

**South Florida Blade - Letters to the Editor SEP. 20, 2007**

**Gay couple, Palm Beach Post deserve praise**

**To the Editors:**

**I wanted to write to say congratulations to Robert Pingpank and Richard Nolan for being bold enough to publish their announcement celebrating their 52 years together as a couple in the Palm Beach Post on Sunday, Sept. 9. I applaud them and the Post for showcasing their many years together as a gay couple. I liked the fact that they stated that they were a Christian family, and their website was a real joy to view ([www.nolanpingpank.com/](http://www.nolanpingpank.com/)). God certainly has blessed this fine couple with so many years of happiness and togetherness.**

**I am tired of all the ultra- Christian hypocrites judging as they do and using the Bible to block two people in love from being joined in holy matrimony. So many of the ultra-Christians use Leviticus and other scriptures to denounce homosexuality, such as Leviticus 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination." We all must realize though that God and/or Jesus did not say these things. The Bible was written by men, who over 2,000 years ago certainly had their own personal opinions about homosexuality and used their influence in their writings to prohibit homosexual behavior. Whether Jesus or God believed it or not, it got in the Bible.**

**I firmly believe our God is a loving God who placed all types of people here on this Earth, whether they are gay, black, overweight, Muslim, disabled or whatever they may be. Jesus is love, and I do not think he would want two people to have their love denied. Perhaps all gay people should say they will boycott or not attend weddings anymore until they are allowed this freedom in our socalled democracy. I have decided this is what I will do.**

**While Robert and Richard can at least celebrate 52 years together, some gay people who have bi-national partners cannot even be together. That is my case with my Colombian partner of almost 10 years. It will be nice one day when gays can place their marriage announcements in the paper, show affection on the street and tell the immigration officer when returning to the United States the real reason why they go to Colombia so frequently.**