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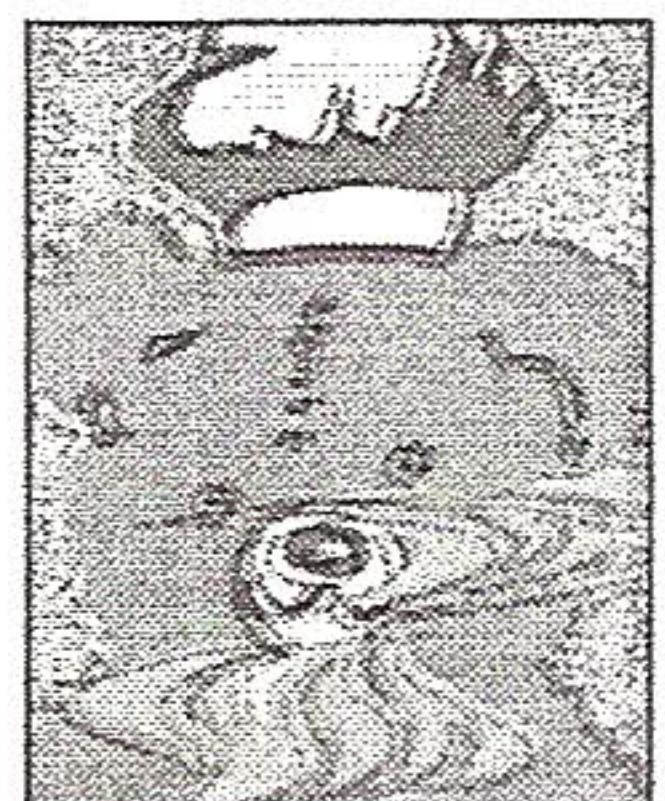
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### **HEY BEARS! THERE IS MORE!**

*Only a fraction of what we do goes in the newsletter. For more pics, links to events, membership renewals, event applications, membership directory and so much more, go to the Oregon Bears Webcave at the following URL:*

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## *Bear Birthdays (or, we made it another year!)*

### May 2007

01- Doug C.  
03- Greg P.  
04- Phil H.  
05- John H.  
06- Leo S.  
07- Steve W.  
08- Mark P.  
09- James E.  
09- Ross A.  
10- Dave D.  
10- Steve G.  
12- Michael P.  
13- Stephen M.

14- Steve W.  
17- John M.  
18- Gene B.  
19- Kyle W.  
22- Jeff P.  
22- Doug D.  
22- Rick L.  
26- Dan F.  
29- Bryan B.  
29- Lewis S.  
31- Terry H.  
31- Thomas W.

### June 2007

01- Curtis C.  
01- Ed H.  
07- Rob Z.  
09- Bryan A.  
09- Ron J.  
10- Steven M.  
11- Hal F.  
12- L. A. C.  
13- David B.  
14- John B.

15- Bruce R.  
16- Kevin F.  
16- Jim P.  
17- Mike R.  
20- David S.  
21- Lar M.  
21- Terry M.  
22- Keith M.  
26- Dennis M.  
29- David A.  
30- Dustin P.



## Message from the Prez

Dear Oregon Bears Members,

As we have now put the elections of the new board members behind us, gotten the new board installed and the new officer positions chosen, it's time to move onto the business at hand. You have an outstanding group of dedicated individuals who are eager to hear and work with our members to make this the best Bear Club!

As we are preparing to come into the busiest time of the year for us, with BearTown right around the corner and PDX Pride after that, it will once again prove to be a busy June for all of us.

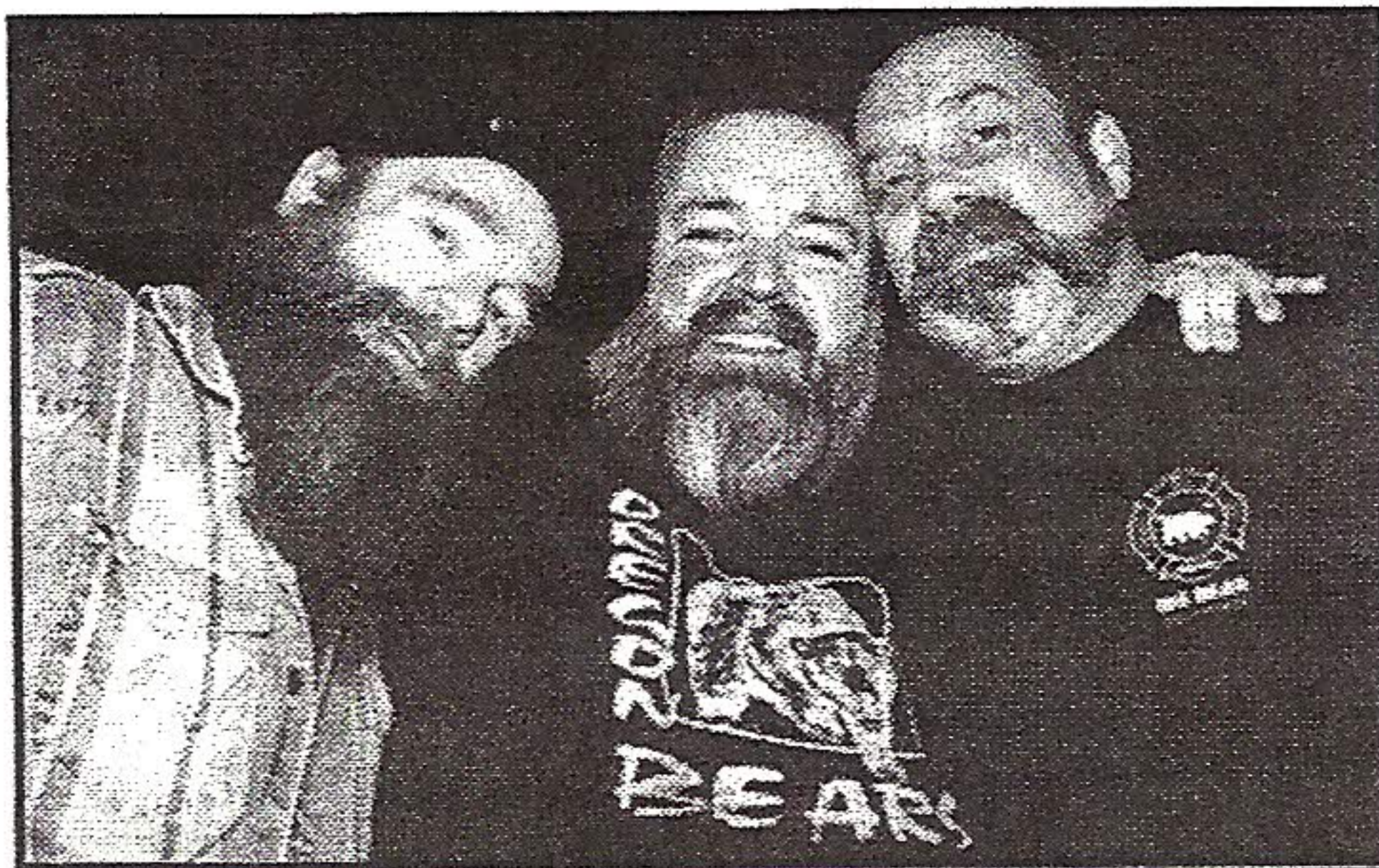
Then with the other events that we have throughout the months to follow it will again prove to be a busy but fun summer! We have the camp out in September at the beach again, our picnic in July and Leather Pride in August.

I would like to take a moment to Thank the outgoing board members for their untiring efforts to make this a club that we can all be proud of.

First off a BIG WOOF and Thank You to Doug Watson. His years of leadership and dedication encourages me to aspire to his commitment not only to the Oregon Bears Organization, and the charities it supports, but for all that he has done for the board and the community in general.

When you see him out at our various events, please take a moment and thank him for not only for his hard work but also the dedication he has given to the club for over 6 years.

Also to our outgoing President Richard Wilde, for his years of dedication to the club and to his



(l-r) Frank Armstrong, Mark Armstrong and Bryan Akers at the Dirty Duck on 15 April.

tireless efforts to keep the club as strong as it is.

To Kevin S., for handling our assets for the past 2 years and making sure that the club knew where things were at all times along with getting the storage locker moved and arranged so we could find things for events.

To Kevin Friends for stepping up when we lost a loved one and brother.

If you should happen to see any of these outstanding men at any of our events, please take a moment and say thanks for a job well done.

I have asked the board and now I ask you as the members of this fine and outstanding club to come forth with your ideas. We are one of the top Bear organizations in the country and with your help and your input we will be the best in the country.

We have 250 members right now, and I would like to hear from you on what we can do to move that number upwards.

We have new members joining on a monthly basis, but as we get new members to join we lose other members.

What can we do as an organization to help us retain members? I invite you to tell not only myself, but any of the members on the board what we

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## BearTown XII 2007

### BearTown Twelve "The Furry Frontier" is almost here!

Story by Butchy Janik

**B**earTown Twelve, "The Furry Frontier" is only weeks away.

*(If you haven't registered yet, it's not too late to take advantage of the advance purchase discount. The deadline is May 15.)*

This year we've "beefed-up" a few of the traditional favorites like the event Kick-Off Meet and Greet, the sizzling Hot UnderBear Bust, and the Main Event and Contest.

We've also sought out a few new venues and created a few new events.

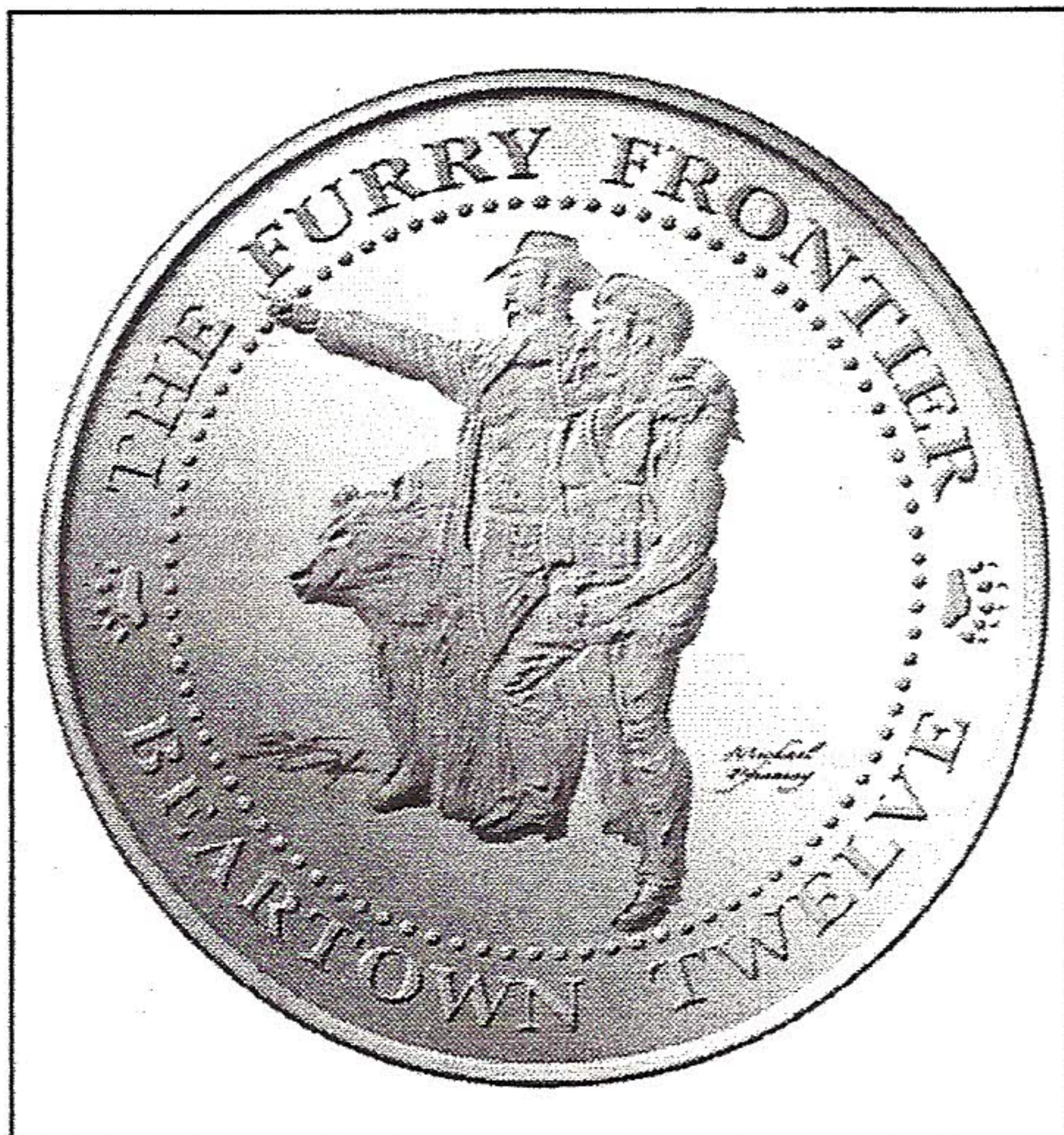
This year introduces BearTown Music Jam featuring live musical performances in several settings. It highlights local talent as well as artists from several other states.

Details, performer's bios and links are posted on the Oregon Bears website ([www.oregonbears.org](http://www.oregonbears.org)).

And speaking of talent...This year's Main Event and Contest will be emceed by one of the biggest talents around... Candye Kane!



*The lady herself, Ms. Candye Kane.*



She's an amazing blues artist with a VERY colorful past. She's a bit on the naughty side: loud, brassy, sexy, and perhaps in many ways, a bit bearish.

She has 7 CDs out, has toured internationally, has appeared on numerous TV programs, has opened for punk bands and was once signed as a country artist, is a mother, a passionate activist, a former sex worker and that just begins to scratch the surface of her list of accomplishments.

And as it that wasn't enough, Candye often says she is a "black drag queen trapped in a white woman's body" and she dresses the part. Bedecked in bright colored feathers, sequins and rhinestones. Her performance is Mississippi by way of Las Vegas with a quick stopover in San Francisco.

Bottom line, she's BIG FUN! Be sure and check out her website at [www.candyekane.com](http://www.candyekane.com).

One of the many other highlights of BearTown Weekend is the BEAR and CUB contest.

BearTown weekend is a celebration of the end of their year as ambassadors

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# PDX Pride 2007

## This Year's Theme: Keep Portland Queer

Story and photos by  
Ben Brown Jr. and Travis Crader

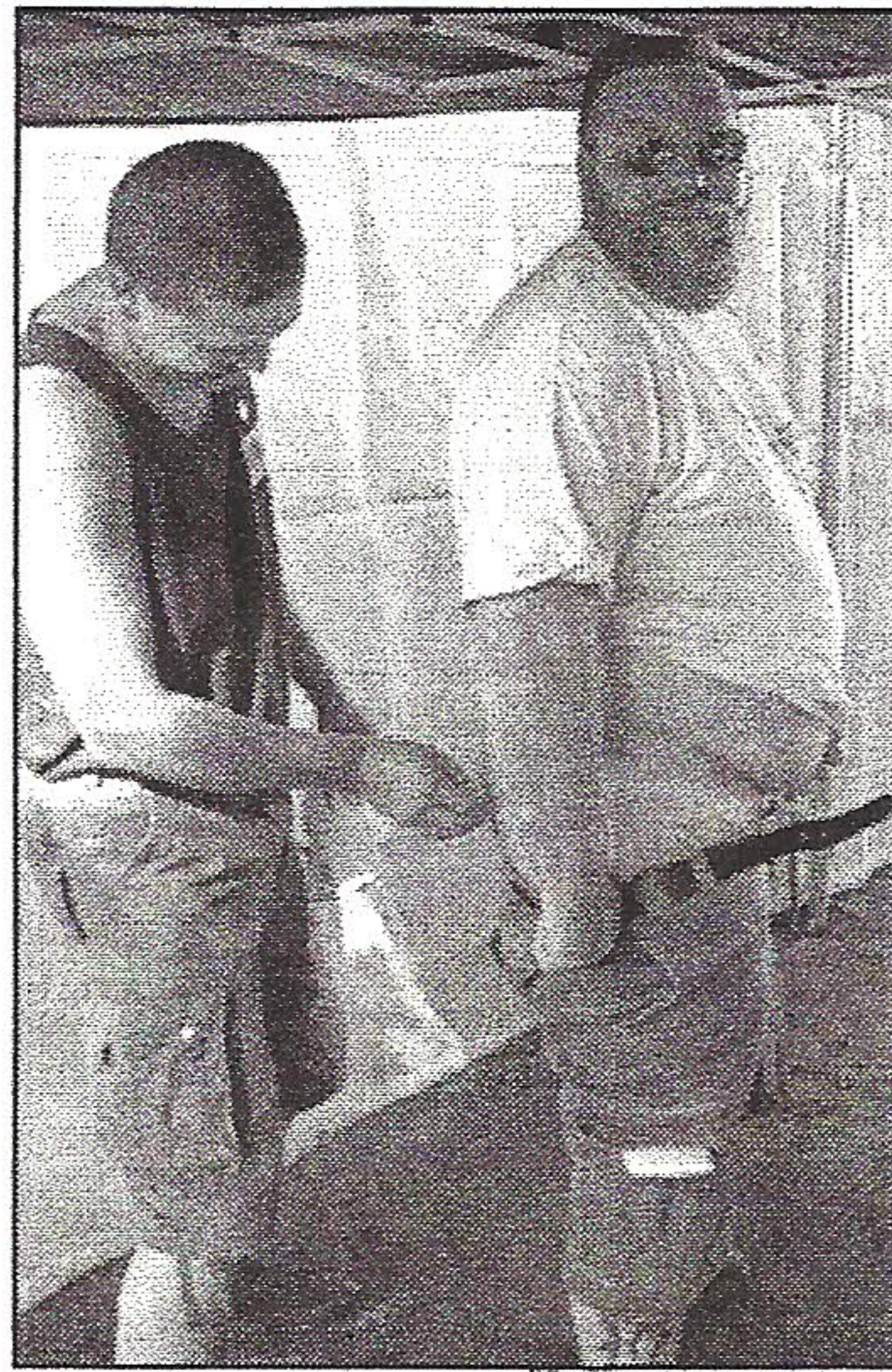
June in Portland is all about the parades. The first weekend hosts the Starlight Parade, the second weekend hosts the Rose Parade, and the third weekend hosts the most colorful of them all, the Portland Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

This may be our very favorite Oregon Bears-related event. We live in SW Portland, right across from PGE Park, and Ben works downtown at the Starbucks in Pioneer Court-house Square, where the parade will once again roll right past.

It gives the denizens of downtown, like ourselves, a great opportunity to show just how beautiful our city is to the rest of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The Oregon Bears will once again have a place in the parade route. This event is open to all who wish to march with us, and we strongly encourage our membership to come down and strut their own furry pride

**Calling all bears, cubs,  
otters and wolves:  
The Portland Pride  
Parade is Sunday,  
17 June 2007 at Noon!  
March with your fellow  
Oregon Bears and  
show your furry pride.**



From the booth last year: Left, Charles Ham gives Steve Strong an Oregon Bears temp tattoo. Below, board member Dixon Martin.

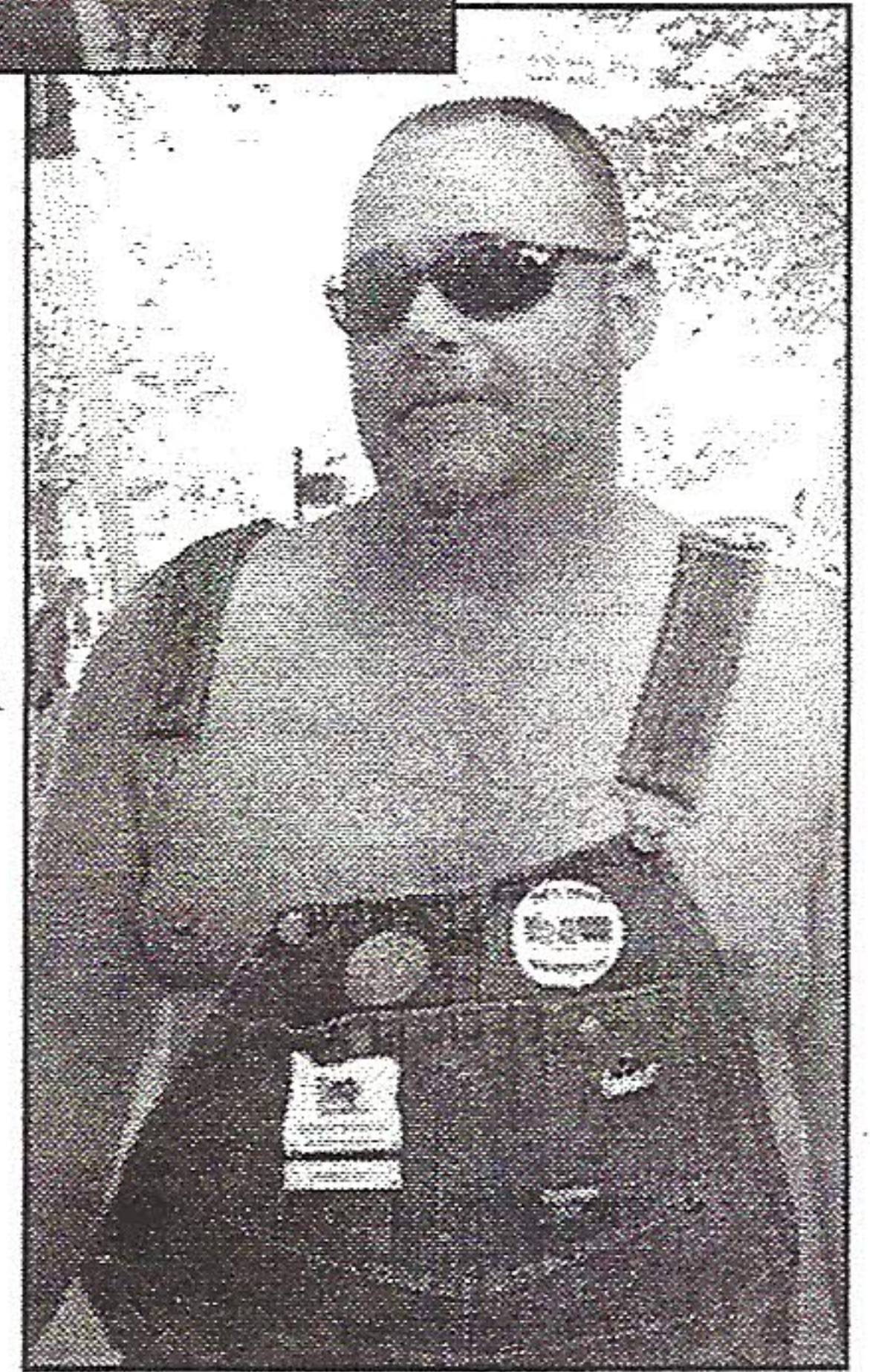
among the rainbows.

We can never mention enough just how wonderful it is to march. The love is there for us, and given very freely and easily by spectators.

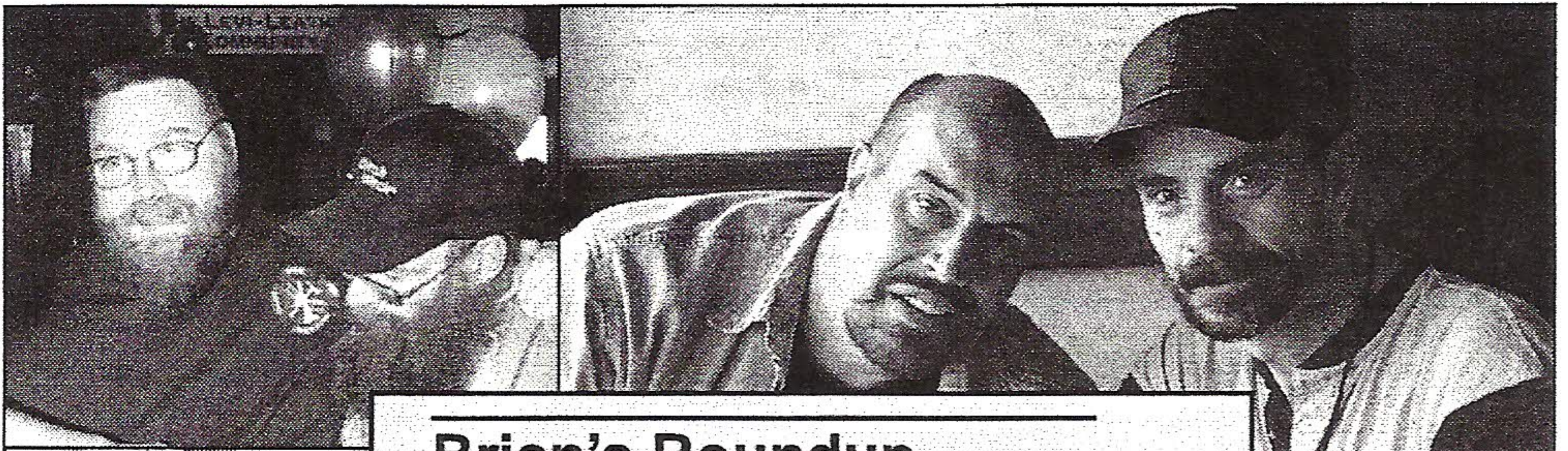
Additionally, we will once again have a booth at the Festival site (Tom McCall Waterfront Park) where you can come and socialize with your bear friends and pick up some great Bears merchandise, some of it at ridiculously low cost.

The Booth will be open on 16 and 17 June (Saturday and Sunday) from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. We will be meeting to march on Sunday, 17 June at 10:00 a.m. in the North Park blocks. Check the website and announce for specific details as they become available.

Be there, and be bear!







## Brian's Roundup

*Story by Steve Leaming*

*Photos by Ben Brown Jr. and Rob Zeiser*

I would like to thank everyone for the huge amount of support I have received during this past month. Brian's quick & unexpected passing was extremely difficult.

I am so thankful for the many, many friends myself and Brian (upper left corner photo) have who are there to comfort me and honor his memory.

I would like to thank Josh & Rob for setting up the memorial page on the website as it means so much to me and to his family.

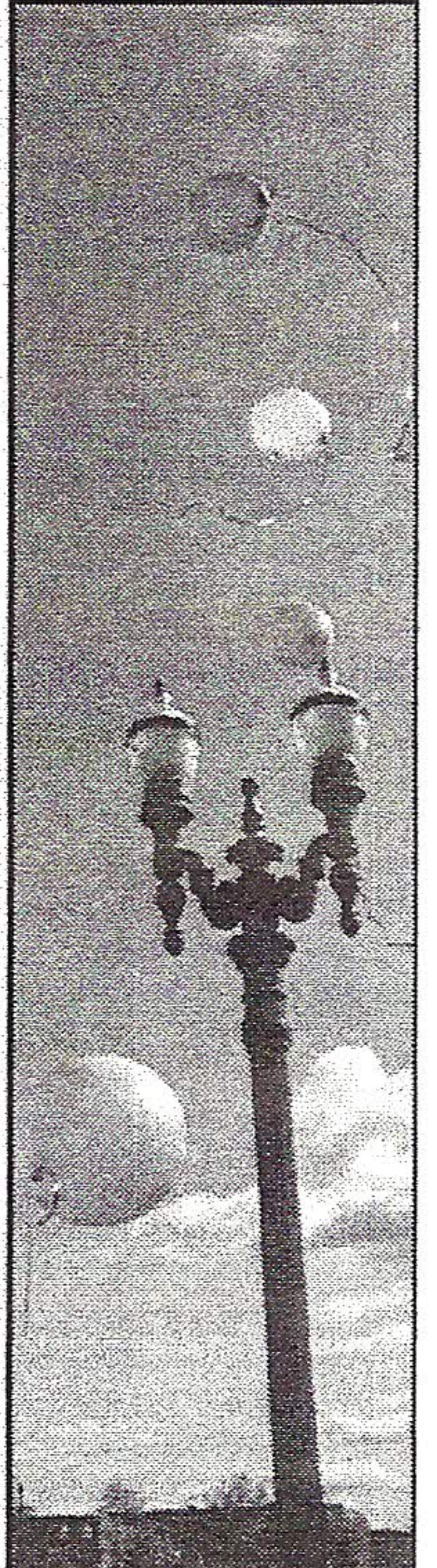
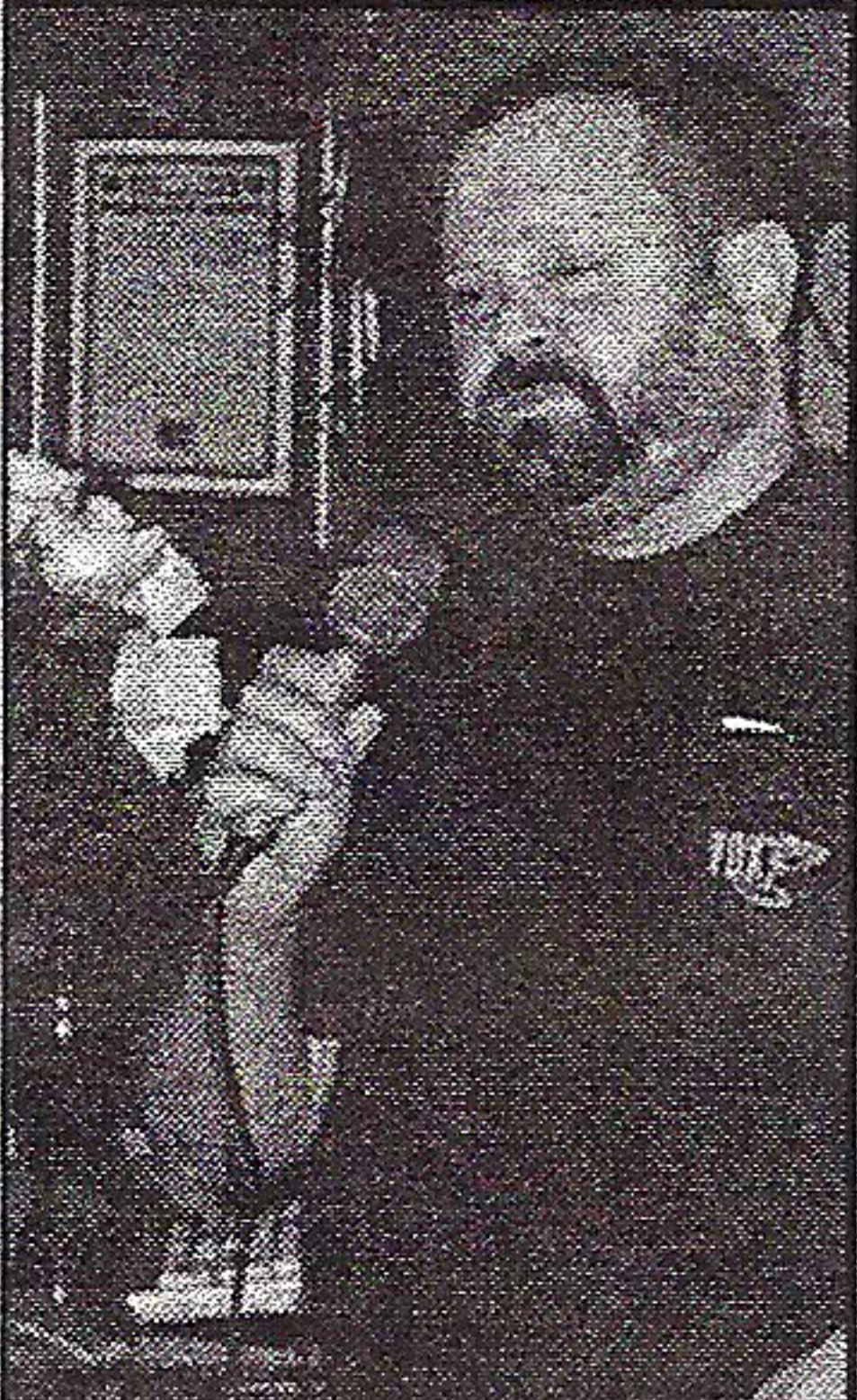
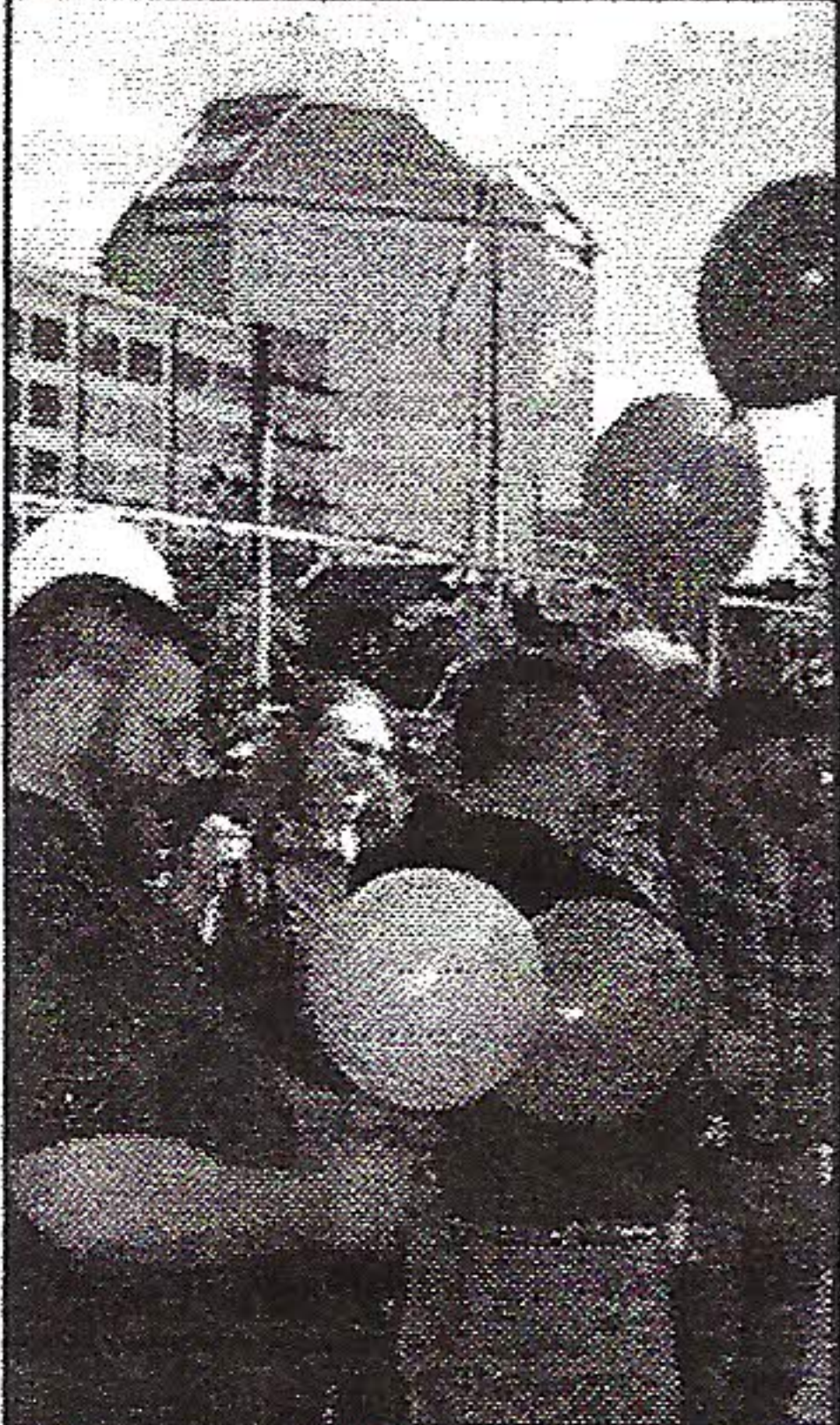
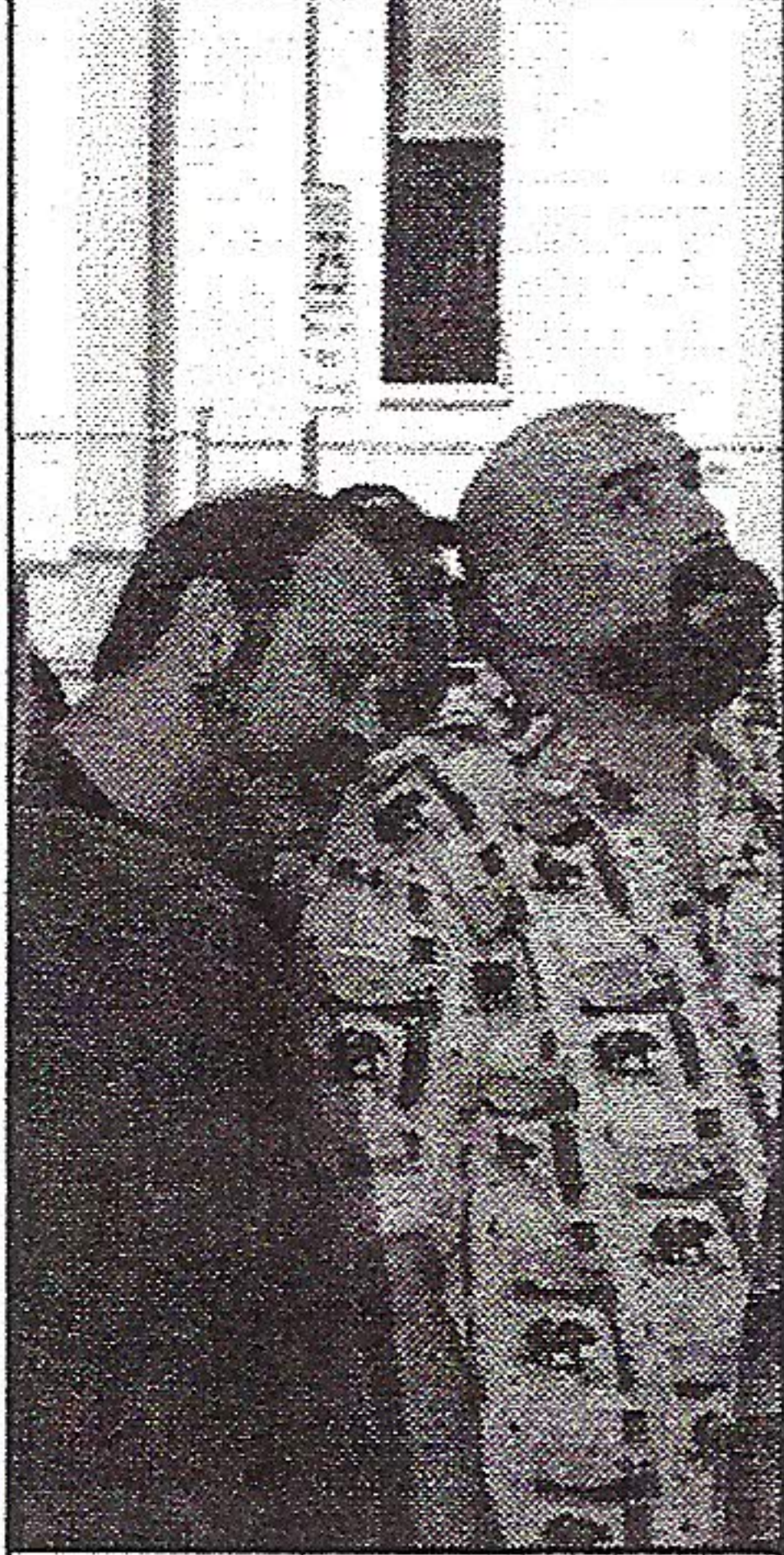
The memorial roundup was wonderful and I appreciated the love, caring, and kind words about Brian both written and spoken at the gathering.

The poster, flowers & balloons were beautiful and the food was great. The banner with Brian's picture was quite touching and I will cherish it always.

I would like to give special thanks to Frank for setting up the memorial, Mike for the balloon release, Don for the flowers, Gail for the beverages, Doug for the posters, and Scottie for the banner. I would also like to thank Davis, Mark, Steve, Charles & Bryan for being there for me during the most difficult times. We are SO fortunate to have such great friends.

Brian & I have always enjoyed being a part of the Oregon Bears. I know that Brian's memory will live on the hearts of those who knew him.

Big Hugs to you all,  
Steve





# May 2007 Calendar of Events

| SUN                    | MON | TUE                              | WED               | THU                         | FRI  | SAT   |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
|                        |     | 01<br>Campout<br>Committee       | 02<br>Board Mtg.  | 03<br>Beartown<br>Committee | 04<br>Happy Hour                           | 05  |
| 06<br>Bear Paw<br>Bust | 07  | 08<br>Video Night                | 09                | 10<br>Bears ASL<br>Class    | 11<br>Happy Hour                           | 12<br>Bear Blast                            |
| 13                     | 14  | 15                               | 16<br>Media Cmte. | 17<br>Beartown<br>Committee | 18<br>Happy Hour                           | 19<br>New Member<br>Dinner<br><br>Bear Bust |
| 20                     | 21  | 22<br>Leather Pride<br>Committee | 23                | 24<br>Bears ASL<br>Class    | 25<br>Happy Hour<br><br>Double XX<br>Dance | 26<br>Underbear<br>Party                    |
| 27<br>Bear Brunch      | 28  | 29                               | 30                | 31<br>Beartown<br>Committee |  |   |

**01 May:** Campout Committee, Cooper's Coffee, 6059 SE Stark, 7 p.m.

**02 May:** Board Meeting, Kennedy School, 7 p.m.

**03, 17 and 31 May:** BearTown Committee, Cooper's Coffee, 6059 SE Stark, 7 p.m.

**04, 11, 18 & 25 May:** Bears Happy Hour, Fox and Hounds, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**10 & 24 May:** Bears ASL Classes, Fox and Hounds, 7 p.m.

**06 May:** Bear Paw Bust, Eagle Portland on Lombard, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**08 May:** Bears Video Night, Darald and Bruce's, 3343 NE 133rd Avenue, 7 p.m.

**12 May:** Bear Blast, Eagle Portland on Lombard, 9 p.m. to midnight

**16 May:** Media Committee, venue TBA 7 p.m.

**19 May:** New Member Dinner, Fox and Hounds, 7 p.m.

**19 May:** Bear Bust, Dirty Duck Tavern, 9 p.m. to midnight

**22 May:** Leather Pride Week Committee, Embers, 7 p.m.

**25 May:** Double XX Dance, CC Slaughters, 9 p.m. to midnight

**26 May:** Underbear Party, venue TBA, 9 p.m. to midnight

**27 May:** Bear Brunch, Starkey's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

for a complete description of all events, visit us online at <http://www.oregonbears.org>



# June 2007 Calendar of Events

| SUN   | MON | TUE                              | WED                    | THU                      | FRI  | SAT                                      |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|   |     |                                  |                        |                          | 01<br>Happy Hour                           | 02                                       |
| 03<br>Bear Paw<br>Bust                                  | 04  | 05<br>Campout<br>Committee       | 06<br>Board<br>Meeting | 07<br>Beartown XII       | 08<br>Beartown XII                         | 09<br>Beartown XII                       |
| 10<br>Beartown XII                                      | 11  | 12<br>Video Night                | 13                     | 14<br>Bears ASL<br>Class | 15<br>Happy Hour                           | 16<br>PDX Pride<br>Festival<br>Bear Bust |
| 17<br>PDX Pride<br>Parade 2007<br>PDX Pride<br>Festival | 18  | 19<br>Leather Pride<br>Committee | 20<br>Media Cmte.      | 21                       | 22<br>Happy Hour<br><br>Double XX<br>Dance | 23                                       |
| 24<br>Bear Brunch                                       | 25  | 26                               | 27                     | 28<br>Bears ASL<br>Class | 29<br>Happy Hour                           | 30                                       |

**01, 08, 15, 22 & 30 Jun:** Bears Happy Hour, Fox and Hounds, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**03 Jun:** Bear Paw Bust, Eagle Portland on Lombard, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**05 Jun:** Campout Committee, Cooper's Coffee, 6059 SE Stark, 7 p.m.

**06 Jun:** Board Meeting, Kennedy School, 7 p.m.

**07-10 Jun:** Beartown XII, various locations, Portland

**12 Jun:** Bears Video Night, Rob and Butchy's, 3644 SE Gladstone, 7 p.m.

**14 & 28 June:** Bears ASL Classes, Fox and Hounds, 7 p.m.

**16 Jun:** Bear Bust, Dirty Duck Tavern, 9 p.m. to midnight

**16 and 17 Jun:** PDX Gay Pride Festival, Tom McCall Waterfront Park, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**17 Jun:** PDX Gay Pride Parade, Downtown Portland, Noon

**19 Jun :** Leather Pride Week Committee, Embers, 7 p.m.

**20 Jun:** Media Committee, Venue TBA, 7 p.m.

**22 Jun:** Double XX Dance, CC Slaughters, 9 p.m. to midnight

**24 Jun:** Bear Brunch, venue TBA, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*for a complete description of all events, visit us online at <http://www.oregonbears.org>*



**Camp Oregon Bears X 2007**  
**September 13 - 17 at Fort Stevens State Park**  
**Registration Form**



**CAMP OREGON BEARS 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make (if driving) \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate \_\_\_\_\_  
Due to limited parking, please carpool as much as possible

**Campout Badge Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation/City (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Info (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be entering the Buns contest?  Yes  No  Unsure

Will you be entering the Fuzzy Face contest?  Yes  No  Unsure

**Official Camp Oregon Bears X T-Shirts**

All t-shirt orders must be placed and paid for by August 11th. If enough shirts are not ordered, your fees will be returned at the campout. Please select your size:

- |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> S - \$20   | <input type="checkbox"/> M - \$20   | <input type="checkbox"/> L - \$20   | <input type="checkbox"/> XL - \$20  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL - \$22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL - \$24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL - \$26 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5XL - \$28 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6XL - \$30 |                                     |

**When will you be arriving?**

- Thursday PM     Friday AM     Friday PM     Saturday AM     Saturday PM

**ALL CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO HELP WITH AT LEAST ONE MEAL**  
 Please put a '1' next to your first choice, and a '2' next to your second choice:

\_\_\_\_ Thursday PM    \_\_\_\_ Friday AM    \_\_\_\_ Friday PM    \_\_\_\_ Saturday AM    \_\_\_\_ Saturday PM

**Do you have any special needs, food requirements, carpool request/offer, etc.?**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Select the package in the date range in which your payment is submitted:

| Full Package for 1: Includes 1 tent in group site, meals, parking, and merchandise |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| April 1st - June 30  | July 1 - July 31                           | August 1 - September 10                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$70   | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$80     | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$90      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$85   | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$95 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$105 |

| Buddy Bundle* (Price is for 2): Includes 1 tent in group site, meals for 2, parking, and merchandise for 2 |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| April 1st - June 30  | July 1 - July 31                            | August 1 - September 10                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$110  | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$120     | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$130     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$125  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$135 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$145 |

| Camp-Out Lite: Includes 1 tent in group site, meals and parking (no merchandise) |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| April 1st - June 30  | July 1 - July 31                           | August 1 - September 10                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$60   | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$70     | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$80     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$75                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$85 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$95 |

| Meals Only: (no camping space, parking or merchandise) |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| April 1st - June 30                                    | July 1 - July 31                           | August 1 - September 10                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$40                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$40     | <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$40     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$50             | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$50 |

| RV Space: (additional fee - campout package above must be purchased) |                               |   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| April 1st - June 30  | July 1 - July 31              | Reserve Quickly<br>**ONLY 6 Spots available** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$66  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$66 |   |

Total Amount.....

\*If you choose the Buddy Bundle, each person must fill out a separate registration form to comply with state liability laws. Print Name of other person: \_\_\_\_\_

- Campground Rules**
1. Campers must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, will respect the rights of the other persons at the campground, and will obey all campground rules.
  2. My signature below authorizes any Park Staff person or Campout Committee member to remove me from the campout for non-compliance of rules. The Park Staff or Committee member is also authorized to detain me if intoxicated or unable to operate a motor vehicle.
  3. Campers are required to comply with all State and Local laws.
  4. Smoking material will be disposed of in a designated disposal area ( i.e. butt can or fire pit).
  5. Campsites are to be kept clean; there are plenty of disposal areas. Please do not litter.
  6. Firearms and fireworks are not permitted in the campsites.
  7. Camp quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
  8. Pets must be under control at all times (Max 6-foot leash) and waste properly removed.

**Mail Completed Form To:**  
Oregon Bears - Campout 2007  
818 SW 3rd Ave., PMB #1153  
Portland, OR 97204-2405  
  
Additional information:  
503-760-7117  
www.OregonBears.org  
campout@oregonbears.org

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW:**

**CONFIRMATION:** We will make every effort to confirm your registration within 15 days of receiving your form .To save on postage, all confirmations will be e-mailed to you, unless you indicate otherwise in the special needs section (box above). Full confirmation packages will be emailed to you in the later part of August. All rules, regulations and information will be included with your confirmation.

**CANCELLATION:** If you will not be able to attend the Campout, you must cancel your registration in writing. Cancellations postmarked or e-mailed by August 31st, 2007 will receive a full refund less a \$10 processing fee. Later cancellations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. No-shows will not receive a refund, but will get their Campout merchandise.

My signature below releases the Oregon Bears, Inc., Oregon Bears Members and their guests and the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department from any liability of loss or injury either stated or implied during the course of events at the campout from Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Any party involved in the preparation or undertaking of this event shall also be released from liability. I also state that I have read the Campground Rules above and agree to abide by them.

|                 |            |       |    |          |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----|----------|
| Signature _____ | Date _____ |       |    |          |
| Campout Use     | Postmark   | Rec'd | \$ | Initials |



# Camp Oregon Bears

Story by Steve Leaming

Every year we get many questions about Camp Oregon Bears from people who have not attended before. Here are the answers to the most common questions.

**Q: "WHEN CAN I REGISTER?"**

A: Registration is available now through September 10th. You can register on-line at [http://www.oregonbears.org/events/campout/campout\\_online\\_registration.htm](http://www.oregonbears.org/events/campout/campout_online_registration.htm), using a credit/debit card to pay using PayPal. The mail-in registration form is also available to print out at the Oregon Bears website and can be paid by check.

**Q: "ISNT THE CAMPOUT JUST A PLAY PARTY?"**

A: No, there may be playing at the campout, but more important are the camaraderie and new friendships that are made. Campers are reminded that while we don't discourage "hook-ups", the campout is located in a public campground and therefore those activities are to be limited to tents. Public

nudity and excessive noise are strictly prohibited.

**Q: "WHAT FOOD DO I NEED TO BRING, WILL THEY FEED ME?"**

A: The campout provides dinners on Thu, Fri, & Sat nights and breakfast on Fri & Sat mornings. Donuts are available Sunday before breaking camp. Coffee & juice are provided with breakfast, but the rest of the beverages and any lunches or snacks are your own responsibility. Each camper is to help in the preparation or cleanup of 1 meal during the campout. Choices for your meal are available on the registration form.

**Q: "WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO BRING?"**

A: You need to bring a tent, sleeping bag & air mattress (unless you want to sleep on the ground). This year we will be setting up a "dorm" tent for people who do not have a tent. Keep in mind that if you sleep in the dorm there will be other campers in the tent so be considerate. The dorm will be available on a first come first serve basis. Indicate your need to stay in the dorm tent on your registration form.

**Q: "WHAT CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS SHOULD I BRING?"**

You will need to bring clothes, personal items, bev-

## Message from the Prez

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we can do to help make this a club that is not only attractive to the current or previous members but to the new ones.

As we grow, so do we change. If you haven't gotten a chance yet, take a look at your new web page (<http://www.oregonbears.org>) where you can find out about all the upcoming events.

This is also where you can get registered for our yearly events, and pay tribute to those we have lost.

Our new web master (Josh) has done an outstanding job on creating a very professional and user friendly site with the assistance of other dedicated members of the Bears.

To all of those who have assisted not only Josh, but Rob, Ben and Danzig, I thank you deeply. Thank you to Josh, Rob, Ben, and Danzig who have given so much of their time and energy to enhance the organization's communication channels.

As I bring this to a close, I just ask and challenge each of you to think about what you as a member can do to make us better than we already are. Communication is the key to many doors: use it and it will open up to many other possibilities.

HUGZ, WOOFs, and Laughter to all!

Bryan Akers  
Board President



erages & snacks. Bring both warm and cool weather clothes, and it is recommended to bring a rain jacket just in case. You should store your clothing in plastic bags as moisture will sometimes form on the inside edge of the tent even though it's not raining. If you forget to bring something, there is a convenience store nearby. Freddie's and Costco are a short drive.

**Q: "WHAT IS THE CAMPOUT MERCHANDISE, DOES THE REGISTRATION INCLUDE A T-SHIRT?"**

A: T-shirts with the Camp Oregon Bears X logo are an option available to purchase with your campout registration and are not included with the registration price. The merchandise that comes with the campout is a commemorative commuter mug and a surprise item. All campers purchasing the full or buddy bundle packages will receive these items.

**Q: "WHAT IS THERE TO DO AT OR NEAR THE CAMP GROUND?"**

A: This year the campout returns to the Oregon Coast so there are many things to do for everyone. For those history buffs, there is the fort, the Military Museum, and the wreck of the Iredale. Nature lovers will enjoy the Wildlife viewing platform, 5 miles of hiking trails, and of course the beach. For those more domestic, there is antique shopping in old

Astoria, the Seaside boardwalk, and factory stores located south of the campground.

**Q: "WHAT IS THE CONTEST LIKE?"**

A: A 10-year tradition at Camp Oregon Bears, the Furry face & Buns contest is one event everyone is sure to enjoy. All campers are invited to compete. 4 judges are blindfolded and by sense of touch, decide which campers have the best furry face and the best buns. Two of the judges will be the next Oregon Bear & Cub; the other two judge positions are awarded to two lucky campers holding the wining raffle ticket. Constants winning the first 3 places in each contest win a prize. Raffle tickets will be sold by the title holders will be drawn for an assortment of prizes.

**Q: "WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES LIKE?"**

A: Fort Stevens has clean, modern rest rooms. The showers are large walk-in rooms with locking doors.

**Q: "WHAT ABOUT PARKING?"**

A: Parking is limited inside the camping loop. Vehicles arriving after the loop parking is full will be in the overflow parking a short distance from the camping area.

Carpooling is HIGHLY recommended. Visit the following URL for more carpooling information:  
[http://www.oregonbears.org/events/campout/campout\\_carpool.htm](http://www.oregonbears.org/events/campout/campout_carpool.htm)

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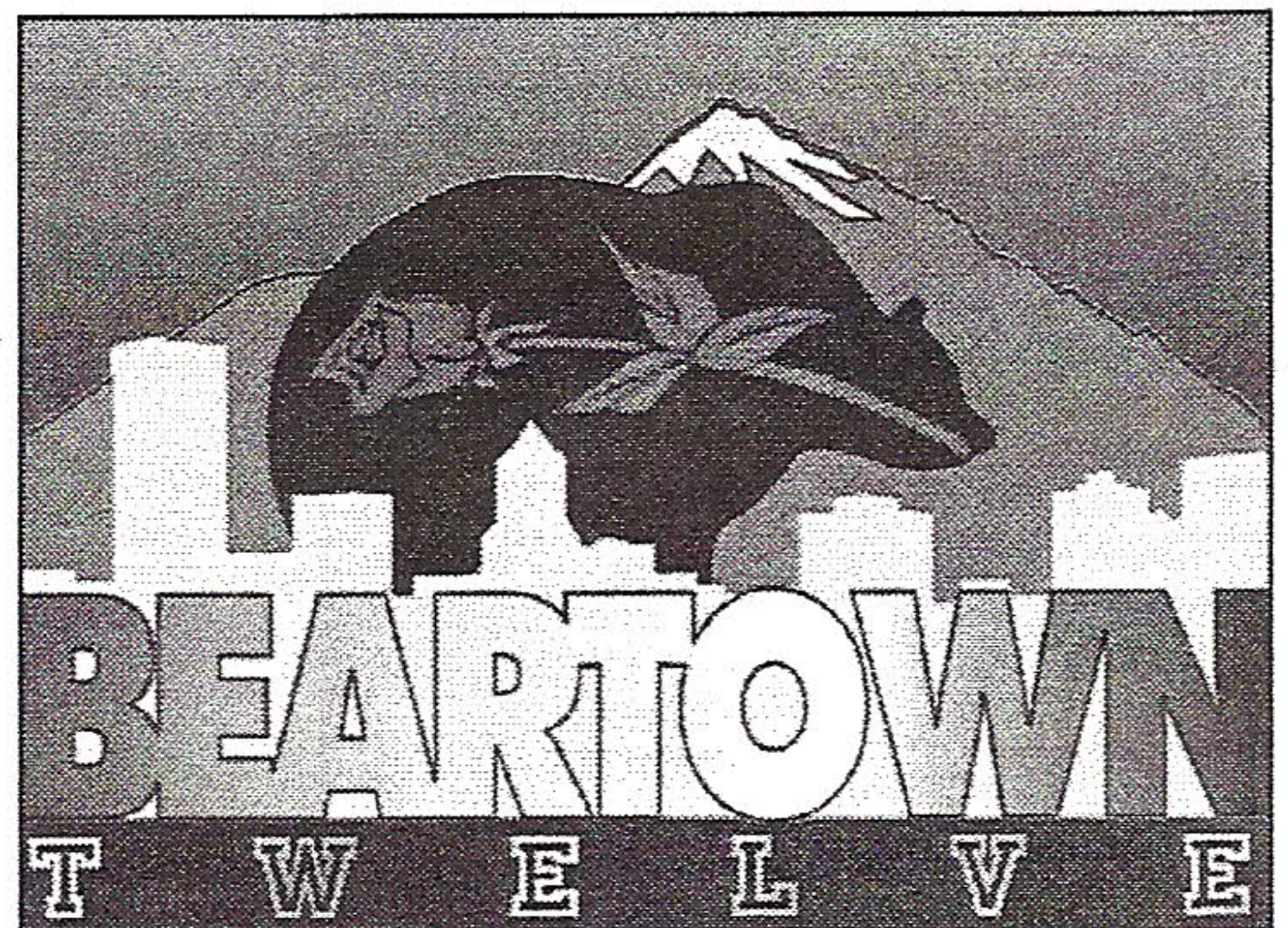
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for the Oregon Bears.

It's also your chance to meet the candidates competing to be the next Oregon Bear and Cub. If you are interested in being Bear or Cub visit with the current and past titleholders for details. You can usually find several "Fuzzy Wuzzys" regularly at events or thru the Oregon Bears website.

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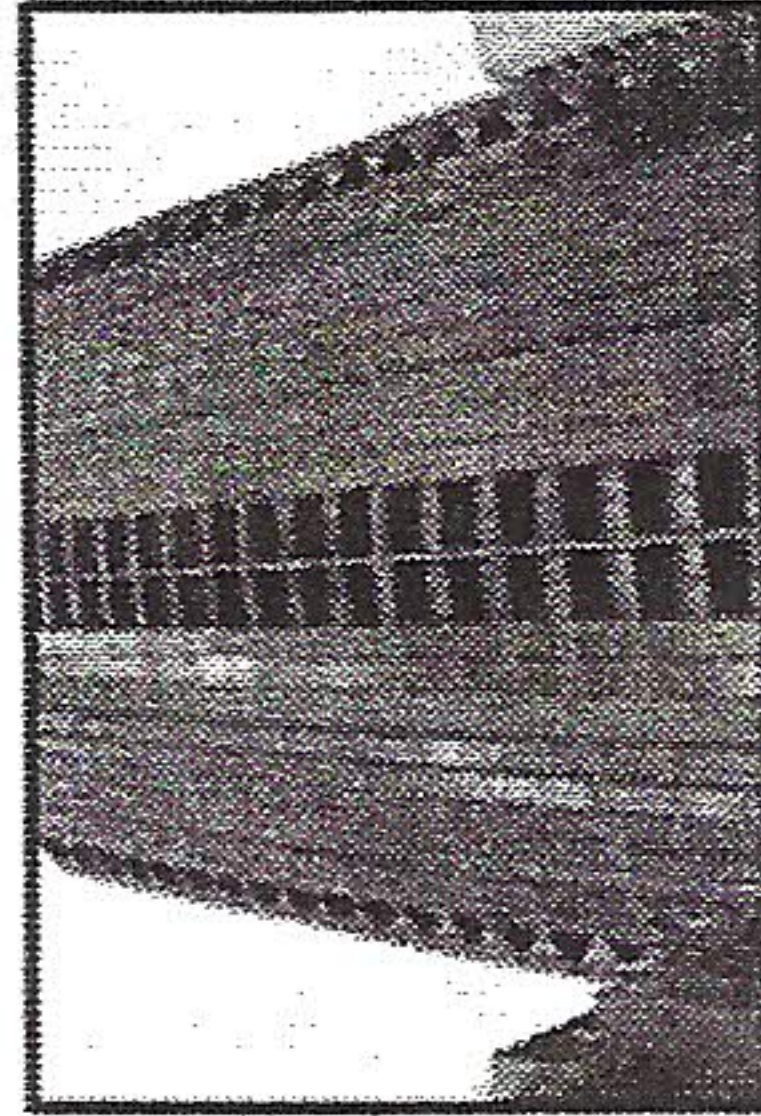
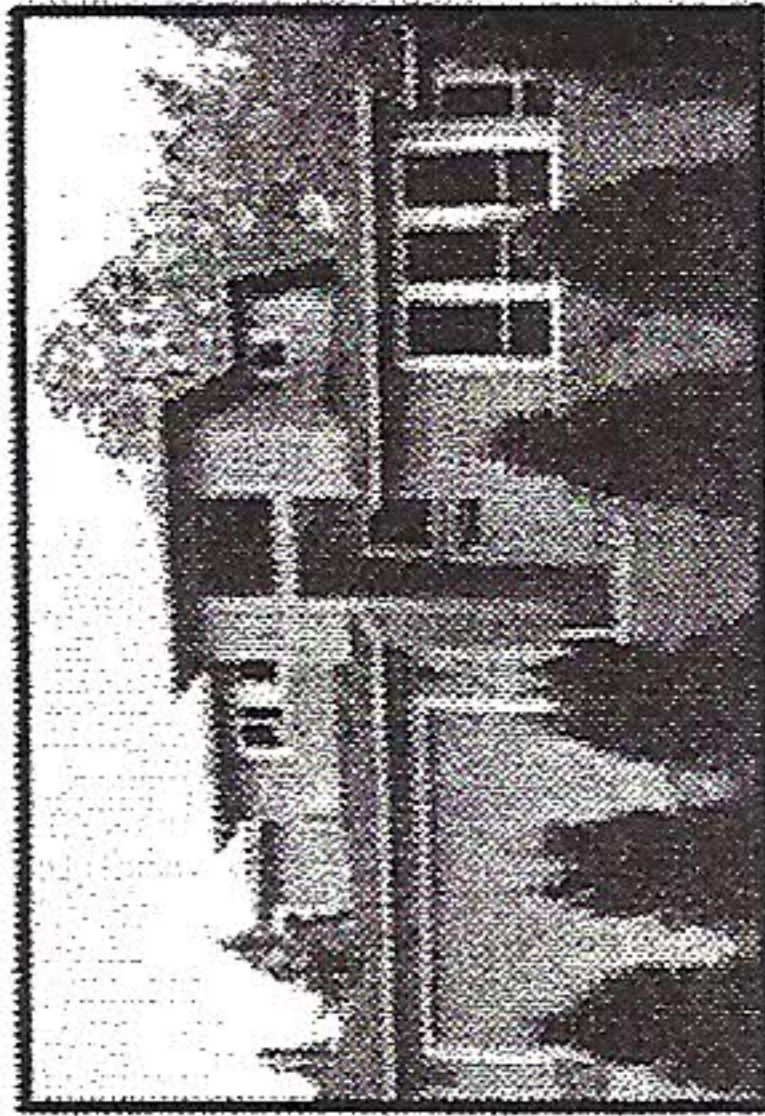
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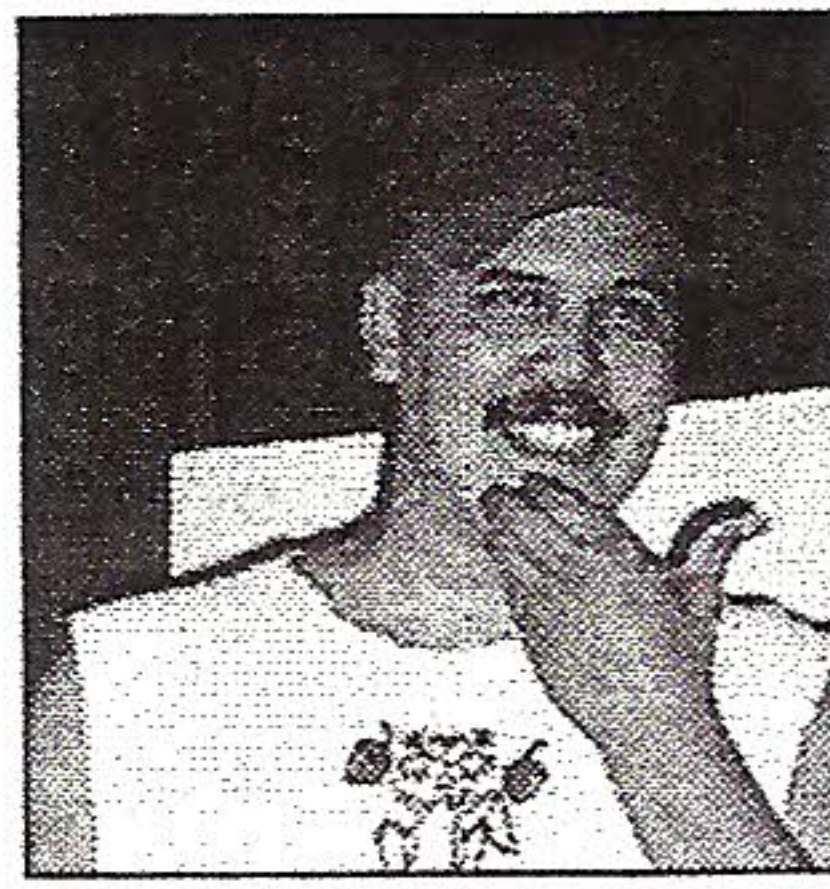
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Story by Ben Brown Jr.

Your new Oregon Bears Board was installed on Wednesday, 07 March 2007 at our regular Board Meeting at the Kennedy School.

Oregon Bear board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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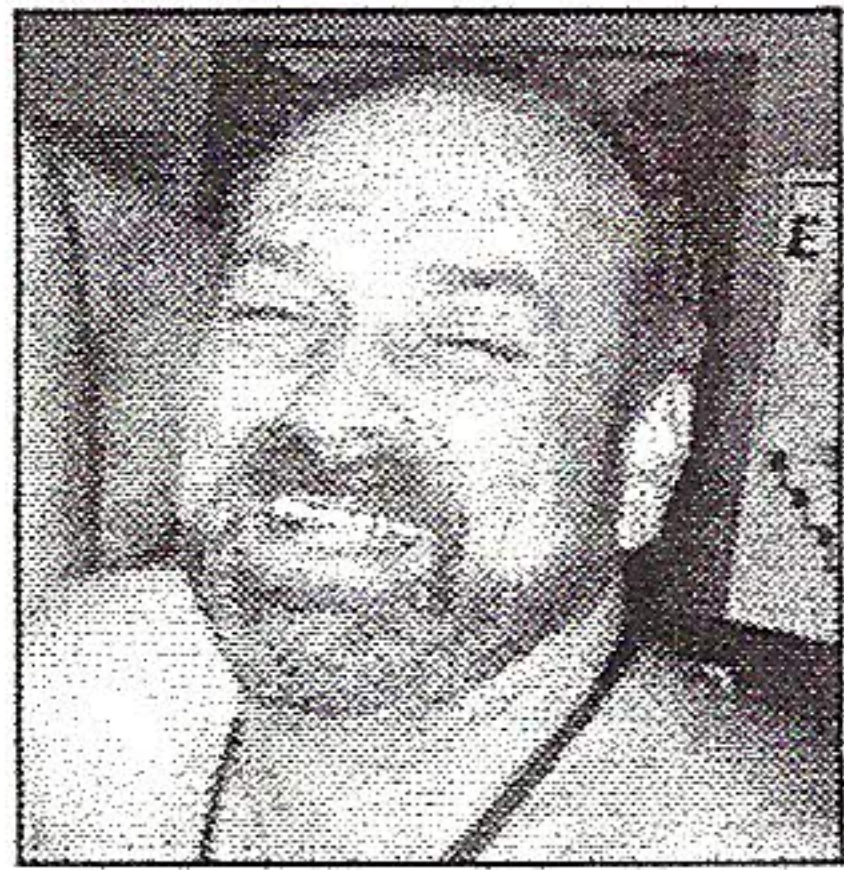
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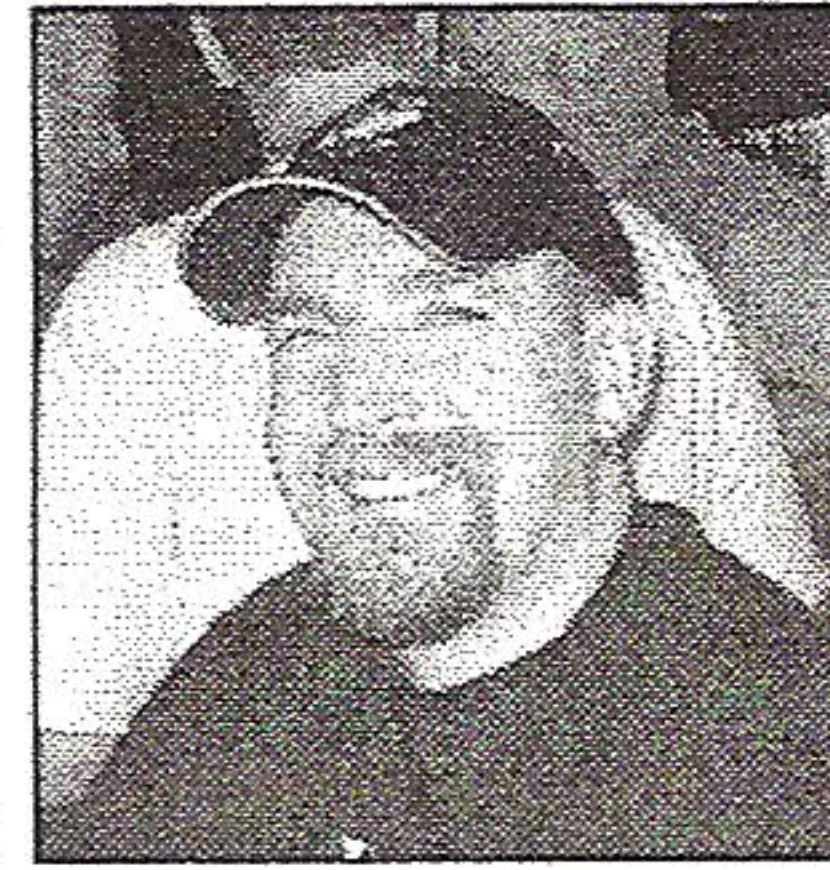
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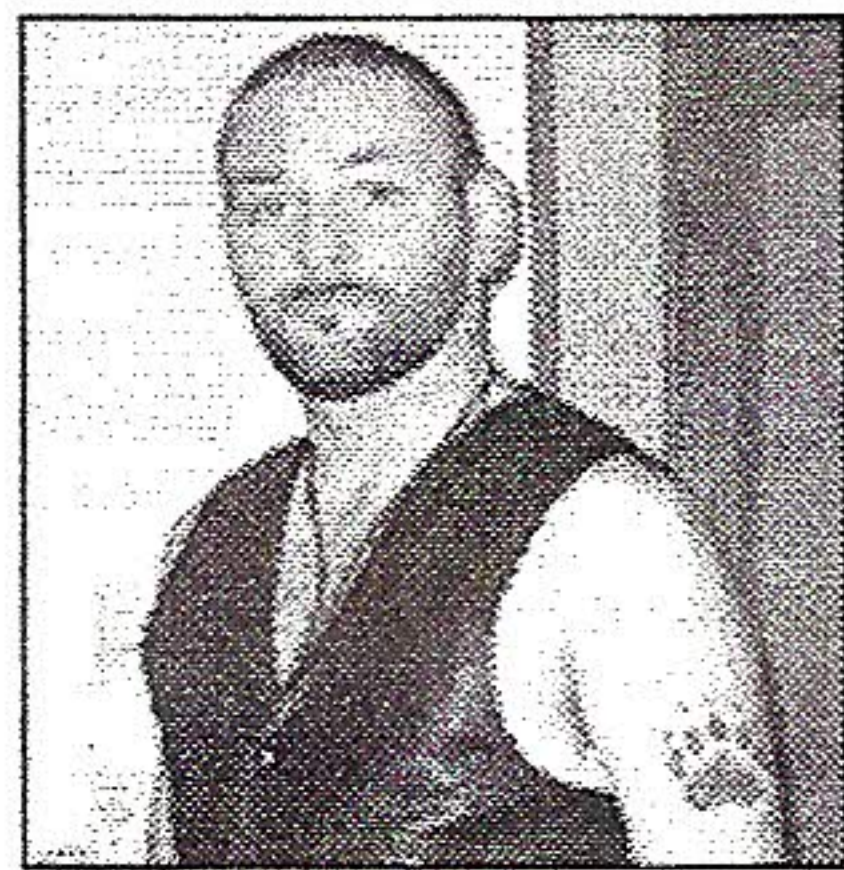
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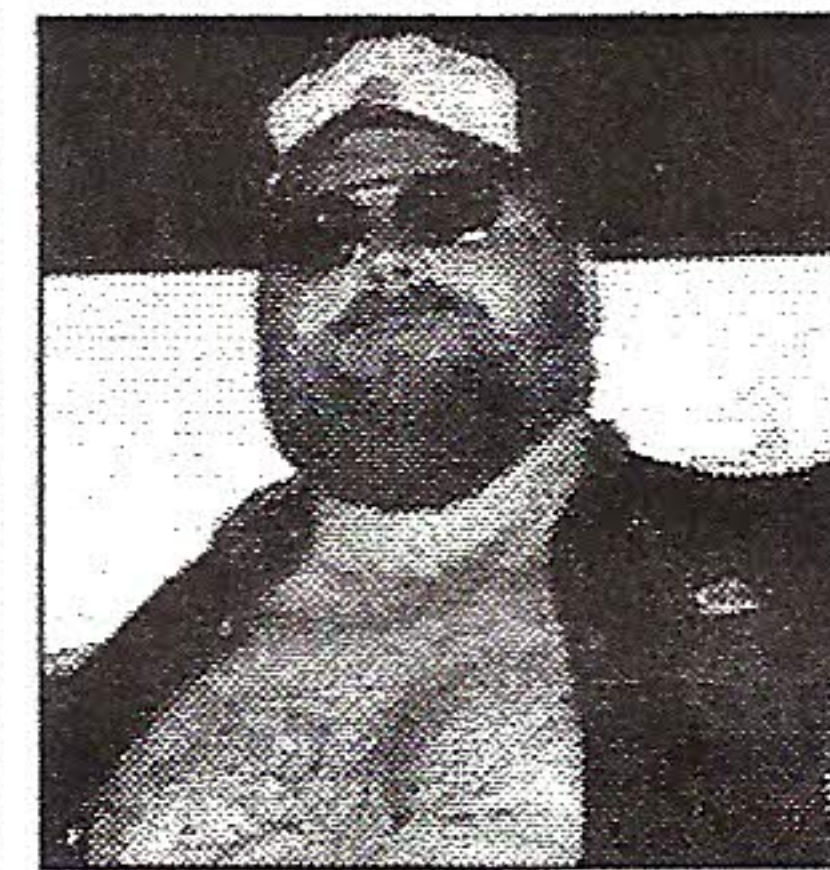
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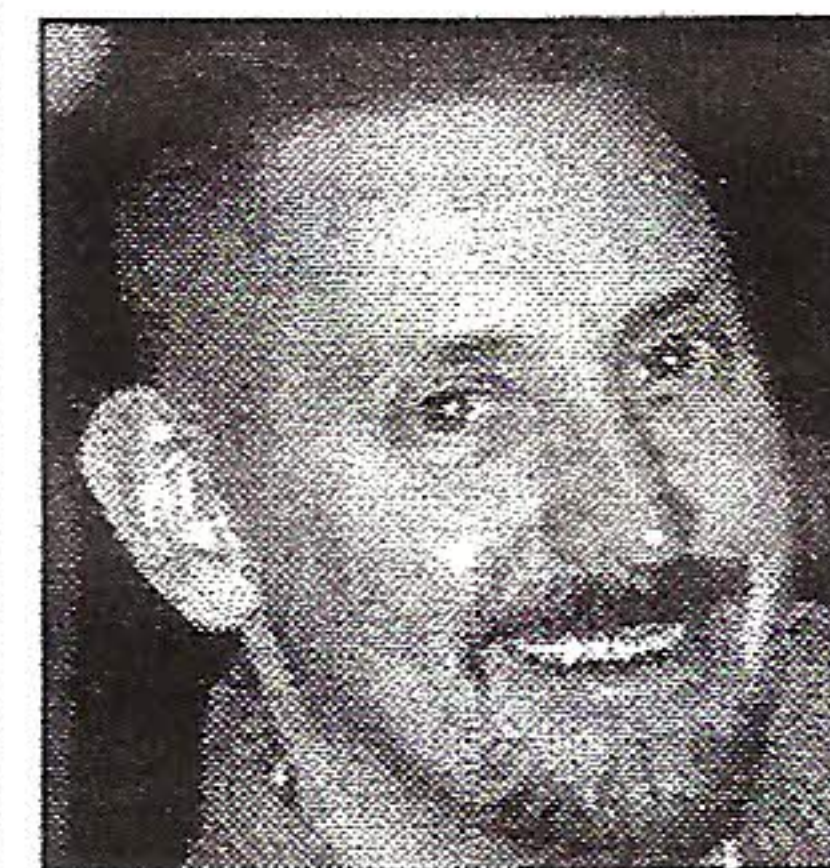
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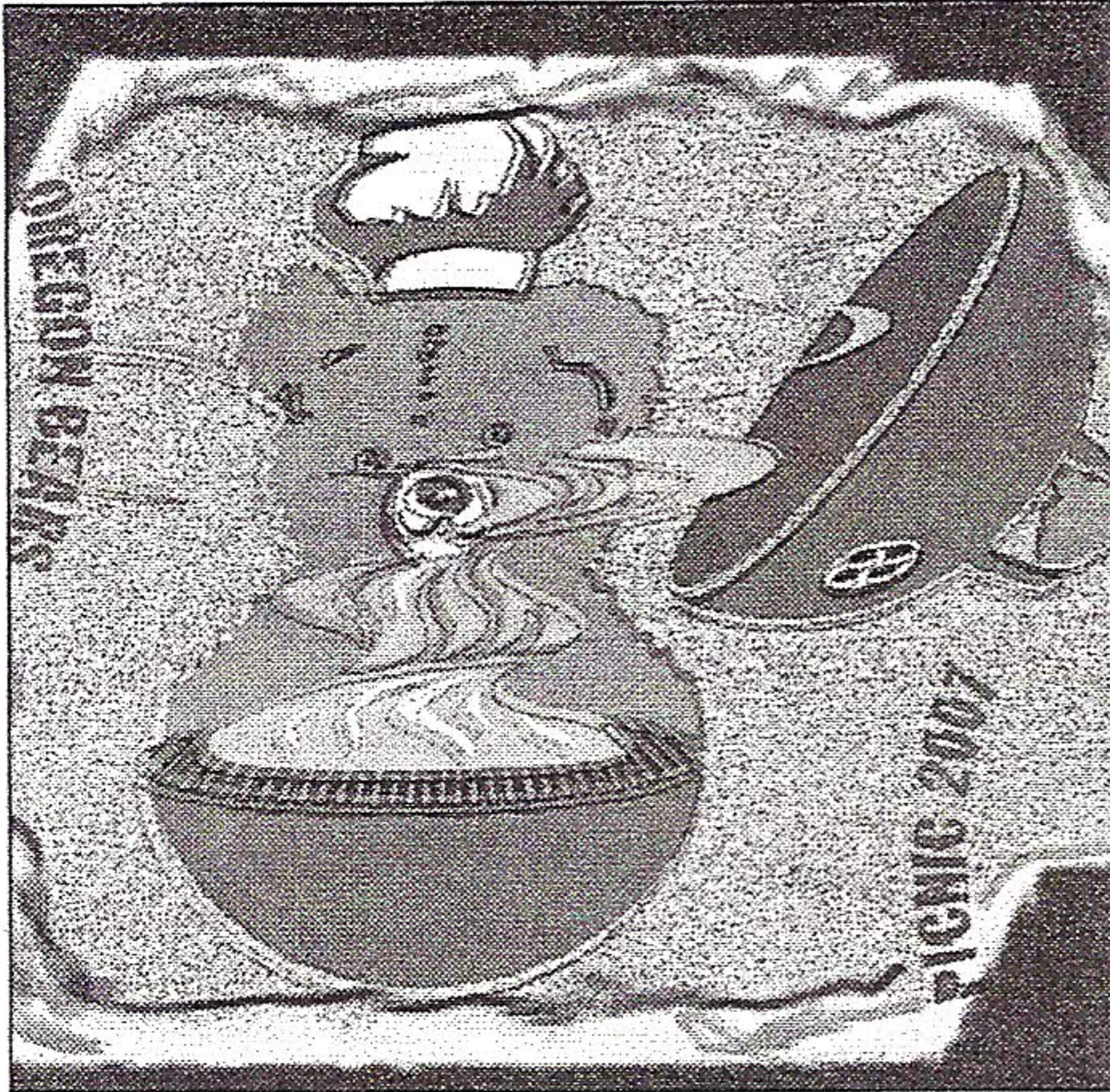
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