# I am not going to just 'get over it!'

*To the Colby Free Press*:

This is the second time recently that I have read an article in our newspaper saying same sex marriage is no big deal, "Get over it." So it's time to hear the opposing view. If you haven't heard, the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would define marriage in the U.S. Constitution as the union of one man and one woman, is currently a very big issue. Homosexual activists charge that this would be writing discrimination into our country's founding document and are trying to compare this issue to the struggle of African Americans to be treated equally. Don't be deceived into believing this is no big

It is not homosexuals, but marriage, that is under attack. The truth is, the Constitution is going to be altered one way or the other. Either the change will come from unelected judges intent on creating a right for homosexuals to marry, such right; or it will come from the

amendment to preserve marriage as quired to provide marriage benefits don't want to live in a country where it has served our society for centu- to same sex couples regardless of ries. This is not a matter of wanting their beliefs. Churches may lose equal rights, this is a matter of wanting special rights. They have the same right you and I have, to marry someone of the opposite sex.

right to enter into a covenant with that chooses to marry another another individual. The goal is to seek legitimization of their behavior, gain the benefits of marriage, and to revise national policy to say that gender, especially in child-rearing, is inconsequential, even though research indicates that children do have the right to marry two women, best when raised by a married mother and father.

tant think about the possible consetively right or wrong; it all depends quences it will have on our society on your perspective. If you say and our children. Schools will teach something is wrong you may offend our children that homosexuality is someone. If you want to choose to normal and just one of their choices. The Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network has already created a try you are free to do that, but you curriculum for our schools to edu- don't have the right to redefine when the constitution grants no cate our children about same sex marriage to legitimize your behavmarriage (DrThrockmorton.com ior. American people through this for details). Businesses will be re-

their nontaxable status because they teach that homosexuality is a sin and refuse to marry same sex couples. Our children will check out The goal of gay activists isn't the books at school depicting a prince prince instead of a princess (by the way this has already happened). And, I will be a bigot because I believe that homosexuality is wrong.

By the way if I have the "right" to marry another woman, do I also or three men.....

Our society is infected with moral If you think this issue is unimpor-relativity, that is, nothing is definiparticipate in homosexual behavior that's your right. In this great coun-

I don't know about you, but I

there is no right or wrong. The only reliable standard for determining good and evil is the Word of God which is the foundation of our constitution (like it or not).

God is not just a fuddy duddy who didn't want us to have any fun, he told us what was right and wrong to protect us from the natural consequences of those things that will

"Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."—Thomas Jefferson, 1781.

If you would like to know more about this subject, "Focus On the Family" and "The American Family Association" Web sites are excellent resources. You can also contact your elected government officials to ask them to protect marriage. The Senate votes on this issue July 15.

> Josie Weis Pam Sager Colby

# Legalizing gay marriage sending wrong message

*To the Colby Free Press:* 

My name is Robin Shubert; I am 16 years old. I live in Mingo. I homeschool and attend Mingo Bible Church. I recently read the column in the Colby Free Press (6/ 14/2004) concerning homosexual marriage. Upon reading the article, I thought that there were some points that I felt needed a response.

The first point that concerned me was the fact that a law banning homosexuality would advantage religion. In considering this, I realized that it would not matter which direction the law went, one group would be promoted and prevail, and the other would be oppressed. Also, you cannot shove your morality down my throat by saying that homosexuality is correct and I am incorrect because of who I am.

Another thing I saw was the statement that homosexuals are going to get married no matter what we do, so we should just legalize it and be done. But this brings to my mind the question of things such as shoplifting, driving under the influence, assault and drugs. Should we legalize these things as well, because people are going to do these things anyway?

Then, there was the statement that the government should not regulate marriage. America has legislated marriage ever since the beginning of this nation, and isn't it a little odd that we never had a problem with it until now? That statement also implies that we should make room for the brother and sis-

ter that want to get married, and the man that wants five wives.

There was also the point that people already treat marriage profanely. Yes, that is a problem, but legalizing homosexual marriage will only damage the institution of marriage more. No matter what people say, everyone will see this as a step down from the formality of marriage into a casuality that will destroy all of the beauty left in it. And, even if the number of marriages goes up, the estimation of marriage will go down. People will see marriage as a transient stage between mates, sort of like dating. Therefore, the divorce rate will also skyrocket.

In conclusion, because homosexuality hurts people physically and mentally, a law promoting it will harm those who are victimized, directly and indirectly, by that life style. It is my opinion that we should do everything possible to prevent it and protect what formality we have left in marriage.

Also, as people my age are not normally well versed in such subjects as this, I wish that you at the Colby Free Press would be a little more careful in what you print on such things. Some people are rather gullible, and will swallow almost anything that comes out in print.

Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to read this. Sincerely,

Robin Lea Shubert Mingo

(Letter #47)

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## Column on politics, religion a bit confusing non-negotiable. Just because some- lust, laziness, etc. Do you see the closed on Christmas, does it not

*To the Colby Free Press*:

Ken Poland's column (Ken's World, June 7) about religion and politics was somewhat confusing. My response here is based on two assumptions: I'm not exactly sure to which "major denomination" you're referring, but I'm assuming when you refer to "the church" you're talking about the Catholic church. I'm also assuming that one of the "candidates" is John Kerry.

I do agree that "we compromise the very basis of Christian theology when we pick and choose the sins we will and will not accept." The Catholic church (again, if that is the church to which you referred) is far from perfect. Kerry, a Catholic, is a long-time supporter of abortion. In

it moral. Yes, by the grace of God we are all pardoned by the sacrifice of Christ's blood. However, shouldn't a man at least attempt to do the moral thing according to doctrine held by his denomination?

The Catholic church opposes abortion, period. It opposes homosexual marriage. Why? For various reasons, but those two issues directly impact the family. The church makes no secret where it stands here. Do people fail in those areas? Oh yah. Of course, when a person attempts to live up to those standards he is labeled intolerant, homophobic, and out-of-touch.

thing is legal does not always make irony here? In one sentence you condemn the church for speaking out on moral issues and in another complain that it is not loud enough.

> Jesus himself said, (allow me to thumb through my Bible and find scripture that supports my standard of morality...ah, yes, here it is): "How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:14). Hey, He said it! So please, don't point your finger at the church.

If a nation founded on Christian principles where the accepted currency reads, "In God We Trust," judges and politicians are sworn You then say that by default we into office with one hand on the the Catholic church some things are accept the sins of greed, gluttony, Bible, and government offices are

make sense to get advice from the perfect leader?

This directly leads into the flipflopping issue you mentioned regarding "one of the major presidential candidates" (Kerry?). I pity the leader who keeps changing his mind on principle. Time and circumstances do not matter.

Practices might change — such as your no-till farming example but where steady, integrity-based character is involved I'll always support the man who knows where he stands regardless of circum-

> **Doug Johnson** Colby (Letter #49)

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KLBY/ABC  4 6	News	-				Mak- eover	Mak- eover	The View		Holly- wood	News	
KSNK/NBC <b>8 9</b>	News Cor	nt'd	Today					Live With I and Kelly			Regis Martha Ste Living	
KBSL/CBS	News				The Early	Show	The 700 C	lub	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 3	World News	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Boohbah	Barney- Friends	Dragon Tales	Lions	Sesame S	treet	Clifford- Red	Teletub- bies
WGN 13	Chang- ing				Hillbil- lies	Happy Days	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Rockford Files	
NICK 29	Oddpar- ents	Rocket Power	Rugrats	Spon- geBob	Max & Ruby	Maggie- Beast		Blue's Clues		Blue's Clues	Rugrats	Rugrats
FAM 30	Digimon- Digital	Bey- blade	Power Rangers	Digimon- Digital	Varied	Living the Life	The 700 C	lub	7th Heave	n	Full House	Full House
USA 31)	JAG		Nash Brid	Nash Bridges Movie					Movie			
TBS (37)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie			Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved- Bell	Saved- Bell	
TNT 38	The Lost	World	The Prete	nder	Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Paid Program		Varied Pro	rograms Double Agents		gents	Designer Designer Guys		Rally Round the House	
A&E (47)	Varied Pro	Varied Programs Movie					Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN (49)	SportsCe	SportsCenter		nter	Sports- Varied Center		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Tennis	Varied
HBO	Movie Cont'd	Varied Pr	ograms		Movie	Varied Pr	aried Programs					
DISN (17)	Koala Brothers	Stanley	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles
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KSNK/NBC	News	Family Feud	Days of O	ur Lives	Passions		Inside Edition	Family Feud	Million- aire	Jeop- ardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the Wo	orld Turns	Guiding Light The Peop		The Peop	le's Court	Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 3	Reading Rainbow	Mister Rogers	Varied Pro	ied Programs George Shrinks		Beren. Bears	Liberty's Kids	Cyber- chase	Arthur	Zoom	Busi- ness	
WGN 13	News	•	In the Hea Night	t of the	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK 29	Varied Pro	ograms	-		•	•	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats
FAM (30)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Switche- d!	Knock First	7th Heave	en	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House
USA 31)	JAG	Varied Pro	ograms		•	•					Walker, Texas Ranger	
TBS (37)	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld
TNT (38)	Law & Or	der	NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		Judging Amy		Angel		Charmed	
DSC (42)	Surprise I	by Design	Surprise I	y Design	Rally Rou House	ınd the	Double A	ouble Agents Vari		/aried Programs		
A&E (47)	American	Justice	Movie		•		Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN (49)	Tennis		•				•		Around the Horn	Interrup- tion	rup- SportsCenter	
HBO	Movie	Varied Pro	ograms					Movie	Varied Pr	ograms	•	
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire
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K15CG 3	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Sun- flower	Kansas Arts	The New 1 House Ho		Frontline/World (N) (CC)		World News	Keeping Up	Charlie Ro (CC)	ose (N)	
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	MLB Base Stadium. (		icago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals. Busch				WGN News	Be <b>ck</b> er Cooked	Elimi- date	The 5th Wheel	
NICK 29	Jimmy Ne utron	Spon- ge Bob	Oddpar- ents	Sabrina- Witch	Full House	Full House	Who's Boss?	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM 30	7th He ave	n (CC)	Movie: Air discovers	e: Air Bud ★★½ (1997) A lonely boy wers a dog with a nose for basketball. Whose Line? Line?				The 700 Club (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
USA 31	JAG War ( Part 2 of 2		Law & Ord Special Vi									gt. Bilko ⋆½ (1996, Steve Martin. (CC)	
TBS (37)	MLB Base Stadium. (		a Braves at	Florida Ma	rlins. Pro P	layer	Movie: Three to Tango ★½ (1999, Comedy) Matthew Perry. (CC)				Movie: Feeling Minnesota (1996)		
TNT 38	Law & Ord (CC) (DVS		Law & Ord Castoff (Co				(1996) Teenage at their high school. Movie: I Know W Summer ★½ (1996)				at You Did Last  7) Jennifer Love Hewitt.		
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A&E <b>47</b>	Ame rican	Justice		File <b>s</b> Pros a serial kil		e helps police (CC) The First 48: Double Murder			Crossing Jordan (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		
ESPN 49	NBA Pre-Draft	2004 <b>NBA</b>	Draft New	York. (Live	) (CC)		_				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		
HBO (7)	The Terminal		om Justin t Kelly Clark		Movie: Ju: Comedy) A				Downloading Sex: Nerve.com (CC)		Movie: Killing Emmett Young		
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**JUNE 25** 

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KSNK/NBC	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline N					Las Vegas Die Fast, Die Furious (CC)		News The Tonig		Late Night (N)	
KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Joan of Arcadia No Bad Guy (CC)		JAG Hard Time (CC) (DVS)		48 Hours (CC)		News (CC)	Late Shov Hunt; Dyla		Late Late	
K15CG		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wall- Fortune	Market- Market	Kansas Week	Now With Moyers (N		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Ro (CC)	ose (N)	
WGN (13)			lade Runner *** ½ (1982) A 21st-century down deadly runaway androids. (CC) (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Elimi- date	The 5th Wheel			
NICK 29	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Grown Up	Grown Up	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM (30)	7th Heave	n (CC)	Movie: Coming to America *** (1988, Comedy) An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride. Whose Line?					The 700 C	lub (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program		
USA (31)	JAG Webb of Lies (CC)				Monk Mr. Monk & the Panic Room (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims		Monk Mr. Monk & the Panic Room				
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DSC (42)						Motorcycle Mania 3: Jesse James Rides Again				Casino	Motorcycle Mania: Jesse James Rides		
A&E (47)	American Justice Biography: Colonel				Biography Thomas	: Dave	Dave <b>Biography:</b> Ray Kroc: McMillionaire		American Justice A Soldier's Secret		Biography: Colonel Sanders		
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