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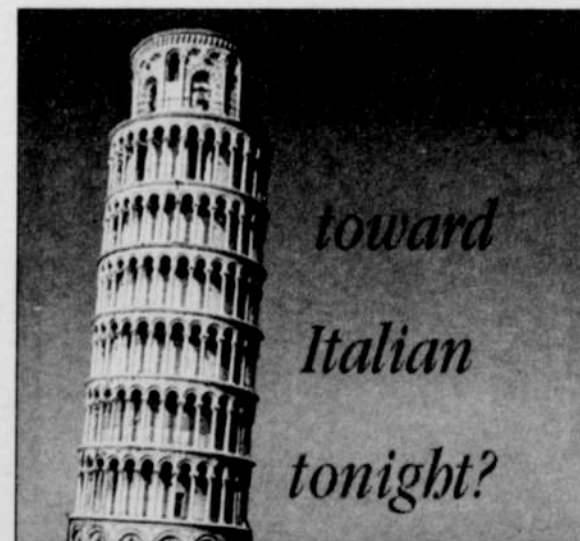
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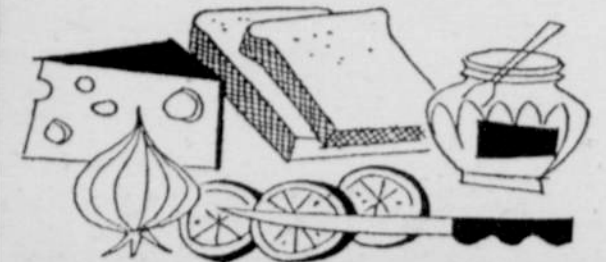
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Lez hears it for the boys

This issue has posed quite a dilemma for the Epiqueerean. Should I focus on Pride or Father's Day? Alas, after much deliberation, the idea revealed itself: a special column for all you gay fathers out there. On June 19, pawn your chips off the old block to those lesbians across the hall and get ready to poppa-rrty!

The Fox & Hounds •
217 N.W. Second Ave.

Begin your Sunday man-venture here, where as early as 8:30 a.m. you could be mowin' on really cheap and tasty grub. For less than the price of a pitcher, treat yourself to a full breakfast of eggs, hash, meat and toast. Cozy, queer and congenial, this lil' hole in the wall is a quiet retreat within the very epicenter of the big Daddy's Day parade. Plan it right and you could have a full stomach and a cocktail and be hosed down by noon!

Hobo's •
120 N.W. Third Ave.

The parade is over, your clothes are nearly dry, you've visited the waterfront. Now you've worked up a mean ol' hunger; take it to Hobo's. The mood at this beautiful and classy guy-spot is high-end and Southern-style friendly. The employees put the tender in bartender, baby. One stiff bourbon and soda and all the boys became my boys. Perhaps some of the finest bar food in Portland, the menu is loaded with classics like prime rib and chicken-fried steak as well as a more modern hummus platter. The half-pound burger is gourmet, the fish and chips are light and delicate, and the roast beef sandwich melts in your mouth. The mixed green salads were shockingly fresh, as were the slaps on the ass I received at the other end of the bar.

Crush •
1400 S.E. Morrison St.

It's getting late, and the day has been full of fond memories waning with the sun. The baby sitter's blowin' up your cell, but you don't want to let go of the one day a year dedicated to you. Head over to the new and improved gay-owned venue that has everyone talking. T-Dance Sundays start flossin' around 5 p.m., with DJs, drink specials and tons of cash to rest that tush. Club scene aside, I pity the fool who goes without attacking the luscious mac 'n' cheeses. Flavorful casseroles are served bubbling in their own single-serving, oven-lovin' wares, and the desserts, though few, are phenomenal. Crush's roomier and phat-pad feel will have anyone upon entering feeling sensually harassed. Top that with great food and your oh-so-gay day is complete. Here's to you, proud fathers of Portland! jn

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