



The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center Presents

the

# GAYZETTE

News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

## Ford Changes Mind

Amid growing criticism from gay rights leaders and their allies across the country, Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday said it would continue to advertise its luxury brands in the gay press, reversing an earlier decision. The move came under allegations that the nation's number 2 automaker had caved to a threatened boycott by the antigay American Family Association. The AFA on December 1 announced that after meeting with Ford, it had decided to cancel its boycott, noting that Ford had met some of its demands to be less friendly to the gays and lesbians.

But after meeting with several prominent gay rights groups on Monday, Ford issued a letter stating that it would continue to financially support gay events and causes and that it had decided to amend its decision to pull advertising for its Jaguar and Land Rover brands from gay publications, a decision it claimed was based solely on budgetary reasons.

The letter, sent to the seven gay rights organizations that met with the company, drew quick praise from the groups, which issued the following statement: "We welcome today's statement from Ford Motor Company and commend their firm stance in support of inclusion. It is an unequivocal reaffirmation of Ford's historic commitment to our community and the core American values of fairness and equality. Moreover, it is conclusive proof of what Ford leaders have repeatedly assured us—that there never was any deal with anti-LGBT organizations concerning Ford's support for our community. We are proud to be back in gear with Ford and look forward to working with them in the years ahead." (Advocate.com)

## St. Joseph Passes Law Banning Funeral Protests

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) -- Protesting at funerals has been banned in St. Joseph after an anti-gay group waved antimilitary signs at a soldier's funeral here and at other military funerals across the country.

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## CENTER NEW YEAR PARTY DECEMBER 30

The Center New Year Party runs 8PM - 1AM on Friday, December 30, 2005, a day before New Year's Eve. Free for everyone to attend. Food and beverages provided. Consider this your warm-up party for your next evening's festivities. Come celebrate the successes of 2005 - a federal court striking down the anti-gay constitutional amendment in Nebraska, a Civil Partnership law enacted in the United Kingdom, a statewide GLBT anti-discrimination law enacted in Maine, an equal marriage ruling from the highest court in South Africa, and more! And come have a glass of champagne or sparkling grape juice to toast both to the memory of friends and loved ones in our community who left us too soon as well as to good wishes for the upcoming year!



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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox



**“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.

No “better than you” attitude, no “b.s.,” no guilt just for being gay or lesbian.

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.

“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 ‘like-minded’ 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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**Mindy Hahne with her dogs Piper and Emerson**

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Maplewood Lanes — Standings through Dec. 20, 2005

Place	Team Name	Wins	Losses
1	Old Market Candy Shop	43.0	13.0
2	I Got 8	40.5	15.5
3	DC's Saloon	39.5	16.5
4	Jerry's Kids	38.0	18.0
5	Gilligans CCB	34.0	22.0
6	Omaha Hospitality	34.0	22.0
7	Family Affair	33.0	23.0
8	2 Str8 4 U	32.0	24.0
9	Chicks & Dicks	32.0	24.0
10	Unique Auto	32.0	24.0
11	Boling With Antlers	31.0	25.0
12	Max-A-Millions	31.0	25.0
13	Josh & the Tuna Factory	30.0	26.0
14	The Bowler Sisters	30.0	26.0
15	Here For Beer	29.0	27.0
16	T's Tavern	29.0	27.0
17	DC's Comics	28.0	28.0
18	Kumoniwan2layya	27.0	29.0
19	Chicken & Her Noodles	27.0	29.0
20	A long Way From Home	27.0	29.0
21	GA ME SU 2	26.0	30.0
22	2 Bye Two	25.0	31.0
23	All In The Family	25.0	31.0
24	Fruits & Nuts	22.5	33.5
25	4 Beer 2	22.5	33.5
26	Four Queens & A Spade	22.0	34.0
27	Flixx's Newbies	20.0	36.0
28	Fab Four	20.0	36.0
29	Steam Co.	19.0	37.0
30	Holy Bowlers	19.0	37.0
31	Dbl Stuffed Oreoz	17.5	38.5
32	Betty Ford Drop Outs	10.5	45.5

**High Individual Award Standings**

High Average  
 Male Gale Schoenfeld 209  
 Female Sherri Stewart 188

High Series - Scratch  
 Male Gale Schoenfeld 684  
 Female Sheri Stewart 662

High Series - Handicap  
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## Miss Susan Advises Judge Pious

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,

My favorite Bible story when I was a little boy was the story of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-30). As a judge, I sometimes feel the need to look beyond Man's law to the higher law that binds us all together as a civilization. In those moments, I return to Sodom and Gomorrah for a solid legal precedent. Recently, I read the entire story of Sodom and Gomorrah into the record at the end of a bench trial, right after I found that the gay defendant was guilty of first degree purse-snatching. I just don't understand why the state supreme court vacated the conviction and remanded the case for a new trial. Can you help?

Love,  
Judge Pious

Dear Judge Pious,

I regard my own spirituality as a source of strength and passion, so I can appreciate that religious teachings play a central role in your life. However, you must not allow your religious beliefs to interfere with your judicial duties. Careless sermonizing in the courtroom can lead to unfortunate and unexpected results.

Let me illustrate my point with a parable from the State of Nebraska. In *State v. Pattno*, the presiding judge read aloud from a long biblical passage referring to homosexuality before sentencing a gay defendant. (Although the court did not provide a citation, the passage appears to be Romans 1:20-28.) The defendant appealed his sentence, arguing that the judge was biased against him because of his sexual orientation.

In analyzing the case, the Nebraska Supreme Court began by noting that criminal offenses (and the sentence imposed for committing a crime) are mandated by statute. The defendant's sexual orientation was irrelevant to either his crime or his sentence, so the biblical passage was similarly irrelevant.

The court also expressed concerns over the separation of church and state. Although there may be instances where a judge can properly express religious beliefs in the courtroom, the court discouraged the use of scripture in sentencing proceedings because it could appear that the judge is relying on personal religious views rather than statute when determining the proper sentence. The court was influenced by *United States v. Bakker*, where the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals observed that courts "cannot sanction sentencing procedures that create the perception of the bench as a pulpit from which judges announce their personal sense of religiosity and simultaneously punish defendants for offending it."

When a judge relies on irrelevant considerations in sentencing a defendant, a reasonable person could be led to believe that

the judge is biased. Thus, the court found that there was at least an appearance of bias because the presiding judge may have relied on his own irrelevant, religious beliefs when sentencing the defendant. The sentence was therefore vacated because defendant was denied due process of law.

Your purse-snatching case is very similar to *Pattno*. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah had nothing to do with purse-snatching, so your state supreme court may have questioned whether you were convicting the defendant of purse-snatching or sodomy. Since sodomy is not illegal, your supreme court may have felt that the best course of action was to remand for a new trial on the charge of purse-snatching alone. In the future, I would recommend that you read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in church rather than in court.

If nothing else, I hope you will learn from your mistakes. Recently, the *Pattno* trial judge decided to disregard *Pattno* when sentencing a different defendant in a factually similar case. Prefacing his comments with "I would probably be better off not saying anything," the judge stated that "if people would continue to read [the Bible], they would find that it's not a message of condemnation, but of hope." The Nebraska Court of Appeals found that the trial judge's insertion of his own personal religious views was "explicit and unmistakable." Thus, the trial judge had again deprived a defendant of due process, and the case was remanded for another sentencing.

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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## Pride Chair 2006 Needed

The Executive Board of Rainbow Celebrations is accepting applications for the Nebraska Pride Chair 2006 position. A resume and letter of intent is required before the Executive Board will interview potential candidates. The Pride Chair is a position on the Executive Board and is required to attend such meetings as they are scheduled throughout the year. The Pride Chair reports directly to the Executive Board and is responsible to the Board in all aspects of Pride Planning.



The Pride Chair is responsible for the overall planning and execution of the annual Pride Week Events including the Festival and Parade. The Chair must hold regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year; be able to present a preliminary budget for approval (the budget is now upwards of \$50,000+); be able to successfully manage the budget on a daily basis; successfully solicit and gain sponsorships from local, statewide, and national corporations; be able to multi task many different areas of pride including but not limited to: parade, exhibitors, entertainment, 5-15 committees, media, volunteers, and general recruitment of Pride Committee members. The Pride Chair should also be available to travel to the InterPride World Conference being held in Portland, Maine (if possible) in October 2006 and the Co-Regional InterPride Conference being held in Houston, Texas (if possible) in March 2006.

The position of Pride Chair is the equivalent of a full time job (volunteer – non paid) and demands at least that much attention, time and dedication to successfully plan the Nebraska Pride Celebration which Rainbow Celebrations now produces.

The rewards of this position are unlimited: exposure to many wonderful people and organizations; networking with people across the country; working closely with Lincoln Pride, Kansas City Gay Pride, Capital City Pride in Des Moines and TC Pride in Minneapolis to promote our regional prides; meeting national entertainers and speakers and so much more.

If you feel that you have the qualifications to fill the position of Pride Chair 2006, please contact Rainbow Celebrations President Jason Fienhold 402.208.2951 or at [ja-son@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:ja-son@rainbowcelebrations.org) for more details about applying.

If you would like to find out more about the position, please contact Pride Chair 2001-2005 Troy Haasis 402.415.8769 or at [troy@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:troy@rainbowcelebrations.org).

## First Gay Couple Takes Vows In Belfast

PlanetOut Network

A lesbian couple made vows to each other Monday in Northern Ireland, becoming the first same-sex couple to hold a public ceremony under the United Kingdom's new civil partnership law.

Grainne Close, 32, of Northern Island, and her partner Shannon Sickels, 27, passed dozens of protestors on their way to Belfast City Hall, where they held a 20-minute ceremony. The proceeding included an exchange of rings and the Dolly Parton song, "Touch Your Woman," according to the Associated Press.

"This is about making a choice to have our civil rights acknowledged and respected and protected, and we could not be here without the hard work of many queer activists and many individuals in the queer community," said Sickels, a playwright from New York.

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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)

#### Iowa:

Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs  
Mikes Place, 162 West Broadway, Council Bluffs  
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# GAYZETTE COMING EVENTS

## **FRIDAY DEC 30TH**

**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 JANUARY 21ST AND**

### **SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND**

**A WINTER WONDERLAND.** presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. at 7:05pm. Call 341-7464 for tickets or online at [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

## **SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST**

**SOCIAL FOR SENIORS 50+.** 7 TO 11PM at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Call 341-0330 for more information on their first meeting ever

## **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD**

**MIDWEST BEST READING SERIES.** David Phillip Mullins will be the guest of UNO's creative writing workshop. 7PM at the Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam St., Call 502-2008 for details or check online at [www.readinggrounds.com](http://www.readinggrounds.com) (free event)

## **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.

## **SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND**

### **SUNDAY JUNE 19TH**

**SPIRIT AND SOUL.** presented by the River City Mixed Chorus at the Strauss Performing Arts Center—UNO Campus at 7:05pm. Call 341-7464 for tickets or online at [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

## **FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH**

### **2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE**

## **WEEKLY 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](mailto:EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com)

**FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST,** info at: [www.firstcentral.org](http://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 ANONYMOUS**  
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. 40<sup>th</sup>

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS,** 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 SUPPORT 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 9 S. 40

## **FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**

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

**LGBT A A** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Fairley, 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. 40<sup>th</sup>

**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 ANONYMOUS,** (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**

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT,** 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](mailto: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 COMMITTEE,** 1:30PM at the GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details, visit rain-

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE** Room  
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**1st Sunday**  
**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lin-  
coln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve  
a seat up until the day before

**2nd Thursday**  
**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Method-  
ist Church

**2nd Saturday**  
**CENTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOP-  
MENT COMMITTEE**, 1:30PM at the GLBT  
Center, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha. For details,  
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**FREE MATINEE MOVIE**, at the GLBT Cen-  
ter, 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**  
(gltb film shown at 6:30pm followed by dis-  
cussion) 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 Rain-  
bow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

**4th Tuesday**  
**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church,  
6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-  
coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-

**4th Friday**  
**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA**  
Monthly Beer Bust, 9pm, DC's Saloon

**4th Saturday**  
**FREE MATINEE MOVIE**, at the GLBT  
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**LAST Sunday**  
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parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email  
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## 2005 HGRA Awards Elections

This past weekend HGRA held their annual elections and awards dinner at Angie's. Several members were recognized for their achievements in 2005. Congratulations to all those who received awards.

Pete C. and Terri R. were awarded the ranch hand award and Kathy W was presented the founders award. Pete and Terri were also presented their royalty buckles for 2005.

The following received buckles for their rodeo accomplishments  
Rookie Cowgirl Kim L.  
Cowgirl of the Year Bryn Geerdes  
Cowboy of the Year Tim K.

HGRA also presented IGRA appreciation awards to MCC, The Max, and Youth Emergency Services. These awards are given as appreciation for all the support that these organizations and businesses have given us.

The 2006 HGRA Board of Directors and committee chairs are:

Kathy W. President  
Leo J. Vice President  
Paul S. Treasurer  
Phil L. Secretary and

Trustee

Jim R. Membership  
Bryn G. Rodeo events  
Patti K. Public Relations  
Mr. HGRA Pete C.  
Ms. HGRA Terri R.

## Top Ten Signs You're A Gay Cowboy

10. "Your saddle is Versace"
9. "Instead of 'Home On The Range', you sing 'It's Raining Men'"
8. "You enjoy ridin', ropin', and redecoratin'"
7. "Sold your livestock to buy tickets to 'Mamma Mia'"
6. "After watching reruns of 'Gunsmoke', you have to take a cold shower"
5. "Native Americans refer to you as 'Dances With Men'"
4. "You've been lassoed more times than most steers"
3. "You're wearing chaps, yet your 'ranch' is in Chelsea"
2. "Instead of a saloon you prefer a salon"
1. "You love riding, but you don't have a horse"

## Quote Unquote

Indeed, Miss Manners has come to believe that the basic political division in this country is not between liberals and conservatives but between those who believe that they should have a say in the love lives of strangers and those who do not.

Miss Manners (Judith Martin)

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**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Fri Gilligan's 7pm

**LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: [Linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://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](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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

**NebraskaEquality.org**, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: [Theohana-group@msn.com](mailto: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: [omahanebrgaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanebrgaypride@cox.net) or [ongp@cox.net](mailto: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](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://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](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**Real Families**, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email [MargauxPo-lo@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPo-lo@aol.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, [www.genderalliance.com](http://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](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://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](mailto: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 Questioning Women'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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jbkiber@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rcga@tgforum.com)

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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-glb.com/>

## Iowa Based

**Iowa Equality**, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

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*(Funeral Protest Ban... ..continued from Front Page)*

A Topeka-based church run by Fred Phelps and consisting mainly of family members has picketed several funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq. The family contends American soldiers are being killed in Iraq as vengeance from God for protecting a country that harbors homosexuals.

The ordinance unanimously approved Monday by the St. Joseph City Council is similar to a proposed state measure that would bar protests at or near a funeral from an hour before a funeral service to an hour after it ends.

Republican Sen. Charlie Shields and Democratic Rep. Martin Rucker, both of St. Joseph, proposed the legislation last month after a protest during the August funeral service of Spc. Edward Myers, a St. Joseph soldier killed in Iraq.

Though St. Joseph's ordinance has raised First Amendment concerns, it had the support of Meierhoffer Family Funeral Home and Crematory and Rupp Funeral Home, along with several veterans.

"I have to say that that day was a very traumatic day for the family," Rupp Funeral Home's J.L. Robertson said of the impact the protest had on Myers' family.

## Thank You from Johnnie Richards

I would like to thank everyone that attended my Pride Christmas Show at D.C.'s Saloon on Friday December 16. I would also like to thank all the performers, for volunteering their time and talents. We raised over \$1500.00 for Pride 2006. I would not have been able to do this without the help of Chuck and all of the staff at D.C.'s. Plus I want to thank the community for being supportive of me. We have five months before pride so watch the gayzette for my next fundraiser.

With Love and Pride Your:  
Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2005  
Johnnie Richards

The law took effect Monday in Northern Ireland, one day before Scotland and two days before England and Wales. Couples began registering their unions earlier this month; they can hold ceremonies after a mandatory 15-day waiting period.

Sir Elton John, who will exchange vows later this week with partner David Furnish, wrote a commentary Sunday in *The Observer*, calling for gay rights around the globe.

"Next Wednesday, on the happiest day of my life, when I celebrate a civil partnership with David, I will be thinking, however, about those less fortunate than we are. In many countries, having a same-sex partner is still outlawed," he wrote.

"Throughout history, gay people such as myself and David have often been made scapegoats by those who fear that we are a threat to the status quo," he continued.

More than 600 same-sex couples are expected to hold civil partnership ceremonies on Wednesday, the AP reported.

## Learn To Be A Better Speaker

Would you like to become a better speaker? Does your non-profit group need help in recruiting and retaining members?

Elizabeth Hampton Brown, a National PFLAG staff member, will conduct a training on Saturday, Jan. 14, at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. The training, in Mead Hall at the church's west end, will start with coffee and rolls at 8:30 a.m. The Membership Recruitment and Retention session will start at 9 a.m.

At 10:45 a.m., she will focus on basic public speaking skills with emphasis on skills for people who are nervous about speaking alone to a large group. She will talk about telling one's personal story in a way that gets our message across. The free training, open to all, will end shortly after noon. If you would like to come, please call PFLAG leaders Bob and Betty Dorr at 333-7064 or email them at: [bobcdorr@cox.net](mailto:bobcdorr@cox.net)

At the monthly Omaha PFLAG meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, Elizabeth will talk about What National PFLAG Does. The meeting, in FUMC's Mead Hall, will start with support time at 7 p.m. The program will begin at 8 p.m. Come for coffee and socializing at 6:30 p.m. Visitors always are welcome.

Elizabeth has responsibility for PFLAG chapters in 16 states including Nebraska and Iowa. Her work includes coordinating National PFLAG's public response to judiciary issues and to marriage and family issues.

Bob Dorr, president  
Omaha PFLAG



## Celebs Toast Elton John at Bachelor Party

PlanetOut Network

LONDON -- Celebrities mobbed a West End nightclub for a glitzy bachelor party to toast the upcoming civil union between Elton John and David Furnish.

Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, Elizabeth Hurley, Bryan Adams, Gary Barlow and Kid Rock were among those who streamed into the gala event Monday night in London's Soho neighborhood. John and Furnish slipped into the Too2Much venue just minutes before the show started.

Shirtless waiters wearing black ties and riding boots served guests flutes of champagne. The nightclub, once a strip club known as Raymond's Revue Bar, has an auditorium with red leather and banquette seating, a bar decorated with Swarovski crystals, chairs dipped in rubber and sculptured glass walls.

Deliveries of sushi and presents arrived at the main entrance as the celebrities partied on. Though the couple had asked revelers to give donations to AIDS charities in lieu of gifts, Cilla Black playfully promised to ignore the instructions.

"I'm going to get them the tackiest toaster I can find," the singer told reporters.

The star-studded bash came ahead of a private ceremony to seal the couple's civil partnership.

Hundreds of same-sex couples plan to form civil partnerships in England and Wales on Wednesday, the first day that such ceremonies become possible under new legislation offering gay men and lesbians many of the legal protections available to married heterosexuals.

## Court Upholds New Orleans' Partner Policy

Ann Rostow, PlanetOut Network

A state appellate court in Louisiana has upheld a domestic partner plan and registry instituted by the city of New Orleans in the late 1990s.

According to Lambda Legal, New Orleans started offering health insurance to the partners of gay and lesbian city employees in 1997. Two years later, the City Council set up a registry allowing same-sex couples throughout its jurisdiction to formally record their partnerships.

In 2003, a group of citizens sued the city, claiming that their status as taxpayers gave them the right to challenge the policies in court. Usually, a disinterested third party is not allowed to challenge a law or intervene in a suit that does not have a direct impact on their lives. Indeed, a lower court dismissed the suit last May, ruling that the group lacked legal standing to sue. In a

decision announced Monday, the Fourth Circuit state appellate court agreed.

The petitioners were represented by the conservative Alliance Defense Fund (ADF). There is no indication yet whether the ADF plans to appeal the decision to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

The conservatives claimed that the domestic partner plan violated the state's law against same-sex marriage, a statute that has since become embedded in the state Constitution. This same argument has also been advanced in Michigan, where the ACLU is fighting to clarify the scope of the Michigan marriage amendment, and in Ohio, where Lambda is confronting an attack on Miami University's domestic partner plan on the same grounds. Marriage and partner opponents also sued in Utah after the mayor of Salt Lake City authorized benefits by executive order earlier this fall.

In rejecting the Louisiana case, the 2-1 appellate majority ruled that the plaintiffs "have not established the minimal requisite interest, and therefore lack the requisite interest sufficient to afford him a right of action."

In a dispatch, the Associated Press reported that the ADF attorneys suggested to the court that state law allows taxpayers to contest any public actions that increase government costs, regardless of the amount in question. Their view was accepted by dissenting judge Patricia Rivet Murray, who nonetheless acknowledged that the cost of the benefits had a "minuscule" impact on the city budget.

## Indianapolis Approves LGBT Rights Law

PlanetOut Network

The City Council of Indianapolis narrowly approved a measure Monday night that forbids discrimination in employment and housing based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

The nondiscrimination ordinance passed with a 15-14 vote, and it holds for all businesses and landlords in Marion County, where Indianapolis is located.

The measure extends a policy currently in place in many large companies, the governor's office and City Hall, according to the Indianapolis Star.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest LGBT lobby group, praised the City Council's decision on Tuesday.

"The City Council sent a clear message that Indianapolis values all of its citizens and will tolerate discrimination against no one," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "Indianapolis is another great example of a city in the middle of America that is moving the country closer to equality and fairness for all Americans."

Last April a similar measure failed by a 18-11 council vote.

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