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Ebony Fashion Fair presents 'Fashions 2000'

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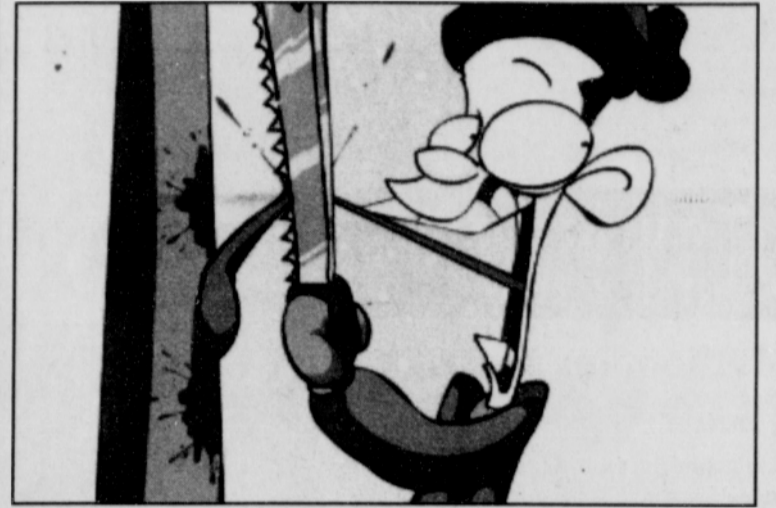
Ebony Fashion Fair, the world's largest traveling fashion show, celebrates 42 years with Fashions 2000! This extraordinary show will reveal new, varied and exciting designs for the new millennium when it makes its debut this year on September 8th in Matteson, Illinois. The 42nd annual show will travel to Portland on Friday April 14 at 8 p.m. The world's largest traveling fashion show is produced by *Ebony* magazine and is sponsored by the Portland Chapter of the Links, Incorporated for the benefit of the Links' Educational and Scholarship Fund. Fashions 2000 features extravagant styles by world famous designers such as Bob Mackie, Givenchy, Yves Saint Laurent, Oscar de la Renta, Valentino, Emanuel Ungaro and Black designers B. Michael, Eric Gaskins, L'Amour de Alexander and Kevin Hall for Halston. Thirteen magnificent models—eleven gorgeous women (including a full-figured model) and two handsome

men will showcase the provocative designs for the new millennium. Not only is Ebony Fashion Fair an exciting and entertaining experience, but since its inception in 1958, it has donated more than \$45 million to charitable organizations and travels to nearly 200 cities around the world. Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, a premier fashion authority, is producer and director. The show is characterized by its glamour, elegance and beauty and has all of the energy of a Broadway show plus the flare of the world's most creative designs makes Ebony Fashion Fair 2000 an event that must be experienced. Tickets may be purchased at: Mrs. C's Wigs (707 NE. Fremont), McDonald's Restaurant (13459 NW. Cornell Road), One Stop Records Shop (1615 NE. Killingsworth), Reflections Coffee & Books (446 NE. Killingsworth), Tondalayera Designers Salon (5401 NE. Cully Blvd.), FAXTIXX (Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE. Martin Luther King Blvd.), and from any Link member. For more information, call 503/255-7198.



Japan's Hanae Mori designs this all-over bugle beaded silk-rib knit tube dress with asymmetrical feathered neckline.

Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation



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Spike and Mike, the guys who first brought you *Beavis and Butthead*, *South Park*, *Rugrats* and *Wallace & Gromit*, are back with their big stage who and ready to unleash their 2000 feature length cartoon super-bash. Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation is not for those with an overly refined artistic palate. The Sick & Twisted Festival hosts animated short films which are simply too revolting or just plain shocking for our prestigious and tasteful Classic Festival of Animation. Spike and Mike will welcome your tortured imaginations and your innate abilities to vigorously beat all good taste into submission.

The brand new Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation will premiere 20 short animated films and a select handful of cult favorites. This year's show will feature three brand new films produced by Spike and Mike: *Swing Sluts*—a brand new film starring Summer and Tiffany, *Home, Honey, I'm Higher: What YOU Should Know about Drugs*, a public-service film about drug use, and *Beyond Grandpa II*—a sequel to last year's hit film. Among other not-to-miss titles are *Bowlin' Fer Souls*, *Tongue Twister*, *Beat The Meatles*, *Radioactive Crotch Man*, *Cannibalism* and *Your Teen* and many more! Due to wicked crowds and sell out shows, we suggest you arrive early. Showing times are March 24, 25 at 11:30 pm. Don't miss your chance to hang out with Portland's finest party fiends and experience one of the most notorious pop-culture institutions known to man. Tickets are \$7 at the door or in advance through Ticketmaster at 503/224-4400.

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Historic library reopens

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The next chapter in the history of Multnomah County's North Portland Branch Library will begin March 21 when the 87-year-old building at 512 North Killingsworth Street reopens after a year-long restoration. The building's original vaulted ceilings have been uncovered again and the original woodwork has been refurbished. New light fixtures and furnishings faithfully reflect the building's historic nature. A new elevator carries people to the

renovated 85-seat meeting room, which will also house a new mobile computer training center. Downstairs, four new computers that run educational software are dedicated for the use of children, while another 14 new computers will allow visitors of all ages to locate books and connect to the Internet. Plumbing upgrades support additional public restrooms. An open house with free programs and refreshments is scheduled for Saturday, March 25. At 2 pm., an opening ceremony will welcome the neighborhood to its new library.

Real art for real people



Tony Sturtevant's pencil drawing of "Mother and Child," which is taken from the Holocaust Memorial at Miami Beach, Florida. Sturtevant is one of 14 local artists whose works are featured at WoMA gallery that are moderately priced between \$20 - \$25.

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There is a new art gallery in town, and it's hip and very cool. WoMA (Working Man/Woman's Art) is a place where the working Joe/Jane can buy cutting edge art work while also helping and supporting local creativity. WoMA exhibits whimsical oil pastels, infrared photography, recycled stained glass, unconventional ceramic vases, must see wire sculptures, paintings that illustrate reflected thought, feeling

and much more. Their mission in the community: to support local artists. WoMA is creating a much-needed niche for local artists and the people who buy art. WoMA thinks art is like good food. You can't eat it but it feeds you, and because of that—art has to be available to everyone. WoMA has introduced a new concept to replace those fussy, stuffy gallery attitudes. Selecting only Portland artists originals, prints of every work, everyday for \$20. Plus you'll find great buys in blown and stained glass, post cards, faux fur, sculptures, prints of several visual artists, blown and stained glass, driftwood furniture, and much more at very affordable prices. New pieces arrive weekly. The artists featured at WoMA are a diverse and talented bunch and have all come with hopes of increasing their visibility in the community and creating a viable career out of their artwork. "What we really want to achieve at WoMA is to provide images of cutting edge art in view at one's home everyday, not just on first Thursdays in art galleries. We strive to have art pieces in our collection that are expressions of today's minds and hearts," says Gregory Browne, founder of WoMA. The gallery is a welcome addition to the up and coming Burnside neighborhood. The community has received WoMA with open arms. "I'm glad you're here. The neighborhood really needs something like this", says a local resident.

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