

The Gayzette

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What Dykes Like

Caught your attention, didn't I? Have you ever wanted to spend your entire vacation surrounded by Lesbians? You could (a) get yourself thrown in prison, (b) move to Vermont -- I hear the entire state is comprised of Lesbians waiting in queue to get marriage certificates or (c) join the growing numbers of women/wommin/womyn (whatever) who have discovered Olivia Cruises and Resorts.

For many of us, a cruise is not what pops to mind when looking for that special someplace for a romantic get-a-way or just a place to get away where we can actually be ourselves (as in lesbian selves). Until Olivia, my idea of a cruise vacation was standing on the corner of Belmont and Halsted in Chicago and seeing what dropped into my lap. Olivia has cured me of this notion and I, like many other women, have become an Olivia Groupie i.e., I'm already signed up for my next cruise.

Imagine doing all of those cruisy things you've heard about, only entirely in the company of other gay women.

Spend several leisurely days at sea, napping by the pool or luxuriating in a sauna on a secluded deck. Pamper yourself in the ship's spa; work out in the exercise room or gamble with friends in the casino. Have dinner every evening in a 5-star restaurant and be entertained by some of the finest talent in Les-be-land. Finish the evening strolling the deck with that special someone, someone you've known for years or just met five minutes ago.

There's land excursions --snorkeling, boating, sight seeing or just resting on the beach, being waited on hand and foot by your (fill in the blank here).

Being made to feel special in a good way, that is with all of the ship's crew and Olivia staff there to make this vacation you best ever, not counting that little overnight in the forest with the ladies from Gym Teachers of America, but that's another story.

The staff of Olivia does an amazing job. Prior to the cruise, they hold sensitivity training for ship and resort staff. A variety of activities and entertainment are provided, knowing that no two lesbians (unlike Catholics, Amway salespeople and Rotarians) are alike. There are special programs e.g., for singles, the differently abled, or folks from the same geographic area, such as Nebraskathat's a lie .. we all know there's really only two lesbians in Nebraska at any given time.

Olivia has scheduled a series of cruises, resort events and land tours throughout 2000 -- the Australia/New Zealand Tour in March -- Mexican Caribbean Cruise in April -- WesternMediterranean Rome to Venice Windstar Cruise in June-Greece/Egypt/Israel Cruise in July --Mexican Resort in

October -- Eastern Caribbean Thanksgiving Cruise in November.

If I've piqued your interest, there are several ways of finding out more about these upcoming events:

Write to Olivia Cruises and Resorts

4400 Market Street

Oakland CA 94608

Or call 800-631-6277

If you are internet-enabled, the Olivia Web site is www.oliviatravel.com

Or collar an Olivia groupieshe'll be more than glad to share her experiences and show you some home movies. Have fun and see you on the next cruise.

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THANKS ICON

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha wishes to thank the Imperial Court of Nebraska and particularly the following ICON members: Gary, Steve, Roger, Tom, and Jim for helping prepare and serve their Fund Raising Dinner January 29. Excellent job, guys. Thank you for all your help! You were flawless!

Tuesday, March 7

Fat Tuesday at The MAX in the Upstairs Bar
Food, Food, Food

7 - 11 PM

Sponsored by Feleena and Mama Katz

and the Imperial Court of Nebraska

Advance Tickets Available

8th Annual Ice Bowl

We would like to welcome all the Participants in the 8th Annual Ice Bowl. It is to be held February 18th-20th. The tournament will be held at Mockingbird Lanes here in Omaha. They are expecting approximately 200 to 300 bowlers from, not only Omaha, but all over the country.

Registration will be held Friday the 18th at Gilligan's Pub. The banquet and awards ceremony will be held on the 20th at The Max. So if you are looking to make new friends, come out and make these bowlers feel welcome in Omaha. Or if you are an avid bowler, from Omaha, looking for fun, sign up and have a ball.

Thanks For Your Support

The GBLT Rainbow Outreach Resource Center would like to thank all of those brave souls who braved the weather and attended our breakfast. We also want to thank Rob and Rene at Dixie Quicks for their continued support.

Membership Drive

We at the GBLT Rainbow Outreach Center would like to thank all of our members. We would also like to remind you it is time to renew your memberships. If you do not have a membership and would like to support, YOUR CENTER, by obtaining one you may contact the center or one of the board members. Remember your support is what keeps us open. It is what will also help us to grow.

Volunteers Needed

The GBLT Rainbow Outreach Resource Center needs volunteers. Whatever it is you would like to do, we can use you. Would you like to staff the center, work on the Gayzette, help update our community information, give a seminar or class that will help those of our community. Whatever you would like to do, we need you. So please give us a call at 341-0330 or e-mail us at Last Dwarf@aol.com. Let us know if there is something you can do for us, to help us benefit the whole of our community.

Want to Be a Community Leader?

(In case you have not guessed this the lets talk about the center page of this issue.) Do you feel you have good ideas that will be helpful to the community? Do you have a lot of drive and energy that needs an outlet? Do you feel you could be doing more than you already are? Then come join us on the board of our community center. Come share your ideas, face new challenges, and help us get things done. Be a mover and a shaker, be a leader, help us work toward a better community. Join the board of directors for the GBLT Rainbow Outreach Resource Center, help us realize not only our goals but yours as well.

Remember if you do not want to volunteer at the center there are other organizations that can use your help.

And Don't Forget to See Vickie Shaw

Who? Don't tell me you missed all of those WomenSpace Productions posters around town! And just WHO had the bright idea to put a couple of those things at the Grace University Chapel, right next to the "The Rapture is Comingare You" announcement? Never mind, they probably think she's the daughter of Robert Shaw and his entire Corale or something.

Vickie Shaw, a twisted Southern Belle with a wickedly funny act I know because she was one of the entertainers on the Olivia Cruise last fall in the Caribbean. Attractive, funny, nice to her parents, Vickie is appearing at the Joslyn Art Museum -- I assume not throughout the ENTIRE museum -- on February 19th at 8PM. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door. Tickets are available at New Realities in the Old Market and at New Realities in Westroads Mall. This is a continuance of her "Sick and Wrong Tour" and no, I don't know if she has T-shirts for sale but I can bet she'll have a CD or two. Think of it as a slightly late Valentine's day gift for that special biped in your life.

For more information about Vickie and her tour, access her web site at www.vickieshaw.com.

New Bible Study

This message is to announce the start of a new program at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 N. 40th St., Omaha. We will be starting a Gay and Lesbian Supportive Bible study group on Friday, February 18. We plan to meet every Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the church. We will be ordering pizza or some other simple carryout meal. Over supper we will read and discuss the Bible passages found in that week's standard lectionary. Everyone will be encouraged to give his or her own responses to the passages, and all theological and personal responses will be welcomed. All GLBT persons and their friends and families are welcome to attend. For more information call Cleve Evans at 733-1360 or 293-2735, or send him an e-mail at "cevans@scholars.bellevue.edu".

"NOT-SO" MISS GAY STATES PAGEANT COMING

The "Not-So" Miss Gay States Pageant was created to let performers poke fun at all those strict requirements other pageants demand--you know, things like gown length, matching shoes & gowns, appropriate make-up shades and tones, walk, etc. The "Not-So" Pageant says, "Hey, so the gown only goes to your ankle, that just makes showing off your new tatoo all the better." In fact, you may just want to go get a tatoo for right in the middle of that plunging neckline. And so what if there's a bald spot in the wig, you can always pin a flower to it. And nobody really cares if we can see that duct tape, afterall, silver and gold are a queen's true colors! And this is the perfect pageant for those 10 inch heels that dumped you on your face 12 time the last time you wore them. Yes, this is the pageant where the more outrageous you are, the more points you can score.

Categories are as follows: State Costume/Presentation, Talent, Evening Wear, and Question & Answer. In each category following the state theme you choose is important. The audience will help judge the talent category.

Stepping down that evening will be "Not-So" Miss Gay States 1998-9
Chandler.

This spoof on pageants developed by Valerie Vortex during her year as Princess Royale 17, will be hosted by Grand Czar/Mr. MAX Paco and Grand Czarina Trina Tabloid. The pageant is sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska and will be held Sun., March 19, at The MAX. Performers, now is your time to show the world your creativity. Here's how the pageant works: You (anyone) pick a state, fill out an application (they'll be in the bars no later than Feb. 20), send the application and a \$10 entry fee in to ICON, and then start preparing for the competition.

Do not forget Miss Ice Bowl February 13th at The Max

ASSAULT ON GAY AMERICA

PBS airdate: Tuesday, February 15, 2000, 10 P.M., 60 minutes

On February 19, 1999, Billy Jack Gaither, a thirty-nine-year-old computer programmer from Sylacauga, Alabama, was brutally beaten with an axe handle. His throat was cut, and his body was set on fire. Charles Butler, twenty-one, and Steven Mullins, twenty-four, were convicted for the crime. Mullins later testified he killed Billy Jack because Billy Jack was "queer" and had made a pass at him. Jury selection for the trial was difficult - many called for duty said that they didn't know whether they could render a fair verdict, because the Bible tells them that homosexuality is a sin.

In "Assault on Gay America," airing Tuesday, February 15, at 10 P.M. on PBS (check local listings), FRONTLINE producer Claudia Pryor Malis and correspondent Forrest Sawyer explore the nature of homophobia in America, both as a catalyst for hate crimes and as an attitude that permeates public life. "We move from the exploration of the hate crime against Billy Jack Gaither to the larger question of how much homophobia we share as a society," says Pryor. "We examine the possible links between the forces that drove them to kill, and the forces that fuel homophobia in the general law-abiding public."

MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON ISSUES CALL FOR RALLY SPEAKERS

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 10, 2000 - Today, organizers of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality issued a call for nominations of individuals to speak at the Rally, as part of the Millennium March on Washington, scheduled for April 30, 2000. Organizers of the March encourage people to dream big and nominate individuals who will be inspiring, moving and empowering to them personally; and to encourage their friends and family to nominate prospective speakers as well. Nominations can run the gamut - from local heroes to celebrities, parents to poets, athletes to activists or anyone who provides inspiration.

"We are asking the community to assist the

producers, organizers and board of the Millennium March by nominating individuals to speak at the Rally," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, co-executive director of the Millennium March. "This is another way people from all over the country can provide input and help shape this historic March." "Addressing the thousands and thousands of March-goers is a unique honor and privilege," said Malcolm Lazin, co-executive director. "We are counting on our community to put forth individuals who will provide a powerful message as we gather at our nation's capitol."

Submissions may be made by e-mail to MMOW2000@aol.com, by faxing to (202)467-8102 or by mailing nominations to the Millennium March offices at 1000 16th St., NW, Ste. 300, Washington, DC 20036. Nominations should include a brief description of the person and contact information for both the person nominating and the person or persons being nominated. The nominations must include full name, address and phone number for verification.

The Millennium March on Washington, scheduled for April 30, 2000, will be the fourth national GLBT civil rights march to promote equal rights for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. For more information on the March on Washington for Equality, visit the official website at www.mmow.org or write to MMOW2000@aol.com.

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4TH ANNUAL GAY/ LESBIAN AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

New Categories, Online Submission Process

NEW YORK: GLAMA announced today the call for entries for the 4th Annual Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards. Several new categories have been added for the celebration, slated to take place on April 24, 2000 at New York's Manhattan Center.

New categories include Country Music, Song of the Year, Producer of the Year, DJ of the Year, Score for Film or Theater, Music Reporting/Criticism and Live Radio Broadcast. The total number of categories for the annual event now totals twenty-four, in addition to several special honors.

"In addition to expanding into genres where we feel there is a growing queer presence, we felt it was important to recognize excellence in related areas of the music industry," said Michael Mitchell, Executive Director. "By adding Song of the Year and Producer of the Year, we are bestowing honors on songwriters and producers that may be working with non-gay artists, but who's work is certainly noteworthy." "It's time to recognize some of the out people that work behind the scenes to keep the industry vital and working."

Doug Stevens of LGCMA (Lesbian Gay Country Music Association) lauded the addition of a Country category. "In the past, Country was widely believed to be the last bastion of conservative, homophobic thinking in the music industry. But thanks to GLAMA's new Country category, we are showing the world that there are lots of urban and rural gays and lesbians who LOVE country music."

In a move to streamline the process, submission forms are available online at www.glama.com. "This allows the submitting artists to complete the form online and simply click 'send' to forward the submission to GLAMA," Mitchell said. Submissions must reach GLAMA by midnight, February 2, 2000; materials such as recordings, fees and other supporting materials much reach GLAMA, Attn: Submissions, 244 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 2049, New York, NY 10001 by 5:00 pm, February 4, 2000.

GLAMA, the first and only national music awards program to honor the work of out lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender recording artists was created in 1995 by Michael Mitchell and Tom McCormack.

GLAMA judges are comprised of music journalists, record industry personnel, recording artists and others in the music industry, as well as GLAMA members.

More information on the submission process can be obtained at www.glama.com or by email at info@glama.com.

KING & QUEEN CROWNED

Feb. 6, the Imperial Court of Nebraska crowned Andrew B. Snoball King 2000 and Sharon V. Snoball Queen 2000 at their annual Snoball Show this year held at The MAX.

It was an evening of excitement as King and Queen contestants sold their last tickets—each vying for the title of their choice. First Andrew would take the lead, then Sharon, then Andrew, and back again to Sharon. Meanwhile some in the audience were anxious for the drawings.

Drawing winners included Stella, Gary W., Kelly, Robb, and Michele K. Congratulations, winners! Hope you enjoy the prizes. ICON thanks Shawn and Troy for also participating as King and Queen contestants, and ICON thanks all of you who purchased tickets.

Perhaps the most excitement was the buzz and stir that came with having a myriad of Lincoln performers in town for the show—along with the newly crowned Miss MAX 16, Laura Grey. From Lincoln came the following entertainers: Tiana from the Dream Girls, Adore Mi, Tosha, Jezebel, Raven, and Jewels. What a night it was as they ran back and forth from show to show—most were also participating in a show at DC's as well. ICON was also honored to have from Des Moines, Troy Haasis--Emperor 6 of the Imperial Court of Iowa, and Jason F., Crowned Prince 6 from ICI. Others in the show included Michael and Laura Lee--ICON's reigning Emperor and Empress, Chandler, Ammie Zahn, Dietra Snow, Jeff & Tracy, Ashley, Roger, Stella, & Paco.

Following Laura Lee & Michael's show opener, Emperor Michael took the mic to invest into his Royal Family two members of the community: Tom A. was named Czar 19 and Paul was named Lord 2. ICON welcomes them into the ICON Family. Yes, Snoball was a celebration of snow and Kings & Queens and

more! In this case the lack of snow! Michael, Laura Lee, Stella and Roger had put together a set that caught the eye of all who saw it: falling snowflakes, glittering & sparkling; trees and fallen branches sprinkled with the dazzle of the snow; and mounds of snow, drifting from tree to tree.



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7-9 PM

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HAPPY HOUR

4-7 PM

SHOT SPECIALS

7-11 PM

The Max
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What's Happening

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February 10 thru February 24, 2000

Sun, February 13

IceBowl Pageant 9 p.m. The Max

Tues, February 15

ICON Coronation meeting,

Gilligan's Pub,

6 p.m. meeting, 7 p.m. dinner

Sun, February 19

Viki Shaw, Joslyn Art Museum

Witherspoon Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 18th- 20th

Ice Bowl 2000

Registration The 18th at Gilligan's Pub

Bowling The 19th at Mockingbird Lanes

Banquet the 20th at The Max

Every Tuesday

MENS SUPPORT GROUP

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819 S. 22ND ST., 8 P.M.

Every Wednesday

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Every Thursday

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Every Sunday

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8:50 AND 10:20 A.M.

819 S. 22ND ST.

WORSHIP SERVICES, LINCOLN MCC

6:30 P.M., ST. MARK'S

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Monthly Events

Upcoming Events

1st Saturday

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1-800-269-3444 ORRCGA@TGFORUM.COM
FOR DETAILS, ROOM OPENS AT 4 P.M.
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2nd Wednesday

FLATWATER BEARS
THE DIAMOND BAR, 7:30 P.M.
FOR INFO PO BOX 3751, OR
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2nd Thursday

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3rd Saturday

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Sat, March 4th

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Sun, March 19th

"NOT-SO" MISS GAY STATES PAAGENT
AT THE MAX

Sun, April 16th

CLOSET BALL, ICON
THE MAX, 1417 JACKSON, \$4 COVE

Sun, April 30th

MILLENNIUM MARCH ON WASHINGTON
SEE ARTICLE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Sun, June 11th

PRIDE FESTIVAL

June 23-25

HEARTLAND REGIONAL GAY RODEO

Sat, July 15th

CORONATION 20; A CRYSTAL NIGHT
MASQUERADE: A JOURNEY INTO THE
MILLENNIUM

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA
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Sat, October 7th

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Or drop them by the GLBT Resource Center, 1719 Leavenworth
St., Omaha, Monday through Friday between 6 and 9 PM! Have the
volunteer leave them in Bruce's box!