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Window Watching: Art Project in 'Pane' Sight in St. Johns

North Portland artists have decorated store windows of local businesses and spectators can tour a sculpture garden during the opening celebration the third annual St. John's Window Project on Saturday, July 30 at noon.

Art on the Peninsula, a community and artist-networking group in North Portland, hosts the project, showcasing visual arts, dance, music and performance from the local community.

"The St. Johns Window

Project is an exciting way to bring local artists and businesses together who share an interest in their community and creates exposure for artists and businesses alike," said Weirs Cyclery owner, Steve Weir.

Another highlight of the St. John's Window Project will be an evening reception on August 17. The exhibit will end on August 20.

For more information contact Mary Jaron Kelley at 503-823-4099.

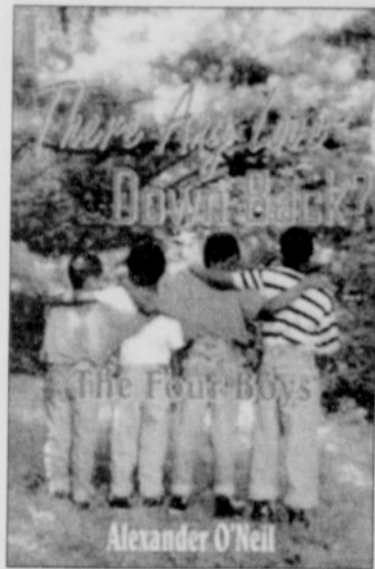
Touching Memoir Examines Tragedies in Foster Care

'Is There Any Love Down Back?'

Alexander O'Neil and his brothers were some of the unfortunate children without parents who were subject to a life of violence and abuse, which they suffered in silence.

In his new book, "Is There Any Love Down Back?: The Four Boys," that silence is broken as O'Neil takes readers on a tour through the hell he knew as home.

"Is There Any Love Down Back?" takes readers on a whirlwind tour through the childhood of four boys who grew up under horrible foster care in Massachusetts. O'Neil and his brothers - Tony, the oldest; Arnold, O'Neil's twin; and



Alexander O'Neil

Michael the youngest - endured the harsh treatments of four foster families. The book begins in 1948 at the home of the first family he remembers.

His foster parents replaced

by a stern, vicious matriarch., the house was more a den for punishment than a home. The only kindness seemed to come from their foster father, who seemed to take a particular interest in Arnold. However, O'Neil learned later that this man repeatedly molested and violated Arnold, which only compounded the horrific experiences that littered their childhood.

Throughout the boys stuck together remembering forgotten birthdays, sneaking food to starving siblings and defending each other as they grew older.

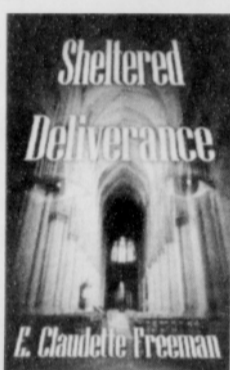
A starkly rendered memoir that peers behind the closed doors of abuse, "Is There Any Love Down Back?" offers a story of survival that proves even the smallest spirit cannot be destroyed.

The book is available to buy online at www.amazon.com

Novel Blends Sex, Religion

E.Claudette Freeman's latest piece of fiction, "Sheltered Deliverance" is likely to raise eyebrows when it comes to religious beliefs.

On the surface, it's a story of a young reporter's insatiable curiosity and how it is ignited through a series of nightmares. Deep down, the book opens the door of thought to what is acceptable and unacceptable when it comes to re-



ligious commitments, belief and service.

It also weaves a wonderful but twisted love story between a professional African American couple whose lives are thrust into a dangerous place, examining trust, misinterpretation and deception.

The book will be released on August 13. More information can be found at eclaudettecreative.blogspot.com.

History Reveals: Black Pirates Beneath Black Flags

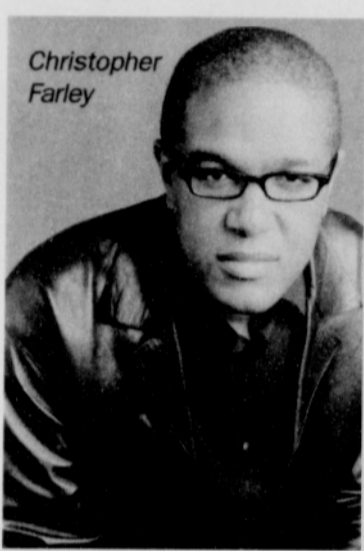
Pirates, as many people know, sailed under a black flag. What the general public doesn't know, however, is that many pirates were as black as the flags they flew.

In Christopher Farley's new novel "Kingston by Starlight," he tells a fictionalized version of the true story of Anne Bonny, a woman who dressed as a man in the early 1700s, became a pirate, and was put on trial for her alleged crimes in 1721. Farley speculates about the ties she might have had to Africans in her family tree, also weaving in some true tales of pirates of African heritage.

Pirates were an important, integral part of the international scene during the late 17th and early 18th century. Anyone who took a sea voyage, anyone who sent cargo by boat, anyone who worked on board

a floating vessel, had to worry about pirate attacks. Nations employed pirates to prey on the shipping of other nations. Pirates inspired numerous books and plays and songs. Pirates became symbols — not only of living outside the law, but of freedom, bought at a high cost and lived on one's own terms.

Some of the most famous pirates in history were either black, or had a significant number of blacks in their crews. Blackbeard was the



Christopher Farley

most feared pirate of the early 18th century — and 60 of his 100 crewmen were black. Laurens de Graff was considered the most successful pirate of the 17th century — and he was actually a runaway slave of African heritage. There are many more examples: Captain Kidd's quarter-

master was black, for example, and many pirate bases were located in North Africa.

Some historians have suggested that if there were blacks on pirate crews, they may have been work-

ing as servants or slaves. But pirates tended to defy the traditions of their times, and there are enough examples of black pirates actually leading pirate ships — like de Graff — to suggest that many blacks successfully secured freedom, and positions of power and influence, on pirate vessels.

In "Kingston by Starlight," Farley tries to reclaim black history. Pirates were often rogues, yes, but there is something in their willingness and ability to challenge the legal authorities of their time that is worth embracing, even celebrating.

Frank McCourt, author of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning book "Angela's Ashes," called "Kingston by Starlight" "superbly poetic" and Essence magazine picked it as one of the three best beach reads of the summer.

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Michael Allen Harrison and Friends -- Are set to perform as part of the Bridgeport Village concert series. Thursday concerts and wine testing events will be held outdoors under the Italian Gazebo. Bridgeport Village is located in Tualatin Oregon and performances are from 6-8p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information visit www.bridgeport-village.com

Linda Hornbuckle and Janice Scroggins Duo -- Will perform gospel and soul music as a part of the Portland Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series on July 29. This event will take place at Fernhill Park located on the corner of 37th and Ainsworth at 6:30p.m for more information visit www.parks.ci.portland.or.us.

Bruce Hornsby -- The man that told you to "Get a Job" will perform as a part of the Oregon Zoo Concert series. Hornsby has had a popular career that spans the last two decades; the three-time Grammy winner has sold more than 10 million albums. Come listen to Hornsby's jazz and bluegrass piano playing on July 29. For more information on Bruce Hornsby or the other concerts at the Oregon Zoo visit www.oregonzoo.org

25th Annual Koi & Goldfish show -- Visitors will be able to see exotic, jumbo brilliantly colored fish up close. This free family event is on July 30 from 10-5p.m and July 31 from 10-4p.m. There will also be a fish auction; fish art and water plans will be available. This also serves as an opportunity to meet Dr. Tim Miller-Morgan, DVM from Oregon State University and Oregon Coast Aquarium. The show will take place at the World Forestry Center located at 4033n SW Canyon Road across from the Oregon Zoo. For more information visit www.nwkg.org

Free Outdoor Movie Nights -- Grab your lawn chair & blankets and attend the 4th annual Uptown Movies. Movies will be shown on July 30, August 6 and August 13. Sit outside with your friends and neighbors to watch a FREE movie projected on the side of LSW Architects building at 23rd & Main in Old Town Vancouver. Movies appropriate for all ages. Free entertainment before the show and concessions are available on site. Visit www.uptownmovies.com for movie listings or if weather looks questionable.

Arm Wrestling Competition -- Shoe Gazer Arm Wrestling competition at Tiny's Coffee 2033 NEMLK every Friday from 8-10pm Come on down and Arm Wrestle! Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

Qwest Noon Concert Series -- Every Wednesday at noon until August 10, enjoy free music in the park. Come with an appetite - delicious food and beverage on site. Ester Short Park is located in downtown Vancouver at 301 W. 8th street. For more information call 360.619.1141 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us

Six to Sunset Concerts -- The City of Vancouver proudly presents a weekly evening concert series. Each Thursday until the end of August there will be diverse genres for the community to enjoy. Check out their website for weekly listings. www.cityofvancouver.us

Discovery Museum -- The World Forestry Center recently opened its doors to a new Discovery Museum, featuring exciting, interactive exhibits on forestry. Visitors have a chance to go on a white water raft ride without getting wet, smoke jump into a wildfire without getting singed and stroll across a 20-foot high tree top canopy walk. For more information, visit www.worldforestry.org.

Sponge Bob at the Zoo -- Now through Labor Day, the Oregon Zoo will present Nickelodeon's SpongeBob Square Pants-the thrill ride. The cost is \$4.50 in addition to admission. For more information call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org

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