

Press Release, March 6th, 2008

"7 Year Old Transvestites in Public Schools" - RETRACTION Statement Issued

After receiving feedback from the Colorado GLBT community today, the gayzette has retracted the article from the pages of their online edition, and issues the following statement:

"Please accept our sincerest apologies in regards to the Homo-razzi article that was published in our March, 2008 issue. The Homo-razzi feature that is meant to be humorous in nature, did anything but achieve 'being funny.' The article instead was hurtful, hateful, and distasteful, and should never have reached our printed pages.

We are, and will continue to be supporters of the GLBT community and do not think of our own as second class citizens, nor are we ignorant to the issues that members of our transgendered community face. With this being said, and as the publisher of the gayzette I do take full responsibility for the publications content and will act appropriately in addressing this issue.

I have been in contact with Kate Bowman, Board Chair of the Gender Identity Center of Colorado. She has advised me of the concerns of the transgendered community in regards to the article, and I will continue to work with her in the future to promote messages of diversity within our community.

We have taken immediate action by retracting the article from our online edition and accompanied by our deepest regrets; plan to do the same in our next printed issue. In addition, I have offered the Gender Identity Center of Colorado, a free full page, full color advertisement which will be printed in our April issue. Also in the coming weeks we plan to work with Kate Bowman in locating a transgendered columnist to provide our community with a regular-monthly T-feature, that will soon appear within the pages of gayzette.

By taking these actions, I assure the Transgendered community that we at the gayzette stand by your side in the fight for equality. This will never happen again."

Please accept our sincerest apologies,

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