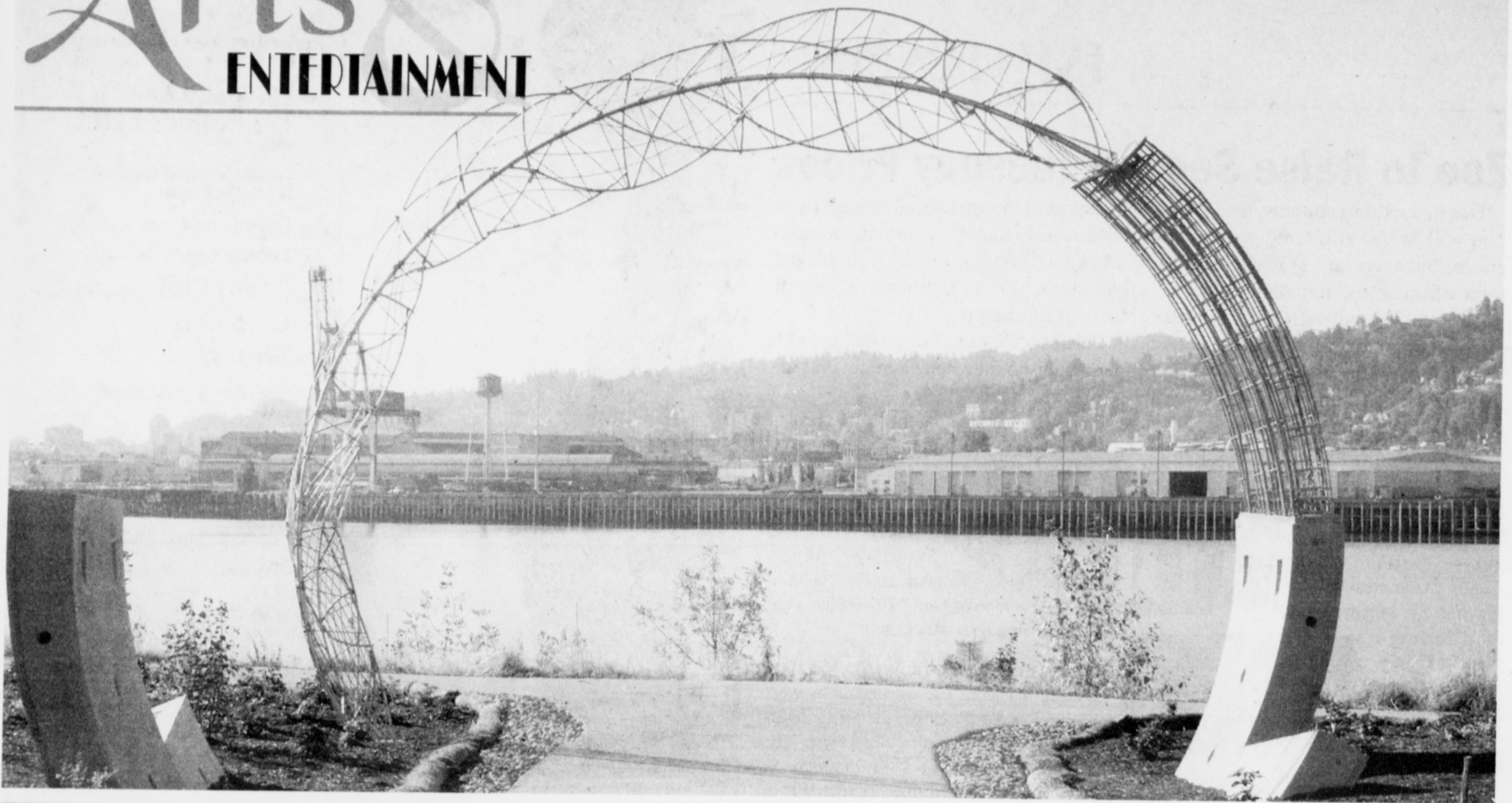


# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



## Big Pipe Art Wins Award

An art piece marking the entrance to Portland's new sewer pipe has won a national art award.

Americans for the Arts has marked "Big Pipe Portland: Making the Invisible Visible" as

being on the 40 best public arts projects in 2009, out of 29 cities in 15 states.

The sculpture is sited on the banks of the Willamette River in north Portland, near the digging site for Portland's "Big Pipe"

project, which will expand and improve sewer flow for the city's residents. The artists attempted to create a sculpture that represents the massive concrete big pipe is such an important part of life in Portland, but remains hidden.



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## Usher CD Doubles Down

Usher's album is barely 4-months-old and he's already on to his next project.

The singer is releasing eight new songs on a new disc, "Versus," which will be out Aug. 24. The songs will also be released

on a special deluxe version of "Raymond V. Raymond," which was released in March. That album includes hits like the No. 1 song "OMG."

Usher follows in the footsteps of Lady Gaga, who released



Usher

"The Fame Monster" as a separate disc and also as a deluxe version of "The Fame" after the success of that album

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