

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Life Beyond the Block

Rappers have been rhyming about hustling, living in the ghetto and the perils of street life since the dawn of Hip Hop, but what distinguishes Freeway is his unique approach to tackling these subjects.

Freeway neither boastfully brags about his days hustling on the crime-ridden street corners of North Philly, nor does he dogmatically preach at his listeners while lecturing them to live righteously. Instead, his lyrics are laced with ghetto-weary "been there, done that" sentiment that implies there is life beyond the block.

The hip hop star will perform Saturday, April 14 at 9:30 p.m. at the Crown Room, 205 N.W. Fourth Ave.



Freeway

Celebrating Urban Trees

April showers couldn't put a damper on Portland Parks & Recreation's showcase Arbor Day celebration.

On Thursday, the parks bureau teamed with its partners to host informational booths in the South Parks Block, downtown, on the benefits of trees, what's happening to help manage and maintain the urban forest, and ways for citizens to become involved.

The PP&R urban forestry crew took people high in the sky in a bucket truck to get a squirrel's-eye-view of the urban forest.

Children of all ages learned about the life cycle of a tree from exploring the germination of a seed and discovering the structure of a mature tree, to dissecting a rotten log.

The Portland Urban Forestry Commission presented Bill Naito Community Tree Awards to three winners. Bob Naito, son of noted community leader Bill Naito, presented the awards.

Bill Naito rarely missed an Urban Forestry Commission meeting, which he founded in 1974 and chaired until his death. Through his humor, persistence, and imaginative approach to projects, he inspired many individuals to recognize the beauty trees bring to our city.



Phyllis Reynolds accepts a Bill Naito Community Tree Award from Naito's son, Bob Naito during an Arbor Day celebration on Thursday. Reynolds was honored for her four decades as a tree advocate and enthusiast.

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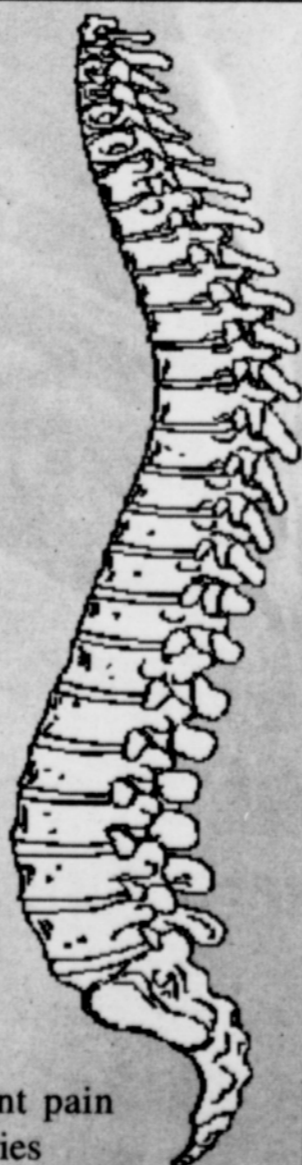
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