

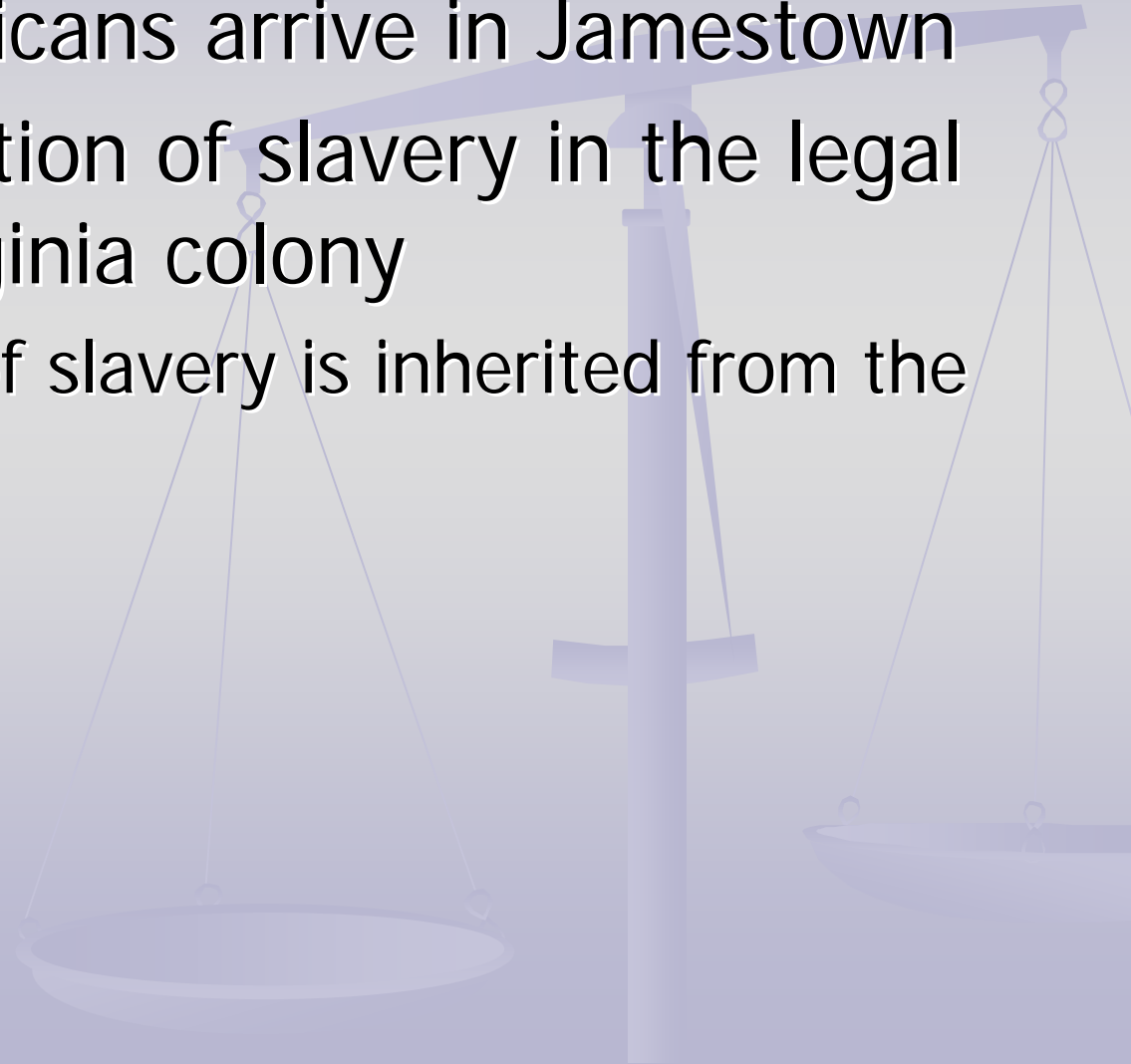


History in the making

The Election of Barack Obama as
the 44th President of the United
States of America

Milestones leading to today

- 1619 – First Africans arrive in Jamestown
- 1660 – Codification of slavery in the legal code of the Virginia colony
 - The condition of slavery is inherited from the mother



- On March 5, 1770, Crispus Attucks, probably a runaway slave, is one of five people killed in the Boston Massacre
- The engraving by Paul Revere (above) becomes the most widely distributed image of the Massacre
- The Boston Massacre by Henry Pelham (below), stepbrother of painter John Singleton Copley. Pelham published his design nearly two weeks after Paul Revere's.



- 1858 – The Dred Scott decision (*Scott v. Sandford*)

- In a 7-2 decision written by Chief Justice Robert Taney, the Supreme Court ruled, amongst other things that:

- The question is simply this: Can a negro, whose ancestors were imported into this country, and sold as slaves, become a member of the political community formed and brought into existence by the Constitution of the United States, and as such become entitled to all the rights, and privileges, and immunities, guarantied by that instrument to the citizen?

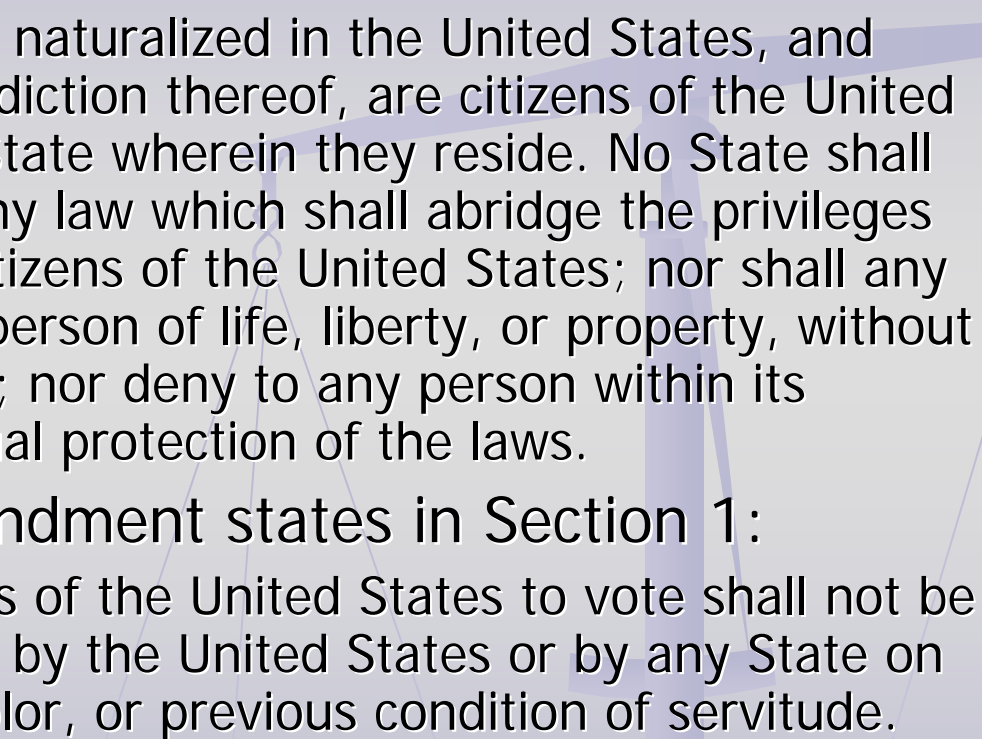
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- We think they are not, and that they are not included, and were not intended to be included, under the word 'citizens' in the Constitution, and can therefore claim none of the rights and privileges which that instrument provides for and secures to citizens of the United States. On the contrary, they were at that time considered as a subordinate and inferior class of beings, who had been subjugated by the dominant race, and, whether emancipated or not, yet remained subject to their authority, and had no rights or privileges but such as those who held the power and the Government might choose to grant them.



- 1863 – Abraham Lincoln's "Emancipation Proclamation" frees slaves living in areas controlled by the Confederacy but no others
- 1865 – Thirteenth Amendment banning slavery is ratified



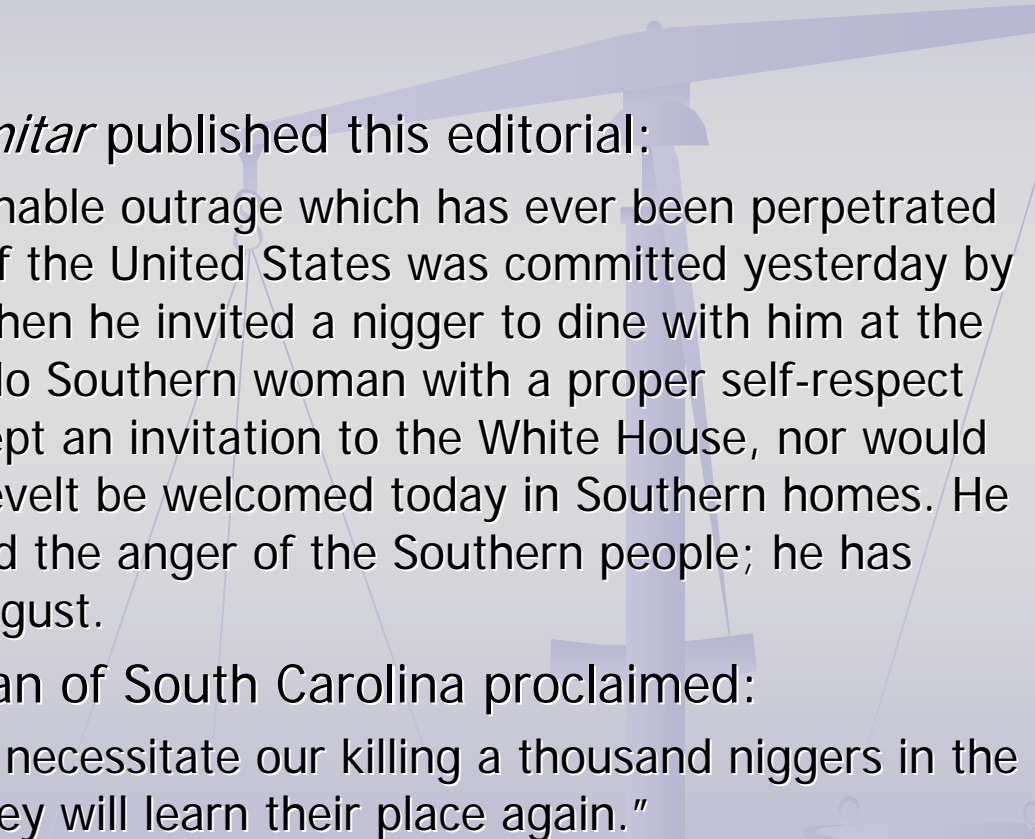
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- The Fourteenth (1868) and Fifteenth (1870) amendments to the Constitution redress the issues raised in the Dred Scott decision:
 - The Fourteenth states in Section 1:
 - All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.
 - The Fifteenth Amendment states in Section 1:
 - The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

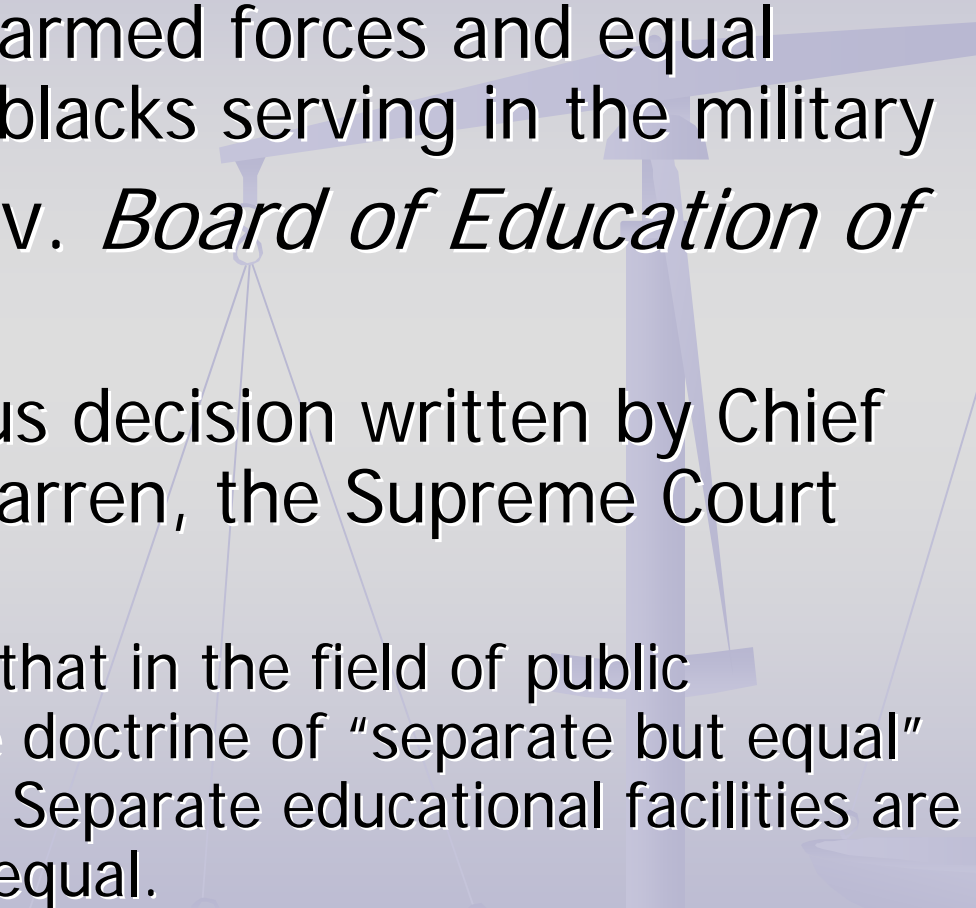
■ 1896 – *Plessy v. Ferguson*

■ In an 8-1 decision, the Supreme Court ruled:

- The object of the amendment* was undoubtedly to enforce the absolute equality of the two races before the law, but, in the nature of things, it could not have been intended to abolish distinctions based upon color, or to enforce social, as distinguished from political, equality, or a commingling of the two races upon terms unsatisfactory to either. Laws permitting, and even requiring, their separation, in places where they are liable to be brought into contact, do not necessarily imply the inferiority of either race to the other, and have been generally, if not universally, recognized as within the competency of the state legislatures in the exercise of their police power. The most common instance of this is connected with the establishment of separate schools for white and colored children, which have been held to be a valid exercise of the legislative power even by courts of states where the political rights of the colored race have been longest and most earnestly enforced

- *The Fourteenth Amendment

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- 1901 – Dinner at the White House
 - President Theodore Roosevelt invited the African American author, educator and speaker Booker T. Washington to the White House for dinner. This was the response:
 - The *Memphis Scimitar* published this editorial:
 - “The most damnable outrage which has ever been perpetrated by any citizen of the United States was committed yesterday by the President when he invited a nigger to dine with him at the White House...No Southern woman with a proper self-respect would now accept an invitation to the White House, nor would President Roosevelt be welcomed today in Southern homes. He has not inflamed the anger of the Southern people; he has excited their disgust.
 - Senator Ben Tillman of South Carolina proclaimed:
 - “The action will necessitate our killing a thousand niggers in the South before they will learn their place again.”

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- 1948 – Integrating the military
 - By executive order, President Harry S. Truman orders the integration of the United States armed forces and equal treatment for blacks serving in the military
 - 1954 – *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*
 - In a unanimous decision written by Chief Justice Earl Warren, the Supreme Court rules that:
 - We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of “separate but equal” has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

■ 1964 – The Civil Rights Act of 1964

- All persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, and privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation, as defined in this section, without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin.
- All persons shall be entitled to be free, at any establishment or place, from discrimination or segregation of any kind on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin, if such discrimination or segregation is or purports to be required by any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, or order of a State or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

■ 1965 – The Voting Rights Act of 1965

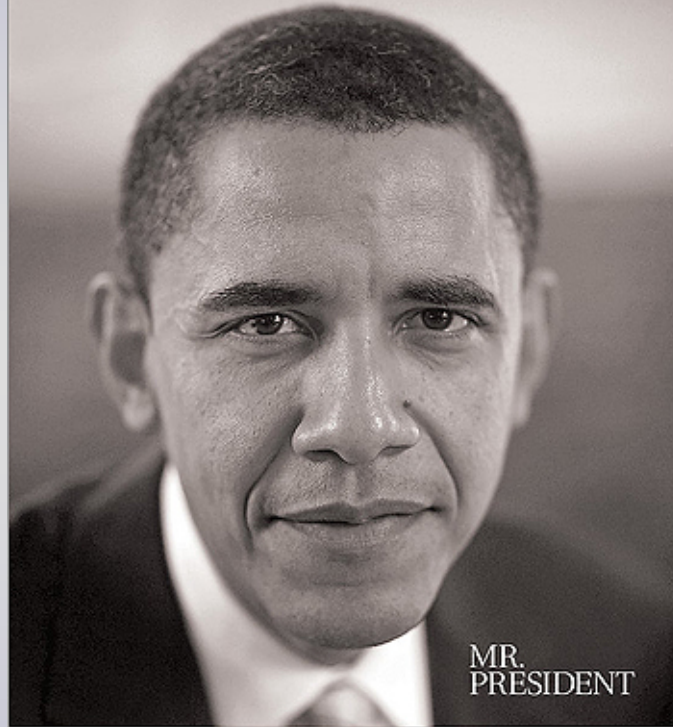
- No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color.

■ 1967 – *Loving v. Virginia*

- In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court ruled that:
 - Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival. ... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that the freedom of choice to marry not be restricted by invidious racial discriminations. Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual and cannot be infringed by the State.
- Laws still on the books in 17 states were overturned by this decision.
- In 1961, a certain Ann Dunham would not have been able to marry her husband of choice in almost half of the states of the United States

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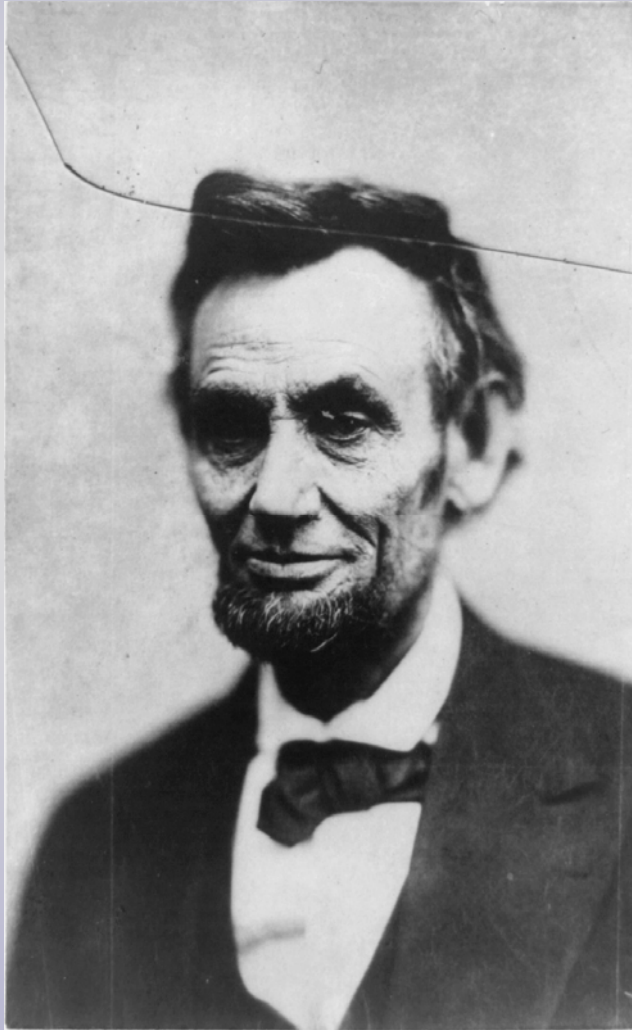
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Historic victory

Obama elected nation's first African-American president in a romp McCain falters on GOP terrain; Democrats increase clout in Congress



President-elect Barack Obama, his daughters Sasha and Malia, and Michelle waved to supporters last night in Chicago's Grant Park.

News Early this already, more than 100 million Americans have seen the election results. Obama's victory was a historic moment for the country and for the world.

By Scott Helman and Michael Kraushaar

CHICAGO — Senator Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States and the nation's first black candidate in chief executive, his triumphal sobbing in an era of profound political realignment in America.

New era beginning for party in power

WASHINGTON — Democrats received their first taste in Congress last night, packing up seats from the Canadian to the Mexican borders and ushering in a new era of Democratic power in Washington that has not been observed in nearly a century here as the GOP, Democrats collected several high-profile Senate seats, sweeping victories in battleground legislative seats, New Hampshire and Oregon, and the Virginia, West Virginia, and New Jersey.



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John McCain said he gave his all, while aides said the first began when he declared the losing election. Obama's victory was a historic moment for the country and for the world.

Shift in tone will bring a watershed for nation

CHICAGO — The people who crowded Grant Park last night, awaiting the election results, were not just a sea of partisan hues — red, blue, and green — but they also had a sense of shared purpose, looking for a new direction.

Among blacks, joy and tears at journey's end

CHICAGO — For many African-Americans, the election of Barack Obama was a historic moment. It was a journey that began with the struggle for civil rights and ended with the election of the first black president.

The Washington Post

Obama Makes History

U.S. DECISIVELY ELECTS FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT

DEMOCRATS EXPAND CONTROL OF CONGRESS



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Measured Response To Financial Crisis Sealed the Election

NEW YORK — Barack Obama, who won a public vote to lead the nation when he announced his presidential campaign, secured victory in the election.



Barack and Michelle Obama with their daughters, Sasha and Malia, celebrating their victory in Grant Park.

A Day of Transformation

America's History Gives Way to Its Future

After a day of intense news that circled Obama, it felt like the nation was in a state of transformation. The election of Barack Obama was a historic moment for the country and for the world.

Hard Choices and Challenges Follow Triumph

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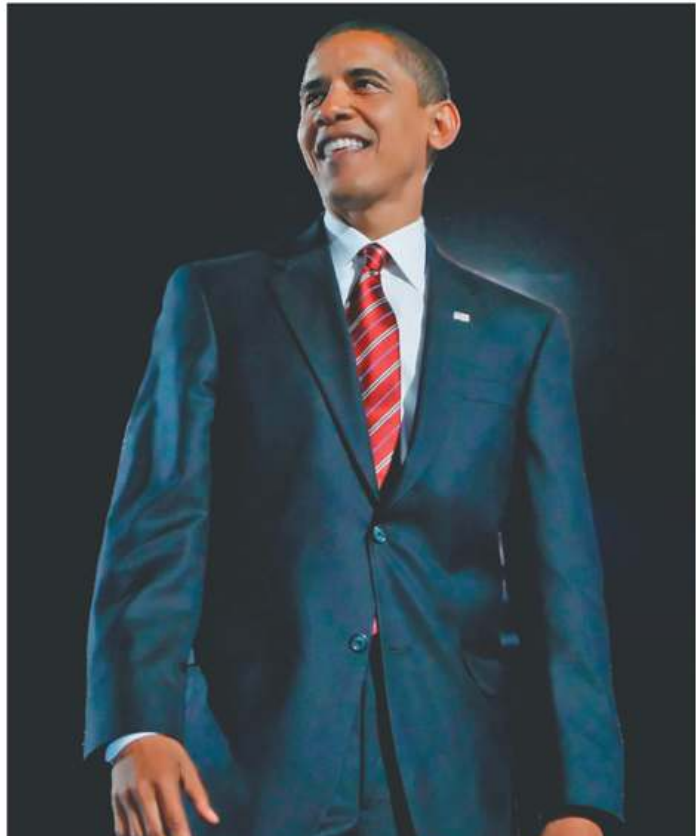
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BARACK OBAMA, THE NATION'S 44TH PRESIDENT

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Barack Obama and his family arrive on stage for a victory rally at Grant Park in Chicago after Americans on Tuesday elected the senator as their first black president.

VICTORY BREAKS RACIAL BARRIER

McCain concedes just after polls close in West

BY MICHAEL D. HEARIN AND ROBERT L. SANDER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama was elected the nation's 44th president Tuesday, shattering a centuries-old barrier and an inspirational message of change and an inspirational celebration of hope to be the first African American to ascend to the White House.

Obama, 47, the son of a Kenyan father and a white mother from Kansas, led a tide of Democratic victories across the nation to defeat Republican John McCain, a 26-year veteran of Washington

who could not overcome his connections to President Bush's increasingly unpopular administration.

If there is anyone out there who will doubt that America is a place where all things are possible, who will wonder if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who will question the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.

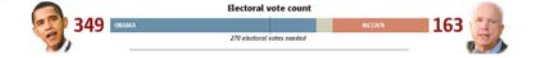
Obama told tens of thousands of supporters during victory celebrations in Chicago's Grant Park.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America."

Obama became the first Democrat since Jimmy Carter in 1976 to receive more than 50 percent of the



IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE, hand-ink of people flocked into the streets, chanting "Yes, we can" as they celebrate Obama's victory Tuesday night.



Gregoire appears headed to victory; Burner, Reichert in close race

BY JIM DENNER
Seattle Times staff reporter

Gov. Christine Gregoire appeared headed toward a second term last night, felled by the blue tide that swept fellow Democrat Barack Obama to the presidency.

Obama racked up a huge victory in the state, sending thousands of people to celebrate in the streets of Seattle.

Meanwhile, Gregoire had a substantial lead over Republican Dino Rossi in their bitter rematch. While only about half the votes were counted Tuesday night, the trend favored Gregoire since the vast majority of remaining ballots were in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties, where the sea was running strong.

But Rossi contended not enough votes had been counted to declare a victor.

Democrats were eyeing another possible pickup here, as Democratic challenger Darcy Burner was mounting neck and neck with Republican Congress-

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