

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/5/01 9:45am  
**Subject:** Re: How to live this one down?

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06/04/01 06:52pm >>>

Dear Mayor Fiacco,

I called your office today to learn more about Heterosexual Family Pride Day, having learned about it this afternoon by e-mail, when I received the article that follows. (Actually, I think I heard of it a couple of weeks ago, but assumed it was a hoax.) I called your office to find out who are the people in MY COMMUNITY who think this is a good idea. Who ARE these people? Your receptionist politely stonewalled me, so I still don't know. (She was very nice, and I'm not complaining.)

I am sending you the article below, because, although I am (currently) a married woman, a mother and a Christian, I find this Proclamation, and the whole idea of Heterosexual Family Pride Day, deeply disturbing, for reasons Michele Landsberg describes perfectly.

The Proclamation of Heterosexual Family Pride Day, with each of its debatable "whereas's", alerts me to the fact that I am living in a community that understands and is using Christianity in a way that assaults my understanding of Christian love. I fear the thinking behind this proclamation.

I worked for several years as the children's counsellor in a Regina shelter for battered women, and I can assure you that the "intact heterosexual family" very often does not "provide an excellent nurturing environment for children..." I saw hundreds of children from heterosexual families in turmoil. Some of the worst abuse of women and children was at the hands of "Christian" men who found Biblical justification for controlling members of their families with physical force. Often non-Christian men would cool off and think they had made a mistake. But the "entitled Christian men" often had more trouble recognizing criminal assault as such, and their damaged wives often believed in their hearts that they "deserved it". From many years of working in shelters, one of my more vivid memories is of a minister of a Christian church coming to the door of the shelter and demanding that we release to him, right then and there, a woman with an arm broken and eyes blackened by her husband. And her three frightened children. This was on the woman's third trip to the shelter, each time with more serious injuries. The minister argued that the husband is head of the family, I countered with "as Christ is the head of the church, so show me the passage that condones beating your wife."

But that kind of conversation is usually pointless. I have found it possible to ignore these people, and I like to "live and let live" whenever possible.

I write to you now to tell you I am sorry you signed this Proclamation, "ask[ing] our citizens to recognize this day." By asking us to recognize this day I can only assume you agree with the "whereas's". I would have hoped that, as the elected mayor of all Regina citizens, you would have exercised a dispassionate regard for the civil liberties of us all, and refused to condone the activities of a group whose sole purpose is to undermine the aspirations of another group.

As Landsberg's article illustrates and describes, this is not an event that will bring honour and admiration to Regina. I'm not sure it'll be great for tourism or industry, either.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Respectfully,

28(1) Personal

## HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY LIFE A SOURCE OF SMUG PRIDE

MICHELE LANDSBERG TORONTO STAR SAT, JUNE 2 '01 PG.L1

When I first heard about it, the idea was so preposterous that I dismissed it as just another Internet hoax. Then my latest copy of Briarpatch ("Saskatchewan's independent alternative newsmagazine") arrived in the mail. Good old Briarpatch's enterprising editors had actually reprinted the entire, official announcement:

The office of the mayor of the city of Regina proclaims Monday, June 18, as Heterosexual Family Pride Day.

The long list of "whereas's" makes the mayor's orientation abundantly clear. Whereas the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible, and whereas "large bodies" of research show that the intact hetero families provide excellent nurturing for children, and whereas the i.h.f. provide necessary stability for the good of society, and whereas the i.h.f provides "sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them", and whereas monogamous husbands and wives have no reason to worry about AIDS or broken hearts (oh yeah?), Mayor Pat Fiacco asks citizens to recognize Heterosexual Family Pride Day.

My first reaction was a burst of hearty laughter; my second was a slight queasiness at the thought of the small-eyed, snake-belly-white kind of homophobe who would come up with such a farrago of nonsense.

Smug majorities are given to this kind of thing. They lash back at any disadvantaged group that pesters them with demands, needles them into the painful exercise of thought or disturbs their placid enjoyment of their monolithic rightness, whiteness and entitlement.

The first stage of reaction is denial. Wife-battering? Child sexual abuse?

Systemic racism in Canada? I could cite you chapter and verse of the respectable commentators who swore up and down that none of these harms existed.<

The second stage of majoritarian panic is, pardon the expression, appropriation.

The same misogynists who insisted that there was no such thing as wife-battering soon began to change their tune: from a bellow to a whine.

"Me too!" they began to whimper. "Men are battered too." Despite the obvious idiocy of this claim --- women who are deemed "battered" are subject to a complex mesh of submissive conditioning, threats, intimidation, physical violence, crushed self-respect, terror and financial dependency, usually because of responsibility for the children --- the wails of the copycat victim are heard world-wide.

In Cairo, where women can choose female-only subway cars to avoid gropers, a male lawyer is threatening to sue unless the city provides men-only cars.

In Austria, where women earn one third of the male rate of pay, Herbert Haupt of the far-right Freedom Party is not only the minister of women's affairs ---he's also a backlash bozo who thinks there should be a men's

department . And in British Columbia, a shelter for men who have suffered "verbal or physical abuse" (cry me a river) had to close down for lack

of public support. The National Post was aghast at their plight.

Heterosexual Family Pride Day, however, is the ultimate in embarrassing acts of appropriation. Can you imagine the mind of someone who think he

has to strut the "pride" of heterosexual men? The smarmy language doesn't hide the all-too-obvious motives: to assert the supremacy of conservative family values, to denigrate the claims of the gay rights movement, and to try

to enshrine one Christian or "missionary" brand of sexuality as the only official and legal style of union.

Seems these evangelicals feel all shook up unless the state enforces their form of belief. Their idea of social stability, however, is just what

threatens us all. It creates the kind of parents who teach their children to hate and taunt their schoolmates who are children of lesbians or gay

men. It gives licence to the kind of thugs who would beat a Matthew Shephard to death because he was gay. It breeds the toxic intolerance that drives gay youths to a 30 per cent higher suicide rate than other teens.

Heterosexual "intact families" --- a tiny minority --- already bask at the top of the social -approval ladder. Surely that's enough legitimation for anyone. Besides, I just read in the New York Times that the divorce

rate in the evangelical Christian heartland of the U.S. is 50 per cent above the national average.

The patriarchal system isn't working any more, fellas! It's plumb broke.

Proclaim all you want, you're driving last century's model. Maybe, instead of copy-cattig gay pride days, you ought to learn something from feminists, lesbians and gays about real love and commitment in the arms of equality.

On second thought, nah. Equality is one thing you can't fake.



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 4/5/01 10:01am  
**Subject:** Re: Other

Hi 28(1)

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of April 4th inquiring about the "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. I can confirm that this day was proclaimed by Mayor Fiacco in Regina and I also wish to provide you with some background on this subject.

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I hope this clarifies the background on our process for proclamations. I have attached the wording of the proclamation, as requested. Please let us know if you require further information.

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>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 04/04/01 11:39am >>>

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Email: 28(1) Personal

Time to Call: Anytime

Contact by : E-Mail

Good Afternoon,  
I have heard that Regina's City Council has proclaimed June 18th to be Heterosexual Pride Day. If this is true, I would appreciate receiving a copy of the proclamation (via email would be fine). Thank you for your attention to this request.  
Sincerely, 28(1)

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help  
**Date:** 6/13/01 11:54am  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>> 28(1) Personal . 06/05/01 09:34am >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal  
Email is 28(1) Personal  
Comments are This isn't really a request; more of a comment, regarding \"Heterosexual Family Pride Day.\"

What on earth were you thinking? I mean, even if you disregard the fact that you're drawing criticism nationwide, and even from the USA, the point is WHY you're drawing it.

And these critics are 100% correct. EVERY day is heterosexual pride day. Every day you see

heterosexual couples holding hands, kissing, expressing affection publicly. They don't need a proclamation from the mayor to express their pride.

A pride day is a way of drawing attention to an issue that people might not ordinarily consider, such as the fact that their family, friends, co-workers, customers, et cetera, might be gay.

What earthly good does Heterosexual Family Pride day do?

The proclamation is laughable on its face. Being married protects you from broken hearts? It protects you from AIDS? Look at the divorce rate! AIDS can be (and has been) contracted through blood transfusions!

And "large bodies of research" show that intact heterosexual families provide a nurturing environment for children... I don't know what research he's referring to, but I'll give him that point. However, he has it phrased in such a way that he implies that ONLY an intact heterosexual family can provide a nurturing environment for children.

As for the issue of sexual satisfaction... without going into detail, I assure you that sexual satisfaction can be obtained outside of a heterosexual marriage.

Now, \*I\* realize that you did not write the proclamation. Bill Whatcott did. But because you have made the proclamation, YOU have taken responsibility for it. YOU are saying that it's fact. YOU are declaring this. Would you have simply read a speech someone else wrote for you which espouses their own beliefs (which may or may not mirror your own?) when you were campaigning? Of course not! It would have been political suicide! But now that you're in office, that is, in essence, what you've done. And the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered constituents who voted for you DO feel betrayed by this.

It is obvious to me, as it is to everyone to whom I've spoken about this proclamation, that Bill Whatcott and his Christian Truth Ministry simply seek to advance their own agenda. The problem is that they've managed to convince the office of the mayor to legitimize it.

On another note, I shall follow this email with another, containing the transcript of an editorial from the Toronto Star on the subject of Regina's Heterosexual Family Pride Day. I hope you will find it as enlightening as did I.

I remain,  
28(1) Personal



**Carol Edwards - RE: FW:**

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**From:** 28(1) Personal  
**To:** "Carol Edwards" <CEDWARDS@cityregina.com>  
**Date:** 30/May/2001 4:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: FW:

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Dear Ms. Edwards,

I have no further concerns. However, I think the actions taken after receiving messages like mine is commendable. I also appreciate your response. I have come to see Regina in a new and positive light. Thank you for your reply.

My best,

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Carol Edwards [mailto:CEDWARDS@cityregina.com]  
> Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2001 4:23 PM  
> To: 28(1) Personal  
> Cc: colleen.toth@tourismregina.com  
> Subject: Re: FW:  
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 > From: 28(1) Personal  
 > Sent: Saturday, May 26, 2001 6:32 PM  
 > To: info@tourismregina.com  
 > Cc: marlon.marshall@leader-post.sk.ca  
 > Subject:  
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CC: "colleen.toth@tourismregina.com".Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1

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**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help; Pat Fiacco  
**Date:** 5/23/01 8:35am  
**Subject:** Re: A word from A heterosexual

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05/22/01 02:20pm >>>

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**Date:** 6/4/01 10:44am  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>>28(1) Personal 05/30/01 06:58pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal

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Comments are Congratulations for having the cojones to stand up for family values against these marginal groups.

Makes me wish I lived in Regina.

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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 4/20/01 4:23pm  
**Subject:** Re: Other

Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina

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Contact by : E\_Mail

Swerve, a Winnipeg newsmagazine, recently reported that Regina's mayor Pat Fiacco declared June 18 Heterosexual Family Pride Day. I was unable to find confirmation of this anywhere on your site, or anywhere else on the web, for that matter. Can you tell me whether this is correct and where I can read more about it? If I've asked the wrong people, can you direct me to where I can find out? Thanks.



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** Internet28(1) Personal  
**Date:** 5/11/01 3:09pm  
**Subject:** Re: City of Regina Proclamations

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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 4/4/01 5:36pm  
**Subject:** Re: Other

Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina

Hello 28(1) Personal

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>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 03/27/01 10:58am >>>

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>>>28(1) Personal 03/27/01 10:46am >>>

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Contact by : E-Mail

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**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 5/11/01 3:07pm  
**Subject:** Re: Bylaw Enforcement

Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina

Hi 28(1) Personal

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>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 05/08/01 12:25pm >>>

Thank you for visiting the City of Regina website. Your inquiry has been forwarded to the appropriate division.

>>> 28(1) Personal 05/08/01 10:40am >>>

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Contact by : E\_Mail

I am looking for a copy of the proclamation made by the Mayor for an \"Intact Heterosexual Family Day\" for June ??, 2001.  
and any related information  
Please email or mail a copy to me.



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help  
**Date:** 4/20/01 4:19pm  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

Dear 28(1) Personal

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>>> <zetabase@att.net> 04/12/01 06:24pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal

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Comments are Could you please send me a copy of your June 18th Proclamation.

Thanks

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/13/01 12:19pm  
**Subject:** Re: Straight Pride Day

Dear 28(1) Personal

Mayor Fiacco received your e-mail correspondence regarding the "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. On his behalf, I wanted to provide you with some background on this proclamation, and let you know that Mayor Fiacco has recently also proclaimed "Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Week" in June, as has been done for the last several years.

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In your e-mail, you also inquired about whether the Mayor would approve a proclamation for a white pride day. I can only advise that each proclamation request is reviewed when submitted in accordance with the provisions in The Procedure Bylaw. If it is not clear whether the provisions are being met, the Mayor will typically seek the advice of the City Clerk and City Solicitor, before making a decision.

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05/25/01 07:29pm >>>

Dear Mayor Fiacco,

A short time ago I sent you an e-mail in opposition to your proclamation of a heterosexual-pride day in Regina, and I asked for a response to my letter, but one never came. I wasn't kidding. I want a response. I'm giving you another chance to send a response, and I'll repeat for you basically what my first letter said.

Some might say that having a straight pride day is only fair because "If gays and lesbians can have a parade to be proud of their sexuality, why can't straight people?" It sounds simple enough, but that ignores the fundamental difference: gays and lesbians are a minority that faces continuous discrimination, straights aren't. Straight people already rule the world, so to speak. Homosexuals still do not have equal legal rights, still face the threat of harrassment or even violence because of their sexual orientation, still are marginalized members of society. The whole point of a gay pride day and parade is to assert their right to be part of society and to be treated fairly. Straight people do not face these challenges. They don't need to assert their presence and their rights, they already have them.

But let's look at this from another angle. Let's say someone proposed a special day and parade for white people to celebrate their white heritage. That would be quite a different matter, wouldn't it?

So here is my question for you, Mr Mayor, and I want a response. Would you, as Mayor of Regina, proclaim a White Pride day? If your answer is "no", please explain why not, and what the difference is between a White Pride day and a Straight Pride day. This is a very simple question, and I want a response this time.

I will point out that I am saving our e-mail correspondence, and if I don't get a response this time, I will be informing the media and the gay and lesbian community organizations in Regina.

Please respond.

28(1) Personal

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