

ORDINANCE NO. 99-1028

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12: STREETS, ~~SIDE~~WALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, CHAPTER 12.16: PUBLIC PARKS, SECTION 12.16.020: REGULATIONS, OF THE OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE OF 1991, BY ADDING SUBSECTION 12.16.020 (I): REGULATING CERTAIN CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PARKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Title 12: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, Chapter 12.16: PUBLIC PARKS, Section 12.16.020: REGULATIONS, of the Oregon City Municipal Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

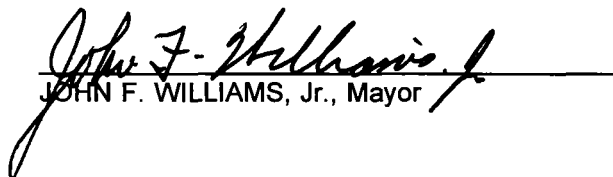
12.16.020 (I): Engage in, sponsor, or conduct, fighting, boxing, wrestling, or similar forms of mutual combat in a public park, provided however, that boxing and wrestling matches and exhibitions that are regulated and licensed by the Oregon State Boxing and Wrestling Commission, or boxing and wrestling conducted by organizations identified in ORS 463.210 as exempt from the licensing and bonding provisions of ORS Chapter 463, may be held in public parks upon the approval of the City Manager. The Manager may impose such conditions upon such events, and require such financial security in connection therewith, so as to assure that such events are conducted in a safe manner and consistent with the use of parks by the public.

Section 2. Emergency Clause. Because this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the peace, public health, safety and welfare of Oregon City, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the time of passage by the Commission.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 20th day of October, 1999, and the foregoing ordinance was finally enacted by the Commission this 20th day of October, 1999.

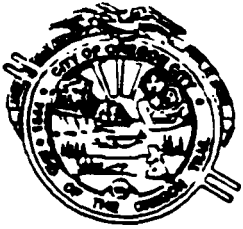
  
LEILANI BRONSON-CRELLY, City Recorder

ATTESTED to this 20th day of October 1999.

  
JOHN F. WILLIAMS, Jr., Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 99-1028

Effective Date: October 20, 1999



# CITY OF OREGON CITY

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463.010 [Amended by 1965 c.200 §1; repealed by 1987 c.789 §24]

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**463.015 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Boxing" means a contest other than as described in subsection (6) of this section between contestants who fight with their fists protected by gloves or mittens fashioned of leather or similar material, the duration of which is limited to a stated number of rounds separated by rest periods of equal duration, and includes kickboxing, a form of boxing in which blows are delivered with any part of the arm below the shoulder, including the hand, and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot.

(2) "Cable system operator" means a person or group of persons who:

(a) Provides cable service over a cable system and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in the cable system; or

(b) Controls or is responsible for, through an arrangement, the management and operation of the cable system.

(3) "Commission" means the Oregon State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

(4) "Department" means the Department of State Police.

(5) "Exhibition" means a demonstration of boxing or wrestling skills.

(6) "Extreme fighting" means a no-holds-barred match, competition or exhibition that combines elements of boxing, wrestling or martial arts without a system of rules approved by the Oregon State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

(7) "Judge" means a person licensed by the Superintendent of State Police who is at ringside during a boxing or wrestling match and who has the responsibility of scoring the performance of the participants in the match.

(8) "Manager" means a person licensed by the superintendent who does any of the following:

(a) By contract or agreement undertakes to represent the interests of any professional boxer or wrestler in procuring or arranging the conduct of any professional boxing or wrestling match in which the boxer or wrestler is a participant as a contestant.

(b) Receives or is entitled to receive more than 10 percent of the gross purse of any professional boxer or wrestler for any services related to such boxer's or wrestler's participation in a professional boxing contest.

(c) Is an officer, director or stockholder of any corporation which receives or is entitled to receive more than 10 percent of the gross purse of any professional boxer or wrestler for any services relating to such boxer's or wrestler's participation in a professional boxing or wrestling contest.

(d) Directs or controls the professional boxing activities of any professional boxer or wrestler.

(e) Attends the professional boxer or wrestler at ringside or purports to be the professional boxer's or wrestler's manager.

(9) "Matchmaker" means a person licensed or issued a permit by the superintendent who is employed by or associated with a promoter in the capacity of booking and arranging boxing or wrestling matches between opponents and for whose activities in this regard the promoter is legally responsible.

(10) "Pay-per-view" means a closed circuit telecast, regardless of the delivery system used, that is not intended to be available for viewing without the payment of a fee, whether collected or based on each event viewed, for the privilege of viewing the telecast.

(11) "Person" includes an individual, association, partnership or corporation.

(12) "Professional boxer or wrestler" means a person licensed by the superintendent who competes for a money prize, purse or compensation in a boxing or wrestling contest, exhibition or match held within this state.

(13) "Promoter" means a corporation, partnership, association, individual or other organization licensed by the superintendent who arranges, gives, holds or conducts a boxing or wrestling contest, match or exhibition in this state and who is legally responsible for the lawful conduct of such boxing or wrestling contest, match or exhibition. "Promoter" includes:

(a) A person who holds distribution rights to a closed circuit telecast of a boxing or wrestling event that occurs within or outside this state and who sells the rights to a cable system operator in this state.

(b) A person who holds the distribution rights to a pay-per-view telecast of a boxing or wrestling event that occurs within or outside this state and who sells the ability to receive the telecast to a person who charges an admission for the right to view the telecast in this state.

(c) A person who holds distribution rights to a closed circuit telecast of a boxing or wrestling event that occurs within this state and who sells the rights to another for

\* → **463.210 Organizations exempt from licensing and bonding provisions.** (1) The promoting, conducting or maintaining of boxing and wrestling matches, contests or exhibitions when conducted by educational institutions, Oregon National Guard Units, United States Amateur Boxing Federation or any other amateur athletic organizations duly recognized by the Oregon State Boxing and Wrestling Commission shall be exempt from the licensing and bonding provisions of this chapter if none of the participants in the contests or exhibitions receives a monetary remuneration, purse or prize for performance or services therein.

(2) The licensing and bonding provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

(a) Any nonprofit amateur athletic associations organized under the laws of this state, including their affiliated membership clubs throughout the state which have been recognized by the commission.

(b) Any contests, matches or exhibitions between students of educational institutions which are conducted by a college, school or university as part of the institution's athletic program.

(c) Contests, matches or exhibitions between members of any troop, battery, company or units of the Oregon National Guard. [1987 c.789 §11]

**463.220 Deposit of revenues.** All revenue obtained under this chapter from license fees, bonds and gross receipts taxes, and any other income received under this chapter, shall be deposited in the subaccount of the State Police Account established under ORS 181.175. [Formerly 463.350]

### TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS

**463.310 Definitions for ORS 463.113, 463.320 and 463.330.** As used in ORS 463.113, 463.320 and 463.330:

(1) "Event" includes any match, contest, exhibition or performance.

(2) "Gross receipts" means the consideration, whether money, credits, rights or other property, received from the sale of tickets or other admissions indicia or the right to admission without any deductions whatsoever. "Gross receipts" includes the consideration received from:

(a) The sale of television rights to another for broadcast, within or outside this state, of a boxing or wrestling event that takes place in this state.

(b) The sale of the right to receive a telecast of a boxing or wrestling event to a person who charges an admission fee for the right to view the telecast.

(3) "Gross receipts" does not include gross receipts from admissions to:

(a) Events conducted or sponsored by any nonprofit amateur athletic association organized under the laws of this state, including their affiliated membership clubs throughout the state that have been recognized by the Oregon State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

(b) Events between students of educational institutions conducted or sponsored by a college, school or university as part of their athletic program.

(c) Events between members of any troop, battery, company or units of the Oregon National Guard. [1987 c.788 §5; 1993 c.587 §4]

**463.320 Imposition of tax; amount; report; payment.** (1) For the privilege of engaging in the activity of professional boxing or wrestling, a tax is imposed upon the gross receipts from the sale of tickets or other fees charged for admission to a professional boxing or wrestling event held within this state. The amount of the tax is six percent of the total gross receipts from the sale of the tickets or other fees for admission to the event.

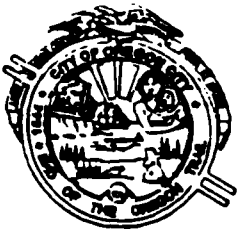
(2) Any person licensed under this chapter, and who holds or conducts a boxing or wrestling event shall:

(a) No later than three days prior to the holding of any boxing or wrestling event, furnish to the Superintendent of State Police a statement containing the name of each contestant or participant and the names of the manager or managers.

(b) No later than 72 hours after termination of the boxing or wrestling event, file with the superintendent a written report, duly verified in accordance with rules recommended by the Oregon State Boxing and Wrestling Commission and adopted by the superintendent, stating the number of tickets or other admissions indicia or rights to admission sold, the price or prices for which sold, the total gross receipts from the sales and any other information required under rules recommended by the commission and adopted by the superintendent. The superintendent shall adopt rules recommended by the commission under this subsection.

(c) Pay to the Department of State Police at the time of filing the statement required under paragraph (b) of this subsection, a tax equal to six percent of the total gross receipts from the sale of the tickets or other admissions indicia to the event.

(3) Any person licensed under this chapter who holds the distribution rights of a closed circuit telecast of a boxing or wrestling event that occurs within or outside this



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**CITY OF OREGON CITY**

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**COMMISSION REPORT**

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

FOR AGENDA

DATED

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Subject: Proposed Ordinance No. 99-1028,  
An Ordinance Amending Title 12: Streets,  
Sidewalks and Public Places, Chapter 12.16: Public Parks,  
Section 12.16.020: Regulations, of the Oregon City  
Municipal Code of 1991, By Adding Subsection 12.16.020 (I):  
Regulating Certain Conduct In Public Parks,  
And Declaring An Emergency

Report No. 99-197

Proposed Ordinance No. 99-1028 amends Chapter 12.16 of the City Code making it unlawful to engage in fighting, boxing, wrestling and other forms of mutual combat in public parks.

This ordinance addresses recent activities that have been occurring in Atkinson Park in which high school students and older teenagers have been engaging in unregulated boxing. Participants engaging in this activity use boxing gloves but do not use a ring or other safety equipment that would be used in organized amateur boxing.

It is the opinion of staff that these activities are unsafe as it subjects the participants, spectators and other park users to an unreasonable risk of injury. In addition, these activities expose the City to a liability risk and negatively impact the ability of the Police Department to provide public safety services throughout the City.

CHRIS JORDAN  
Interim City Manager

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cc: Chief Gordon Huiras, Police Department  
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Allen Toman, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

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increase in hotel and motel room taxes to pay for an expansion of the Oregon Convention Center and other Portland projects.

Mayors and city councilors from Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village expressed anger and frustration about the 2.5-cent tax increase because it would generate more than \$450,000 a year from inns in their cities, all of it destined for Portland.

Instead, they suggested that a smaller convention center be built in east Multnomah County using money that would be generated locally from the tax increase.

The tax increase, worked out in a deal among Metro, Portland and other Portland-based tourism and visitor groups, is the latest in a long list of slights that east Multnomah County cities think they have suffered in the shadow of their much bigger neighbor.

The tax increase is expected to raise nearly \$150 million, which

and agreed to pay for damages.

#### OREGON CITY

### Prosecutor finds strategy to end park boxing matches

Oregon City's prosecutor said last week that police could stop unsupervised teen boxing matches at Atkinson Park by charging the boxers with misdemeanors, including harassment and assault.

State law says the teens can be charged with the crimes even if both participants choose to box, and neither want to file a complaint, city prosecutor Ron Gray said.

Oregon City police officials said Friday they were aware of most of Gray's opinion but chose not to charge several boxers involved in fights at the park Thursday afternoon. Lt. Rocky Smith said unless one of the boxers complained to police, it would be difficult for offi-

**Safe from stings:** Seeking relief from an onslaught of bees, Rachel Gunderson the foot of a Jesus statue to eat her pancakes Sunday. Rachel was at the Living E with her grandmother.

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cials to arrest and prosecute someone involved in the fights.

Teen-agers have been gathering at the park since February to participate in loosely organized, unsupervised boxing matches. Thursday police stopped the fights, attended by about 175 people, after a 15-year-old Oregon City High School student was struck twice in the head by a friend he agreed to fight.

City, police and school officials have said they can't stop the boxing matches because the park is public, and boxing is legal, even though the activity poses a liability to the city.

#### PARKROSE

### Portland Rescue Mission aims to start 50-bed men's shelter

The Portland Rescue Mission wants to open a 50-bed men's shelter near Northeast Wygant Street and 103rd Avenue in Parkrose.

The building, which originally was a nursing home, previously was used by the House of Rahab, a shelter and rehabilitation program for women. The Portland Rescue Mission might be able to move into the building because a th

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# Housing the community

*Dee Walsh, head of Reach Community Development, methodically juggles the large, well-recognized organization and its mission*

By **WADE NKRUMAH**  
THE OREGONIAN

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# Officials not ready to throw in towel on teen boxing



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**A fighter pauses during a round of boxing Thursday afternoon at Atkinson Park in Oregon City. The day's matchups drew a crowd of about 175 people, mostly students from nearby Oregon City High School.**

*Oregon City says no laws to prevent after-school matches in parks, but it's not pleased about fights that get out of hand*

By NOELLE CROMBIE  
THE OREGONIAN

OREGON CITY — An estimated crowd of 175 people joined police Thursday afternoon in watching teen boxing matches until one student was dazed by two sharp blows to the head, prompting an officer to break up the gathering.

Thursday's fights at Atkinson Park attracted police and veteran amateur and professional boxers, as well as a rowdy mob of mostly Oregon City High School students cheering on the willing combatants, who wore only 12-ounce gloves for protection.

Since February, teen-agers have been coming to secluded Atkinson Park to take part in the loosely organized, unsu-

pervised boxing matches.

Although the spectacle of untrained teen-age boxers pummeling one another in the face and head disturbs city, police and school officials, they said Thursday that there is little they can do to stop it. They said that the park is public and that boxing is legal, even though the activity poses a liability to the city.

"The problem is," said Bryan Cosgrove, interim assistant city manager, "if we try to regulate something like that, then we wouldn't be able to allow anyone to play football or walk in our parks for fear that they would be injured."

The matches left the amateur and professional boxers who came to offer help disgusted and worried about the safety of the participants.

"This is not boxing," said Jack Bracke, 91, a retired boxing manager, trainer and member of the Veteran Boxers Association of Oregon's Hall of Fame. "That's brawling."

Bracke left after 25 minutes. "I've seen

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# Boxing: District has no authority to act

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what I had to see," he said. "This should be stopped. Somebody's going to get hurt."

City lawyers are researching the legality of boxing at public parks, but for now it appears the matches can continue. It's up to parents to stop it, Cosgrove said.

"If my kids were out there boxing, I would know about it," he said. "If it's a safety thing, you have to look at the parents, and hopefully they are talking to their kids about it."

Portland police and Multnomah County prosecutors said they'd never had to confront such a problem in a public park and were not sure what laws would prevent the activity.

"However, based on what is going on in Oregon City, we certainly have to take a look at that," said Detective Sgt. Cheryl Kanzler, a Portland Police Bureau spokeswoman.

Because the matches take place outside of school, school officials said they had no authority to intervene. Superintendent Barry Rotrock of Oregon City School District said that the district did not condone the activity and that he hoped someone would step forward to help the teens organize safer matches.

"The concept is good," Rotrock said. "But I think they have to have a much safer environment, or there are going to be some real problems."

On Thursday, Adam Lee, a 15-year-old sophomore at Oregon City High School, was struck twice in the head by a friend he agreed to fight. Lee said after the match that he had never fought before and that he could not remember the final blows in the fight.

Police asked veteran boxers who had come to the match to of-

fer their help to take a look at the boy. The older boxers suggested that Lee could have suffered a minor concussion.

It was then that police stopped the fighting.

"It was unsafe, and we stopped it for the people's protection," said Lt. Rocky Smith, who added that watching the matches left him feeling "uncomfortable."

"We just told them it was over," Smith said.

Thursday's fights, which included a crowd-pleasing match between two girls, were violent and brief, with teens slamming their fists in rapid-fire fashion into the faces of their opponents. The size of the participants did not seem to be a factor in the matchups; neither did skill or knowledge of boxing. Excited spectators formed a ring four or five people deep around the fighters.

The crowd cheered, yelled taunts and tips to the fighters and clapped. Joe Muth, 17, a senior at the high school, kept time, checking on the fighters after 60-second rounds to make sure they wanted to continue. Once the matches were over, participants left looking weary and red-faced. In some cases, the contestants hugged or tapped gloves in an act of good sportsmanship.

"It's pretty cool," said Scott Anderson, 16. "Now we know it's not illegal."

Jimmy Gooding, 73, of Estacada, a 1947 Oregon Amateur Athletic Union Champ, offered some tips to kids as they streamed out of the ring.

"What I'm talking about is skill," Gooding said. "What I am seeing is no skill at all."

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# Police wary of arresting teen boxers in park

Oregon City's prosecutor says misdemeanor charges are possible against the participants

By ERIC COLLINS  
THE OREGONIAN

OREGON CITY — Oregon City's prosecutor said Friday that police could stop unsupervised teen boxing matches at Atkinson Park by charging the boxers with misdemeanors, including harassment and assault.

State law says the teens can be charged with the crimes even if both participants choose to box the other, and neither wants to file a complaint, city prosecutor Ron Gray said.

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City, police and school officials have said they can't stop the boxing matches because the park is public, and boxing is legal, even though the activity poses a liability to the city.

Portland police and Multnomah County prosecutors said they are researching how they would handle a similar situation in a public park, said Detective Sgt. Cheryl Kanzler, a Portland Police Bureau spokeswoman.

Gray said police could charge the boxers with harassment for offensive physical contact, which doesn't require a person to be injured. It's a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of six months in jail, he said.

Police also could charge the boxers with fourth-degree assault, which is intentionally or recklessly causing an injury to another person. That's a Class A misdemeanor punishable by as much as a year in jail. The charge could turn into a felony violation if more than one person ganged up on another person during the boxing matches, he said.

"What I think these kids need to understand is if you assault

somebody, the mere fact that people agree to a fight is not a defense to an assault," Gray said. "They need to be aware of the risks they are taking."

Smith said officers have some discretion to interpret the law based on the circumstances of the situation, such as when officers decide to pull over and warn one speeding driver and issue a citation to another. He said the department does not support the boxing matches but simply needs victims to come forward and complain before Gray's advice can work.

## Looking for cooperative victim

Gray acknowledges the difficulty of going to trial without a victim, but he said it occasionally happens in domestic violence cases. He thinks the first time a boxer is seriously injured, the police won't have a problem finding a cooperative victim.

In addition, Gray advised police they could charge the fighters with disorderly conduct, also a Class B misdemeanor, for making unreasonable noise or engaging in fighting or violent behavior in the park, if neighbors complained about the activity.

Smith said police haven't received enough complaints specifically about the noise or violent behavior in the park to justify charging the boxers with disorderly conduct. The majority of complaints surround the mobs of cars parked near the area during the boxing matches, he said.

Besides, officials aren't sure whether the activity qualifies as violent behavior. Police officials Friday were checking into whether the activity can be deemed a sport or something more akin to a street fight, which would be illegal, Smith said.

Those involved with the boxing matches say they use boxing gloves, check on the condition of fighters between rounds and follow strict rules such as no head-butting or kicking.

Jack Battalia, formerly of the state boxing and wrestling commission, met with Oregon City officials Friday. He advised them that state law makes it illegal for any amateur or professional fight to occur without a safety mat that cushions a boxer's head if it hits the ground.

Battalia, a medical adviser with the International Boxing Federation, thinks the Oregon City boxing matches also are illegal because they are unregulated and unsupervised.

"If nothing is done, this is a disaster waiting to happen," he said.

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By ASHBEL S. GREEN  
THE OREGONIAN

SALEM — A court ruling Wednesday further delayed Oregon State Police plans to put the names, photographs and other information of more than 8,500 registered sex offenders on the Internet.

sued, state police officials agreed to wait until a judge could make a preliminary ruling.

Marion County Circuit Judge Joseph V. Ochoa issued the preliminary injunction Wednesday blocking the state police Web site at least until after the trial in one suit, which is set to begin Dec. 13.

The plaintiffs said it was unfair to lump low-level sex offenders or people who had committed sex offenses more than a decade ago with predators who pose a threat to the public.

Ochoa's ruling was a temporary victo-

"After reviewing all of the pleadings and exhibits before the court, the court believes at this point that the defendants will ultimately prevail on most of the issues," Ochoa wrote. "The court fails to see how publishing factual information for public safety is a violation of constitutional rights, but grants there are questions regarding privacy that are still at issue."

Ochoa wrote that blocking the Web site was the most prudent decision at the time.

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## Oregon City officials consider outlawing teen boxing matches

*The city could deliver a legal knockout to the bouts, which are drawing the attention of TV producers*

By ERIC COLLINS  
THE OREGONIAN

OREGON CITY — Less than a week after about 175 people gathered at a local park to watch several teen boxing matches, Oregon City officials are drafting an ordinance that would prohibit unsanctioned or unlicensed boxing and extreme fighting in city parks.

**"I don't want to  
move it. I want to  
stop it."**

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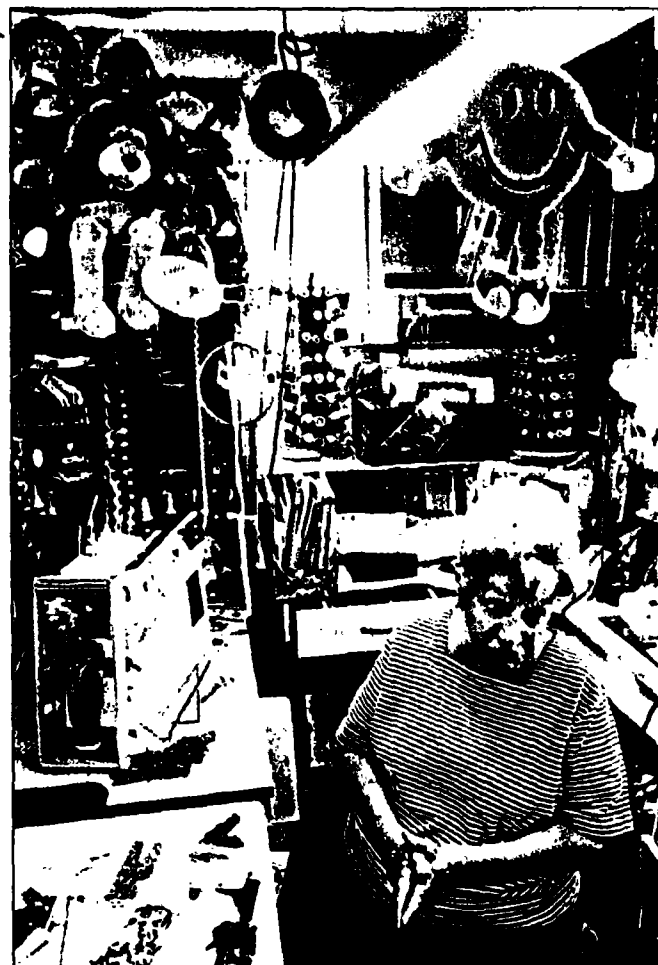
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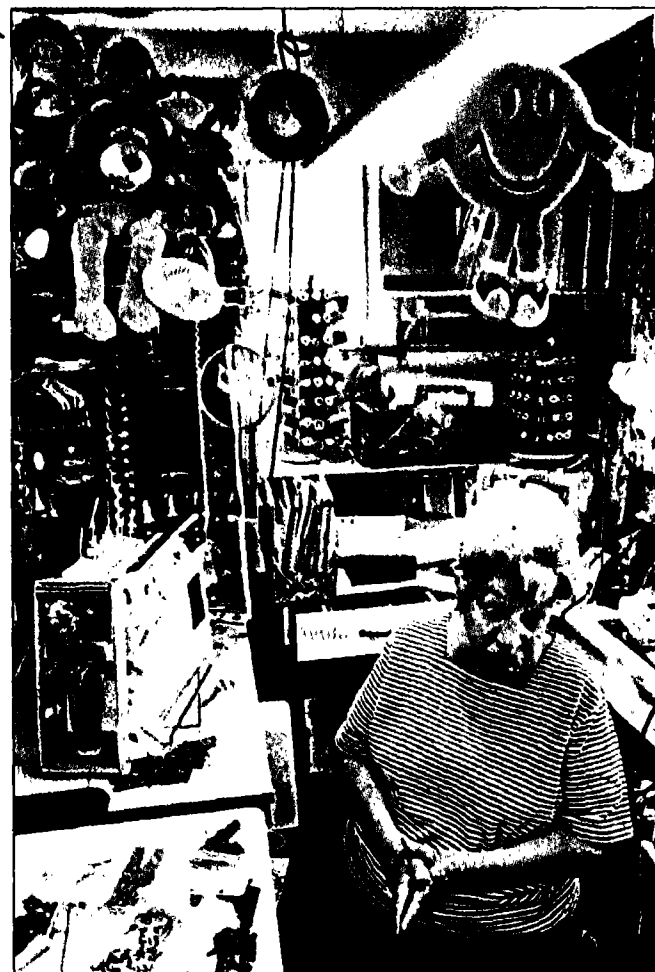
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