

'Rock titans' will battle at Pershing



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Blue Oyster Cult headlines "Battle of the Rock Titans" at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. Also scheduled to appear are Foghat and Whitford-St. Holmes. Tickets for the concert are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the show. They go on sale Wednesday at Pershing Box Office, Dirt Cheap Records, both Pickles locations, Brandeis and both UNL unions. The concert is sponsored by KFRX radio and Contemporary Productions.

Community playhouse schedules auditions for series of one-act plays

Auditions will be Oct. 13 through 15 at 7 p.m. for three Lanford Wilson one-act plays which will open the Gallery Theatre Series at the Lincoln Community Playhouse on Nov. 27.

The three one-act plays are: *Ikke, Ikke, Nye, Nye, Nye*, *The Great Nebula in Orion*, and *Home Free*. The first play has two characters, one man and one woman, age range from 25 to 40. The second play requires two women in their early thirties. The third selection has parts for a man and a woman, age range from 25 to 35.

Information can be obtained by calling the Playhouse at 489-9608.

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Reagan refuses needy rewards

Another poignant segment of that monumental Hollywood epic, *Mr. Reagan Goes to Washington*, has been filmed. This one opens with Ronnie (played by Ronald Reagan) having a candlelight supper with The Beautiful Girl Who Loves Him (played by Nancy Davis).

Ronnie: Darn, I chipped my berry bowl. Does that mean you'll have to throw out my whole 19-piece, \$1,000 place setting?

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Nancy: Don't worry, dear. There's 219 more settings where that came from. But I do wish you'd do something about the noisy crowd of protesters outside.

Ronnie: I guess they're sore because I'm only increasing military spending by \$30 billion.

Nancy: No, they're angry you're cutting welfare programs another 12 percent.

Ronnie: Golly, don't they understand that's the only way to lick pverty? Show 'em in, Nancy.

A seedy-looking mob led by Walter Brennan storms in. Walter stops before Ronnie, twisting his cap in his hands.

Walter: Heck, Ronnie, we know you're a nice guy. But I got 16 kids to feed and you're only giving me \$144.74 a month. We used to get \$164.12.

Ronnie: Don't you see, Walter? For years presidents have been rewarding poverty by giving poor folks money. I aim to stop all that. But I'm doing it gradually so you won't have to kick the habit of being poor cold turkey.

Walter: I knew you was thinking of us, Ronnie. But how'm I gonna feed my kids?

Ronnie (slapping him on the back): Do what I did, Walter. Find yourself a good job.

Walter (snapping his fingers): Drat! Why didn't I think of that myself?

Pa Kettle: But what about me and Ma Kettle, Ronnie? We scraped all our lives so we could make ends meet in our old age and you keep talking about cutting back our Social Security benefits. Where have we gone wrong?

Ronnie: You're growing old, Pa. This Social Security just encourages folks to grow old. We can't have that. Believe you me, old age is no fun. You don't see Nancy and me growing old, do you? And you shouldn't either.

Pa Kettle: Danged if you're not right, Ronnie! We'll sure try.

Oliver Twist: Please, sir, could I have another . . .

Ronnie: Free lunch? There's no such thing as a free lunch, kid. And the sooner you learn it the better.

Oliver: Gee whiz, that's true. Please, sir, may I not have another bowl of tofu with catsup on it?

Marie Dressler: But what about my Medicare . . .

Ronnie: I don't want to pay you to be sick, Marie. I want you to be well. I don't want to reward anybody for being poor or old or irresponsible or sick, because I want everybody to be as rich and young and healthy as Nancy and me.

The mob breaks into a chorus of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and then marches around the White House singing, "I've Got a Pocketful of Dreams." Nancy and Ronnie embrace on the South Portico.

Nancy: Oh, you're wonderful, Ronnie. And just think, if they all watch their diets, they'll be perfect size sixes like me. And then they can fit into their Adolfos.

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