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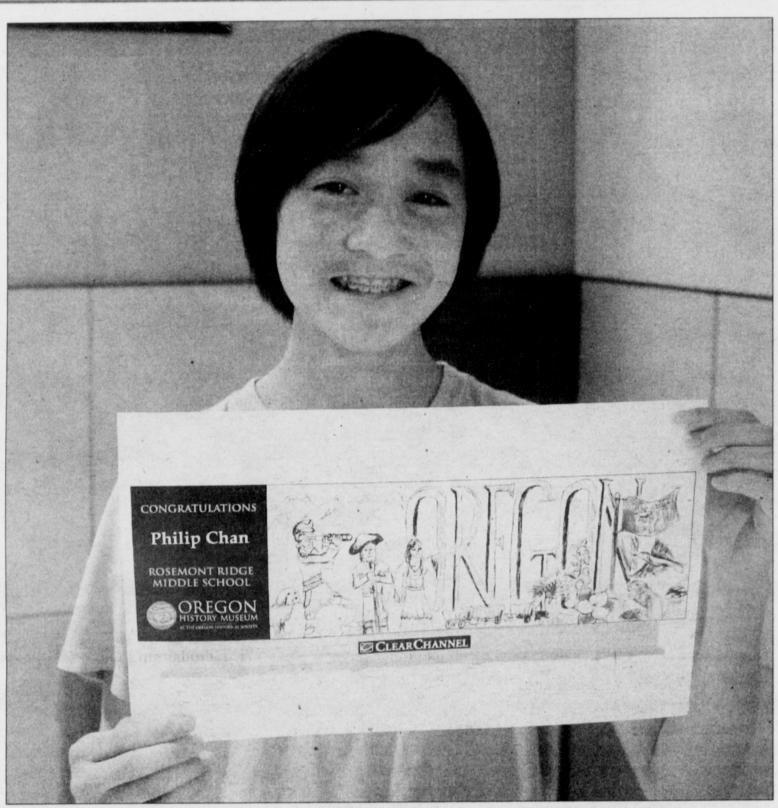
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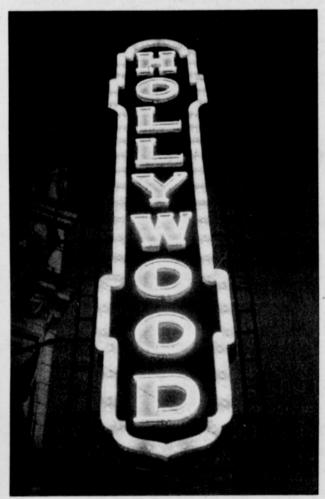
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What Makes Oregon Special

Philip Chan and his winning billboard design for what makes Oregon special. The West Linn sixth grader won the Oregon Rocks Billboard Art Competition sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society. The artwork included many state symbols like the Western Meadowlark and the Oregon grape, as well as Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, and a Conestoga wagon.

Historic Theater Going Digital



The historic Hollywood Theatre is going digital. The non-profit group operating the northeast Portland landmark has raised \$161,650 in donations to convert to industry compliant HD Digital Cinema Projection systems. It's perhaps the biggest change in the movie industry since the transition from silent films to talkies.

"We are so grateful for the support we've received," said Doug Whyte, Hollywood Theatre executive director. "It's huge."

The theatre will convert all three of its auditoriums to the new industry standard digital format in the next couple months. HD digital content is expanding quickly and, as additional content becomes available, the theatre will be able to offer many new artistic and cultural programs to the community.

This year, for the first time in history, digital will become prevalent in movie houses across the country and 35 mm celluloid film will become a vision of the past. Sadly, many small, independent theatres across the country will go silent and shut their doors, unable to afford the mandatory digital conversion, according to industry leaders.

Fortunately, film lovers will not be left in the dark in Portland. The Hollywood plans to keep its 35mm film projection in two auditoriums, add a new 16mm projector in one auditorium, and upgrade projectors in the main auditorium to screen 70mm prints.