President Obama! Historic journey begins

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Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a legendary Democrat who is suffering from brain cancer. He suffered an apparent seizure at a Senate luncheon in honor of Obama. "This is a joyous time but it's also a sobering time." Obama said. "And my prayers are with him and his family and (Kennedy's wife) Vicki."

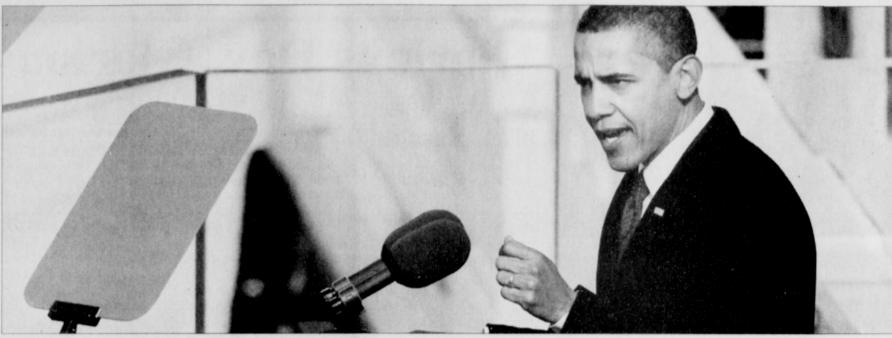
As Kennedy was put into an ambulance, he told Senate colleague Chris Dodd, D-Conn., "I'll be OK, I'll see you later," according to Dodd.

Obama wove a thread of personal responsibility and accountability through his inaugural address. He spoke of a "new era of responsibility" and alluded to the inability-orunwillingness-of Americans to adjust to the passing of an industrial-based economy. "Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age," he said.

After four hours of pomp and ceremony at the Capitol, Obama and his wife, Michelle, rode in a tall, heavily armored Cadillac limousine along the 1.5 mile parade route to the White House. There was a heavy police and military presence along the way, and thousands of onlookers waving from the side.

Two years after beginning his improbable quest as a littleknown, first-term Illinois senator with a foreign-sounding name, Obama moved into the Oval Office as the nation's fourth-youngest president, at 47, and the first African-American, a barrierbreaking achievement believed their society's ills on the West impossible by generations of mi- know that your people will judge norities.

He said it was a moment to what you destroy." recall "that all are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to pur-through corruption and deceit sue their full measure of happiness." In another racial reference, that you are on the wrong side of he paid tribute to workers in the history, but that we will extend a



In his inaguration speech, President Barack Obama declares the nation must choose 'hope over fear' and 'unity of purpose over conflict and discord.'



Spectators wave flags as they wait on the National Mall on the morning of the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States at his inauguration ceremony in Washington, D.C.

cratic era - with Obama allies in charge of both houses of Congress - ends eight years of Republican control of the White House by Bush, who leaves Washington as one of the nation's most unpopular and divisive presidents, the architect of two unfinished wars and the man in charge at a time of economic calamity that swept away many Americans' jobs, savings and

Obama called for a political truce in Washington to end "the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and wornout dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics."

He said that all Americans have roles in rebuilding the nation by renewing the traditions of hard work, honesty and fair play, tolerance, loyalty and patriotism.

With the economy in a long

and deepening recession, Obama said it was time for swift and bold action to create new jobs and lay a foundation for growth. Congressional Democrats have readied an \$825 billion stimulus plan of tax cuts and spending for roads, bridges, schools, electric grids and other projects.

Contradicting the objections of Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton to big government, Obama said, The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works.'

After the ceremony, Obama and his wife escorted Bush and his wife to a helicopter on the East Front of the Capitol for the trip to nearby Andrews Air Force Base and a flight back home to Texas. In his remarks, Obama took

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With old friends and former foes, we will work tirelessly to lessen the nuclear threat, and roll back the specter of a warming planet. - President Barack Obama

whip and plowed the hard earth."

Obama's election was cheered around the world as a sign that America will be more embracing, more open to change. "To the Muslim world," Obama said, "we seek a new way forward, based on spect."

Still, he bluntly warned, "To the platform. those leaders around the globe

past who "endured the lash of the hand if you are willing to unclench your fist," Obama said in his address, which ran 18 1/2 minutes.

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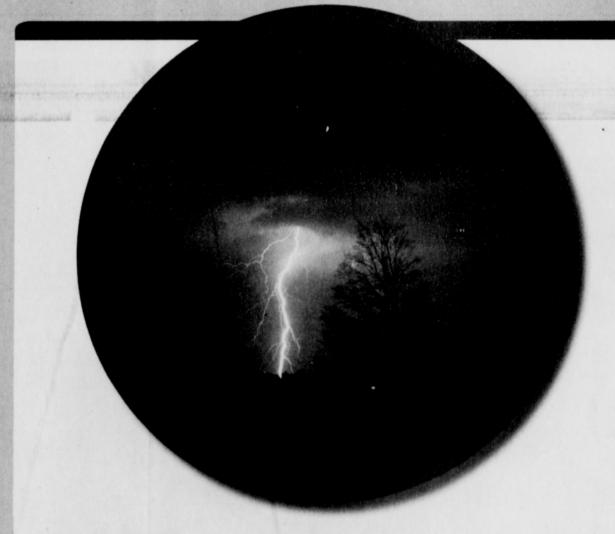
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To those who cling to power

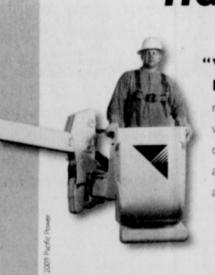
A mighty chorus of cheers erupted as he stepped to the inaugural platform, a midday sun warming the crowd that had waited for hours in the cold. There were mutual interest and mutual re- some boos when Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney came onto

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Mayor Battles Sex Scandal

A contrite Mayor Sam Adams has apologized to Portland for lying about a sexual relationship with a teenage male but asked the city to consider it an anomaly in two decades of public service.

He held a press conference Tuesday and said he had no plans to resign.

But under questioning, he said that he would resign if, as he put it, "it were no longer in the city's best interests that I stay."

While running for mayor, the openly gay Adams denied a 2005 sexual relationship with Beau Breedlove of Salem.

He says the relationship was but inappropriate.

ture."

"I should have been honest at believe me," Adams said.



Sam Adams

legal — Breedlove had turned 18 the time when this first surfaced in 2007. But I didn't believe that Adams first met Breedlove given the way that rumors were when Breedlove was a 17-year- being spread-about whether I old aide at the Oregon Legisla- had broken the law by having sex with a minor-that people would