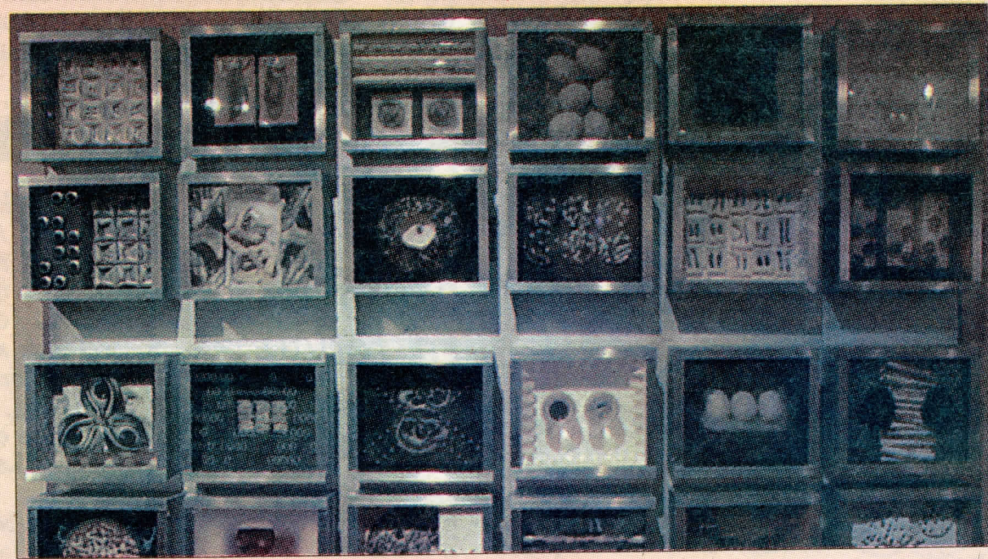
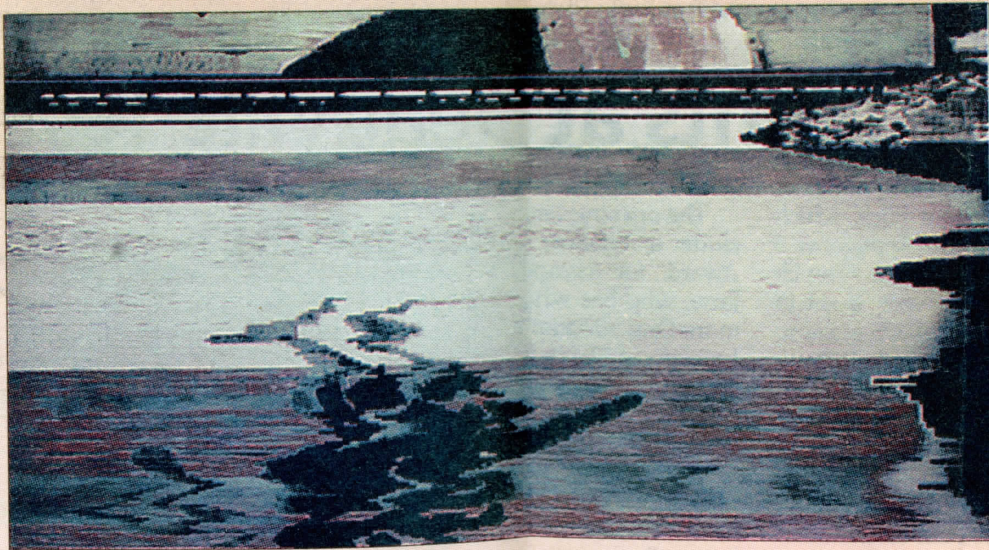


Gauteng takes top honours



Gauteng has once again made its mark in the art world with four locals coming in the top five of the prestigious 1999 Absa Atelier Art Competition.

The five merit winners who each won R10 000 were Albert Redelinghuys of Pretoria, Ryan Arenson, Bradley Hammond

and Vanessa van Wyk of Johannesburg and Fritha Langerman of Cape Town.

An additional R50 000 and a return air ticket to Paris went to Ryan Arenson for winning first prize.

His studio apartment in Paris, where he will live and work for six months, will be co-funded by Absa and the South African

National Association for the Visual Arts.

The awards were announced last night at a special function at the African Window Gallery in Pretoria.

It is also here where the winning entries will be on exhibition until August 24.

The event was the culmination of a selection process that started in March this year.

The final adjudication included a total of 96 works, among them fine art, prints, photography and sculptures by artists between the ages of 21 and 35.

This is the 13th year of the competition, aimed at both aspiring and established young artists in South Africa. – **Geraldine Fröhling**