

The Weekend in Preview

The following list is a brief guide to weekend events. Please call venues for more information.

CONCERTS:

Duffy's Tavern, 1412 O St.
Sunday: Wide, Polyplush Cats

Duggan's Pub, 440 S. 11th St.
Friday: Fugarwa
Saturday: Nine Live Cats

Knickerbockers, 901 O St.
Friday: Criminals, Zeke, Power Wagon
Saturday: Fullblown, The Black Dahlias

Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.
Friday and Saturday: The Bel-Airs

THEATER:

Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, 12th and R streets
All weekend: The Return of the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival

First Plymouth Church, 20th and D streets
Friday: Phantom of the Opera

Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th St.
All weekend: Big River

Temple Building, Howell Studio Theatre, 12th and R streets
Friday and Saturday: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"

Kimball Recital Hall, 11th and R streets
Friday and Sunday: "The Divine Madness"

Pershing Auditorium, 301 S. Centennial Ave.
All weekend: "The Wizard of Oz on Ice"

GALLERIES:

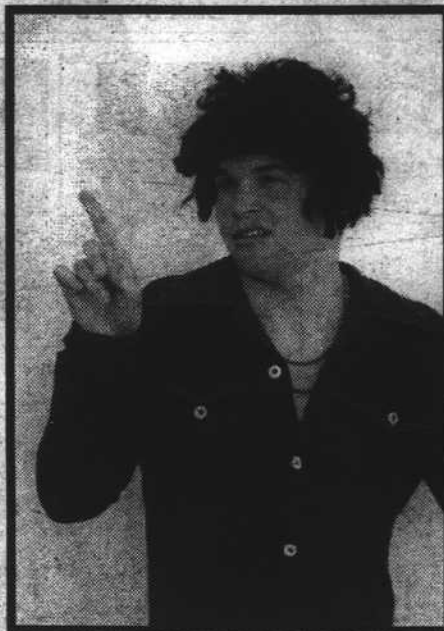
Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St., Omaha
"Allure of the Exotic," depictions of exotic lands by assorted artists

Burkholder Project, 719 P. St.
"Prairie Horizons" watercolors by Anne Burkholder, "A New Venue" featuring handmade jewelry by Nancy Childs

Haydon Gallery, 335 N. Eighth St.
Friday; opening of paintings by Robin Smith

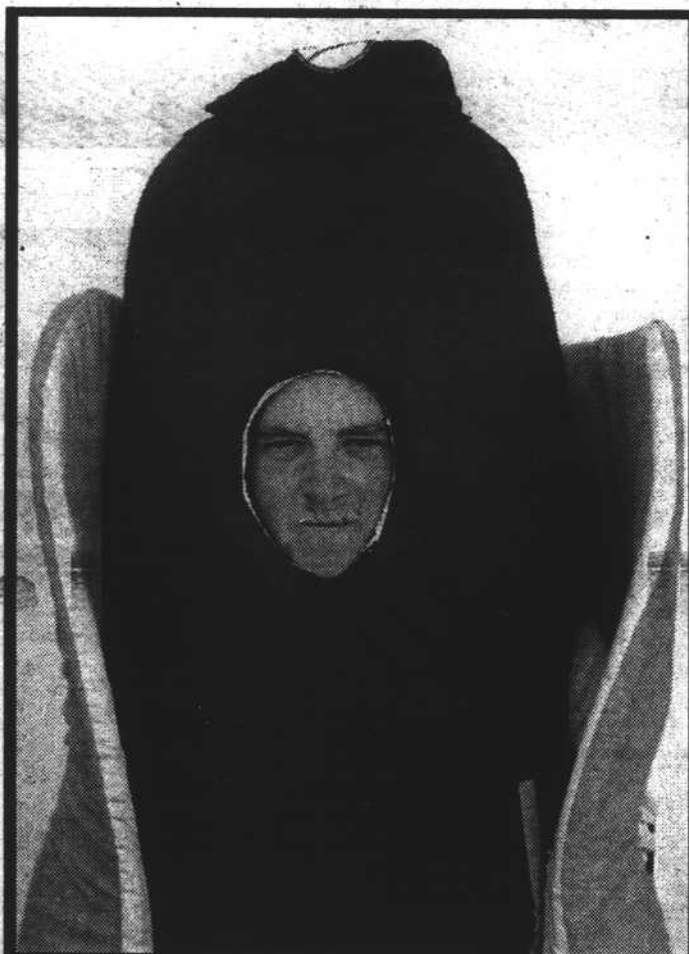
Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, 12th and R streets
"One-Hour Smile," a video performance starring Charlie Friedman
"Different Voices: New Textile Art from Poland"
"The Latino Spirit: Hispanic Icons and Images"
"Legible Forms: Contemporary Sculptural Books"

Devils in Disguise



Clinton, Lewinsky this year's top costumes

By LIZA HOLMEIER
Staff writer



Lincoln can't get enough of Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky. Despite popular sentiment concerning the media's expansive coverage of their tryst, the scandal-ridden pair has gained popularity among Lincolniters searching for Halloween costumes.

The requests for Bill Clinton masks, cigars, berets and big black wigs have inundated local costume shops. Everyone wants to be the lascivious president and the overly flirtatious intern.

"I don't think they realize that millions of people are asking for Bill Clinton," said Ann Meier, manager of Thingsville at Gateway Mall. "They think they're going to be the only one."

Thingsville began September with a dozen Clinton masks but sold out of those within a week. Requests have continued to come in, but Meier said she has been unable to get any more masks.

And those wanting Monica masks will have to go without. Costume manufacturer's don't make replicas of the young woman's unforgettable face — yet.

But while Bill and Monica are raking in the votes as most popular Halloween costumes, one notorious figure has received fewer demands this year: the Unabomber.

Jennifer Johnson, owner of Ruby Begonias at 1321 P St., said requests for orange jump suits and wild, mane-like brown wigs resembling Ted Kaczynski's hair have declined since the terrorist's incarceration.

Now, it seems people would rather dress as infamous political figures than antisocial mail bombers.

Though criminal and political figures may come and go, certain celebrities pop up every Halloween. Elvis, during his skinny years, Dolly Parton and Marilyn Monroe are perennial Halloween favorites as are Sonny and Cher, and Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz."

The increase in requests for celebrity costumes is a trend Johnson has noticed recently. In the six years she has owned Ruby Begonia's, Johnson said, customers have moved away from traditional ghost and goblin costumes in exchange for the chance to masquerade. People want to be someone they normally wouldn't be.

Women, especially, tend to steer away from the ghoulish and ugly.

"Women are looking for something that's going to be attractive," Johnson said. "They want to look glamorous when they go out to the bars or out to a party."

It's no surprise, then, that the sexy saloon girl and flapper clothes top the lists of women's costume ideas. Johnson asked what could be sexier than fishnet stockings, sequins, feathers and a long cigarette holder.

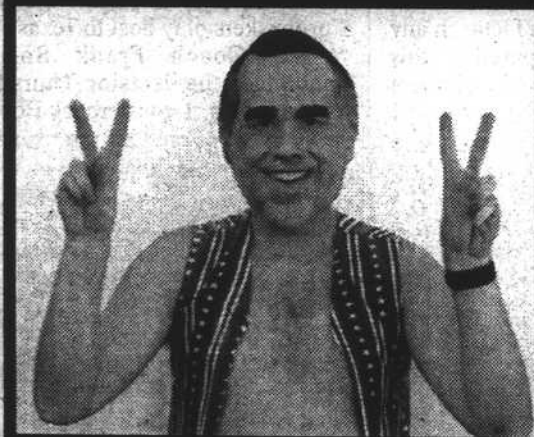
With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, Meier said people are especially concerned about what to wear for their night out on the town.

"Halloween seems bigger this year," Meier said. "It sounds like there's more costume contests and parties going on since it's a Saturday night. People want to be comfortable yet original when they go out."

Those lacking the proper Halloween inspiration still have time to find a unique costume.

Most costume shops in Lincoln have extended their hours this week to accommodate those who haven't had the chance to pick something out yet. Sales clerks can even help customers come up with ideas.

So if you don't want to be stuck wearing a sheet again this year, get out your power suit and box of cigars. Anyone and anything is fair game during Halloween.



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