain) campaign's
focus has become more nar-

row and narrower," he told
"Meet the Press" moderator
Tom Brokaw. "I see Obama
as being more inclusive. It
bothers me that the central
part of John's campaign has
become Bill Ayers (the former
60s radical)."

"These robo calls that
people are getting, saying
that Obama is connected to
Ayers, which is saying that
Obama supports terrorists. It
goes too far."

Powell also said he did not
approve of McCain's selection
of Alaska Gov. Sarah
Palin as his vice presidential
running mate, saying that she
is not ready to be president.
He also frowned on
McCain's actions during the
early part of the financial crisis.

Powell said that the
next president would likely
make two selections to the



Senator Barack Obama

U.S. Supreme Court and he
would not want McCain
making that decision
because the choices would
be conservatives. Powell
also bemoaned members of
his party who tell people that

Obama is a Muslim, "and
they know it is not true."

"It would seem that
there are some people in the
party that think that there is
something wrong with being
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Savannah Area Business Political Action Committee Endorses Candidates

After interviewing candidates
for each of the contested local
races in the November 4, 2008
General Elections, the Board of
Directors of the Savannah Area
Business Political Action Committee
(SABPAC) decided to endorse
and make financial contributions
to the following candidates:
Chairman of the Chatham
County Commission, Pete Liakakis;
Sheriff, Al St. Lawrence; District
Attorney, David Lock; County
Commission District 1, Helen Stone;
County Commission District 4, Pat
Ferrell; and County Commission
District 6, David Gellatly. In the
contested School Board races, the
local business leaders endorsed
Daniel Frazier for District 2; Lori
Brady for

District 6, and Chester Ellis for
District 8.

To show their support, the PAC
contributed \$2,000 to the county-
wide campaigns of Pete Liakakis,
Al St. Lawrence, and David Lock.
All of the other candidates received
campaign contributions for their
district races of \$1,000.

The Savannah Area Business
Political Action Committee, Inc. is
a group of area business leaders
who collectively support pro-
business candidates in local
elections. The SABPAC has more
than 100 members representing
businesses from all sectors of the
economy throughout the
Savannah area. Steve Green is
Chairman of the SABPAC.

THE BIG SHOW SAVANNAH Festival Cancelled

Charles E. Johnson, Executive
Director, Friends of Sweet Auburn
Foundation, Inc., sponsors of THE
BIG SHOW SAVANNAH, has
announced the cancellation of
the festival, scheduled for
October 31 - November 2, 2008,
along the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Corridor.

"At this point, based on the
projected budget, the funds are
not available to move forward
with the festival....Special
thanks and appreciation goes to
all of the

people in Savannah that worked
very hard to plan The Big Show
Savannah. We also salute
Savannah city officials for their
valuable assistance and coopera-
tion. At times hard decisions must
be made, this is one of those
times. After evaluating all of the
factors that go in to making a
festival successful the decision has
been made to cancel The Big
Show

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African-American Institutions Recognized in Historical Markers



Dr. Charles Elmore (far left) reads the text on the Beach Institute historical marker.

The Georgia Historical Society
in partnership with Sam's Club
and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. recently
dedicated two new historical
markers in Savannah. Markers
for the Beach Institute and St.
Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
were dedicated on Thursday,
October 16, 2008 at their
respective locations. The
installation of these historical
markers brings to a close an
initiative, funded by Wal-Mart,
to recognize sites and events
significant to the African-
American experience in the
Savannah area.

"Wal-Mart is honored to
have sponsored these markers
recognizing the important
contributions of African-
American individuals and
institutions to the Savannah
region's rich cultural diversity
and proud heritage," says
Glen Wilkins, Senior Manager,
Public Affairs, Wal-Mart
Stores, Inc. "It has been our
privilege to work with the
Georgia Historical Society to
open new pages in Georgia's
history to the people who live
here and those who visit."

As part of this initiative,
the Georgia Historical

Society's community advisory
committee identified four
subjects that reflect the larger
contributions of local
institutions and individuals
who influenced not only the
history of Savannah, but of
Georgia and the nation as well.
The two previous historical
markers identify the
contributions of local
physicians Cornelius and
Alice Woodby McKane, and
General David Hunter's
General Orders No. 7, a
precursor to Lincoln's
Emancipation Proclamation.

"GHS is pleased to have
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