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'This is Obama's destiny'

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About 30 people gathered to watch history in the making last night.

"This is (Barack) Obama's destiny and this is our destiny," said Reverend Rhonda Britton.

A civil rights event hosted at Mount Saint Vincent University drew leaders of the African Nova Scotian community to watch election results and cheer for the first black president of the United States.

To kick the evening off, the speakers filed into the auditorium singing "We shall overcome."

They reflected on the civil rights movement and what Obama's presidency will mean.

"This 2008 presidential election is nothing less than a historical phenomenon, not just for the U.S., but for Canada and the rest of the world," Britton said.

"We happen to be alive not only to see history in the making, but being a part of that history."

Before they settled in to watch the results, Britton said Obama's expected victory restores hope for the next generation and that a person's merit outweighs their race.

"Nothing, my friends, nothing happens by chance."

Citizenship Judge Linda Carvery said she thinks the world is on a precipice of positive change.

"I feel like we're on the starting line and for each one of you it's going to be different."

MLA Percy Paris said everyone will always remember where they were the night Obama was elected president.

"This has gripped the world," he said.

He expressed concern for Obama's safety and the security it takes to keep him and his family safe.

"I'm scared for his life," he said. "What a loss that would be to the world."

Paris also urged vigilance in the fight against racism and discrimination. Even with Obama's win, Paris said they must continue to inspire and support young people.



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A Barack Obama supporter attends a civil rights event at Mount Saint Vincent University last night. About 30 people watched U.S. election results and cheered for Barack Obama.



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The Truro Fire Service and the Special Hazards Material Unit from Bible Hill responded to a chemical spill at the Colchester Regional Hospital Saturday night.

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OTTAWA - A budding coalition between New Democrats, the separatist Bloc Quebecois and Liberals is an exercise in nation building, NDP Leader Jack Layton told his caucus in a conference call covertly recorded by the government.

Mom dies shielding family during knifing rampage at child's birthday party



OSHAWA, Ont. - A mother of three died shielding her husband from a deranged family associate, who went on a knifing rampage and turned her son's birthday party into a bloodstained crime scene, relatives and police said Sunday.

India links Mumbai gunman to Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba



MUMBAI, India - The only gunman captured after a 60-hour terrorist siege of Mumbai said he belonged to a Pakistani militant group with links to the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, a senior police officer said Sunday.

Clinton set to become secretary of state, but what will it mean for Obama?



WASHINGTON - Barack Obama is finally set to name his one-time bitter rival, Hillary Clinton, secretary of state Monday in a move that's been transfixing Washington for weeks due to the uneasy relationship between the president-elect and the Clintons.

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