

Fiesta

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a petting zoo in which to romp and the Cascade Raptor Care Center's Birds of Prey show to attend. There will also be 150 piñatas to attack and face paint to apply.

But families are not the only ones encouraged to make an appearance this weekend; the University crowd is also expected to represent itself. Predicting that they will be attracted to the live Latin music and outdoor setting, Urhausen hopes to see many University students at the park.

"We love having the University crowd come. They're fun to watch dancing," she said. "They're a fun crowd."

Andy Rothgery, a senior instructor of Spanish at the University, is excited to attend the

cultural event, as he has in past years.

"It's a great celebration that brings together not just the Mexican community, but [those from] other Spanish-speaking

the Hispanic community.

Fiesta Latina is made possible by a group of volunteers from the community, employing more than 300 people to turn the weekend into a successful party. Volunteer coordinator Darcy Ornelas will direct helpers to tend gates on Jefferson and Washington Streets, manage Coke stands, and assist in face painting booths and the petting zoo. Marist High School has implemented volunteer requirements for graduation. Ornelas said that the festival will be a fun way for the students to fulfill their hours.

Events on Friday will start at 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday festivities start at noon. Suggested contribution for adults and teens is \$3, with no charge for children 12 and under. LTD will provide free shuttle service every 20 minutes from downtown to the event.

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Rebeca Urhausen
chairwoman, Fiesta Latina

countries," he said. Fiesta Latina is his favorite holiday event, and he looks forward to the food, art and other cultural practices of

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create an event that will benefit new artists in performing and networking, while creating a community closeness for the artists at the same time.

Each of the 14 groups will play one to three songs on stage. There will be no headliners, just a fast-paced, crazy show.

Bauer performed in the second Lyrical Fest in 1997, which was organized by Blake "Big B" Schwab and Lorenzo Formet. Schwab is letting Bauer do most of the organizational work for this event and is simply providing guidance and advice.

When Schwab was organizing the shows, he intended for them to bring the community together at the WOW Hall. He wanted to stimulate the community aspect in a place where people under the age of 21 could enjoy the show as well.

"Any other place in town with live performances is a bar," Schwab said.

Kristin Roller, booking manager for the WOW Hall, said they are "glad to have [the Northwest Lyrical Fest] back. Phil and Blake have done a great job putting it together." The WOW Hall is supported by a large pool of volunteers.

As for the event's possible future, Schwab wants to wait and see how tonight unfolds. But if all goes well, he hopes to make Northwest Lyrical Fest into a regular event, similar to the Eugene Celebration or the Willamette Folk Fest. Then, he may even take the Lyrical Fest on the road to support hip-hop artists around the state.

All proceeds from tonight's show will be invested toward Northwest Lyrical Fest 4. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale and \$10 at the door. WOW Hall doors will open at 8:30 p.m. and the show will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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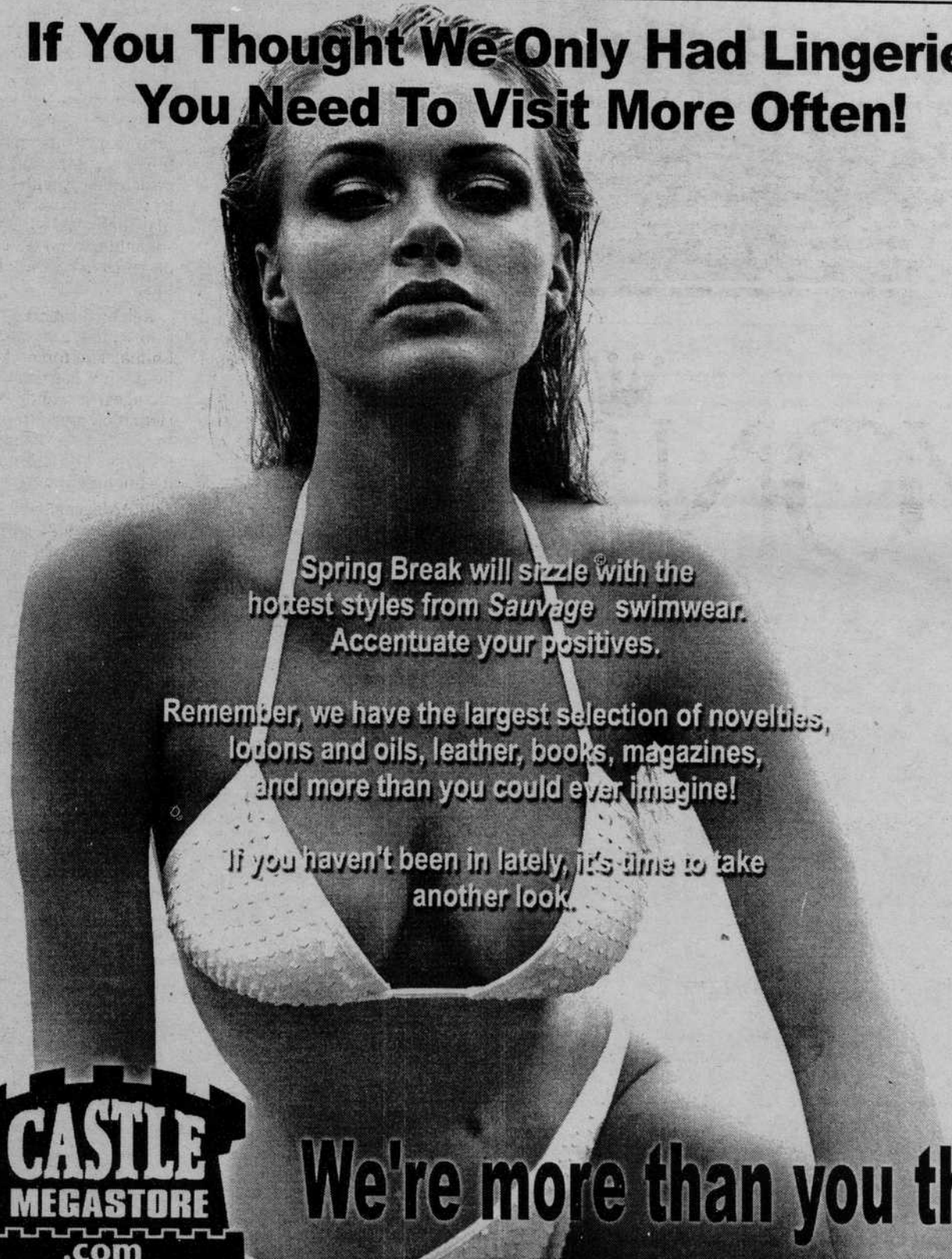
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Shortround,
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