

Smokin' at the Ocean Smolders as Pacific NW's Biggest BBQ Contest

Nationally Ranked Professional Eaters Compete in Rib-Eating Contest

This year's Smokin' at the Ocean Barbecue & Brew Fest makes a triumphant return to Chinook Winds Casino Resort on July 14-16.

Sanctioned by the Western BBQ Association, Smokin' at the Ocean is Oregon's barbecue state championship with more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs.

Activities include live music from Norman Sylvester, Papa Salty, Paul De Lay, and Patrick Lamb in the Brew Fest beer garden. The return of the nationally sanctioned rib-eating contest rounds out a fun-packed family weekend.

Regional competitive eaters and fans of this new "sport" can heave a sigh of relief. The nationally sanctioned **Competitive Rib Eating Championship**, with a top prize of \$1,500, is back.

And like last year, locals can earn a chance to battle the experts by competing in the regional amateur eating contest – first 15 to sign up the day of the event by 5 p.m. – only \$20 to enter.

The top four finishers will take on the 2005 champion, Joey Chestnut, and other eaters from the International Federation of Competitive Eaters Association (IFOCE) on July 16 at 3 p.m. Chestnut is currently the No. 2 competitive eater in the world.

The IFOCE is always looking for the next competitive eating sensation and encourages everyone interested to participate in the **Amateur Rib Eating Competition**.

Anyone can enter the amateur rib-eating contest on July 15 at 6 p.m. There is a \$20 entry fee (donated to local char-

ity) to participate. The top four finalists will be invited back for the championship.

A special competition for members of the media will take place at 3 p.m. that same day. Chinook Winds Casino Resort will donate to the chosen charity of the top three winners.

Proceeds from Smokin' at the Ocean will be donated to the Taft High School Culinary Class.

Schedule of Events

July 14 – Noon to 8 p.m.

DJ Noon-8 p.m.
Norman Sylvester 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

July 15 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DJ 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Papa Salty Noon-3 p.m.
Paul De Lay 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Media Rib Eating Contest 3 p.m.
IFOCE Qualifier for 6 p.m.
World Championship
Rib Eating Contest

July 16 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DJ 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Patrick Lamb Noon-3 p.m.

IFOCE World Champion- 3 p.m.
ship Rib Eating Contest

There is no charge for admission to attend this family event. There is an entry fee to participate in all of the competitions.

More information on the International Federation of Competitive Eaters Association (IFOCE) can be found at www.ifoce.com.

Happy Belated Birthday to Grandpa (Timothy Walker Washington), who turned 8 on May 3. Love you whole bunches.

Grandma (Lillian Compo), Grandpa (Derek Washington Sr.) Mom (Selina Washington), sister (Glenda), brother (AJ Washington), Aunt Rachel, and Uncles Popsie and Moody

Happy Belated Birthday to Bubbles (Glenda Marie Washington), who turned 6 on May 25. Love you whole bunches.

Grandma (Lillian Compo), Grandpa (Derek Washington Sr.), Mom (Selina Washington), brothers (AJ Washington and Timothy), Aunt Rachel, and Uncles Popsie and Moody

Lynette and Tiffany – Congratulations on your college degrees and graduation from college. We are very proud of you!

Love, Uncle Mickey and Aunt Denise

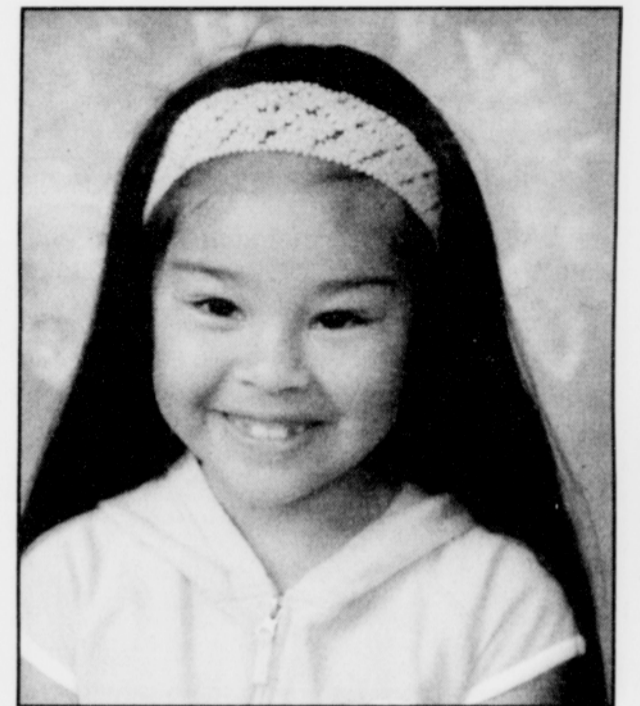
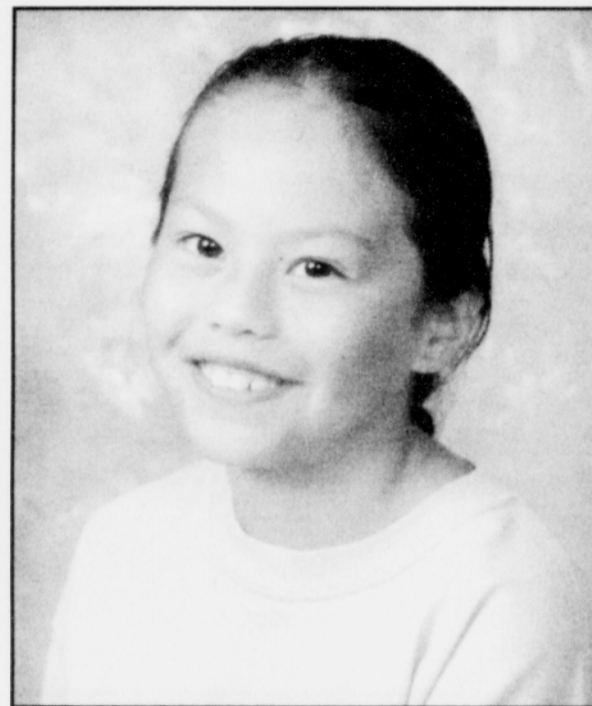
Happy Birthday to my son, Derek Kirk Washington Jr. (Popsie), who turns 21 on June 13. Oh man, that means you'll be old enough to go into bars and that would be strange for me. Have a good one. Love you whole bunches. Mom (Lillian Compo), Dad (Derek Washington Sr.), sisters (Rachel, Selina), brother (Moody), niece (Glenda), and nephews (AJ Washington, Timothy)

A great **big** hug goes out to a favorite uncle, Buzzy Scott, on June 16. We all love and miss you. Hope to see you soon.

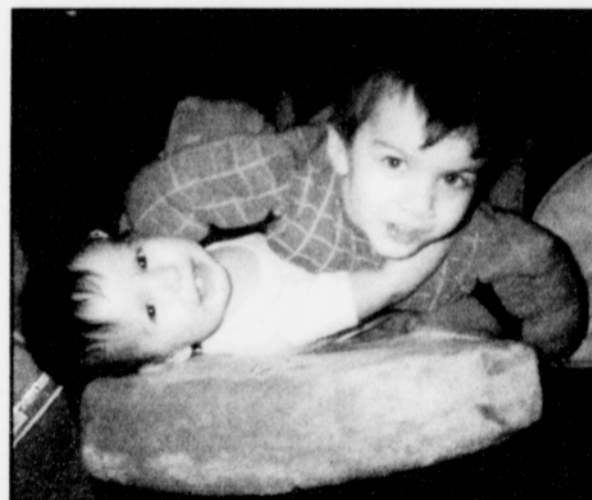
Love – Violet, Todd, Richard, Robert, and Heather
Auntie Vera and Uncle Gerald say hi too.

Thanks to a favorite Aunt Yvonne for the special birthday wish.

Love, Violet



I'd like to wish the two best kiddos in town a big big Happy Birthday! Logan will be 10 on June 27 and Cecillie Rose will be 8 on June 13. Mama loves you so much and so do Dennis and the rest of the Butler, Holmes, and Clawson gang. Keep lookin' to the sky, guys. You're growing so darn fast and before you know it, we'll be talking about 18! ha ha ha
Much love 2 you guys!



Happy 4th Birthday, Isaac, on May 21! Mommy and Daddy are so proud of the great big brother you've become. Hope you got everything you could dream up on your special day.

Love you lots, Mommy, Daddy, and sister Lea

My son/grandson/nephew/cous, Jack Strong – Thinking of you, missing you, and wishing you a very Happy Birthday.

Grandma Strong, Aunt Joella, Core, and Marc

My Great and Granddaughter, Lynetta Benedict – Wishing you a sweet 16th birthday.

Love, Grandma Wilma and Grandma Joella

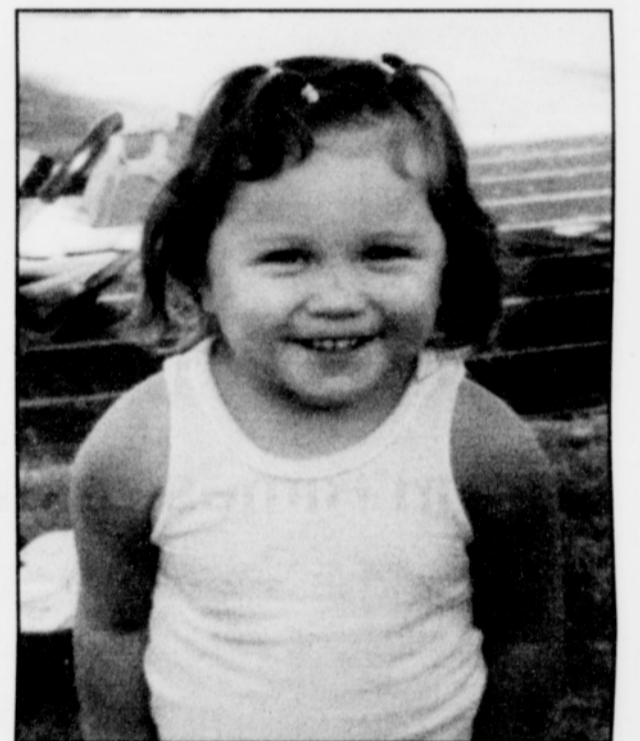
My pal, Richard "Big Bear" Leaton – A **big** Happy (is it 49 or 50?) Birthday. Lucky Lucy

Happy Birthday, "Boogie" (Julia Austin). I know you haven't been called that in awhile, but you'll always be my "Boogie Child." Happy 14th on June 3. I love you, Sweetie!

Your daddy, Randall Craig

A big **congratulations** to Robert Moore again for his excellent work at school and another good report card. His work shows that he cares about himself and his future. He received a 3.80 with one missing assignment, which would have given him a 4.0. Way to go, son!

Love always – Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Sister, and Big Bro



Isabella – Hope you have a really great birthday on July 30. You're so cute. Love you lots.

Also, Happy Birthday to your dad and uncle on the 30th too.
Grandma Kathy, Hap, and Sam

To Micah Cox – Happy Birthday from Grandma Yvonne

Lynette Vera – Happy 40th Birthday! You're catching up with mom.
Love, Mom (Yvonne)

Happy Birthday, Buzz! You're catching up with your sister.
Love you, Yvonne

Happy 14th B-Day to the "Family Jewels," Julia L. Austin. We love you, Sweetheart!

Love, Grandpa Bill and Grandma June

Happy Belated Birthday to Aunt Gloria and Kent Rilatos on May 17.
From Selina and family

Happy Birthday on June 28 to Jim Ingle in Alaska. We all wish you the best and miss you.

A great big belated birthday to my cousin, Denise Jordan! Hope it was good cuz you ain't getting any younger.
From Me!

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