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NATIONAL NEWS

POWELL LAUNCHES BOOK TOUR

Retired Army General Colin Powell launches a national book tour this week that may pave the way for a presidential bid. Powell's 23-city tour is nominally designed to pitch his newly published memoirs, leading to a decision on whether to enter the presidential race. In his book, Powell says the nation may be ready for a third major political party. House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Sunday that Powell would be a very strong contender if he decides to seek the Republican nomination for the 1996 presidential race. But Senate Majority leader Bob Dole, the current Republican front-runner, said Powell may not have the stomach for the race.

BALTIMORE MAYOR NOMINATED

Mayor Kurt Schmoke won a hotly contested Democratic mayoral primary race Tuesday. With nearly all of the vote counted, Schmoke, the city's first elected black mayor, held a 58-40 percent lead over City Council President Mary Pat Clarke. Clarke had held an early lead in the vote count but watched that evaporate as the tally mounted. Schmoke's primary win in the city, where registered Democratic voters outnumber Republicans 9-1, virtually assures him election to a third four-year term in the Nov. 7 general election.

EX-NEW ORLEANS COP SENTENCED

Former New Orleans police officer Antoinette Frank has been sentenced to death by lethal injection for gunning down her police patrol partner and two young Vietnamese while robbing the restaurant where they worked. A state criminal court jury deliberated less than 45 minutes before deciding late Tuesday night she should be executed for the killings. It has been more than 50 years since a woman was executed in Louisiana. Her attorneys plan to appeal the verdict.

School District Votes 4-1 to place a middle school in West Las Vegas

By Victor S. Ingram

Following blatant accusations of racism, a barrage of firebrand dialogue, and a host of near-inflammatory comments—both for and against, the Clark County School District voted to place a middle school in West Las Vegas. During their school board meeting on Tuesday, September 12, the board voted 4-1 to purchase a 20 acre parcel at Tonopah Drive and Lake Mead Boulevard. The parcel will be the future site for the school, scheduled for completion in the fall of 1997.

During discussions prior to district vote, board members were accosted by racist allegations. "It's just racist, racist," exclaimed parent and community activist Debra Jackson. Jackson's emotional plea to the board sought an end to years of neglect by district administration. "There's no

equality here," she adds. "Who says our children are supposed to bear the burden of busing forever." Northwest area parents, however, begged the school board not to succumb to political and racially-charged pressure. Parents attempted to use growth demographics to influence the district.

"One of the goals of the new school is to provide relief to overcrowding at Swainston (Elementary)," says Debbie Stutz PTSA president at Swainston Elementary. Stutz instructed the board that the school should be built in an area further north because of the current burgeoning growth.

Her ill-fated attempts proved unsuccessful as the board sided with the West Las Vegas location. Some board members, however, showed a disdain with near-extortionary tactics employed by West Las Vegas residents.



Debra Jackson's emotional plea to the board sought an end to years of neglect by district administration. Photo by Victor Ingram

Local Car Dealer Gives \$30,000 to KCEP

By Victor S. Ingram

Local car dealer Tom Saitta stepped into the conference room at KCEP FM 88.1 radio station with a donation check for \$30,000 on Wednesday, September 13. The donation, made to KCEP parent organization the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, was in recognition of Saitta's effort to provide assistance to African Americans afflicted with HIV and AIDS. During August, KCEP along with the Las Vegas-

Sentinel Voice Newspaper partnered in a month-long advertising effort to alert the community about the tragic affects of HIV and AIDS on African Americans. Saitta says he wanted to become involved in the African American AIDS effort after learning that African Americans were traditionally "short changed" by federal and other funding sources. Losing a brother to the tragic illness, Saitta's sensitivity for those (See KCEP, Page 11)



Tom Saitta presents \$30,000.00 check to EOB in effort to promote AIDS awareness. Photo by Victor Ingram

Powell Reveals Stand On Issues

NEW YORK - Potential presidential candidate Colin Powell says in a television interview that the easiest way for him to get into the race would be to run as a Republican, but he does not rule out fighting President Bill Clinton for the Democratic nomination.

In an ABC interview to be aired Friday, the retired four-star general outlines his political positions for the first time — revealing a man "unhappy with both parties" but who could fit into either with some modifications.

Powell described himself as fiscal conservative who supports such liberal issues as abortion rights, gun control and affirmative action programs. He said he benefited from the latter as a black who rose in the ranks of the U.S. Army.



COLIN LUTHER POWELL

Powell said that if he decided to run for president, "the easier way to do it, I think, would be as a Republican. It would probably be more of an issue of me making compromises than it would be for the Republican Party making compromises if we are talking about

1995-1996."

His views on issues such as abortion and gun control are at odds with the stand taken by the highly vocal and powerful conservative wing of the Republican Party.

As to whether the country might be ready for a black president, Powell said: "I think the fact that there is so much speculation about me is a remarkable fact in and of itself....I think the country may well be ready for a black man or a black person."

But Powell was scathing about Clinton's handling of foreign policy, saying America's friends and allies are not certain what U.S. policy is in any given week.

He added that he turned down an (See POWELL, Page 11)

Dr. Dennis Kimbro to speak at NFBPA annual luncheon

Dr. Dennis Kimbro, best selling author of *Think and Grow Rich: A Black Choice*, will be the featured speaker at the annual luncheon of the Las Vegas chapter of the national Forum for Black Public Administrators. The luncheon will take place on Saturday, September 23, in the Caribbean Room of the Tropicana Hotel. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$300 for a table of 10. A silent auction and no-host mixer will begin at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Since 1985, Dennis Kimbro has combed the country interviewing many of Black America's most notable achievers. Dr. Kimbro, 44, is (See KIMBRO, Page 11)



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