

Voting in the great state of OHIO

Today is finally our turn to vote in the primaries here in Ohio. And of the candidates who are left, I only really like one! A lot of people in this neck of the woods find it unfair that we don't get much of a say earlier in the campaign, when all the candidates are left. I just accept it for the way it is, and I enjoy being in the national spotlight now – it's neat to turn on CNN and hear Ohio this and Ohio that. So, I will be going to the polls later today when time permits to perform my duty as an American citizen and vote – though I hope it doesn't land me in jury duty at a later time. And I will vote for the candidate I would like to see lead our country, even though he doesn't stand a chance and will most likely drop out of the race within a week. Then tonight, I will watch all the news channels as the final numbers come in, and whether we like it or not, we can all enjoy being a part of history, since pretty soon it will be official – we will have a presidential candidate who does not fit the mold of the traditional American president: a white male. Well, sometimes change is good, but for now, go Buckeyes!

Imagine

WOW... that is all I can say about the final singer on American Idol tonight (and I know that I am going off on another tangent here). When a 17 year old hopeful performs one of the most difficult songs from any era as if it were made for him then it deserves some acknowledgment. This is the first night I have actually had a chance to enjoy an episode with play

practices going on and such. There were probably 3 of the top 10 guys whom I would even consider voting for (I do not vote). However when young David Archuleta came out and nailed John Lennon's "Imagine," I thought that he is sure to be one of the final contestants. Strangely, the performer chose to start on the final verse of the song. Randy Jackson even commented on the choice. Contestants are only allowed so much time to perform so David brilliantly chose to sing the verse that meant the most to him. The young man's tone, range, and overall execution of the classic song just sent chills throughout my whole body. I find it totally flabbergasting how a 17 year old (who was not alive when John Lennon wrote and sang the classic) could even attempt such a remarkable, challenging piece. I'm not sure that I would even try to master such a memorable selection.

*Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world*