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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Western Black History

A scene from the Film Project Documentary, "Understanding the experience of African Americans During the Movement West, 1800 to 1900" will be shown at the Oregon City End of the Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City. Meet actors that are working on the production. The film presentation will be on Saturday, February 19 and 26 from 12 to 1 pm. Call 503/220-8282.

An Evening of Negro Spirituals

You are cordially invited to the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Cathedral Choir's special concert to celebrate Black History Month. The evening's presentation depicts a world which vanished in the wake of integration...the world of living colored. This special event will be held at the Bethel A.M.E. Church on Sunday, February 27 at 4 pm. For more information, call 503/288-5429.

Community Alliance of Tenants

Having problems getting your deposit back? Are you being billed by a previous landlord? Learn about your rights as a tenant at a free workshop sponsored by the Community Alliance of Tenants on Tuesday, February 29th at 6:30-8:30 pm. At 2710 NE 14th Ave. in Portland. This event is bus and wheelchair accessible and childcare can be arranged in advance. Call 460-9702 to register.

Professional Boxing

Live at the Roseland, 6 big boxing matches that includes an exciting girls bout. The main event will feature Candy Robinson vs. Agustin Caballero. The Rumble at the Roseland will be held on Saturday, February 19 at 8 pm. Tickets available at all Fred Meyer FASTIX outlets, including Music Millennium East & West, Roseland Grill, or charge by phone at 224-TIXX (8499).

Child Support for Children Scholarship

CHILD SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN is offering four \$1000 scholarships to graduating students across the state who wish to further their education. Students interested in applying should contact their high school counselors. All applications must be received no later than April 1, 2000. Four students will be selected. Businesses and individuals interested in making a tax deductible contribution may contact Barbara Hansen, Executive Director at 503/622-3588.

Brain awareness week

Brain Awareness Week is an international event to advance public awareness about the progress, promise and benefits of brain research. On Sunday, March 12, OMSI will be having Brain Games from 9:30 am. - 8:30 pm. A day of interactive events, talks and demonstrations featuring a 120th birthday celebration for Albert Einstein. Participants can take part in an Albert Einstein look-a-like contest and witness interactive presentations by scientists from OHSU. For more information, call 503/494-8231.

Oregon tradeswomen meeting

The next meeting of Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2000. The topic will be Yoga For Tradeswomen (or anyone else who wants to stay fit). Dress in comfortable clothing. The meeting will be held at 6 pm. At the State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., room 120. Childcare is provided at no cost and everyone is welcome. The meetings are free. Call 503/943-2228.

Local art show displays recent works of Bill Scott

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The high point of January's "Last Thursday" Art Walk on NE Alberta street was the artist show and reception at the Matrix Fine Art Gallery.

The Show featured the most recent works of artist Bill Scott, a recent graduate of the Pacific Northwest College of Art. Several of the paintings on display were used as the basis of his Bachelors Thesis.

Three of the twelve oil paintings in the show, are part of a series of very powerful images that deal with slavery from a different perspective.

Mr. Scott was on hand to discuss his work. It was, he explained "an attempt to show the



Pictures by Bill Scott



indomitable spirit of those in bondage, and to eradicate the mythical image of the docile Negro slave."

Sculptor A. R. Sutton showed several of his popular small scale pieces at the same show. His work recently received coverage in the national artist magazine "Art World News." Good weather brought out a comfortable and relaxed crowd.

The show drew very positive comments. Their work will be in the gallery until February 22. Matrix Fine Art Gallery located at 2209 NE Alberta street, specializes in contemporary fine art.

The Gallery is being featured in the April issue of *Sunset* Magazine. For more information call 503/288-5876 or E-Mail - matrixart@yahoo.com www.matrixfineart.com

PSU celebrates Underground Railroad Freedom Center design

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The design for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, designed by Portland's BOORA Architects, will be presented on February 24, 2000. The free lecture, sponsored by the Department of Architecture at Portland State University, will start at 6:30 pm in Room 212, Shattuck Hall, 1914 SW Park Avenue.

Set in Cincinnati, Ohio, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is an educational center that will commemorate the historic efforts of the Underground Railroad and raise awareness of the ongoing struggle for freedom among people around the world. The Freedom Center, estimated to cost \$45 million, is scheduled to begin construction in March 2000 and is to open in the spring of 2003.

The underground railroad was a system of

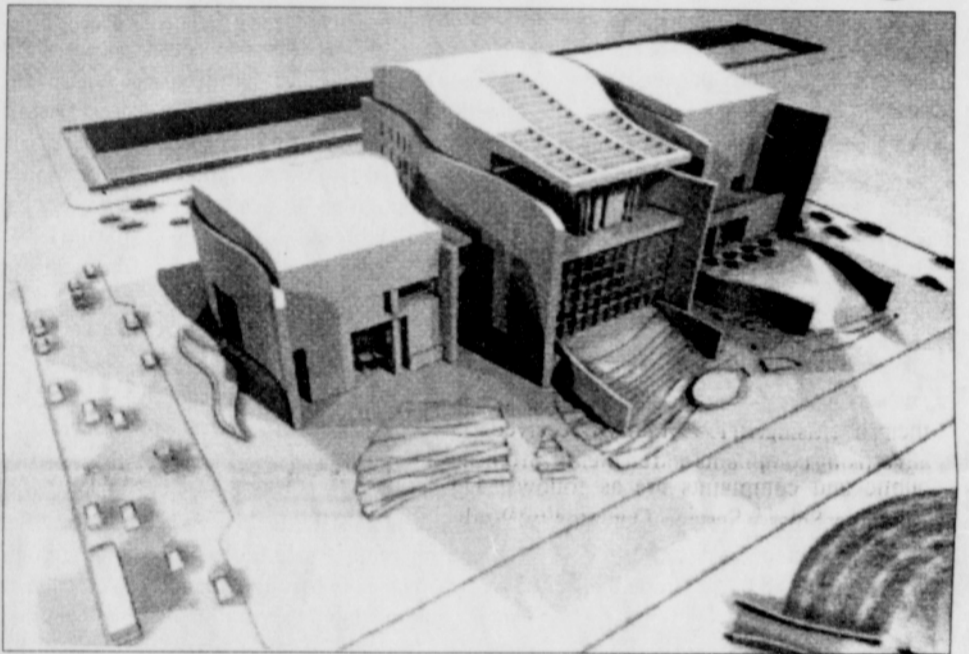
cooperation among slave, free African Americans, abolitionists, sympathetic whites and native Americans to help slaves escape and claim the promise of freedom. Cincinnati played a significant role in this story as the Ohio River was the legal and symbolic dividing line between the slave south and the free north.

Rudy Barton, Chair of the PSU Architecture Department states, "This project addresses a very important issue that is at the heart of architecture."

"Buildings have incredible power to symbolize who we are as a people, and a nation. In this case, how can a building represent the physical and emotional struggle between slavery and freedom?"

For more information on the building, please call BOORA Architects at 503-226-1575.

For more information on the presentation, call the Department of Architecture at 503-725-8405.



Computer rendering.

Local lady competes for Miss Pre-Teen title

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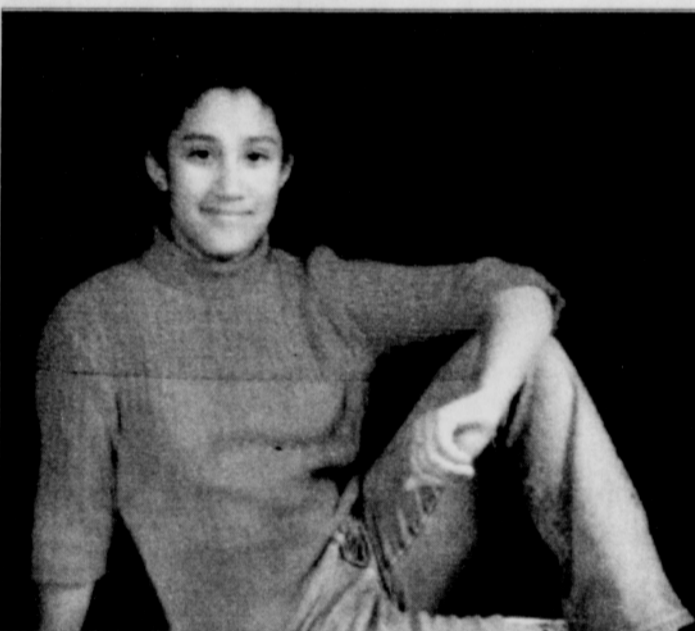
Nicole Pauline Allen of Portland was recently selected to participate in Nationals 2000 Miss pre-teen Portland pageant competition that will take place on the last week of February. Nicole learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections on Monday afternoon. Nicole submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's Portland Pageant Coordinator.

Nicole will be competing, for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Nicole will also compete in the Miss Pre-Teen division, one of five divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 7 and 23 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Nicole will display her personality, poise and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Portland judging

panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Nicole wins the title of Miss Pre-Teen Portland, she will represent Portland and the surrounding communities at the National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at Nationals while each winner can enjoy an expense paid trip for six days in Orlando, Florida.

In her spare time Nicole enjoys sports, math and snowboarding. She is a 4.0 student and participates in her school's Student Council. There is no cost to Nicole for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organization and private individuals will assist Nicole in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Nicole is able to participate through the local sponsorship of: McCoy Electric Co., Conrad Stone Cutting, Bill Pec-Fitness, Eric and Akiko Berkman, Joseph Conrad, Colleen Atherton, Brian Warner and Carol Vogel. Through



Nicole Pauline Allen of Portland hopes to go away with the Miss Pre-Teen Portland title.

sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Nicole to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant.

Any business, organization or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Nicole may contact her pageant coordinator, Patty Niedert at 1-800-569-2487.

Black History Month



The Albina neighborhood in its earlier days. This week's observation of Black History Month covers the years of 1950-2000. What urban renewal project backed by federal assistance caused a massive land clearance that razed 188 houses in the area between Russell and Cook, west of Vancouver Avenue? The plan was initiated during the Model Cities Program in 1967. For the answer, look in Focus under the header, E.