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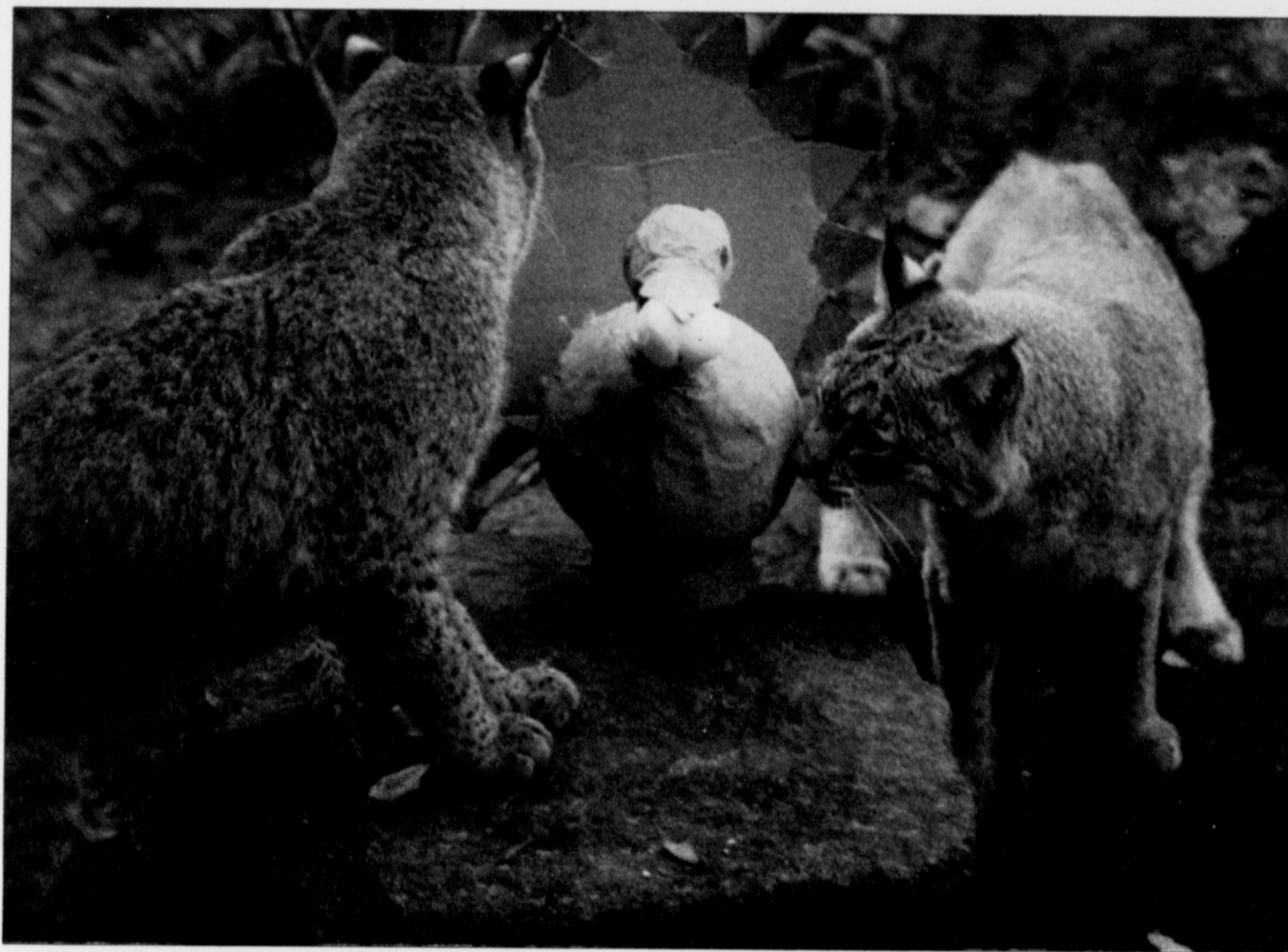
Gobble Up at 'Beast Feast'

Zoo gears up for Thanksgiving weekend

Leftovers, schmeftovers! Throughout the four-day Thanksgiving weekend, Oregon Zoo animals will gobble their way through their very own Beast Feast, a cornucopia of enrichment activities and treats aimed at stimulating their minds and stomachs.

The zoo also invites the community to help out Oregon Food Bank by donating nonperishable food items at the zoo's entrance throughout the Thanksgiving weekend.

From Nov. 25 through 28, visitors can watch the zoo's animals tear into large papier-mâché turkeys stuffed with treats and an assortment of



The Oregon Zoo's bobcats investigate a papier-mâché turkey stuffed with treats. Bobcats and other zoo animals will receive Thanksgiving-themed enrichment throughout the holiday weekend

other Thanksgiving goodies.

"Thanksgiving at the zoo means giving thanks for the wildlife that we strive to protect every day," said Kim Smith, zoo director. "To show our appreciation of the animals in our care, we are providing them with enrichment activities. These activities are critical to the well-being of our animals and give visitors the opportunity to see them use their ingenuity and physical abilities."

Another Thanksgiving Day event begins early Thursday, Nov. 25 when the Oregon Zoo hosts the annual Turkey Trot, organized by the Oregon Road Runners Club.

This event includes a four-mile fitness run and walk, starting at 8 a.m., followed by a half-mile "Tot Trot" at 9:30 a.m.

Hit Rapper Looks to Future

(AP) -- Take one look at Pharrell Williams' resume — or scroll down his Wikipedia page — and you'll see that he's accomplished a lot.

But Williams, who is one-half of the genre-bending production duo The Neptunes and frontman for rap-

happened yet."

Williams, who has created hits for Jay-Z, Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake, said he's interested in producing tunes for country artists, too: "I just haven't had a chance yet. But I'm going to, for sure."

He said he and Spears are "going back and forth" about work on her upcoming CD, and after scoring the

soundtrack for the animated 3-D movie "Despicable Me" this year with Hans Zimmer and Heitor Pereira, he's planning to do more such projects.

Williams just wrapped up a national tour with virtual band Gorillaz. The rapper-producer also is busy promoting the latest N.E.R.D album, "Nothing."



Pharrell Williams

rock trio N.E.R.D, said there's still so much more he wants to achieve.

"I'd love to work with Eminem. I'd love to do it," the 37-year-old Grammy winner said in a phone interview last week from Seattle. "It just hasn't


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