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## **PFLAG Omaha Scholarship**



PFLAG Omaha will be offering a \$1000.00 scholarship again this year to a graduating high school senior who plans to attend a post-secondary school. Thanks to donor, Robert Stofferson, and the PFLAG Omaha group for funding this scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied high school seniors. We hope to encourage the pursuit of post-secondary education for self-identified LGBT youth and allies. We know that offering a scholarship will also foster a positive image for PFLAG Omaha in our community.

Information about the scholarship process and the application requirements can be found on the PFLAG Omaha website (www.pflag-omaha.org). The application form can be easily printed. Applications are due on April 1, 2013. They should be mailed to PFLAG Omaha Scholarships, Box 390064, Omaha, NE 68139.

Questions should be addressed to info@pflag-omaha.org. Carol Beaty is chairing the scholarship committee this year and can be reached at 403-332-8215. The scholarship recipient will be selected by May 1, 2013 and announced at the May PFLAG meeting.

Help us spread the word about our PFLAG scholarship. If you know of a high school senior that may be a good candidate, please let him/her know about the scholarship and check out the website. We are making the scholarship application available in the counselor's offices of metro-area high schools.

In 2013 we are offering \$1000.00 in the scholarship. You might want to consider making a donation to the PFLAG Scholarship Program to enable PFLAG to increase the award or consider selecting more than one recipient.

Contact Carrie Spencer, PFLAG President if this is of interest to you.

# President Obama's History-Making Gay Rights Inaugural Speech

By Michelangelo Signorile

President Obama didn't just make history by becoming the first president to refer to "our gay brothers and sisters" in an inaugural address. Of course, that alone was a stunner -- he put gay rights on the agenda for his second term in a way that no other president had committed to before -- but by referring specifically to the Stonewall riots of 1969 in the same sentence as Seneca Falls and Selma, he put the LGBT rights struggle within the context of the great civil rights movements in American history.



Standing before Republican leaders, who are fighting against gay rights; the Supreme Court, which will be deciding on gay rights this year; and the American people, who are fast embracing gay rights, the president made it clear that there is no separating LGBT rights from the struggles for equality by women and people of color. The following passage, in which the president casts the individuals who stood up to the police at the Stonewall Inn, a Greenwich Village gay bar that was raided in the summer of '69 -- the drag queens and the lesbians, the gay men and the transgender people -- as our "forebears," is truly amazing and powerful:

We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths, that all of us are created equal, is the star that guides us still, just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall, just as it guided all those men and women, sung and unsung, who left footprints along this great Mall, to hear a preacher say that we cannot walk alone, to hear a King pro-

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FILM STREAMS REPERTORY





# To Catch a Valentine

Film Streams and Borsheims present a complimentary Valentine's Day screening of Hitchcock's TO CATCH A THIEF starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly.

OMAHA (1/22/13) – This Valentine's Day, Film Streams and Borsheims are teaming up to present a special free screening of Alfred Hitchcock's TO CATCH A THIEF (1955) starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly.

The romantic thriller will show at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater (1340 Mike Fahey St., Omaha) on Thursday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

Free tickets are now available at the Ruth Sokolof Theater box office and will be given out while supplies last. There is a limit of two passes per person.

Those picking up tickets in advance will also receive a Borsheims coupon worth \$10 off purchases of \$100 or more if redeemed by Valentine's Day.



Grace Kelly and Cary Grant in TO CATCH A THIEF (1958)

Set along the French Rivera, TO CATCH A THIEF features two of Hitchcock's favorite stars in Cary Grant and Grace Kelly. Accused in a series of crimes he didn't commit, retired thief John Robie (Grant) goes undercover to launch his own investigation. Along the way he draws the help and attraction of a stunning young heiress (Kelly). The film ranks 46th on the American Film Institute's list of "The 100 Greatest Love Stories of All Time" and won the Academy Award for Best Cinematography.

For more information, questions or requests, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 x 11 or <u>casey@filmstreams.org</u>.

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# (President Obama's History-Making Gay Rights Inaugural Speech, Continued from page 1)

claim that our individual freedom is inextricably bound to the freedom of every soul on Earth.

President Obama rightly defined the issue of LGBT rights as one that reflects the most basic values of the founding fathers and the Declaration of Independence, which he paraphrased several times ("We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths, that all of us are created equal ... "). It was a challenge not only to those on the anti-gay right but to those in other civil rights movements to stand up for full equality and to see gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people as truly discriminated against in ways that are similar to the experiences of other groups that are fighting for equal treatment under the law. That may not seem like a big deal to some, but historically, the relationship between the LGBT rights movement and Democratic politicians has been tarnished by their view that LGBT people should have some rights but are somehow different from -- lesser than -- other groups seeking equality. So when the first African-American president says in an inaugural address that, no, discrimination is discrimination, that is profound.

And by proclaiming that "our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law," and that "the love we commit to one another must be equal, as well," the president challenged all Americans to support marriage equality. Here is a man who, less than a year ago, was still "evolving" on the question of marriage equality and was being pressured by the very activists, like Joe Sudbay, who got him to admit that he was in the midst of a personal evolution on the issue. Now here he is, not only fully evolved, having *(Continued on next page)* 



Two Omaha locations: 3105 North 93rd St / 5310 South 139th Plaza www.ppheartland.org | 1.877.811.7526 run on the issue during his campaign for reelection and having urged voters in four states to vote for equality, but confidently and proudly saying so in his inaugural address, one of the most important, defining speeches a president can give, and telegraphing to the country and the world that they should evolve fully, too.

There's much pressure on the president to deliver on a variety of equality issues and match his words with actions: He still has not signed an executive order that would ban federal contractors from discriminating against LGBT people; his Justice Department has not filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Prop 8 case before the Supreme Court; and the military is still not equal in the aftermath of "don't ask, don't tell" repeal, with no ban on discrimination against gays in the armed forces, and there's fear that Obama's nominee for Secretary of Defense, former Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), will not take up the issue with force. However, by including calls for full equality and marriage rights in such a defining speech -- and making history in the process, as the first president to refer to the struggle for gay equality in his inaugural address -- President Obama has laid out a promise in perhaps the most powerful way he could.

# **RCMC** Open House

Omaha's GLBTA Chorus! is hosting an Open House and Auditions for their June show - "Not the Same Old Song & Dance".

Monday, January 28th, the Open House begins at 6:45 at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St, in Cary Hall (the gymnasium). Please use the North East entrance.

Following an abbreviated rehearsal, enjoy light refreshments, socialize and ask returning members questions about RCMC. The stress-free, no pressure auditions begin at 8:30,

Auditions are open to anyone 18 yrs and older.

For additional information, please visit our website: www.rcmc.org. To schedule an audition or if you have any questions, email audition@rcmc.org or call 402-341-SING (7464).

Hope to see you on the risers!

## **February Fun Times**

Emperor 32, Dan and Empress 32, Macy along with Reign 32 have made it through the holiday season. Now that we are at the half way point for the reign, we have granted out over \$19,000.00 to local charities. We would have not been able to do this without the great support of the community.



Continuing

in our showcase of our outstanding community members, we turn our focus to Sally Presby, mother to Empress 20, Feleena Katz. Sally has been a consistent source of support for ICON for over a decade. She has provided supplies to multiple picnics, donated hats, scarves and gloves to Toyz 4 Totz, along with numerous monetary donations and even helping our own members in their time of need.

Another constant supporter of our noble deeds is Gordon Hitchcock, LMT. A longtime fixture in the GLBT community, Gordon provides numerous raffle and auction donations throughout the year. He also physically comes out to our many of our events throughout the year to support our causes.

ICON's Annual Meeting will be on Monday, February 18th, 2013 at 6:30pm at MCC-Omaha. At that meeting we will be holding the elections for the following board positions: Vice-President, Treasurer, two At-Large positions and Alternate Parliamentarian.

February might only have 28 days, but ICON has every weekend booked through the month. We hope to see you out and about at one of the following events:

Camp Comedy, Friday, February 8th at Flixx

Black Hearts Bash, Sunday, February 10th at the Max

Mardi Gras Pageant, Tuesday, February 12th at the Max

The Meat Packers, Sunday, February 17th at the Max

Art Auction, Saturday, February 23rd at Gallery at Prouty Place

Snoball 2013, Saturday, February 23rd at the Max

For more information, please visit www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org.





# **Celebrating Relationships**

Celebrating a relationship is as individual and unique as each human being is. Some will choose a wedding, others may choose; an elopement, a vow renewal, a holy union, or a commitment ceremony. Some will be religious, some will have spiritual aspects and others will be nonreligious. The most important thing, is keeping the most important thing, the most important thing (honoring your beliefs, values and ob-



jectives for the ceremony in your way!)

Find what you love ... Who are you as individuals? Who are you as a couple? What story message about yourselves do you want your guests to take away from your special day? It may be about "that" dress or "that" tux. It may be about flowers. It may be about colors or other elements. Knowing what that is allows a point to begin discussions on how to incorporate it into your ceremony!

Creating a style book ... Designers and hotels do it, why don't you? They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, Pinterest is a great resource and tool to use in creating a style book or

gathering images and suggestions.

Have your cake, and eat it too ... Your ceremony is just that, your ceremony! It IS the most important thing. Wedding ceremonies can be steeped in tradition and that should help you with the general outline, styling with elements and rituals is what will personalize it and make it a unique, memorable, and special ceremony.

From premarital coaching, planning, organizing, coordinating rehearsals and officiating, I can help you both co-author your event or ceremony that is based on who you are as a couple.

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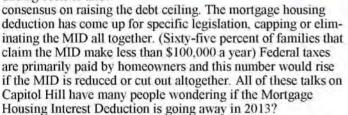
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## Is the Mortgage Housing Deduction Going Away in 2013?

The national housing market is still healing from the last major recession that the U.S. had and political debates are going on in the nation's capital about limits and deductions for taxpayers. One of these topics is the mortgage interest deduction or the

MID which is a tax break that Jeff Hammerberg, Founding CEO of GayRealEstate.com say helps mold the dynamics for an improving American housing market and a stronger economy. The MID makes it easier for carrying the costs of owning a home. The middle and lower income families are the ones that benefit the most from the mortgage housing deduction.

Congress is trying to find any means that are available to find extra sources of revenue to help with reducing costs to allow



The American dream is an old school ideology that is still very much alive today. Home values and sales will decrease without the MID. Some economists predict that the values could drop in the double digits in some circumstances. Changes in the MID which is an important home ownership benefit that many people have come to rely on would destroy the wealth buildup of millions of diligent middle-class families along with devastating their dreams of sending their kids to college, retirement or even perhaps starting a small business. The MID allows homeowners to deduct interest paid on a mortgage which in turn helps families save a significant amount of money they would have paid in taxes.

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) is the biggest ad-

vocate for saving the MID and has thus far been the biggest crusader against any legislation that would tamper with the program. Gay Realtor's have empathized over and over again to politicians how important the mortgage interest deduction is for both the economy and the housing market alike. All Realtor's have been long standing supporters of the MID and will continue to do so until congress introduces specific legislation. The crusade for real estate professionals will continue as they oppose any future plan that would amend the MID in any shape or form.

The mortgage interest deduction still applies for homeowners but it will continue to be a debate as all of the challenges of the 2013 move in, the fiscal cliff is really just the tip of the ice berg, with the debt ceiling debate coming next.

Advocates will continue to support the MID as a benchmark for the American Dream and a valuable platform for the middleclass as opponents wage a war against capping or eliminating the MID altogether.

No one can predict what shape the tax reforms of 2013 will bring but it is predictable that the MID reduction or elimination will have a negative effect on home values if the Mortgage Housing Interest Deduction disappears in 2013. All eyes will be on Capitol Hill as this debate continues to spark between the Congress and the White House.

Author Jeff Hammerberg is the Founding CEO of http:// www.GayRealEstate.com. Free Instant Access to the Nation's Top Gay, Lesbian and Gay Friendly Realtors Coast to Coast. FREE Buyers Representation ~ Free Relocation Kit to any City, USA ~ Free Sellers Market Analysis for home sellers.

#### Prop 8 Supporters Submit Official Brief to Supreme Court

#### By Michelle Garcia

Proponents of California's ban on same-sex marriage officially submitted their brief to the Supreme Court Tuesday, urging the court to uphold the vote that constitutionally banned marriage in 2008.

According to Buzzfeed, Proposition 8's backers say that the state's constitution does not "mandate the traditional gendered definition of marriage, but neither does our Constitution condemn it. This Court, accordingly, should allow the public debate regarding marriage to continue through the democratic process, both in California and throughout the Nation."

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments for Hollingsworth v. Perry on March 26, and a decision is expected by the end of June.

#### Inaugural Prayer Service Includes First Out Gay Clergy Member

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#### By Trudy Ring

The LGBT-inclusive nature of President Obama's inauguration festivities carried over into today's Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., with the first participation by an openly gay clergy member.

The Reverend Elder Nancy L. Wilson, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a largely LGBT denomination, gave the first reading of Scripture, a passage from the book of Isaiah, at this morning's event. She was one of a diverse group of interfaith clergy to participate in the service, which was attended by President Obama and Vice President Biden.

In a blog post she wrote for the pro-LGBT interfaith group Believe Out Loud before the event, Wilson said she expected to be "exalting" at the service. "This exaltation is not for myself but for the millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people who have longed for a safe place to call home," she wrote. "Whether spiritual or physical, we need safe homes." In a statement released through GLAAD, she added, "President



Obama prayerfully and respectfully stood up for LGBT equality during his campaign, and I am proud to stand with him."

This was the 57th inaugural prayer service, and officials with the National Cathedral confirmed that Wilson was the first openly gay clergy

#### U.K.: Law Proposed to Accommodate a Gay King or Queen

By Michelle Garcia

As Prince William and Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, endure the final throes of pregnancy, Parliament is working on legislation to ensure that their firstborn child will be able to rule, no matter their sexual orientation.

Parliament will soon pass legislation to allow the royal couple's child to rule the United Kingdom whether the child is male or female. Labor MP Paul Flynn has an amendment to support an openly gay king or queen.

The law would determine the heir of the gay king or queen and their spouse or civil partner, as long as they were born through artificial insemination or surrogacy, according to Pink News. An adopted child would not legally be able to inherit the throne, nor would he or she join the line of succession, under current law, and it is not clear that Flynn's amendment would seek to change that. Furthermore, the king or queen's same-sex partner would be recognized as king consort or queen consort.

House of Commons speaker John Bercow is expected to accept the amendment, bringing it into debate.

## Daniel Radcliffe on Sex in 'Kill Your Darlings'

By Out.com Editors

The actor explains why all English men aren't gay

The reviews for first-time director John Krokidas's film, Kill Your Darlings which stars Daniel Radcliffe as a young Allen Ginsberg-are coming in after its Sundance premiere. And so far it seems critics are loving it. As the UK's The Independent stated, Radcliffe "provides a defining performance as Beat poet Allen Ginsberg." Since so much is being made of the gay sex in the film, we asked Radcliffe his thoughts.



Daniel Radcliffe: "For me, Kill Your Darlings is a film about young love in whatever form it takes. It wasn't any more challenging than if you're doing a [sexual] awakening scene with a girl. At no point did any of us want to do anything that would distinguish it from how we would fall in love with somebody to my knowledge, there is no difference in how heterosexual and homosexual people fall in love. A lot of people are quick to ask if it's a gay love story—well, yes, they are gay characters,

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# Is That all There Is?

#### Michael Kimmel [beyondtherapy@cox.net]

For many of us, a new year brings great hope for change. We expect things will be better. A lot of my clients tell me, "I'll be so glad when 2012 is over." But, I wonder: will 2013 be any better? Just because it's a new year, nothing really changes. A few months' later, we'll be saying "Is that all there is?"

As a psychotherapist, I notice that a new year usually brings up a lot of discontent in my clients' lives. They want things to be different in the new year, but don't know how to make it happen.

Discontent doesn't feel good, but it's a necessary part of growing wiser. It pushes us to clearly see what we've done so far – the joys and sorrows, successes and failures – and that if we keep going the same way, nothing's going to change. Sometimes we even feel "trapped" in a life where change seems impossible.

We are never trapped, but we often believe that we are.

Discontent is healthy: it pushes us to change...and change takes work. Unfortunately, few of us (myself included) are encouraged to change when life is easy. No, it takes some thumps upside the head to get us to examine what we're doing and consider doing things differently.

How can you use your discontent constructively?

One way is to consider counseling. There are many ways to make 2013 a better year, and most of them involve reflection: going inward. Many of us don't want to do this; we avoid it at all costs. We are afraid that if we look inside our minds we'll discover a horrible person lurking in there.

This is where counseling can be helpful. Psychotherapy encourages us to go inward, where we often find our unconscious beliefs and child-hood fears running the show. If you are wondering why you can't stop doing something that you know is bad for you, I guarantee you that your conscious mind is not in charge.

Your conscious mind knows what would be good for you, but it is often overruled by your unconscious mind. Your unconscious mind is all that stuff just below the surface of daily life, and it goes way, way back.

It's like you're carrying around a 8-year-old version of yourself who is – unconsciously – running your life. If you ever find yourself saying, "I know this isn't good for me, but I just can't stop doing it", know that your unconscious is in control.

But you can change this.

Every year, right after New Year's Day, I get a bunch of phone calls, and all the callers ask me the same question: "I want this new year to be different, can you help me?" Their discontent has pushed them to consider counseling.

Lots of people think that counseling is for crazy people. I know this one. Growing up on a farm in rural Ohio, I believed this too.

Counseling isn't for crazy people. Au contraire: crazy people won't change, they just go on being crazy and making the rest of us miserable. Counseling is for people who want to change their lives and would like some expert help in doing so.

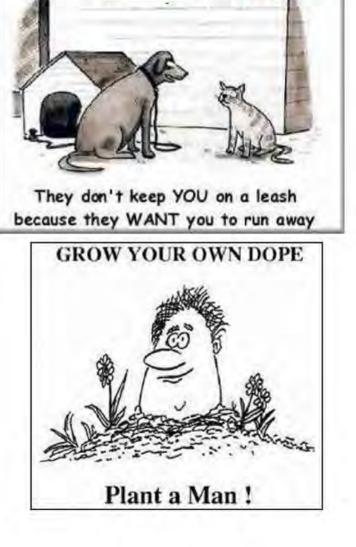
As a psychotherapist, I recommend that my clients consider me to be a personal trainer for their mind.

When you work out at the gym and hit a plateau, if you're smart, you stop doing the same old unproductive routine and get a trainer to help you move to the next level. A good psychotherapist does the same thing for your mental state: when you're "stuck" and can't progress mentally, you need help. Friends, relatives and lovers can be helpful, but they have neither the training nor the objectivity and confidentiality of a good psychotherapist.

If you want this new year to be better than last year, consider getting some expert assistance. You could ring in the new year by making a conscious effort to change your life.

Above all, don't find yourself at the end of 2013 saying, "Is that all there is?"

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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha (mail address: PO Box 8583 Omaha NE 68108)

#### **NEW WALK-IN HOURS**

Saturdays Sundays Thursdays Fridays 4:00PM - 8:00PM 4:00PM - 6:00PM 7:30PM - 9:00PM 6:00PM - 11:00PM

\*Closed Most Major Holidays (402) 341-0330 www.rainbowoutreach.org

The GLBT Center welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied persons; we encourage all to attend GLBT Center events and activities. We celebrate unity and diversity - sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, race, religion, age, ability, ethnic and national origin.

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday <u>WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> <u>AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH,</u> ELCA, 3647 LaFayette Ave., Omaha GLBT

friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com
DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-

house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 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, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS 4pm , Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, NE.

#### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am & Wednesday Worship at 7pm

**ONE PROMISE GROUP,** Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

**<u>RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE,</u>** 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

SECOND UNITARIAN, 9:30 & 11:30am Sunday service, Vespers Service 4th Sunday at 5pm, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE 402-334-0537

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday <u>A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"</u> Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

**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

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

**<u>RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-</u>** <u>**HEARSALS,** 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.</u>

**Every Tuesday** <u>HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE</u>, meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at <u>aander-</u> <u>son@hastings.edu</u> or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

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

**NAP HIV TESTING**, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm, Walkin from 5pm to 8pm

#### UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

#### Every Thursday DANCE LESSONS WITH GORDON

7pm, free, DC's Saloon, Classes run from Sept 9th thru May 20th annually

KARAOKE W/ STACY 9:00 pm, at DC's Saloon

NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

#### Every Friday

**LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting,** 8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

**LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON**, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

#### **OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB**

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

**<u>GLBT CENTER YOUTH NIGHT</u>**, 6PM to 11PM, for ages 13 to 23. Youth sponsored and organized activities, under adult supervision. Every Friday, excluding holidays. 3620 Leavenworth Street, snacks, soda's provided

#### **Every Saturday**

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

#### PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

4–6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

#### Every Other Friday

**CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER** at Barley's, 114 West Broadway in CB) starting at 5:00-7:00pm every other Friday

#### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm

at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

#### 1st Thursday

<u>**GLBT PROFESSIONALS,**</u> meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: <u>GOg-lbt@cfep-ne.org</u> or see <u>www.GOglbt.org</u> for info

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

#### **1st Saturday**

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**, at 7:00 pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

#### **1st Sunday**

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN 12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

#### 2nd Monday

NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm -50th & Ames Ave.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

PFLAG-OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

#### 2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm -6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition. Meets in the MCC sanctuary Phone: 402.953.7656 ecuomaha@live.com Email:

Web: www.ecuomaha.org

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Pride Planning Meeting- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

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#### **3rd Sunday**

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs 4th Monday

#### NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm-50th & Ames Ave.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 3-5:30 pm

#### 4th Friday LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF OMA-HA, Not currently meeting.

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#### **Email Your Event to:** GAYZETTE@COX.NET

# **Early Retirement**

The Navy found they had too many officers and decided to offer an early retirement bonus. They promised any officer who volunteered for Retirement a bonus of \$1,000 for every inch measured in a straight line between any two points in his body .. The officer got to choose what those two points would be.

The first officer who accepted asked that he be measured from the top of his head to the tip of his toes. He was measured at six feet and walked out with a bonus of \$72,000.

The second officer who accepted was a little smarter and asked to be measured from the tip of his outstretched hands to his toes. He walked out with \$96,000.

The third one was a non-commissioned officer, a grizzly old Chief who, when asked where he would like to be measured replied. From the tip of my weenie to my testicles."

It was suggested by the pension man that he might want to reconsider, explaining about the nice big checks the previous two Officers had received. But the old Chief insisted and they decided to go along with him providing the measurement was taken by a Medical Officer.

The Medical Officer arrived and instructed the Chief to 'drop 'em,' which he did. The medical officer placed the tape measure on the tip of the Chief's weenie and began to work back. "Dear Lord!", he suddenly exclaimed, "Where are your testicles?"

The old Chief calmly replied, " Vietnam"

## **A Melting Touch**

Once upon a time there lived a king who had a beautiful daughter. But there was a problem. Everything the princess touched would melt.

No matter what: Metal, Wood, Stone, anything she touched would melt. Because of this, men were afraid of her. Nobody would dare marry her

The king despaired. What could he do to help his daughter? He consulted his wizards and magicians. One wizard told the king, 'If your daughter touches one thing that does not melt in her hands, she will be cured.' The king was overjoyed and came up with a plan.

The next day, he held a competition. Any man that could bring his daughter an object that would not melt would marry her and inherit the king's wealth ...

Three young Prince's took up the challenge.

The first brought a sword of the finest steel. But alas, when the princess touched it, it melted. The prince went away sadly .

The second prince brought diamonds. He thought diamonds are the hardest substance in the world and would not melt. But alas, once the princess touched them, they melted. He too was sent away disappointed.

The third prince approached. He told the princess. 'Put your hand in my pocket and feel what is in there.' The princess did as she was told, though she turned red. She felt something hard. She held it in her hand. And it did not melt!!!

The king was overjoyed. Everybody in the kingdom was overjoyed.

And the third prince married the princess and they both lived happily ever after.

Question: What was in the prince's pants?

M&M's of course. They melt in your mouth, not in your hand. What were YOU thinking??



# **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
- Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org
- 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org
- Diamond Foundation, making a difference through music and education, call 877-87-DIAMOND/www.diamond-foundation.org
- Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856
- First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming
- First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039,

www.firstuuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

- Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)
- Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources Goglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats http://omahalgbtdemocrats.wordpress.com contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also http:// ProgressiveOasis.com

Heartland Pride

Www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

- 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, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

- LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547. Omaha NE 68124
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm
- NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

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

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

- Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive
- North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Contemporary service Saturday night at 5:30pm

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongp1@cox.net

- Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information
- 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: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com OUTLinc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outlinc.org, Lincoln NE

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamey, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781

- River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details
- River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org
- SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH,
- 3012 South 119th Street, 402-334-0537, www.secondunitarianomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation
- SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive
- Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N, 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

## LINCOLN BASED

- LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director.
- http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652

http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality

- Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info
- GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln
- 402/472-2597
- Nebraska AIDS Project, Lincoln, 1921 S. 17th St. (402) 476-7000
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, 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. Website: http:// pflagcornhusker.org/
- Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441-3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com
- SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S.46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln

Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openess, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln

info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094
TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tri-city-glbt.com/
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbtc

**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, **Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

# Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Council Bluffs Community Alliance www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, <u>www.councilbluffspride.org</u> First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT

friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/

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

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

# **Nationally Based**

# (Daniel Radcliffe on Sex in 'Kill Your Darlings', continued from page 8)

but it's just a love story.

The relationship between Allen [Ginsberg] and Lucien [Carr], I think is incredibly universal—you meet somebody who is far more confident, far more charismatic, and seemingly more intelligent than you, and you completely fall in love with them, and then you actually outgrow them, and they come to resent you for it. I think that's the whole point of relationships is that they do absolutely move you on as a person, and you learn things about yourself as a person, things you like and don't like, and things you can do better next time you are with somebody.

There were certainly relationships that I could draw on when thinking about my relationship with Lucien, and not all of them romantic relationships, some of them just relationships of professional mentorship, the couple of really great teachers I'd had—elements of all those relationships factored into Allen's and my experience of Lucien.

Out: One of the things that our readers, certainly, find compelling about you is this sense of your instinctive comfort around people of different sexualities. For a lot of gay men that seems quite empowering.

# Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

#### Omaha:

DC's Saloon. 610 South 14th Street 402-344-3103 Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549 Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020 Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377 The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110 Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343 Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260 Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703 Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center, 3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gavzette) 402-341-0330

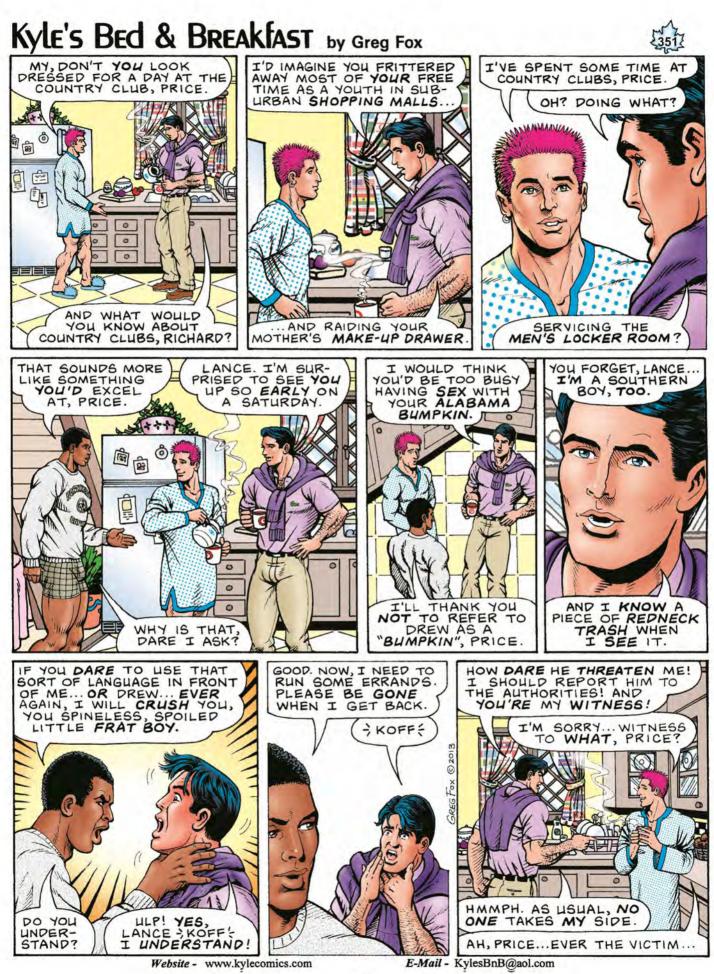
#### Would you like to have the Gayzette at your Place of business? Email your request to: Gayzette@cox.net

I had an interesting conversation with someone recently, because there was a wonderful moment on the opening night of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying when one of the male chorus of the show tried to set up my bisexual dresser, who's a woman—and who had been with a woman for a long time at that point—with my gay English singing teacher, which was never going to work.

I said, "Did you not know Mark was gay?" And he said, "To be honest, all English people I meet seem gay, so I just assume none of you are."

I was talking to someone about this and I said, "Why is it that when people meet English men in America they automatically think they're gay?" and one of the girls explained to me it was because American men feel the need to in some way assert a sense of masculinity in everything they do, and British men don't feel the same compulsion to do that all the time.

I think my attitude towards homosexuality is actually the prevalent one in my generation—it's just unfortunate that in the world of the Internet sometimes the angriest voices are the ones we hear the loudest. But I can't remember the last time I met somebody of my age who was bigoted. Obviously it exists, but I do think attitudes are changing.



# **Fitness Corner**

By Ron Blake



#### SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER OR WELLNESS?

Forget all that hype about starting your resolutions on New Year's Day. Let's start a new tradition and get 'em out of the gate on February 2nd. It's not just any day; it's Groundhog's Day. That festive winter day just might be the start of something great for you.

Most resolutions are just mere words by early February. Groundhog's Day is said to have its roots in a Gaelic festival that celebrated the beginning of spring. Get your healthy determination in place with a new beginning of your own. That last decade of resolutions didn't work out so well? Change the date to February and breathe some new life into your old ways.

You can't hide your head in the sand forever. If things are going to improve for you then you've got to come out of your hole for a look at the world. You might see your extra thirty pounds of weight and want to go back in your hole for another six weeks of bitter. Face your shadow with resolute courage and begin to shed the excessive girth you've gained.

It's so easy to keep reliving your bad days over and over like Bill Murray's character in Groundhog's Day. The alarm clock radio break dances on your weary head with Sonny and Cher and brings you into a new day with high blood pressure...again. Every day is the same as the one before with bad news about systolic and diastolic woes. Break that tireless time loop with some healthier eating and exercise. Tomorrow can be different.

Take the bad with the good. Could it be that spring is right around the corner or that winter is here for an evil extensive encore? You need to be ready for whatever Punxsutawney Phil's predictions throw at you. Your resolutions are likely to have many detours, temptations, and frenzied flying monkeys along that yellow brick road. Stay focused and don't become discouraged. That light at the end of the tunnel is your healthy glow from the spring in your step.

Most groundhogs don't want to come out of a hole when 25,000 people are standing around flashing cameras and cheering. It's not easy to give a forecast with that kind of pressure. Find a pace and a place that works well for you to achieve your wellness goals without duress from the masses in the world.

The loveable little rodent only gets his day in lights once each year. Most New Year's resolutions also only experience that annual moment in the spotlight. The bravado and blustering of good intentions can easily get lost after the ball drop in Times Square. Keep your eyes on the prize and gather some friends in your corner. You're going to need support to make it through successfully to the second month of next year.

The second day of February is either the winter cup as half full or half empty. You decide how you view this middle day of the winter season. The forecast might include a shadow of your former glory or prosperity beyond a shadow of a doubt. Good luck with your new New Year's resolutions and Happy Groundhog's Day!

This wellness article is brought to you by that guy with no pencil prognostications. That guy of calculated confidence is Ron Blake and he can be found inking his future at myblakefitness.com.



Free anonymous or confidential rapid HIV testing. Chlamydia & Gonorrhea testing also available for \$10.00 NAP: Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only) 77th & Dodge St. 5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in) Thursday 1:30 to 3:30 pm (appointment only) 5:00 to 8:00 pm (walk-in) Flixx Lounge: 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 10th & Pacific St. 8:00 to 10:00 pm (walk-in) **RESPECT Clinic** 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 5:00 to 7:00 pm (walk-in) 50th & Ames Ave. (Located in Baker Square Plaza) Know your status. GET TESTED! Call 402-552-9260 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

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# FEBRUARIS

SUN FEB 3 - 10PM "Heels of Fury" Presented by Daveena Crase

SUN FEB 10 - 10PM "Black Hearts Bash" Presented by Macy Riley

TUE FEB 12 - 8PM "Mardi Gras Pageant" Presented by Todd Pacas

**SUN FEB 17 - 8PM** "The Meat Packers"

FRI FEB 22 - 7PM "CD Release Party" Presented by Annie Welty

> SAT FEB 23 - 7PM "SnoBall" Presented by ICON

SUN FEB 24 - 10PM "80's Prom" Presented by Max Family

