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The Wedding Heard 'Round the World

America's First Gay Marriage

MICHAEL McCONNELL WITH JACK BAKER

AS TOLD TO GAIL LANGER KARWOSKI

I know that everybody sees themselves at the center of their own stage, and every couple feels like they're creating their own universe. But for us, getting married really did set off tremors that ripped through the solid surface of our culture.



Photograph by Melissa Davidson

My husband is Jack Baker. He became the darling of the national media in 1970, the year that he was elected the first openly gay student-body president. My name is Michael McConnell. And ours is the world's first gay marriage.

—Excerpt from the Prologue to *The Wedding Heard 'Round the World*

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Read their story here: <http://tinyurl.com/mcconnell-baker>.

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