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George Wallace has got to be very close to being the funniest man in America. Released from prison at the age of 71. Four years later, elected to a lawsuit against copy-cat Michael Bolton. Three cheers for the jury.

Which brings us to the loss of the Arsenio Hall Show. While I was still-mad at David (object of my first older man crush) Majors. Also, Rocky (UHURU's first Black Santa Claus) Simmons. Otis and David were a-- quality that Jerry Jones found lacking in Johnson. Just because Jones can afford to spend 140 million to buy the team doesn't mean he's a good owner. The way he was raised, the values she taught me. She sure was special! Happy Mother's Day!!!

So much of life is about being in the right place at the right time or.....being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The older I grow, the more I know and appreciate the value of the offspring my Mother gave me. The way she raised me, the values she taught me. She sure was special! Happy Mother's Day!!!

MAJORS, Clarence David

Funeral services were held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, The Rev. Dwight Cook, Pastor, officiating. Mr. Majors is survived by his devoted wife, Janet; one daughter, Angelique "Angel" Montag; his loving parents, William Majors and Glee Rainey; brother, William Majors; sister, Alyce Langston; "Kelo;" special one- "V." David Kelso, Andrew Wilson, Nicholas Majors, and Rhonda Thomas; in addition to a host of other loving family and friends. Funeral arrangements by Millard E. Lavine & Son Funeral Directors.

Pallbearers were Charles Majors, Joseph Majors, Mustapha Jones, Rich Greene, Allen Scott and Charles R. Granston.

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So all of a sudden, the man is no good and a dog. You had a child.

If men are not teaching boys how to be men, then where are these habits coming from? If your response is that they copy what they have been taught, then maybe they are not starting to teach starting baby boys how to be men. Children (boys) learn early what they can get away with from (girls), and this carries over into adults.

So maybe as men and women need to start teaching our boys what a man is. And this includes the single mother as well as the married women. And this includes the fact that a man who may be a provider, a disciplinarian or handy man.

In closing, let us (man and women) get to know and appreciate one another's differences (physical-spiritual) and then maybe we can find love for each other.


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This column is dedicated to Dwight and Pat Stevens. Their family, and all of the following families: Coles, Winston, Latham, Young, Thompson, Jones, Clark, Keates, Williams, Greenies, Daniels, Butler, Vollot, Smith, Boddie, Jordan, Young, Thompson, Jackson, Newport, Murphy, Fisher, Scott, Johnson, Gibert, Cooper, Reed, Bullock, Logan, Banks and all other families I may have wished to share these thoughts and concerns, and may have had the same conversations regarding carpehagers at one time or another.

To those families that get accused of being unfriendly, because they are not receptive to the misinformed carpehagers that plague our community.

Who are the carpehagers? They are the ones that have been in our community for 20 years or less and don't have the notion that we needed to be rescued. The African-American community of Reseda has need of them. They came believing this community had no leadership, history or knowledge of itself or its people.

Well, let me tell you, February, but a history lesson is in order! Particularly for those that did not know what a community was a community - embraced by a variety of black businesses; Black doctors who made house calls; an educational system that taught the basic survival skills (that how to read, write and do 'rithmetic). A community that taught the respect for those whose backs they had publicly called together to have the battles, but who were not welcome in the community with an attitude of respect for those who were not welcome in the community, but who did help to build the community with the benefits of the spoils of their labor. People who did not reap the rewards, but claimed to know the situations they had publicly called attention to.

People who have suffered the indignity of being looked over, passed over, or the rude feel they are not welcome in the community they helped to build. People who have long been tired of being searched for lack of them. People who have known my history, but only mention, not because I don't know my history, but only because there were so many wrong places, i.e., among his peers, drug experimentations, and other negatives that play a major role in the formation of a respectable young man's life.

Many men, young and adult, have no structure in their lives and are just hanging on to the Mistletoe-Koog (straight path). If a young brother has a solid structure in his life to guide him spiritually and emotionally, he has an edge on those without the mentioned stabilization. He also has nothing to prove to anyone but himself.

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Zion Hill Pastor Receives Award

The Charles T. Lunford Distinguished Community Service Award, the Urban League's most prestigious award, was presented to the Rev. Samuel McCree, Jr., at the Urban League's annual dinner, Tuesday, May 10. The Rev. McCree is the pastor of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church and an active community leader in Rochester. He was affiliated with the Rochester City School District until his retirement in 1992. The award was presented at the Urban League's 21st annual dinner and 26th annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at the Mapledale Forge House. The keynote speaker for the dinner meeting was H. Patrick Swygert, President of the University of Albany, State University of New York. Joyce Burwell was the recipient of The Kathryn Terrell Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service.

Community Leadership Awards went to Roger Miller, Outstanding Volunteer; Mary Frances W. and Outstanding Community Leader; Evelena Lee, Outstanding Senior Citizen; Dr. Alice Jones, Outstanding Educator; Jessica Ortiz, Outstanding Youth; I. C. Shah, Outstanding Business-person. Eastman Kodak Company received the Business Service Award.

Mayor Johnson ponders a question at his recent 100 Days Address.

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TPWP Hosts 7th Annual Invitational Tennis Weekend

Seven was a lucky number for members of TPWP when they hosted their Invitational Tennis Weekend April 8-10. Tennis players from across the country turned out in large numbers for the annual event.

Gloria Ward, Invitational Chairperson, Barton Shuler, TPWP President and all the Committee members, put together a memorable set of memories for all in attendance.

The festivities began with a Hospitality Suite on Friday, April 8, at the Rochester Marriott Airport Hotel.

On Saturday morning tennis began at 6:30 a.m. followed by a brunch that was so good it would be hard to match, and awards ceremony at the Elks Lodge, Clarina St. at noon.

Awards were given to Black tennis players who have been the "first" in their field. Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., received an award for being Rochester's "first" Black Mayor. Carl Atkinson received one for being Rochester's "first" Black Philharmonic President. Several other "first" awards were given.

Each of the children pictured above received an award for being the "first" Black team to win the Eastern Regional USTA Tournament.

Their sponsors, Gene and Ruby Lockhart of All Day Mapledale Party House, were welcomed.

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Strong Museum Appoints Crimm

William G. Crimm has been named coordinator of customer service and will coordinate and manage the museum’s customer information services unit.

Crimm, who designed and developed custom interactive training for Xerox Corporation, will bring his corporate total quality training skills to the non-profit sector by helping to develop and implement the Strong Museum’s staff quality training program.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Colgate Divinity School, and Baltimore Theological Seminary, Crimm will also assist in developing education and family programs at the museum.

McFarland to Wed

Congratulations are in order for ex-Rochesterian, Patricia A. McFarland. Ms. McFarland, daughter of Curtis and Annemarie McFarland of Rochester, is scheduled to wed her long-time beau, Terrance N. Morris of Chicago.

The bride’s sisters, Marilyn Robinson and Jeannette Stevenson of Rochester, will serve as Maid and Matron of Honor.

The bride is a Marketing Representative for a leading insurance company. She is also President of YOUR FORST, a special events marketing firm in Chicago.

She attended Benjamin Franklin High School and graduated from MCC and SUNY Brockport with degrees in Business Management and Communications respectively.

Mr. Morris is a graduate of Howard University and holds a Masters Degree in Mass Communications. He is also a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Standing in attendance as Best Men are Rhomeyn A. Johnson, a well known Actor and I. Michael Donley, a Sr. Account Executive for TCI of Illinois.

The wedding is scheduled for September 4, 1994 at Lilydale First Baptist Church of Chicago, The Rev. Alvin McFarland officiating.

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Honeymoon plans include a Pocono Mountains and Atlantic City. The couple will reside in Chicago.

Tell them you read it in the VOICE

Black, Hispanics Topic of Discussion

Father Clarence Williams, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Detroit, believes it is time for U.S. Blacks and Hispanics to begin dialogue about their common experience of oppression due to racism.

Acting on his convictions, he is the project director of Racism and the Renewal of the Mind.

Fr. Williams led the first of what he and other organizers said would be four yearly national conferences on “Bridges in Black and Brown.”

He acknowledges that the Black and Hispanic communities have not been close historically, and “it is time for the Black and Brown communities to quit denying the existence of racism, quietly hoping it will get better and instead look at the realities of the situation and say, what are we going to do to make ourselves better?”

Fr. Williams has given workshops and presentations on racism throughout the country and in Europe, Africa and South America. He will be in Rochester to discuss a model of “recovery” from white racism and the co-dependence on racism experienced by those oppressed by color.

The luncheon and discussion will take place Friday, May 20 at 12:30 and the Roundtable discussion at 1:45. Roundtable Participants include Essie Calhoun, Director of Community Relations, Eastman Kodak Co., Robert Laird, Deputy Director for ABC, Evelyn Berroco Jackson, Coordinator- Preventive Education for Hispanics, Shirley Maloney-Smith, Director of Program Development, YWCA, Dr. Larry Roper, VP at St. John Fisher College, Linda Saiger, Dir. of Comm. Relations, Jewish Community Federation, Ruth Scott, President, Scott Associates Consulting Inc., and Julio Vazquez, Executive Dir., Boro-American League.

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Tommy Davidson Coming to Hiccups Comedy Club

Few rising stars can claim a more unique entertainment business than Tommy Davidson. He's performing stand-up in a topless bar.

It was only five years ago when Tommy got up to do a ten minute set, though friends had been encouraging him since he was in junior high school.

"That first night was incred-ibly," Tommy says. There was no other choice for him but to surges ahead with a diverse career in stand-up, television, and music.

Within a period of a few months, Tommy had graduated from the small club circuit to opening for major stars like Patti LaBelle, Anita Baker, Luther Vandross, Al Jarreau and Kenny G.

Having been voted one of the "Rising Stars of Comedy" by Rolling Stone magazine in 1991, Tommy's popularity quickly stemmed from select ive appearances on "The Robert Townsend Special" (HBO) and MTV, as well as non-television participation in industry benefits and want the 1990 International Just For Laughs comedy festival in Montreal.

Well, Tommy's making it all happen, and quite well, at that. As one of the stars of FOX TV's "In Living Color," he's portrayed characters for us including Michael Jackson, MC Hammer and Spike Lee. He made his feature film last year as the star in Warner Bros. "Strictly Business," and is currently getting ready to executive produce and star in yet another Showtime special.

As one of the first cast in "In Living Color," which enters year four and a half this fall, the American television reviewer experiences Tommy's talented characterizations weekly.

"Cast in "Strictly Business" as a street-smart mailroom clerk before "In Living Color," passed for summer hiatus last year, Tommy's character, Ishby Johnson, gives a crash course in "Black Lifestyles 101" from a successful yuppy (Joseph C. Phillips) in order to gain an introduction to a beautiful girl (Halle Berry).

Tommy's dynamic ability as a stand-up comedian has earned him three one-hour solo specials on Showtime. His first, titled "Tommy Davidson: Taking It to D.C.," and his second, "Tommy Davidson: Blue In Philly," aired to rave reviews and impressive numbers on Showtime. His third is on it's way.

"On stage Tommy uses no props, just the microphone. His act encompasses a wide range of comedic muses that appeal to all audiences."

"As a child I had a very lively imagination and even today, there is still a child in me. I am constantly perfecting my craft," says Tommy. And, like several skilled stand-ups today, he creates most of his material on the spot and then goes back later and polishes.

Tommy also directs his energy toward helping, as he says, "anyone who's neglected... American Indians, the Latine community, Black youth, the homeless and the elderly. I want to give something back...to take a lot of work...but it's going to move a lot of people."

(Patrick Davidson is appearing at Hiccups Comedy Club in the Holiday Inn, Main Street on May 27 and 28.)

King Awarded Damages

by Jim Allen

Rodney King, who was beaten within an inch of his life by four over-sealous Los Angeles police officers in 1991, was awarded 3.8 million dollars in damages by the court.

Although this amount was considerably lower than the $9.5 million originally sought by King, it was more than double the sum of $1.25 million awarded by King, who suffered irreparable damages from the savage beating and has not worked since the ugly incident, was given the award to compensate for lost earnings, medical expenses, psychological damages and loss of future earnings.

James K. Hahn, City Attorney for Los Angeles, said, "We think that this is a satisfactory result."

He doubts very seriously if the city is going to contest the award.

Now King has to endure yet another court battle. The next court date will determine if the 14 officers, who stood idly by while their peers assaulted a defenseless individual into total submission, are liable for punitive damages.

Of the four officers tried for the King assault, two officers, Stacey Koon and Lawrence Powell, were found guilty of violation of King's civil rights. They are now serving 30 month prison terms.

The other two officers, Theodore Brieno and Timothy E. Wind, were acquitted.

Where Were You Saturday, April 23, 1994?

If you weren’t at Shep’s Paradise, 293 Clarissa Street, in the heart of the Cornhill District, you missed a serious party.

A standing room only crowd turned out to celebrate the birthday of Rutherford Sheppard, better known as “Shep”.

Good music, good food, champagne and lots of laughter were on the menu for the annual party Shep throws each year.

Even Mayor Johnson attended, presenting Shep with a proclamation, declaring Sunday, April 24, 1994 as Rutherford B. Sheppard Day!!

Partygoers were entertained by sounds of the John Cole Blues Band and a really great evening was enjoyed by all.

If you missed the party, don’t despair, you still have a chance to view the proclamation and it’s never too late to say Happy Birthday Shep and thanks for being here.
Senior Citizens Get New Health Care Option

New York State’s senior citizens will soon have an important long term care option, thanks to a bill recently signed by Governor Mario Cuomo.

The legislation marks the culmination of much effort on the part of policymakers, long term care providers, and financial consultants, and is a prime example of what can be done with cooperative efforts on all sides.

The bill, which encourages the development of life care communities in New York State, was sponsored by two Long Island legislators, Senator Michael J. Tully, Jr. (R-Port Washington) and Assemblyman Paul Harenberg (D-Bayport).

It allows county Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) and the New York City IDA to assist in financing life care communities which are authorized through Article 46 of the Public Health Law.

Life care communities are a type of continuing care retirement community, providing housing and a range of health care and other quality-of-life services to senior citizens.

New York’s seniors have had to go out of state to obtain this combination of an independent lifestyle, a range of services, and an assurance that costs will not increase beyond normal inflationary trends if nursing home care becomes necessary—features that are characteristic of life care communities.

New York State now has the availability of financing through unrated, tax-exempt bonds. This will assist and encourage developers of these continuing care retirement communities.

First Time Homebuyers Get a Break

Governor Mario M. Cuomo recently announced the introduction of two programs that will let qualified New Yorkers finance between 75 and 100 percent of the purchase price of their first home with a four percent fixed rate mortgage.

The low interest rate mortgage, offered by SONYMA, is aimed at low and moderate income first-time homebuyers and will be available beginning May 16th.

These innovative programs substantially lower the amount of money a borrower must pay for down payment and closing costs, enabling even more New Yorkers to realize the dream of owning a home, “Governor Cuomo said. “This is good for families, good for housing industry and good for our economy.”

The programs are the Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP), offered in conjunction with the Community Lending Corporation (CLC), and the reintroduced and newly structured Moderate Means Program.

Each will offer loans with an interest rate of four percent to families meeting applicable income, purchase price and appraisal value limits.

Each program is flexible enough to address the diverse affordable housing needs which exist in different areas of the State.

For information on program guidelines, including specific area designations, income, purchase price and appraisal value limits, call SONYMA’s toll-free consumer line at 1-800-992-1034 (4663).

New York State Sponsors Women’s Empowerment Conference

Women’s business and economic development issues are at the core of an all-day conference on Monday, May 23, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

The conference, entitled “Women’s Empowerment: Achieving Independence through Economic Growth...We Mean Business,” is sponsored by the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development in the State Department of Economic Development, and the NYS Division of Women.

The conference is designed for women in business, for those interested in starting a business, and for those interested in becoming involved in their community’s economic development planning. Linda Tarr-Whalen, president and executive director of the Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker.

Featured will be workshops on how to start a business, access to capital, procurement opportunities, balancing work and family, the basics of the economic development process and local planning.

The conference registration fee is $30. For reservations or more information, call the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development at (518) 472-0522.
Remember when most of the musicians mentioned in this article played in our fair city?

It was nice to have them back again!

McCURDY contd. from pg. 1

Carmen McCrae, Oscar Peterson, Jimmy Smith, Horace Silver, Martial Solal, Sonny Stitt, Clark Terry, McCoy Tyner, Joe Williams, Larry Young, Ernestine Anderson, Chris Conner, Sonny Clark, Kenny Drew, Billy Eckstine, Chuck Mangione, Eddie Harris, Don Ellis, Shorty Rogers, Stanley Turrentine, Dionne Warwick, Hubert Laws, Charles Lloyd, Hampton Hawes, Patrice Rushen, Joe Sample, Blue Mitchell, James Moody, Mark Murphy, Bud Shank, Eddie "Cleanhead" Vincent, Wes Montgomery, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald. McCurdy talks glowingingly about the previously mentioned musicians with whom he performed.

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McCurdy cites as his musical influences, Sonny Rollins, Cannonball Adderley, Philly Joe Jones, Max Roach and Elvin Jones. He attributes much of his success to his immediate family in general and to his older sister, Rebecca, in particular.

Reflecting about his past, Roy said his sister bought him his first set of drums. She also arranged for him to take private drum lessons from the distinguished Professor William Street at the prestigious Eastman School of Music.

Roy said his father, Roy, Sr. and his sister took turns accompanying him to club dates when he was still underage.

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Haynes on Sports
by Jimmy Haynes

After viewing the Lewis vs. Jackson heavyweight entertainment on HBO May 6, and listening to Lennox Lewis in the post-fight interview, I was saddened (applauded) to hear Lewis make comments about how great he looked in the fight. How he gracefully dened (applauded) to hear tening to Lennox Lewis in the heavyweight entertainment.

In my opinion, Michael Moorer would have beaten him into submission and worst of all, Lewis’ performance for a minute or two had George Foreman thinking “I can take this guy.” On May 6th he could have, but don’t do it George, Please! Lennox Lewis was destined to be whipped up on real soon.

Jackson ran his record up by knocking out homeless people and nursing home patients. Still, throughout the fight, he managed to rock Lewis on two occasions and like so many fighters do, when they hurt their opponent, they stand back and admire their work rather than attack and go for the finish.

The unified heavyweight championship is now Riddick Bowe’s. A defeat of Michael Moorer (who talks that he might get out of the game with in a year) and a match with Lewis, Bowe would sit again upon his throne.

Lewis did not fear in any contender’s heart and was not impressive to the paying crowd. He has to be thankful that he did not tangle with a healthy Evander Holyfield on that night for he would have been ex-WBC Champ.

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- Swelling in one or more joints
- Early morning stiffness
- Waking up in the night
- Unexplained weight loss, fever, or weakness combined with joint pain
- Symptoms such as these that last for more than two weeks.

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Allied’s Sports
by Jim Allen

Moorer Defeats Holyfield for Title

On Friday, April 22, 1994 at Caesar’s Place in Las Vegas, challenger Michael Moorer survived a second round knockdown to win on a split decision to win the undisputed World Heavyweight Boxing Championship over Riddick Holyfield.

The win on this occasion was a defensive victory for the former Evander Holyfield. Moorer, unbeaten in 34 prior fights, utilized a series of right jabs, short hooks and uppercuts to break Holyfield down a couple of times before Moorer closed out the fight with a flurry of punches.

One judge called the fight a draw with a score of 114-114. The other two judges favored Moorer with scores of 116-112 and 115-112.

It was obvious as the fight progressed that Father Time and the culminating effects of the many fights that Holyfield has had during his outstanding career was starting to catch up with him. As always, the lionhearted Holyfield gave it everything that he had, but it simply wasn’t good enough.

Moorer closed out the fight with a flurry of telling punches that had Holyfield reeling backwards repeatedly.

Sensing that victory was in hand in the closing moments of the fight, Moorer began to nod his head in self-appraisal.

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HealthyWatch means that it can last on and off for as long as a lifetime. There are over 100 kinds of arthritis, which can affect many different parts of the body. Joints are most often affected.

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Isiah “Zeke” Thomas Announces Retirement

After suffering a tear in his right Achilles’ tendon in the fourth quarter of his final game, Isaiah Thomas has decided to call it quits after 13 thrilling years with the Detroit Pistons.

Although it was rumored that he was going to retire at the end of this season anyway, it certainly isn’t the way that he wanted to go out.

In add insult to injury, the Pistons also lost the game to the Milwaukee Bucks 132-104.

Thomas who was visibly disappointed when he wasn’t selected as a member of America’s first Olympic Dream Team, was scheduled to participate in the World Championship of Basketball this summer, will miss the boat again anyway.

However, Thomas did not miss the boat during his brilliant career with the Pistons. He led them to two consecutive NBA World Championships and joined Magic Johnson, Oscar Robertson and John Stockton as the only players in NBA history to record 15,000 assists or more in a career.

Thomas also scored over 18,000 points in his career, was on several all-star teams, in addition to being selected MVP in two of them.

Isiah Thomas did go out as a champion. He has made several sound investments in the corporate world. Perhaps the best investment he made was completing his college education as he promised his mother.

Good Luck, Zeke.
Critics Chair - FDV at the Movies
by Janice Kelso Langhans

Light and shadow are critical elements within the movie industry and that is most apt since sometimes the breath-taking beauty of the photography is all that holds our attention.

Unfortunately, good movies seem to be suffering through a contingent period of fade out. For instance, after seeing The Paper, you may have to read a book or try a play (or engage in some other pursuit).

Why? Many summer movies have a decidedly ludicrous streak and, overall, the ‘interest quotient’ simply fades to black.

Naked Gun 33 1/3
Rated PG-13: stars Leslie Neilson, Priscilla Presley, George Kennedy, and O.J. Simpson

The definition of ludicrous. You would have to be desperately seeking distraction to sit through the antics of this Police Squad sequel. I relinquish even a slight handicap from missing the previous Gun’s since, on the whole, this picture is only “loosely” connected to itself, let alone the preceding flicks. But, if you go, expect periods of bawdy laughter followed by lackluster parodies. The subtitle, The Final Insult could not have been more on target.

Four Weddings & A Funeral
Rated R: stars Hugh Grant, Andy McDowell

On the one hand, I just want to scream “Not!” as I reflect back on the unlikely scenario the title provokes (especially for this movie humankind has two hands. It doesn’t hurt McDowell hasn’t found the right vehicle to showcase the talent of which one supposes she is capable. Fortunately, either that the cinematography, and Grant are equally beautiful or that while he lived— the deceased was outrageously robust and funny.

The Paper
Rated R: stars Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Melissa Tomey, Randy Quaid, Jason Robards, Jill Hennesssey and Jason Alexander.

Reading it doesn’t conjure up even half the excitement, apparently, to be found in putting The Paper together! The hectic pace of the movie accurately conveys the daily doings within the industry, of that I have no doubt; but seriously, can you imagine anyone slugging it out—let alone shooting it end-in-Jim Lawrence’s office down at the Gannett Building? So, overlooking that, the movie was terrific. It was tight and edgy and socially important. Definitely a ‘must see’, maybe even a ‘re-see’.

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"The Hat" Comes Back

Story & Photos by Jim Allen

After a three year self-imposed hiatus, Chuck Mangione, one of Rochester’s favorite sons has resumed a music career that won him fame, international acclaim and a Grammy.

Yes, “The Hat” is back and he is on a mission. Chuck not only wants to rekindle the public’s interest in jazz, but acquaint our young people with one of America’s true art forms as well. His goal is to expose the youth of our communities to renowned music and musicians in an intimate setting.

In an effort to guarantee the success of this musical extravaganza, Mangione called on critically acclaimed musicians such as Nat Adderley, Roy McCardy, Steve Gadd, Jon Hendricks, James Moody, Don Menza, Gerry Niewood, Lew Soloff, John Beck, Gap Mangione, Joe Romano, Sam Noto, Frank Pullara and Don Potter, to lead an impressive array of young talent.

This extravaganza was unique in the sense that it included four upstate tours that allowed musicians to visit different cities on a rotating basis. Cities included were Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and Utica.

Those in attendance at each of these various sessions were treated to such jazz standards as Autumn Leaves; Oleo; Work Song; Cherokee; Unit Seven; Green Dolphin Street; Kind of Blue; Polka Dot and Moon Beams, just to name a few.

Other musical selections included songs from Mangione albums such as Kaleidoscope (1969); Friends and Love (1970); Together (1971); Land of Make Believe (1973); Chase the Clouds Away (1974); Bellaria (1975); Children of Sanchez (1977); Live at the Hollywood Bowl (1978) and Tamarilla, the benefit for earthquake victims which was recorded live in Rochester, New York in 1979.

"The Hat’s Back" concert, held at the Eastman Theatre was a perfect vehicle for Mangione to introduce several new compositions which delighted to no end, the standing room only crowd. The concert was video taped with the vision that HBO or pay-per-view will find this performance most desirable.

20% of the proceeds from this concert will go to the School of Arts, a Rochester City School District magnet school. Mangione hopes this donation will help assure the school’s development into the finest contemporary music and arts high school in the United States. The money will also be used to develop an arranger’s workshop, a recording program, a low-power radio and TV station, and a contemporary audio-visual program.

Monies will also go to the families of former Mangione musicians who are deceased. This extravaganza was indeed a fitting tribute to Mangione’s musical and paternal fathers, Dizzy Gillespie and Papa Mangione.

(See front page story on Rochester’s own Roy McCardy and others who participated in the jazz extravaganza.)
How Now, Brown Cow?

Consumer Warning: Reader BEWARE!!! If you are against genetically engineered hormones, antibiotics & pus in your milk and dairy products, you need to know these six things before you buy these products in any store. This is not a pretty subject. This information is supplied by The Pure Food Campaign.

* Genetically engineered hormones could be in your milk and dairy products.

Starting February 3, 1994, milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, yogurt, beef and infant formula sold and consumed throughout the United States will be laced with genetically engineered recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) also known as "Bovine Somatotropin" or BST.

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of rBGH in dairy cows without long-term testing of the hormones health effects on consumers.

The FDA has also refused to require labeling of milk and other dairy products derived from use of the genetically engineered hormone, even though more than 90% of consumers favor labeling of rBGH products so they can avoid buying them.

*Increased Animal Cruelty.*

rBGH use will cause suffering to millions of animals. rBGH is like "crack" for cows. It "feeds" the system and forces producers to produce a lot more milk - but it also makes them sick.

The FDA admits that cows infected with rBGH could suffer from increased addictions (mastitis), severe reproductive problems, digestive disorders, foot and soil contamination and persistent sores and lacerations.

*Thousands of family dairy farmers will lose their farms.*

The overproduction of milk caused by rBGH could result in 30-50% of family dairy farmers going out of business within 36 months after rBGH is introduced into the market. For each family farmer driven out of business, 25 other dairy-related jobs could also be lost.

*You and your family are at risk.*

rBGH milk can make you sick. The FDA admits that the use of rBGH in cows may lead to increased amounts of pus and bacteria in milk.

Equally disturbing, the powerful antibiotics and other drugs used to fight increased disease in rBGH-injected cows may lead to greater antibiotic and chemical contamination of milk and dangerous resistance to antibiotics in the human population.

The FDA has released studies showing that milk from rBGH-treated cows could have more saturated fat and less protein than regular milk.

Both the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) and the Consumer's Union, publisher of Consumer Reports magazine, have identified the potential hazards to human health caused by consuming products derived from rBGH-created cows.

*More water and soil pollution.*

rBGH will harm the environment. The use of rBGH leads to unsustainable farming practices. Studies indicate that widespread use of the hormone will increase antibiotic and soil contamination and groundwater pollution.

*rBGH will cost the taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars.*

rBGH use will increase the federal deficit. According to the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rBGH use will cost the taxpayer between $300 million and $500 million over the next six years in increased price supports for milk. This will include at least $65 million for fiscal year 1994, and another $116 million in 1995.

What can you do to protect yourself, your family and friends from these hidden hormones in milk, dairy and beef products?

Ask supermarket managers and grocers to provide you with a written statement on whether or not their milk and dairy products are free of genetically engineered Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH).

Patronize only supermarkets, natural food stores, convenience stores and restaurants that offer products that are rBGH-free.

Buy your milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, yogurt, infant formula and beef products from companies that have gone on record as rBGH-free.

Join the Pure Food Campaign's rBGH Boycott. Help organize opposition to rBGH tainted foods that are being sold in supermarkets, restaurants and schools.

Make a donation to your local Pure Food Campaign. Your funds will be used to alert other consumers to the dangers of genetically engineered hormones in their milk and dairy products.

To get involved in the rBGH Boycott, write or call:
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The final ingredient in overcoming victimization is the final ingredient of constructive friendship and acquaintance with people living or dead (the latter through their writings) who have been, are, or will be, people we can admire and whose lives and writings about and in writings about them, any trace of the humiliations and filmer of self-pity and self-victimization.

She is one of our friends, one of our resources and models for learning the art and craft of overcoming barriers within and without. One who teaches us that overcoming is not something we shall do, but something we have done, are doing and can do, down to the individual, this day.

It doesn't matter where you live, how much money you make, what school you went to or how far--no oppression, deprivation and suffering warrants our taking it in whole and taking it out on ourselves.

Self-victimization doesn't suit us. We are a proud and courageous, resourceful and person-ally powerful people; so let us realize who we are, throw off the victim's portrait and resume the kind of triumphant living that we deserve, are heir to and are capable of achieving.

Overcoming victimhood means overcoming the victim's portrait, which in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is "freedom reign."