

## TGIF

By Cliff Hicks

### Lots of ways to have fun this weekend

Most people don't study at all during Dead Week, so you needn't either. The same goes for the weekend. This, however, leaves one with a great deal of free time.

So, rather than studying, here are some options for you to consider when you're thinking about how to kill time this weekend. After all, who wants to study, right?

The silver screens of Lincoln will only receive one new film this weekend — "Daybreak," starring Sylvester Stallone.

A disaster inside a tunnel leaves a group of people trapped, trying desperately to get out. Stallone said awhile back this was probably going to be his last action film. We'll see, Sly. After your turn in "Oscar," the world of comic film may not be ready for you to come back.

The French film "Ma Saison Prêfêrêe" continues its run at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theatre. Admission is \$4.50 for students. It shows at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:15 p.m.

Musically there's a bunch to offer at several places around town. Whether it's classical or rock that fits your fancy, there's something to trip your trigger somewhere in town this weekend.

Knickerbockers will feature the music of Omaha's Old Boy Network with Rascal Basket tonight. Saturday, (bill-e-ROO-bin) and The Rubes storm the stage. Both shows start at 10 p.m.

Hanger 18 houses a concert by Road King with Sawdust Devils on Sunday. The new venue replaces the Hurricane, which closed last year.

The Mueller Planetarium Laser Lightshow will feature Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon" tonight and Saturday night at 8, 9:30, and 11. Also featured in the laser lightshow this weekend is the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The Varsity Glee Club, the University Chorale and the University Singers will put on "The Holiday Choral Gala" on Sunday. The recital is free and features a wide variety of holiday music. "The Holiday Choral Gala" begins at 3 p.m. at Kimball Recital Hall.

The Lincoln Symphony will hold the Star City Holiday Festival at Pershing Auditorium tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Byther Smith and the Nightriders bring their Chicago-style blues to the Zoo bar tonight and Saturday night. The show starts at 10.

The Lincoln Community Playhouse is putting on "Inspecting Carol," starting this weekend. The show tells the story of an acting troupe putting on a production of "A Christmas Carol" that is laden with humorous problems.

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## KINSEY SICKS



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### Kinsey Sicks perform all weekend at Q bar

By ANN STACK  
Senior Reporter

The Kinsey Sicks aren't your stereotypical drag queens.

Ask them. Go on... just ask. They'll tell you.

Dubbed as "America's Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet," the Kinsey Sicks are back at Q, 226 S. Ninth St., for three performances this weekend. The San Francisco group performed an enormously popular set at Q last March, and are back by popular demand.

"We had a wonderful time when we were here in March. The audience was very receptive," Jerry Friedman, a.k.a. "Vaselina," said. "It was our first venue outside the West Coast."

But it was not the first time Friedman has been to Nebraska, or for that matter, Lincoln. The Ogalalla native attended UNL for a few years, and was a member of the cheerleading squad. He's now a doctoral student at the University of California at Berkeley, and works as the Director of Audiology at the Hearing Society of the Bay Area, Inc.

His partners are as equally busy in their "boy lives." Irwin Keller ("Winnie") has a law degree from the University of Chicago and is executive director of the AIDS Legal Referring Panel, a nonprofit organization that provides legal services for people with HIV and AIDS.

Maurice Kelly ("Trixie") has a bachelor's degree in history and literature from Harvard, and works in customer relations at Levi Strauss and Co.

Ben Schatz ("Rachel") graduated magna cum laude from Harvard and cum laude from Harvard Law School.

He founded and directed the first national legal program for battling AIDS and related discrimination, and serves as executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

The four "came out" as the Kinsey Sicks (from Alfred Kinsey's scale) three years ago at a Bette Midler concert in San Francisco.

"We decided since Bette Midler was the ultimate drag queen, we would honor her by going to her concert in drag," Schatz said. "Much to our dismay, we were the only drag queens there other than Bette. We were confronted with tumultuous applause, and a promoter asked us if we performed."

That same night, they discovered their hidden musical abilities, and created an alternative "night job" for themselves. The suits and ties came off in exchange for high heels, big hair and makeup.

The shows the Kinsey Sicks perform are written and choreographed by the quartet members. In this weekend's show, "Sicks-Tease!," the members perform a medley of '60s songs with contemporary spins on them.

"What we do throws people," Keller said. "We can give political messages, and people aren't expecting it. They're expecting some silly, vapid show."

In honor of their three-year anniversary, they're going back to see Midler in concert later this month.

"We're going to sing in the lobby and be whisked away to stardom," Friedman said.

"Or jail," Schatz said.

The Kinsey Sicks will be performing at Q today through Sunday at 8 p.m. Seating is limited, and tickets cost \$10. They can be obtained by calling 475-2269.

### Galleries join in spirit, offer night of art displays

By BRET SCHULTE  
Staff Reporter

You no longer have to worry about those candy-induced Christmas calories — Lincoln's Haymarket has devised a six-step program to help fight the holiday bulge: the Gallery Walk.

Six Haymarket art galleries including The Burkholder Project, The Lincoln Artists' Guild, Haydon Gallery, Noyes Art Gallery, Surya Gallery and Gallery 9 unite in the holiday spirit every year. The six galleries simultaneously display their wares for the Christmas season.

"All the gallery representatives get together each year to organize the Gallery Walk for the Christmas season," Julia Noyes, co-owner of Noyes Art Gallery, said. "Each gallery is offering something different for the walkers."

The galleries, in an effort to promote their holiday exhibits, organized the Gallery Walk about eight years ago.

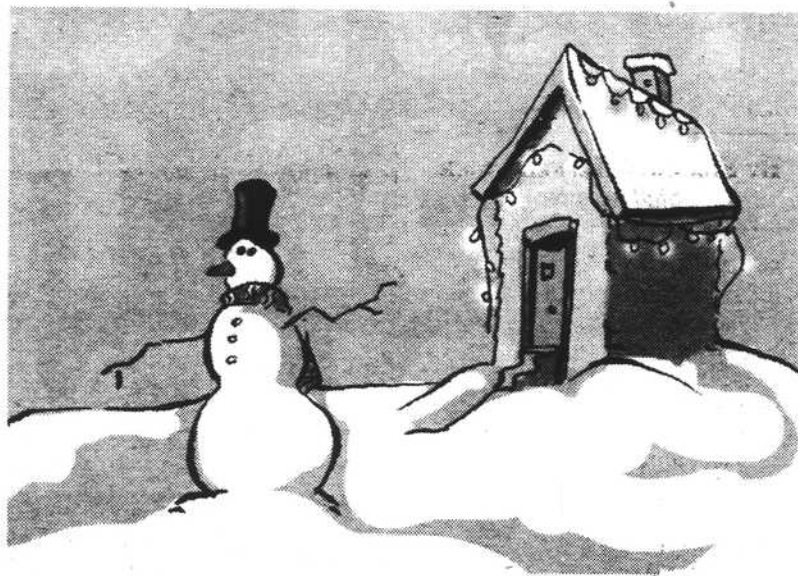
"All the gallery directors decided it would be a nice idea for us all to open our Christmas exhibits together, and make an evening of it," said Anne Burkholder, owner of The Burkholder Project.

This year, the Gallery Walk will be today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The different galleries will be offering refreshments and artists will be on hand to discuss their work. The exhibits are free at every location and a few galleries have special events planned.

"We plan to have a local musician come into the gallery and perform for the evening," Noyes said. "There may also be a karaoke machine."

Christmas is an extremely important time for the independent galleries, and this collective effort helps both the galleries and local artists thrive over the holiday season.

"We are hoping for about 300 to 400 people," Noyes said. "It's always a lot of fun and it gives people the chance to see our holiday gifts and see our new displays for Christmas. All the galleries will be loaded with new items."



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### Contest lights up lives

By ANN STACK  
Senior Reporter

It's that time of year again — time to unravel that 3-foot wide ball of lights you've got stashed in the garage and decorate the house for the holidays.

And if your neighbors think you've done a good job, there could be money involved.

The Lincoln Board of Realtors are asking Lincoln residents to nominate well-decorated homes for its annual Celebration of Lights contest.

The contest started seven years ago, vice chairwoman of the Public Relations Committee and first-time lighting judge Jan Beckwith said.

"It's our way as the Board of Realtors to try and give back something to the community," Beckwith said. "When people go to so much work to decorate their homes...we want to recognize those people who go out of their way to brighten up everyone's season."

The contest is open to anyone within the city limits, and the deadline for nomination to the Board of Realtors is 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18, Board of Realtors program specialist Liz Bruce said.

Those nominations can either be mailed to 8231 Beechwood Dr., Lincoln, 68510, or called in at 441-3620,

Bruce said. Entries can also be faxed to the board at 441-3630.

The judging will be Dec. 20, and winners will be notified Dec. 24. There will be gift certificates for Lincoln Electric Systems awarded for first, second and third place, she said.

Judges for the contest include members of the Lincoln Board of Realtors from the Public Relations Committee. The judges will be looking for homes that are well put-together and enjoyable to look at, Bruce said.

"We're looking for creativity and cleanliness of design," Beckwith said. "We're looking for something appealing and eye-catching."

"They look for originality, theme, use of space, color and use of lights," Bruce said. "The lady who won last year was 74 years old, and she did all the decorating herself."

The winner was Vera Cline, of 3460 Anaheim Dr., which is two blocks north of 35th and South streets. She is decorating her house again this year, and plans on entering the contest.

"It takes me about 15 hours to get all the lights up, but the house is just beautiful," she said. "It's an old-fashioned house with a balcony that lends itself to decorating. It's a style you can do a lot with, but it's an awful lot of work for a 75-year-old lady."