

Alphabet Soup

Upcoming Events!

- Meetings Every Thursday @ 5:30 in the Women's Center
- Rent Sing-a-Long/ AIDS Awareness TBD

The Inauguration of Hope

WASHINGTON

The Human Rights Campaign today released this statement from President Joe Solmonese on the inauguration of Barack Obama and Joe Biden:

"Today's inauguration represents a paradigm shift. The pendulum has swung away from the anti-gay forces and toward a new president

and vice president who acknowledge our equality," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "For the past eight years, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue was out of reach and out of touch. Our community and do many others are looking at a new day of



welcome and great promise. "

"We salute President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on this historic day in our nation's capital and look forward to working with

them in the months and years ahead," continued Solmonese.

What are His Plans?

What are the steps Barack Obama is taking for LGBTQ Equality?

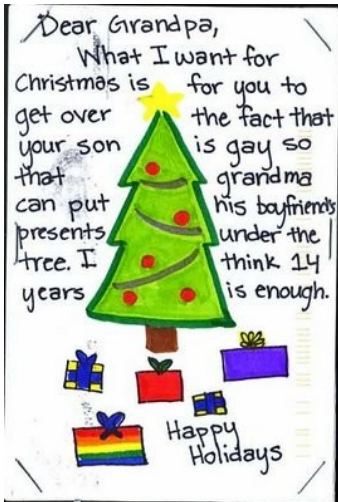
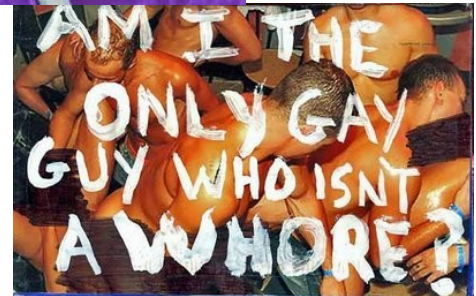
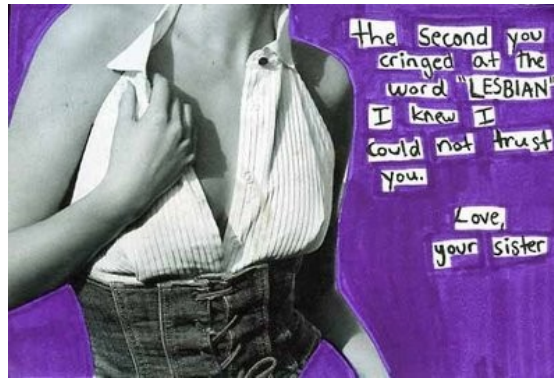
- He supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
- He supports full civil unions which would give same-sex couples rights and privileges equal to those of married couples.
- He wants to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and he opposes a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.
- He wants to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- He wants to ensure adoption rights for all couples and individuals regardless of their sexual orientation.
- He wants to develop a comprehensive national AIDS/HIV strategy.



Opinion: Let's Talk

This is the beginning of not only a new year or a new semester, but of new hope. Equality. A word that inspires, that brings together people of all nationalities, races, genders, sexual orientations, and religions with the common drive for the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. America is a nation forged from the dream of equality, of freedom to choose who you want to be.

Now I challenge you: who are you and what are your dreams?



Quotes of the Day:

While we have come a long way since the Stonewall riots in 1969, we still have a lot of work to do. Too often, the issue of LGBT rights is exploited by those seeking to divide us. But at its core, this issue is about who we are as Americans. It's about whether this nation is going to live up to its founding promise of equality by treating all its citizens with dignity and respect.

Barack Obama, June 1, 2007

We've been warned against offering the people of this nation false hope. But in the unlikely story that is America, there has never been anything false about hope.

Barack Obama

