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GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

Ford Angers Gay Advocacy Groups

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) - Ford Motor Co. faced sharp criticism from gay and lesbian advocacy groups for agreeing to stop advertising in gay-themed publications in the face of a boycott by the conservative American Family Association, according to a report Tuesday.

The AFA launched a boycott of Ford (Research) in May to protest marketing aimed at gay and lesbian consumers, the Detroit News said. The automaker responded by promising that most of its brands, with the exception of Sweden-based Volvo, will no longer target gay consumers through advertising.

After Ford's concession, gay and lesbian organizations argued that the automaker caved in to pressure from the religious right, the paper said.

"We are deeply dismayed that Ford has entered into a confidential agreement with the extremist American Family Association that requires Ford to stop advertising in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender media," a group of 17 gay and lesbian organizations said in a joint statement, according to the paper.

"If there is an agreement with AFA, we expect Ford to disavow it. We expect Ford to publicly reaffirm its historic support for our community. And, we expect Ford to meet with LGBT representatives this week to resolve these concerns."

Ford said that it could market its products in a manner that was just as effective without offending consumers, according to the report.

"We reserve the right to advertise our brands and products wherever we think it makes business sense," Ojakli and Leitch wrote in a letter Monday to Suzanne Wait, head of Ford's gay and lesbian employee group, according to the paper.

Ford said its nondiscrimination policies covering employees, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation and cultural and physical differences, will not change.

Omaha GLBT Center Hosting Holiday Party December 16th from 6 to 10 PM

Be sure to stop in for wine and cheese or other beverage and snack to celebrate the Holidays. We will be taking free partner/family pictures so be sure to wear your best smiles!

STELLA AND THE MAX SHARE THE SPIRIT

Miss Stella Dallas shared the spirit of Christmas with the community as she hosted a highly successful benefit show "Come Home for Christmas" for Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha at the MAX on Friday, Dec. 2. Stella led the way to raise over \$850 for the church along with a great assortment of toys for the children of MCC-Omaha. She was joined by church members, Jon M., Susie B., Michael D. and Barry B. as well as a host of Omaha's most talented performers. The MAX was ablaze with its legendary Christmas decorations and the appetizer table was weighted down with tasty goodies. Exquisite table decorations completed the set. With generous donations from the community. Stella held a successful raffle and also auctioned a 4 hour contract for cleaning or other household services by a delightful elf. As Stella declared throughout the evening. "We are a community and a community begins with the church!"



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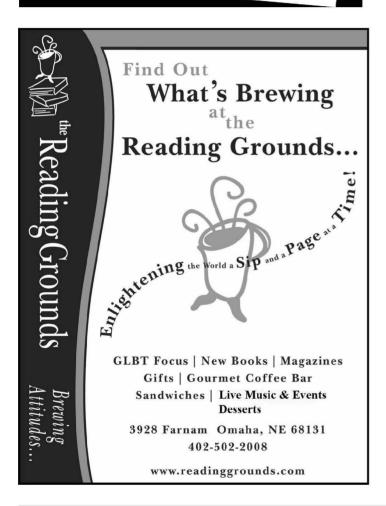
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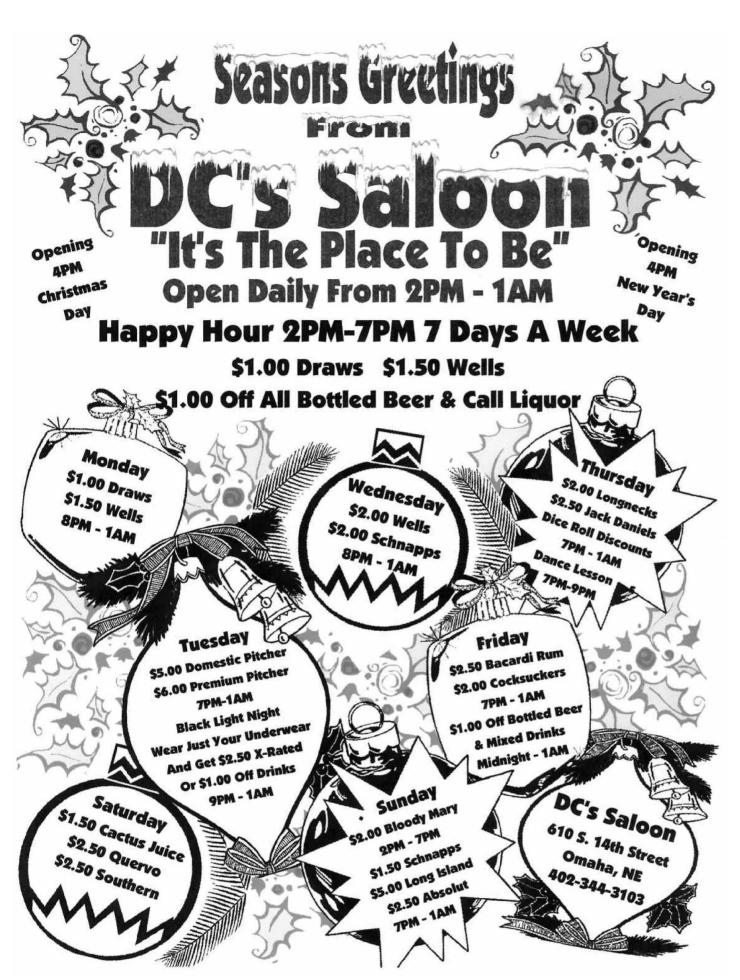
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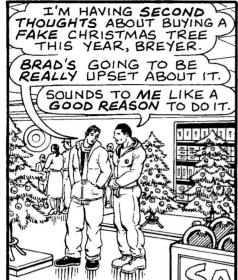


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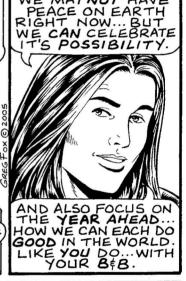


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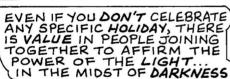








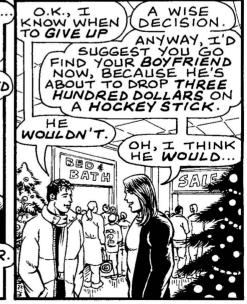
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"Attention: Omaha area GLBT homeowners in trouble! There is a solution!"

Candice Zoucha - Omaha, NE

Many Omaha area gay and lesbian homeowners who have had trouble with credit cards and so on have found that there is *one* place in Omaha where they can be treated with respect.

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At last, finding financial help doesn't have to be like a "coming out" at Thanksgiving dinner with everyone pointing fingers, and finding fault.

Mindy Hahne, of Service First Home Mortgage in Omaha's Midtown area works at a GLBT friendly outfit that specializes in helping Omaha area GLBT homeowners in need.

Hahne says she takes great pride in being gay and lesbian friendly. And treating the folks she helps like family.



Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson

"A lot of people in the GLBT community don't realize that even *without* gay marriage, or civil unions, there are already several equal protections in place for gay and lesbians as real property owners! Maybe because *no one else* wants to tell you about them!" Mindy says.

"Being gay or lesbian doesn't have to be a barrier to equal treatment anymore!' Hahne says.

Hahne has helped many gays and lesbians over the years, many personal friends.

"I am the one person in town that *specializes* in helping gay and lesbian folks with debt consolidation, cash out, credit repair and so on!" Hahne says.

"These are good people with damaged credit reports and/or hard to prove income! Not through any fault of their own! I specialize in helping the gay and lesbian community get a fair shake from the financial industry!" Hahne says.

Hahne says she has a lot of connections to Wall Street money, "I have personal relationships with investors *nationwide*, even *internationally*! Fair-minded people who want to fund loans for people with past credit problems!" she says.

"Many of them have a social conscience! And they take pride in helping gay and lesbians in particular! Just like I do! They use my proprietary system as their own little bit of "social activism!" Hahne says.

These investors are people who buy 'pools' of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It's taken me 4 long years and it's been *really* hard to find these 'fat cats!' People who are 'likeminded' about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!" Mindy says.

"Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it's just plain *wrong*!" Hahne says. "The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!" she says.

Hahne says, "It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!"

"I grew up in a house where we didn't have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it's a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!" Mindy says.

Mindy Hahne can be reached at 934.9248 x1010. "I'm really busy, so those who don't get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!" Or to lean more, you can call 800-223-6724...option 1...then ext 8619. Just listen in to the free-recorded message.

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Place	Team Name	Wins	Losses	
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2	Old Market Candy Store	32	12	
3	DC's Saloon	28	16	
2 3 4 5 6	Unique Auto	28	16	
5	Max-A-Millions	27	17	
6	Jerry's Kids	27	17	
7	Chicks & Dicks	26	18	
8	Gilligans CCB	25	19	
9	Josh & The Tuna Factory	25	19	
10	Bowling With Antlers	24.5	19.5	
11	A Long Way From Home		20	
12	The Bowler Sisters	24	20	
13	Chicken & Her Noodles	24	20	
14	Omaha Hospitality	24	20	
15	2 Str8 4 U	24	20	
16	Here For Beer	24	20	
17	Family Affair	23	21	
18	Kumoniwan2layya	23	21	
19	T's Tavern	22	22	
20	2 Bye Two	21	23	
21	DC's Comics	21	23	
22	GA ME SU 2	19	25	
23	Four Queens & A Space	19	25	
24	All In The Family	18	26	
25	Flixx's Newbies	18	26	
26	Fruits & Nuts	18	26	
27	Holy Bowlers	17	27	
28	4 Beer 2	16.5	27.5	
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32	Betty Ford Drop Outs	8.5	35.5	
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Female	Sherri Stewart	188		
High Series	- Scratch			
	Gale Schoenfeld	684		
Female	Sheri Stewart	662		
High Series - Handicap				
	Greg Whitmore	768		
Female	Sheri Stewart	698		
High Game	- Scratch			
	Joe Schulte	279		
	Teri Shellenberg	244		
High Game - Handicap				
	Chris Lodes	305		
	Martha Henney	278		



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Miss Susan Advises Judge Vigilant

The following is an adaptation from Miss Susan's Etiquette Tips for the Socially Conscious Judge: A Guide to Honorable Conduct Toward Gays and Lesbians in the Courtroom, originally published in the St. Louis University Public Law Review in the Spring of 2005. The entire article is being published in the Gayzette in serial form by special arrangement with the law firm of Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O.

Dear Miss Susan.

I have a single-parent lesbian adoption case coming up for final hearing next week. Although nothing in my state's law explicitly prevents a homosexual from adopting, I know in my heart of hearts that it can never be right for a child to grow up with a pervert for a mother. Anyway, I don't see why a lesbian would want children in the first place. Homosexuals are well-known for their promiscuous lifestyles, so she would never be able to provide a stable home for anything bigger than a pussy-cat. Why can't she just be happy with a house full of cats?

Love, Judge Vigilant

Dear Judge Vigilant,

I remember reading once about an aboriginal society where children are so precious that the word "child" also means "wealth." Cats are nice animals, but they don't enrich your life in quite the same way that a child does. (For one thing, children are much more affectionate than cats.) People who want to adopt recognize both the intrinsic value of a child and the difference they could make in the life of a child who is otherwise without parents. In that respect, I suspect that gays and lesbians are no different than any other prospective parents.

Naturally, you are not the first judge to consider an adoption by a gay or lesbian petitioner. In re Charles B. was an Ohio Supreme Court case dealing with this exact situation. In resolving the issue, the court decided to treat gay and lesbian adoptions just like any other adoption and looked to the best interests of the child. Although the petitioner was a gay man, nearly all of the evidence adduced at trial supported a conclusion that the petitioner would be a loving and supportive father. There was no evidence that his sexual orientation would be detrimental to the welfare of the child. Thus, the court overruled a lower appeals court ruling that homosexuals are per se ineligible to adopt in Ohio. In doing so, the Court stressed that "all relevant factors" must be considered in determining the best interests of the child, suggesting that the lower court erred in focusing on a single factor to the exclusion of all others.

This sort of single-minded focus may have been the crucial flaw for an Illinois judge in In re C.M.A. Despite clear precedent stating that sexual orientation is irrelevant in adoption cases, the lower court judge refused to grant two lesbian adoption petitions. In a bizarre twist, the lower court judge joined the unrelated adoption cases together and appointed the Family Research Council, a conservative think tank, as a "secondary guardian" to advocate the anti-gay point of view. Even after she was removed from the case for bias, she claimed that her

removal had been unwarranted and continued to issue orders in the case. The Appellate Court of Illinois found that the judge "obviously had a predetermined bias against lesbians" and affirmed the adoptions. In doing so, the court remarked that "no judge has the right or authority to ignore the rules governing our administration of justice."

Although I can see that you are uncomfortable with the petitioner's sexual orientation, I wonder if your objections to her "lesbian lifestyle" are based more on stereotypes than empirical data. Social science research suggests that children raised in gay and lesbian homes develop normally and lead healthy, happy lives. Perhaps you should look at this case again and ask yourself whether you are also focusing too much on the petitioner's sexual orientation and not enough on the best interests of the child.

Very truly yours, Miss Susan

Miss Susan is a fictional advice columnist created by Bradley Z. Haumont and Susan Ann Koenig, two attorneys at Koenig & Tiritilli, P.C., L.L.O. based in Omaha, Nebraska. Please don't confuse Miss Susan with either of the authors. She is really much taller and much funnier than either of us.

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Rainbow Celebrations Notice of Annual Meeting

Nate Tedrow, "Public Relations Chair-Rainbow Celebrations"

This year's annual meeting of Rainbow Celebrations will be held on Tuesday December 20th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting will be held at the Reading Grounds 3928 Farnam St.

All active members may vote for upcoming officers for the 2006 year term.

Officers being voted on include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure, and Member at Large.

Membership consists of attending a meeting within a 12 month period prior to annual meeting.

Up-Coming meetings and events include: Toyz 4 Tots Benefit Dec 11th @ The Max Mr. Pride Christmas Extravanza Dec 16th @ DC's Saloon, Pride Committee Meetings Dec 13th & 27th. Contact nate@rainbowcelebrations fore more information.



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Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth St.
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available) Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)

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GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

FRJDAY DECEMBER 167H
A PRIDE CHRISTMAS, DC'S Saloon,
7pm

GLBT CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY,

Join us for a holiday wine and cheese party or other beverage and snacks. Partner/family pictures will be taken and developed on the site.

FRIDAY DEC 301H GLBT CENTER EARLY NEW YEARS

PARTY, Avoid the multitudes out New Years Eve and stop in the night before from 7pm to 12pm (or 1am) for Champaign and snacks. Stop in and see YOUR GLBT Center and meet some of the staff, browse the library or just sit and enjoy the conversation.

SATURDAY MAY 13TH GLBT CENTER ANNUAL PRIDE

WALK. Raise money for the Center and for your favorite qualifying group. Details will follow in later issues of the Gayzette.

FRJDAY JUNE 97H TO 117H 2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

WEEKIY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St.

Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of

CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22,

345-2563 Sunday Worship: 11am

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, 1PM to 3PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

HIV+ MEN. 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARS-ALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Method-

ALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing

to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT, 5PM to

7PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS

HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

GLBT SEXUAL COMPULSIVE ANONY-

MOUS₄ (SCA), A program of recovery, 8pm to 9pm, call Joe at 932-8066 or Tony at 933-1318

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT,

have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

Every Saturday

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have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For

details call Jeri at 614-6145

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-

6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm,

Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday

CENTER WESTERN IOWA COMMIT-

TEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE Room

Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

1st Sunday

GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, at a

Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

2nd Thursday

PFLAG- OMAHA, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

2nd Saturday

CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOP-MENT COMMITTEE, 1:30PM at the GLBT

Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rainbowoutreach.org

FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the GLBT Center, 1:30PM, Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln

OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING

(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

3rd Thursday

LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

3rd Friday

GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

COFFEE HOUSE Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

3rd Saturday

CENTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1pm to 2PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

CENTER ACTIVITY COMMITTEE, 2pm to 3PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, for details see www.rainbowoutreach.org

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

4th Friday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

4th Saturday

FREE MATINEE MOVIE, at the GLBT Center, 1:30PM, Bring a snack to share, everyone is welcome, 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month

LAST Sunday

REAL FAMILIES Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

Email Your Event to: news@rainbowoutreach.org

British Gay Couples Apply for Civil Unions

Gay.com U.K.

Lesbian and gay couples who braved the cold winter weather across the U.K. Monday morning have become the first people to take advantage of the Civil Partnership Act.

Hundreds of couples queued at register offices to state their intention to have a civil partnership, which gives the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual marriage.

The new laws came into force at midnight and were celebrated by the majority of same-sex couples as one of the most important legal changes affecting lesbian and gay people.

The moment was marked by a large projection of two grooms on the side of the House of Parliament. The image, sponsored by Gay.com, also featured the words "I Do."

After registering their partnerships, couples must wait at least 15 days before holding a ceremony. The first ceremonies will take place in Brighton and Hove at 8 a.m., the earliest time the register office can open for use.

The city, which has a long reputation as the country's official gay capital, has seen the bulk of pre-registrations, with nearly 500 couples planning to have a ceremony in the near future.

Large boroughs across London have

also seen a high number of applicants -including Kensington and Islington -- as has Manchester and Glasgow.

However, less obvious locations are also marking the introduction of the new laws.

In Croydon, the rainbow flag will fly above the council buildings while registrars in places as diverse as Scunthorpe and Leicester will be welcoming couples in to their offices to start the legal recognition process.

The new laws have been broadly welcomed by gay activists, who say the changes will transform the lives of many samesex couples.

However, many say this is only the start of a ball rolling that will result in equality for lesbian and gay people.

Writing in The Observer on Sunday, Stonewall chief executive Ben Summerskill said the new laws sent a strong message to the government about how far it can push social reform.

"Perhaps one happy outcome of Stonewall's campaign for civil partnership has been the message it's given to a government all too often over-anxious about social reform," he said. "The roof has not fallen in, politically or socially. And it won't fall in tomorrow morning either."

Quote Unquote

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb -- and I'm also not blonde. -Dolly Parton-

Did you know that you can see the entire **GAYZETTE** on our web site? Go to:

www.rainbowoutreach.org
And click on the Publications link.
George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

- BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST
- Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group
- Front Runners/Walkers, 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha
- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org
- GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680
- Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838,Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556
- Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3rd Monday, 819 S. 22 www.icon.impcourt.org
- Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle
- **Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 4nd Fri Gilligan's 7pm
- LinOma Bares, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Linomabares@yahoo.com or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887
- Mpower Program, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: mpower@nap.org website: www.mpower-nap.org phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org
 Website:www.mccomaha.org Sunday
 Worship 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study
 at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets every Sunday at 6pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
- Nebraska Equality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community
- Nebraska GLBT Events, Community Events Calendar web site, see www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com
- The 'Ohana Group,(GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohana-group@msn.com
- Omaha Bi Married Men Yahoo Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ OmahaBiMarriedMen

- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp@cox.net
- Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over
- Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAboout@yahoo.com
- OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website:www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass
- Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330
- Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
- Rainbow Celebrations, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see
- www.rainbowcelebrations.org
 Real Families, Omaha-area families head-
- ed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com
- River City Gender Alliance, www:genderalliance.com Social/ Support Group for transgender/ transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- **SNAP Productions,** Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 57 -1344; www.unityomaha.org
- WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

- GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: dmoritz2@unl.edu Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- **Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian, Bisexual and QuestioningWomen's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center

- (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000
- Mixed Chorus, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at sdorchid@neb.rr.com
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http://pflag.ineb.org/
- Plainsmen, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE, Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm.12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
- Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094 Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
- Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880 Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or email: http:// www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html
- **TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/

Iowa Based

- Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, http:// www.IowaEquality.org
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Elton John and David Furnish to Wed

Veteran British rock star Elton John's civil partnership ceremony to long-term love David Furnish will take place in the same venue as the civil wedding of Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla.

The announcement - on the day new laws came into force in Britain allowing gay couples to pledge their troth and enjoy virtually the same legal rights as heterosexuals - follows mounting speculation about a venue.

Now pop royalty will not only follow the heir to the British throne by legally binding his relationship with the Canadian filmmaker at the Guildhall in Windsor, west of London, but have the same official to oversee events.

Clair Williams, the superintendent registrar of the Royal Borough of Windsor, will officiate at the private December 21 ceremony, alongside experienced fellow registrar Peter Edwards.

Williams, who performed the royal civil wedding at the Guildhall in April this year, said she was "delighted" the celebrity couple had chosen the historic 17th century venue.

"I and my colleague, Peter, will do out utmost to ensure that the ceremony is a very special and private occasion for them and their guests," she said.

Local authorities in Windsor - famous for its cobbled streets and fortified royal residence - are already liaising with police in anticipation of fans hoping to catch a glimpse of the couple, who have been together for 12 years.

Civil partnerships confers legal status on homosexual unions, allowing similar tax and inheritance benefits as heterosexual couples.

The first civil partnership ceremony is scheduled to take place on December 19 in Northern Ireland, followed by Scotland on December 20 and England and Wales the following day.

Couples have to first register their intent, wait a compulsory 15 days and then go to a register office or other authorised place.

There they sign an official civil partnership document in front of a registrar and two witnesses. The ceremony is much like a civil wedding. The marriage to Furnish will be John's second.

The singer had wed German music engineer Renate Blauel in

1984 but they divorced four years later.



Nebraska Pride Looking for Volunteers

By Nate Tedrow, "Public Relations Chair - Rainbow Celebrations"

This years Nebraska GLBT Pride Event is looking for talented people to fill volunteer positions.

We are looking for people in several areas including ...

General Volunteer (recruitment, scheduling & leadership)

Parade (route, recruitment of entries, awards, judges & Logistics)

Merchandising (ordering & selling of products, promotion & inventory)

Pride Guide (layout and selling, distribution)

Sponsorship (recruitment, VIP relations)

Entertainment (community stage, pride stage, relations)

Special Events (pride reception, fundraisers, volunteer orientation & appreciation party)

We are looking for talented people to also help with the Website updates as well as Graphics/Desktop publishing and ad creation.

As you can see it takes a lot of people to put on a successful event like Nebraska Pride. People like you can make a difference. Rainbow Celebrations holds its pride meetings bi-weekly on Tuesday nights with the next meeting on Dec 13th @ 7:00 pm For more information and meeting location contact nate@rainbowcelebrations.org or call 402-212-6302 or 866-NE-PRIDE.



An Angel's Story

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An Angel's

Story

The First Christmas from Heaven's View

A Reader's Theater Production

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha
819 S. 22nd St., Omaha

—No Recordings—

7рм, Sun., Dec. 18

No Admission—A Love Offering Will Be Taken

ANGELS COME TO OMAHA

December 18 at 7 PM, congregants and friends of MCC-Omaha will present a special Reader's Theater adaptation of "An Angel's Story" by Max Lucado. The adaptation includes special music directed by Jon M. and a slide show created by Sharon V. Ten readers from the congregation and community tell the story of what the very first Christmas might have been like from the perspective of the heavenlies. Parts for the theater adaptation include God, Lucifer, Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, Michael, Phlumar, Soph-



io, two Narrators, and a host of angels. This will be a prelude to Christmas that you won't want to miss. MCC-Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St. in Omaha. A love offering will be taken. Eric Strom and Carla Petersen are directing this show. MCC-Omaha is pastored by Interim Pastor Wayne Moore. MCC-Omaha invites you to join them for this special presentation and the traditional Christmas Eve Services which will be at 7:30 PM (designed for families with children) and at 10:30 PM on Dec. 24. We also invite you to join us at 11 AM on Christmas Day for Worship. Merry Christmas from all your friends at MCC-Omaha!

HEARTLAND COWGIRL CAPTURES 2005 INTERNATIONAL RODEO CHAMPIONSHIP BUCKLE

Mesquite Texas: Bryn Geerdes from the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association won the 2005 IGRA Finals calf roping Championship, which is her 3rd roping title in the last 4 years. She is also the 2003 International chute dogging champion. Although HGRA sent a strong team of 6 past International



champions, Geerdes was the only member to win a Finals title. "This is a great ending to a year where I didn't have a lot of success. The year started with a buckle in January, followed by 4 rodeos with no catches. I am thrilled with my performance." Her catch on Saturday was .87 seconds and 1.26 on Sunday. In addition to Geerdes, HGRA members Teeny Copafellya, Rich Parker, Tim Kernan, Sam Kramer, and Brett Hartman also won ribbons. Here are the overall results:

Teeny – 7th chute dogging and 2nd in steer deco.

Sam - 8th barrel racing

Brett - 8th barrel racing

Rich - 8th steer deco

Tim – 4th chute dogging, 3rd flag racing, and 8th in steer deco Team Heartland placed 7th out of 19 teams. IGRA Finals 2006 will be held in Reno Nevada November 9th – 12th

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