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Obama first President
to endorse gay and lesbian marriage
in Inaugural Address

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Obama's inaugural speech gives hope to gay marriage supporters

By Ken Dilanian and David G. Savage, Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — By equating the gay rights struggle with those of African Americans and women, President Obama in his inaugural address set a standard that boosted gay activists' hopes that he soon would make a bold legal move to support a constitutional right to gay marriage.

Obama's words themselves were a landmark — the first time gay rights had ever been advocated in the high-profile speech. But the president, speaking just feet from Supreme Court justices who will take up the issue of gay marriage this spring, went far beyond a simple mention. He equated gay rights with the country's iconic civil rights movements.

"We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths — that all of us are created equal — is the star that guides us still; just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall," he said, linking the beginning of the women's suffrage movement, the battle for black rights in the South and the gay protest against police harassment in New York as equal steps in the nation's march toward equality.

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law," he continued, "for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

The passage "was definitely one of those moments that took your

breath away," said Adam DeRosa, president of the Lesbian and Gay Band Assn., whose 215 members later marched past the president in the inaugural parade. "We understand the historical significance of it. What political significance it has remains to be seen."

Obama, who only last spring hesitated to declare his public support for gay marriage, soon will have to decide whether his administration will take the potentially huge step of arguing before the Supreme Court that gay marriage is an equal right under the Constitution.

The court will soon review two cases, one of them involving California's Proposition 8, the ballot measure that limited marriage to unions between a man and a woman. Gay rights lawyers have asked the Supreme Court to declare the ballot measure unconstitutional, potentially striking down the laws of 41 states.

To several legal scholars, Obama's equating of Selma and Stonewall strongly implied he is prepared to side with gay rights activists. But doing so would mark a sudden departure from the caution with which he has typically approached most issues.

Asked whether the speech was intended to send a signal about the Supreme Court case, a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said, "It's a legitimate question, but for today, we're letting the president's speech stand on its own."

Theodore Olson, the former George W. Bush administration solicitor general and lawyer for the gay couples challenging Proposition 8, said the president sounded ready to back a constitutional right to gay marriage.

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!!!

By TriNity,
Contributor



It takes a special kind of LOVE to dedicate yourselves to doing charity work. It means sacrificing tons of personal time and countless hours away from home and loved ones. Daryl & I Love this Community, & we along with the member of our Male and Female Lines are working very hard to provide you with the best show, events, and entertainment, while still working toward the main goal of helping our Community.

Your Love and support is what makes the honor of being a Monarch worth all the sacrifices. In our hearts we as a community know that we must 1st help ourselves before we can ask others to help us. Pulling together, raising money for the ones in our Community that are in need, & joining together as one "FAMILY" is what the Imperial Court of Kentucky is all about.

As our Reign continues, we

promise to never let our Love of this "FAMILY" waiver. We are committed to doing this out of LOVE for our Community, OUR FAMILY. While on the subject of Love!!!! Join us on February 6th, at Crossings Lexington, at 9:30pm for the ICK's annual Gay Valentines Pageant. This year for a "TWIST" (I had throw in at least one!!!) we have added the Mr. portion. So we will Crown a new Miss Gay Valentine and Medal our 1st Mr Gay Valentine!!

We will also be hosting the annual Mardi Gras Ball, held this year at Pulse nightlife on Fat Tuesday, February 12th. This event will feature a special opening production choreographed by HMIH ICP 31 Stephanie Velour, along with other special performances and guests. And you know there's sure to be a few other TWISTS as well.

And on Valentines Eve, you can catch Emperor 28 Clayton Burchell and Emperor 30 Fred Worsham as they host: Single and Bitter also at Crossings Lexington. This is a special night with a little bit of fun and I guess a whole lot of cocktails I'm sure as they drink away the fact they are Single and Bitter.

As always, anyone that is interested in becoming a member of the ICK, or may have questions, feel free to contact either Daryl or myself, or any member of our Board of Directors.

Four days

By Roy Harrison,
Contributor

That's all that was needed for the first Project Speak Out training to run out of available thirty spots. We knew that Central Kentucky is eager to support full fairness and equality for the LGBT community, but --- four days?

There's a hunger for Fairness in Lexington -- and progress depends on organizations creating opportunities for our friends and family to step up and work for it.

Of course, for one dominant reason, it's relatively easy to use Lexington Fairness as a vehicle for this mobilization. Craig Cammack has led us for three years, and we've seen incredible accomplishments. Beyond establishing Project Speak Out, he's strengthened Lexington Fairness's financial footing, and developed a message of community that's had currency with public, private and religious institutions in Kentucky.

In 2013, Lexington Fairness plans to build upon the foundation that Craig has laid. We plan to hold more Project Speak Out trainings in Central Kentucky, and to receive accreditation of the program for educators' continuing education liabilities.

We are also formulating methods to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of our programming. What's the point of doing something if it's not done well?

We'll host our Fairness Awards dinner on June 21 at the Downtown Hilton -- where we'll take a moment to thank our community's leaders and allies, and reflect on Lexington's progress for fairness and full equality.

We'll create new and strengthen ongoing partnerships with the faith community to navigate the at-times rough waters that separate us.

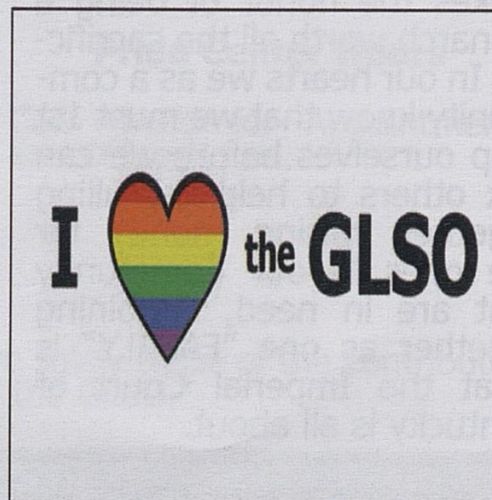
And we'll develop new mechanisms to identify new opportunities to promote fairness in Kentucky.

Our leadership team -- me as chairperson, Belinda Tarpley as Vice-chairperson, Andrew Tan as secretary, and Jonathon Barker as treasurer -- and our Board, are excited about providing chances to Central Kentuckians to create a more fair state.

North American Bear Weekend

We are hosting a two day event at Crowne Plaza on February 22 to the 24th, 2013. We will have a fundraiser during the event to raise money for the NOH8 Campaign - a strong advocate for marriage equality.

Each registered guest will receive an event bag that will include an event booklet containing advertisements from local businesses and sponsors for the weekend. You can see more details at www.mrnabear.com.



Mr. & Miss Gay Valentine



Wednesday February 6th
Doors @ 8pm, Pageant @9:30pm
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Health Dept., Fayette 859.288.2437
877.606.2437
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Health Dept., Woodford 859.873.4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project 502.584.1254
Louisville Region 502.574.0161
Moveable Feast 859.252.2867
Northern Ky. Region 859.341.4264
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Imperial Court of Kentucky 859.619.7521
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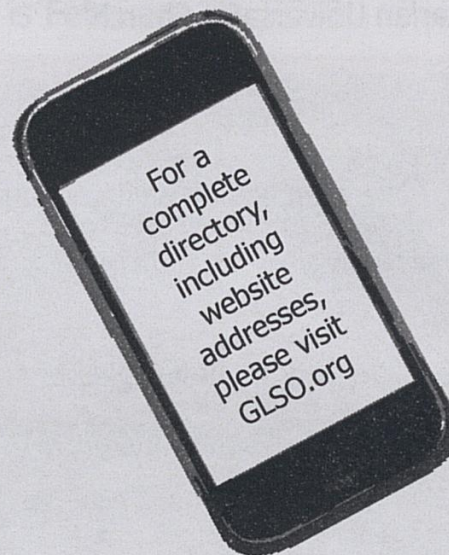
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