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## 'Happy, happy, gay, gay' website lets LGBTQs mark milestones

BY GRETCHEN RACHEL BLICKENSDEFER

When Springfield clears the way for same-sex marriage in Illinois, LGBTQ couples can collect their marriage licenses and plan the moment that they exchange vows and celebrate their love. Their friends and family members may want to buy a congratulatory card—but from where? That's the dilemma Emily Belden faced when her longtime friend, Lucas, married his partner 72 hours after the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act.

Although stores like Hallmark started to carry gay-themed cards in 2008, Belden found nothing suitable at her local outlets. She had known Lucas since she was 5. They played soccer and rode their bikes to school together. She watched him suffer through and eventually overcome the

torment of vicious bullying from his classmates. She was not going to celebrate his wedding without something to mark the occasion.

Instead, the 27-year-old Belden, who will be publishing a book this coming February, decided to put her creative abilities to the test and designed her own card. Her concepts led to the birth of a website specializing in same-sex sentiments for every occasion. "I had all these different ideas," Belden remembered. "I sat at the computer and one card turned into 10. Then 10 turned into e-commerce."

At happyhappygay.com, visitors can select from a variety of cards that do away with straightforward, poetic sentiment in favor of unconventional pearls of the fabulous ranging from recognition for someone who is coming 'out like a light bulb' to congratulations for a day that



Emily Belden of happyhappygay.com.  
Photo by Gretchen Rachel Blickensdefer

began with love, then marriage, then 'a Donna Summer mega-mix at the reception.' People can send a gay best friend a thank you 'for being weird with me' or celebrate the idea that 'two parents who know how to decorate a nursery are better than one.'

The selected image is emailed over as a link either for the customer to print or to send as an e-card. Since Belden handles both the art direction and the writing of the cards, she has very little overhead beyond the maintenance of the website. She, therefore, decided that a portion of the five dollar cost for each card should go to charities like the Trevor Project, a national organization providing 24 hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention to LGBTQ youth.

Once again, Lucas served as Belden's inspiration. Looking back on their friendship, she realized that, for LGBT people, life is not always 'happyhappygay.' "When we were growing up, every 12 year old boy would say the nastiest things to him at school," Belden said. "It happened every day, and it got to the point that he was counting on it." Although noting with pride that, despite the obstacles he faced, Lucas

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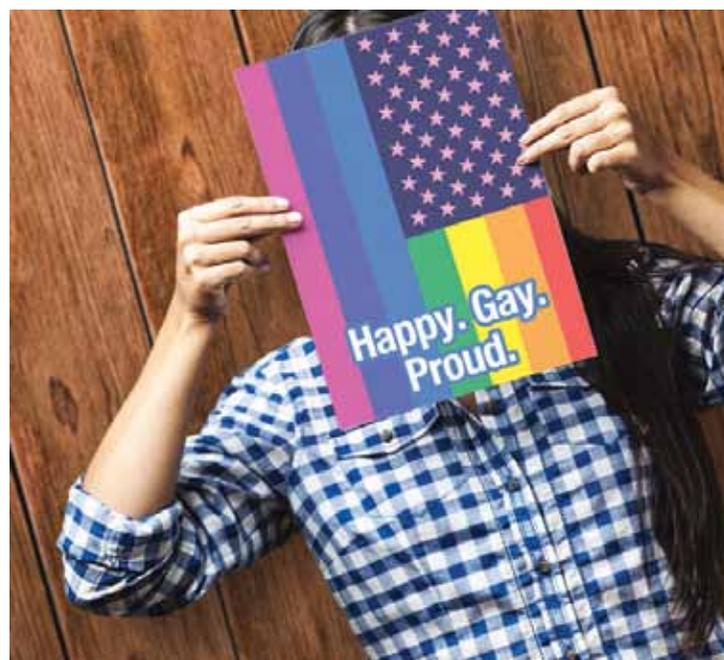
was able to make a success of his life, Belden is grateful that organizations like The Trevor Project exist today to help bullied kids. "It's not a way for anyone to have to grow up. Lucas could very easily have been Trevor," she said.

Despite having no advertising budget and relying solely upon social media and word of mouth, the response to [happyhappygaygay.com](http://happyhappygaygay.com) surpassed Belden's wildest dreams. Within an hour of the site going live, her first customer was an order from Mexico. Belden sent the customer a thank-you email to which he replied, "I've been waiting my whole life for something like this."

Since then, Belden has heard from people all over the country and world. A boutique store in Minneapolis contacted her about carrying the cards. She has also received special requests for cards marking everything from adoptions to bar mitzvahs. Belden handles them on a one-on-one basis. "Now that I'm learning what the demand is, I'm amazed," She said. "It's more than just gay marriage, its milestones."

Still, Belden pointed out that there are a few people who hate what she is doing. The Jesuit college she attended omitted her from its alumni bulletins and, when her website was featured in Crain's Chicago Business, one commentator called it a "sick, sick concept." But the more overwhelming messages of support Belden received empowered her to take the idea as far as it can go. "I have no words for the anti-marriage people," She said. "They have a level of intolerance that I cannot grasp. Love should not be regulated."

As for Lucas, he will soon be standing as a Bridesman when Belden marries her fiancé and she said she could care less if people think it 'looks weird.' She believes it is just a matter of time before gay marriage becomes legal nationwide. Much like the success of [happyhappygaygay](http://happyhappygaygay.com) and the upbeat choices the site offers people celebrating the marriage of an LGBT couple, Belden would not have it any other way.





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# 'Lawfully Wedded Husband' traces couple's journey to the altar

BY CHARLSIE DEWEY

The gay-marriage landscape has changed drastically from when Joel Derfner first became engaged and began writing his newest book, *Lawfully Wedded Husband: How Gay Marriage Will Save the American Family*.

Still, he said, until all 50 states allow same-sex marriage, the book will find readers who can relate as well as many who can share in the stories he tells because they've had a similar experience getting to the altar.

In addition to tracing the changing political landscape around gay marriage the book also looks at the many other questions that Derfner contemplated along the journey.

"It's probably half-memoir and half, call it, exploration," he said. "Marriage is essentially the spine of the book, but there are a lot of things I talk about whose relationship to marriage isn't immediately clear. There is a chapter in which I spend a lot of time talking about racism in the gay community, which I think is a serious and incredibly disappointing problem."

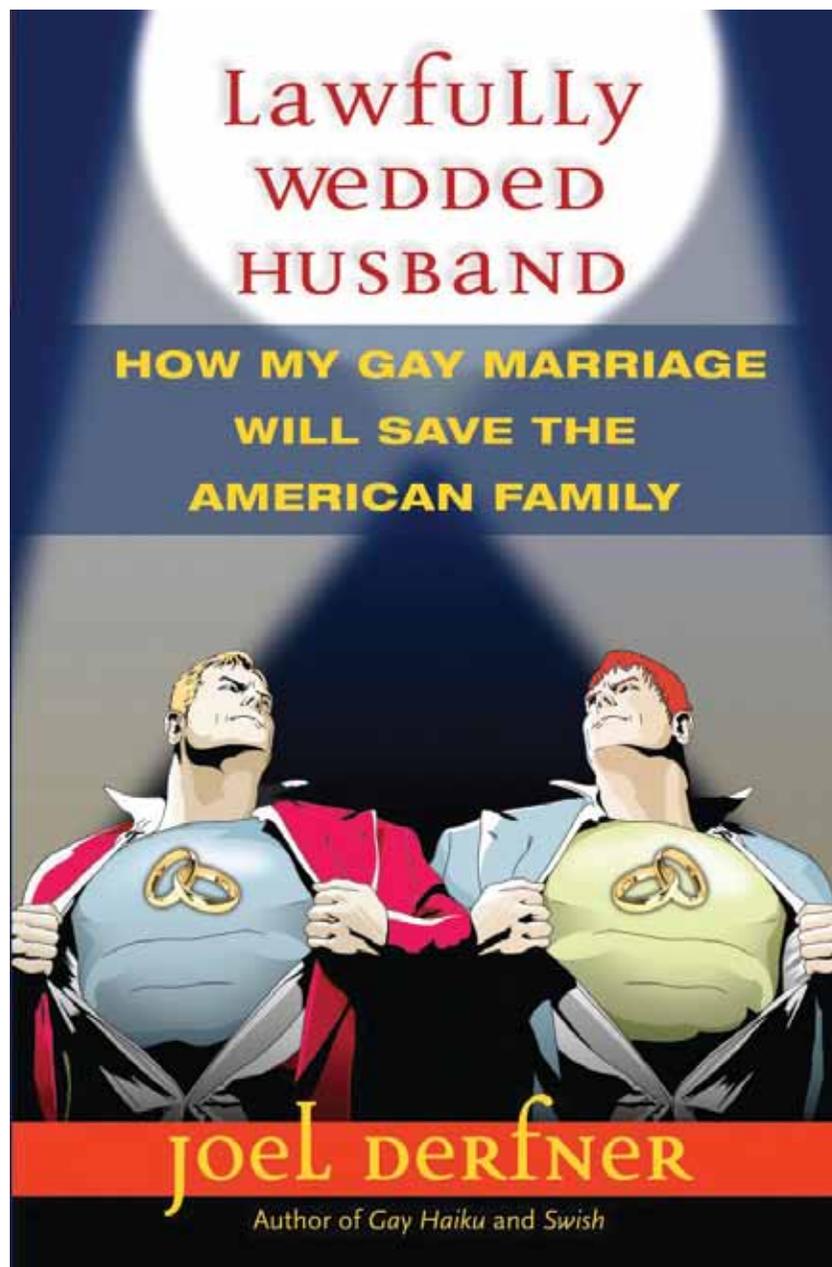
The book also includes an account of Derfner's experience of having his future in-laws move in so that his partner's father could die in their home as well as Derfner's experience on the reality show *Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys*.

"Basically, my boyfriend said, 'Hey could my parents move in so my dad can die in your office?' What, I'm going to say, no?" he said, pointing out that that is what marriage is about.

Derfner explores the difference of having to have, essentially, two weddings. The couple legally married in Iowa, but held their reception in New York.

"I really was very upset about the idea of these two weddings and what I came to was the realization that a wedding really is two things and for straight people those things can be combined into one," he said. "You have a ceremony, you get your friends together, you say your vows and then you sign a piece of paper."

"For us, because New York at the time didn't have marriage equality, those two things had to be separated. So I think one thing that is interesting in the book is people talking about how marriage is two different things, there is an emotional side to it and a legal side to it, and those have two sets of different ramifications."



Author Joel Derfner

The importance of being able to become a family is another topic Derfner broaches in the book.

"America in the 21st century, the only way to become a family is to marry, and by forbidding us to marry what they really want is to forbid us from forming families, and eventually the right to marry will force the country to admit that we can make families and that we are families," he said.

Derfner said that marriage hasn't changed the way he feels when he and his husband are at home, but when they are out in the world it does.

"I talk a little in the book about how what I came to was an understanding that marriage isn't about the relationship between two people; it's about the relationship between a couple and society," he said.

He noted that it was nice to be writing the book as more and more states were allowing marriage equality.

"I feel like once Massachusetts gained marriage equality in 2004 the battle was over," he said. "We'd won and it was just sort of a question of it playing itself out in all the states and in the government. We are going to have full marriage equality in this country in my lifetime. In an odd way it felt good to be writing a book about being on the winning side."

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Tennenbaum, who has 25 years experience in jewelry manufacturing, launched his same-sex couples engagement, wedding and anniversary ring company in 2008 after recognizing the need for LGBT wedding jewelry that went beyond rainbows and triangles.

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# Organizer pens book on lesbians and wedding planning

BY CHARLSIE DEWEY

With same-sex marriage on the fast track, wedding planner Bernadette Coveney Smith has put her many years of same-sex wedding planning experience into a useful guide for lesbian couples headed to the alter.

The Lesbian Couple's Guide to Wedding Planning is the first wedding-planning book to focus specifically on the needs of lesbian couples.

As Coveney Smith, who is a married lesbian herself, notes in the book's introduction, "Having worked with hundreds of lesbian couples, I've realized that we have our own needs, our own agendas, our own music—and our own wedding tastes and concepts."

Even with all the lesbian weddings that have taken place since 2004, when Massachusetts began allowing gay marriage, Coveney Smith points out that two of the most common questions she fields are: "What's normal?" and "What does a same-sex wedding look like?"

Her response? "Any wedding, gay or straight, should be about the personality and style of the couple. Don't let anyone tell you differently."

The book is designed to take the guesswork and stress out of wedding planning and help couples bring out their personality and style.

It is laid out in 15 chapters, with 12 of them serving as a planning guide that covers every step of the wedding planning process.

For example, "12 months out" includes subtopics on creating an organizing system, developing a budget, choosing the wedding party, and deciding whether or not to hire a wedding planner. "Nine months out" looks at setting up a wedding registry and booking a photographer. Lastly, "Three months out" includes purchasing rings, ways

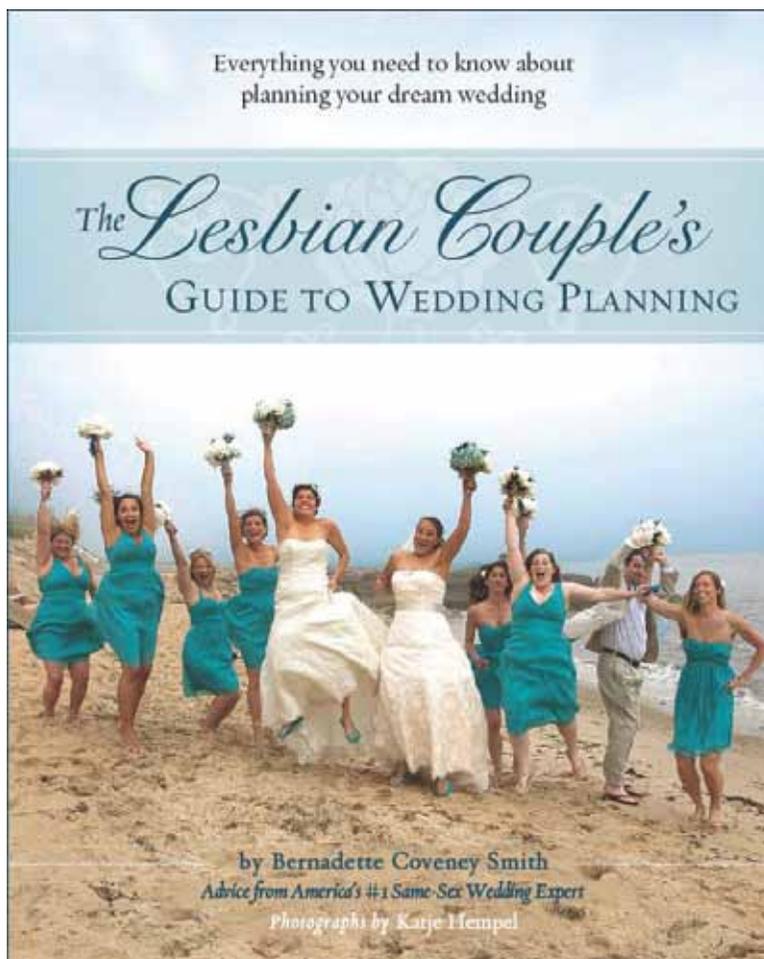
to personalize the wedding, finalizing the music and planning for transportation.

Coveney Smith also provides helpful tips specifically for transgender brides and grooms and acknowledges that despite using "lesbian," "brides," "LGBT" and "same-sex," she has tried to make the book inclusive.

A couple of the tips provided early on in the book specifically for transgender individuals include a note on which states have laws banning discrimination based on sexual orientation but that do not explicitly include gender identity, and a tip on coming out as transgender to vendors.

Coveney Smith does not sugarcoat the possibility of running into a homophobic vendor or someone who might actually mean well, but doesn't come across that way, and highlights some of the examples she's witnessed.

"I need to be honest and let you know that there's a



Author  
Bernadette  
Coveney Smith

good chance you're going to encounter some heterosexism and possibly homophobia, even if you're marrying in a state where same-sex marriage is legal," she writes. "I want to tell you this because, even as a planner, I've seen some ugly things, even with vendors I have prescreened."

She suggests lesbian couples come out to potential vendors right away, and reminds that in many states its legal for a vendor to say no to working with same-sex couples.

That honesty, combined with the book's thoughtfulness and expertise, make it a great resource.

In addition, it includes numerous photos of lesbian couples enjoying their wedding day, a great inspiration for the couple just setting off on their journey to the aisle.

Coveney Smith is the founder and president of 14 Stories, the first company in the United States specializing in planning legal same-sex weddings. Her company has produced hundreds of gay and lesbian weddings.

The book, which was published in September of this year, is available in bookstores nationwide.



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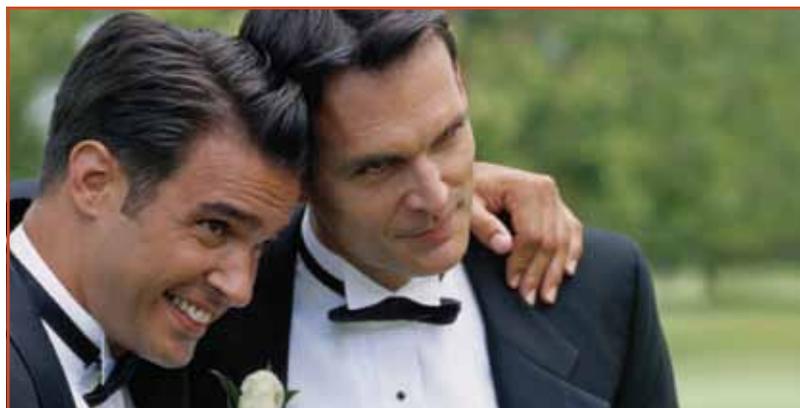
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