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SMILES, SONGS, AND SERVICE AT GILLIGAN'S

Are you really hungry? Looking for a friendly place to have dinner or your favorite cocktail? Do you love to sing along at Karaoke? Then check out Gilligan's Pub at 1407 Harney.

During the week, Gill's is a great place for a relaxed drink with friends. The bartenders are friendly and anxious to provide you with a full measure mixed drink or a tall mug of Gilligan's specially brewed ale. The grill serves up the best burgers around. The servings are huge and the prices are reasonable. Special favorites include the Gilli burger with just a touch of barbecue sauce, the blackened chicken sandwich, the baked potato smothered with cheese, sour cream and your favorite extra, and the generous portions of the chef's salad. However, it is on the weekend that Gill's really shines as they serve up a KING-size slice of prime rib that

practically melts in your mouth. Baked potato and salad make this a meal truly fit for a king (or a queen). And after the dance bars close, you can get a tasty breakfast at Gilligan's until 4 a.m.

Gilligan's also features an upstairs bar where karaoke brings out the best of Omaha's amateur and professional vocalists who can now compete for cash prizes in Gilligan's karaoke showdown. Check at the bar for details.

But for a really special event, consider the black tie millennium party to be held in Gilligan's upstairs bar on New Year's Eve. This elegant event includes a prime rib dinner, drinks, millennium stemware and drawings for cash and other prizes. Seating is limited so if you want to treat your special person to an event worthy of the new millennium, consider this reserved seat only affair. Contact Gilligan's for complete details and to make your reservations.

COUNTRY DANCE LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

Do you think that you have 2 left feet?

We have come up with a way that is guaranteed to teach even the most un-coordinated person (like us) to dance. You do not need to have a partner. Feel free to come alone. If you have the desire to learn & laugh then come join us. We teach the basics in a slow, fun atmosphere.

There is no one to laugh at you but yourself, because we are all beginners. The two instructors, Judy and Linda, have only been dancing for a little over a year. We found that we could not keep up the pace at DC's dance lessons. So we came up with a plan to video tape them. Then we took the tapes home and practiced, practiced, and practiced. The tapes we use are actual dance lesson tapes from DC's. Using this plan we can successfully do the 2 Step, Shadow Dance, Waltz, Rainbow Waltz, Sleazy Slide, Electric Slide, CC Shuffle, Tush Push, The Bop, and the ever popular Stationary Cha Cha. And we are learning more as we go.

So, if you would like to learn, feel free to join us every Friday Night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Metropolitan Community church, 819 South 22, Omaha. Suggested donation is \$1.00. This is donated by us to the church to help defer the cost of coffee, electricity, and the use of the church. So come down and join us. Guaranteed fun. Hope to see you there.



CREECH TRIAL

The Rev. Jimmy Creech was tried on charges of disobeying the United Methodist Church of discipline by performing a Holy Union of Larry Ellis and James Raymer from North Carolina. Rev. Creech was tried in Hastings 20 months ago for marrying a lesbian couple here in Omaha at the First United Methodist Church. He was acquitted on by a narrow margin.

The trial took place at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island. This time the vote was unanimous 13-0. The jury then handed Rev. Creech the "death" penalty by stripping of his pastoral credentials.

Tuesday afternoon and evening prior to the trial we attended a Soulforce training led by the Rev. Mel White, a former "ghost writer" for Jerry Falwell. He came out fifteen years ago and has been working for religious justice since then. There was also a reenactment of the Holy Union of Larry and James. Many couples, including Carla and Sharon, plus many straight couples reaffirmed their commitment vows.

Wednesday, 74 members of the Soulforce team were arrested for blocking the entrance of the church as a symbolic gesture of blocking the trial. Dexter Jenks, 8, and Victoria Peterson, 72, were the youngest and oldest arrestees. I am proud to include both as good friends of mine.

The trial of Rev. Creech was only a step backwards. I met many other kind and caring folks from around the Country who will continue to move forward to right a sad situation. Do not forget what a noble and righteous act the Rev. Creech performed. He will go down in history as a great man.

By Michael Gordon



FRONT RUNNER HOLIDAY PARTY

The Omaha Front Runners/Walkers, a social organization for gay men, lesbians and their friends, strives to promote fitness and health in our community. Members of the group organize weekly run/walk events, bike outings, and other activities, including an annual Holiday Party. This year's Holiday Party will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 19. Members and friends of Omaha Front Runners are invited to attend. For details, call the Omaha Front Runners Hotline (402) 496-3658.

The Omaha Front Runners holds Run/Walk events twice each week: Sundays at 10 a. m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Call the Hotline for locations.

PRIDE PAGEANT

The committee that produces the Pride events each year, Pride, Inc. will have an organizational meeting on December 14, 1999 at Gilligan's upstairs at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in helping on a committee, or providing "people power" will be welcome. Committees will include: Budget, Decorations, Fund Raising, Advertising, Media, Public Relations, Logistics, Mr/Miss/Ms Pride Contest/Show/Pageant.

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**COMIC JASON STUART GETS
MAJOR FLUFF!
RETURNS TO OMAHA IN
JANUARY!!**

Actor/Comic Jason Stuart has just been linked to co-star in the independent feature film *The Fluffer*. The film is to be co-directed by Richard Glatzer (*Grief*) and Wash Westmoreland (*Naked Highway*) and executive produced by Christine Vachon (*Go Fish, I Shot Andy Warhol, Velvet Goldmine, Happiness*). This high octane project has been described a cross between *Boogie Nights* and *Midnight Cowboy!* Jason portrays Tony Brooks, a longtime producer/photographer in the adult film industry. Fluff has never looked so good!

Jason just completed a cameo in the indie comedy *Get Your Stuff* and was recently seen in the David Spade film *Lost and Found* from Warner Bros. & Alcon Entertainment. He has also been seen in recent guest shots on the WB's *Charmed* and *The Drew Carey Show*.

This Openly Gay Comic's busy schedule is set to tour Colleges and Clubs in your area! Jason returns to Omaha's Funny Bone Comedy Club (493-8036) January 19 - 23. December 12 Jason Stuart takes part in *Cracked Christmas: a Benefit for Gay Youth* at Wilshire Ebell theatre in Los Angeles, California, joining such comic greats as Drew Carey, Bob Smith, and Suzanne Westenhoffer.

December Events to Remember

First event is Night of a Thousand Stars on Saturday December 4th.

Then on Sunday December 5th is Dorian Drake's traditional birthday bash at The Max. Rumor has it that this is her last birthday show so don't miss it.

Imperial Court of Nebraska

**Toyz
'4'
Totz**

Sunday, Dec. 12

9:00 PM, The MAX

\$3 Cover

**Buying toyz for over
100 kidz affected
by HIV/AIDS**

**and
personal
needs items
for people
with AIDS.**



ADVOCATE REPORTS GAYS COULD BE TARGET OF MILLENNIUM VIOLENCE

The largest gay publication, *The Advocate*, included in its website a report from *The Washington Post* that the FBI is warning local police chiefs that gay men and lesbians are among the potential targets of extremists groups preparing for violence at the dawn of the new millennium. In a 34-page report prepared by the agency's domestic terrorism unit, the FBI says that several racist groups and militias are looking for targets as the New Year approaches. Among the groups identified in the report is the Christian Identity movement, to which two brothers accused in the murder of a gay couple in Northern California have ties. The report said that police need to monitor the groups to determine if they are planning attacks for January 1. Neil Gallagher, head of the FBI's national security division, told the *Post* that the public needs to be "aware but not scared" of threats.

RAINBOW GAYZETTE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Rainbow Gayzette is entering its third month of the expanded format with local news and photos. For the Gayzette to continue and to develop into a quality publication, we need the help and support of the community. We urgently need:

- Reporters to write articles and provide information about what's coming up in Nebraska and Western Iowa
- Reporters to write articles about significant local events and features about local businesses and organizations.
- Photographers to provide photo documentation
- Advertisers
- YOU, the community, to check out the Gayzette and to let our organizations and businesses know that you read about their event or saw their ad in the Gayzette!

To volunteer your services, call the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center and leave a message for Bruce or Sharon. We'll be happy to put you to work.

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER PRESENTS 3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR TOYZ 4 TOTZ

On December 11, 1999 Learning to Exchange Power will host its third annual fund-raiser for Toyz 4 Totz, an annual benefit of the Imperial Court of Nebraska which provides toys for over 100 children affected by HIV/AIDS across the state of Nebraska and Southwest Iowa.

Learning to Exchange Power will begin this event with workshops on various aspects of the Leather Lifestyle. From 1 – 4 p.m. participants will learn about Waxing taught by Beth and Dusty and about Whips taught by LordWolf and Susan. There will be a dinner break from 4 – 7 when many of those attending the event will meet for dinner at the Old Country buffet. Then from 7 – 9 p.m. there will be a leather show, auction, and raffle followed by a play party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

All events will take place at DC's Saloon in Omaha. The cost for the entire package (not including dinner) is \$10 for non-members, \$7 for members. Individual prices for the workshops, show, and play party are \$5 each.

Learning to Exchange Power is a social/educational group for novices and those curious about the leather lifestyle.

SHEEZA MANN HOLIDAY FUNDRAISERS

Lincoln's original DIVA, Sheeza Mann, presents her annual holiday fundraisers on December 12 and 13 in Lincoln. These back-to-back fundraisers will help fund holiday needs for the Friendship House (a shelter for abused women and children) and for the Lincoln office of the Nebraska AIDS Project.

The first event will be held Sunday, December 12 at the Q in Lincoln. It will be followed by a Monday night event (December 13) at the Panic Bar in Lincoln.

IMPERIAL COURT PRESENTS TOYZ 4 TOTZ

December 12 will be the culmination of holiday fundraising by the Imperial Court of Nebraska and their friends. Beginning with donations received early in the fall, the Imperial Court has been raising money to buy Christmas presents for 105 children across Nebraska who are affected by HIV or AIDS. Donations from members of the Imperial Court of Iowa, Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Steve M. and Gary W's Silent Auction, and Learning to Exchange Power will be added to the proceeds from a blockbuster show to be held at the MAX on Sunday, December 12. The proceeds will be used to purchase 3 - 5 gifts each for 67 children in the Omaha area and to provide funds to NAP caseworkers to meet the needs of children in Greater Nebraska. Members and Friends of the Imperial Court will purchase the toys, using a generous 20% discount offered by K-Mart, and will then wrap all the presents for caseworkers to distribute. Your support of this event will help make the holidays brighter for lots of children affected by HIV/AIDS.

OMAHA AGENCY HOSTS GAY TOUR TO PUERTO VALLARTA

Travel E Z and Travel Partners invite you to join the event of a lifetime for a Gay Trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. You will fly TWA to St. Louis and then board a TWA Charter Flight for a non-stop trip to Puerto Vallarta. You will stay on the beach at the fabulous Gay Friendly BLUE BAY CLUB. Your package price includes round-trip airfare with complimentary meals and non-alcoholic beverages, round-trip transfers between the airport and hotel, hotel accommodations, ocean-view rooms, hotel baggage handling, hotel taxes, and service charge, all meals and unlimited domestic and international drinks. The package price is only \$1186.99 per person for double occupancy, 1431.99 for single occupancy, plus \$39 mandatory insurance (medical only). Space is limited so call now. For details and more information, call 402-556-2525 or 712-366-8911. Be sure to let them know you read about the tour in the Gayzette.

Gay Business Feature: Refined, Combined and Leftbehind

Looking for the unique gift to give this holiday season? Then try this little curious goods shop at the corner of 15th and Dodge. Its an interesting gay owned little store, where you will find everything from Six Million Dollar Man lunch boxes to Waterford Crystal vases. So If you want tasteful or tacky kitch this is the place to shop.

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