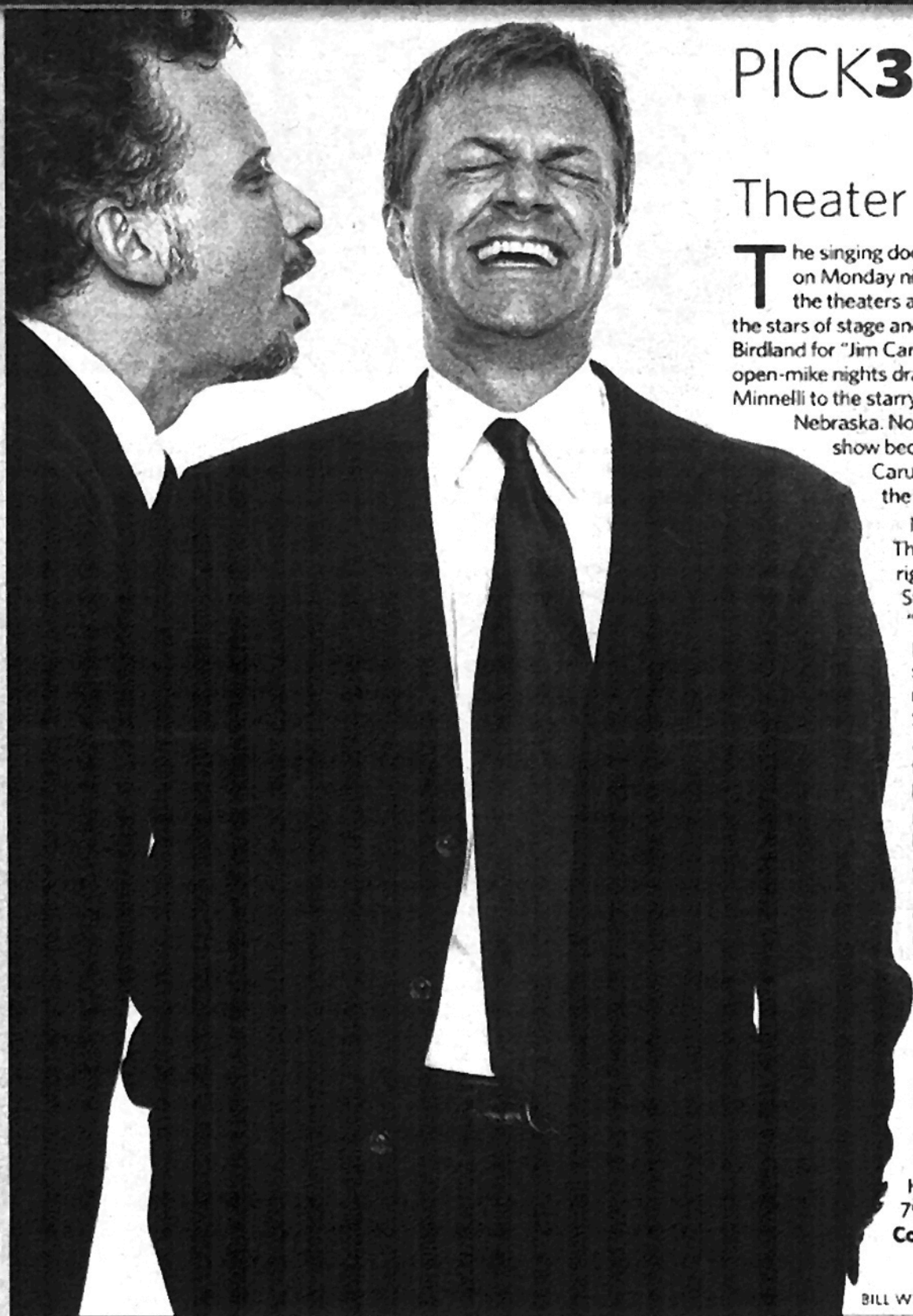


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### Theater

**T**he singing doesn't stop in New York on Monday nights just because the theaters are dark. That's when the stars of stage and shower head to Birdland for "Jim Caruso's Cast Party." The open-mike nights draw everyone from Liza Minnelli to the starry-eyed chorus boy from Nebraska. Now in its eighth year, the show became such a hit that Caruso decided to take it on the road.

Next stop: Cleveland. Thursday night, Caruso, right, and pianist Billy Stritch hit town to host "Cast Party" with local performers. Only a few slots will be truly open-mike here, though: Some of the singers are already selected from among the area's biggest talents, and more slots will be booked after open auditions Monday night — a show in itself, and open to the public with no cover charge.

"Cast Party" auditions, 7 p.m. Monday, no charge. "Cast Party" with Jim Caruso and Billy Stritch, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, \$30. Both at Nighttown, 12387 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. Call 216-795-0550. — **Joanna Connors**