

# August': music for any month

## Local rock band formed almost accidentally finds own style

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Local Woodburn/Oregon City-based rock band, August, formed through various changes over a year before reaching their current lineup of lead singer David Hayes, bassist Freddie Bosquez, drummer Jon Shubin and guitarists Mike Shubin and Noah Brooks.

"At a concert that Mike's former band] was playing at, I was tuning the drums and Freddie was tuning Mike's bass and we kind of just jammed," said Jon Shubin, youngest brother of Mike Shubin. "After that it was like, 'Hey, you want to play a show or together a band?' So it was Mike, Freddie and another guitarist named Ben."

They played together in Bosquez's aunt's garage for about a month before they began considering singers.

The Shubins had known David Hayes for some time, had heard him sing and decided to ask him to join the band. Very soon after Hayes began practicing with them, Ben signed up for the Marines.

They turned to Hayes' roommate and long-time friend, Noah Brooks, who had played guitar in a band that both Hayes and Mike Shubin had been a part



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Members of Woodburn/Oregon City band, August, is made up of (from left): bassist Freddie Bosquez, guitarist Noah Brooks, singer David Hayes, guitarist Mike Shubin and drummer Jon Shubin.

of.

And that's how it all got started, except they didn't have a name yet.

"Before David came along, Freddie, Jon, Ben and I were discussing names and everything, and it took us forever," said Mike Shubin. "We came up with some pretty weird names."

Then one day, Mike Shubin was driving to practice listen-

ing to "At the End of August" by 36 Crazyfists, and thought that August might be a good name for a band. He suggested it to his band-mates, and since they didn't shoot it down, it stayed.

They also found a place to practice.

"It's basically the Shubin's grandparent's shed," said Hayes.

Since late September, there

have been a few shows, one, most recently, at the Loveland in downtown Portland last Saturday.

On May 14 they'll be playing a free concert with 12 other bands at Western Oregon University's WOU-fest in Monmouth. Information is available on their website, [www.myspace.com/august](http://www.myspace.com/august).

During the weeks leading up to that show and the months

before their next show, August plans to work on recording (all of which is done in either Mike or Jon Shubin's bedrooms) and putting together a demo CD.

Being in a band seems to suit the members of August perfectly.

"I feel like my knowledge of music has grown," said Bosquez.

Everyone had come from different musical backgrounds. The challenge of forming a band was to find the common ground: rock.

Slowly, the band has begun to develop their own style and find out what they like and what they don't like.

"Your communication skills get better in a band," said Brooks, "especially when it comes to writing music together. Five guys with really loud and big instruments and you're trying to yell at them to get them to do something."

"I think each one of us is more confident, especially after the shows," said Hayes.

"It's cool how all of us can sit there and just kind of flow together," added Jon Shubin. "You know, Freddie and I will start jamming and then Noah and Mike will jump in and David will just magically come up with lyrics. And there, we just made up a song."

# Hablando nuestro idioma

A weekly Spanish-language column

## La Familia Latina ante todo es unida

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Nuevamente estamos aquí gracias a ustedes nuestros queridos lectores a lo largo de la publicación semanal de su artículo en español.

En esta ocasión gracias a la respuesta que hemos tenido de todos ustedes y en donde nos han solicitado temas donde se resalte los valores que hacen más fuerte a nuestra comunidad, decidimos iniciar con el valor más importante y núcleo de la sociedad que es "La Familia."

La sociedad a nivel mundial se dirige por la familia, la comunidad oriental por ejemplo da prioridad a las personas de la tercera edad, tomando en cuenta su experiencia ante cualquier circunstancia. Como ellos y otros países hay quienes dan un lugar importante a la familia, pero la cultura más fuerte en este aspecto es la cultura Latina, ya que cada generación es guiada por los abuelos.

Para los Hispanos la palabra familia envuelve no solamente a los padres e hijos si no también a los abuelos primos, tíos y todo miembro que lleve nuestro apechido. Somos un núcleo, un equipo y hacemos una sociedad. Cada familia tiene sus propios hábitos y estos hábitos dependen de la formación recibida en cada familia, valores comunes pero fundamentales para la sociedad como son el amor, honradez, respeto, moral, trabajo, y muchos

otros más.

La familia Hispana se ha vuelto tan importante en este país que grandes instituciones como son la National Association for the Advancement of Hispanic People (NAAHP) ha hecho estudios en el comportamiento de estas familias y han llegado a la conclusión de que la mayoría de estos grupos sociales quienes muestran armonía familiar se guían por un patrón religioso y los demás quienes muestran el mismo comportamiento familiar solo siguen tradiciones o patrones enseñados de generación tras generación para llevar una buena relación entre ellos.

En mi opinión no hace falta hacer un estudio avanzado acerca de este tema para darse cuenta de que el hispano viene desde nacimiento con hermosas cualidades que lo representan y simplemente con pasar un día en

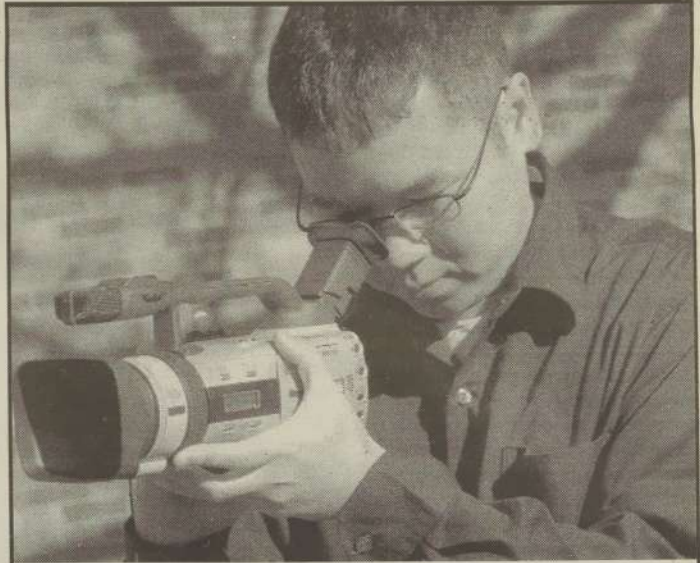
la vida de nuestra sociedad, ir a una de nuestras fiestas tradicionales o compartir una comida con nosotros te das cuenta de que el amor y el sabor latino lo llevamos desde adentro.

Nacemos con la sangre de valientes luchadores, tenemos el sabor, nos unimos pero sobre todo nos divertimos ante todo, haciendo lo que sea, en cualquier actividad siempre no las pasamos bien por que así es como nos enseñaron nuestros padres y así es como creció nuestra familia, simplemente así somos y nadie nos podrá igualar, porque donde esta el latino esta la canción, fiesta, el sabor, ritmo y la amistad.

El Clackamas Print les recomienda la página web [www.familylife.com/hispanic/default.asp](http://www.familylife.com/hispanic/default.asp) en la cual podrán encontrar información relevante e interesante diseñada para la familia hispana.



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