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In the News

"Politicians and alleged religious leaders have routinely invited us to hate gay people and call it morality. They have taught us to frame gay lives in cloudy abstractions of tradition and values. But this isn't abstract, is it?"

Columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr. of the *Miami Herald* on our case representing Janice Langbehn, who was barred by hospital staff from seeing her dying partner of nearly 20 years.

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

"Not everyone will agree with the result in this case, but anyone who takes time to examine the logic of the court's carefully constructed decision should agree it is a fair-minded explanation of why this law cannot survive under the Iowa Constitution's equal-rights dictates."

Des Moines Register editorial on the Iowa marriage victory in *Varnum v. Brien*.

APRIL 4, 2009

"The equal-protection guarantee is a promise of equality for all under law. Carving exceptions into that promise diminishes it for all. The court's analysis worries me because it accepts the use of the initiative power to target a vulnerable minority."

Marriage Project Director Jennifer C. Pizer, quoted in the San Diego Union Tribune about the California Supreme Court decision in *Strauss v. Horton*.

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