Hairspray -- Broadway's new musical comedy phenomenon Hairspray plays the Keller Auditorium (Southwest 3rd and Clay) through Sunday, June 25. Tickets are \$25 to \$75, and can be purchased through Ticketmaster at 503-790 ARTS or the Portland Opera Box Office at 503-241-1802.

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Tibetan Cultural Festival -- Tibetans will share their ancient culture on Saturday, June 24 at the 5th Annual Tibetan Cultural Festival, sponsored by the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, at Oaks Amusement Park on the east end of the Sellwood Bridge. The festival runs from 11

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Female Odd Couple -- Integrity Production presents a female version of the beloved Neil Simon classic "The Odd Couple" at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. on Sundays through June at Theater/Theater!, 3430 S.E. Belmont St. Tickets are \$15.

Safeway Waterfront Blues -- Celebrate Blues and great food on the banks of the Willamette River at the Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, Friday, June 30 to Tuesday, July 4. This year's event will focus on New Orleans and Gulf Coast artists. Admission is \$8 plus two cans of non-perishable food per day. A five-day pass is available in advance for \$25 plus

Thomas the Tank Engine-Thomas the Tank Engine chugs into Hood River Saturday, June 24, through July Sunday, July 2. Preschoolers and their families have the opportunity to take a 30 minute ride with the classic storybook steam locomo-

calling the Mt. Hood Railroad at 1-866-468-7630 or visiting mthoodrr.com.

tive. Tickets are available by

Cemetery Love Club at Dunes -- Portland duo Cemetery Love Club plays at Dunes, 1909 N.E. MLK Blvd., at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. Touring act Fall of Snow will join the fun, plus DJ sets by Tigerstripes. Norman Sylvester Band -- The Norman

Sylvester Band plays the Good in the Hood Festival, Sunday, June 25 and the Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, Friday June 30, and a Ray Charles tribute at the festival on Saturday, July 1 at 4:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.normansylvester.comorcall the 24-hour Boogie Cat Hotline at 503-281-5989.

"Robots and Us" at OMSI -- Get a fun, hands-on look at how biology and engineering are coming together to close the gap between technical reality and science fiction fantasy. The hands-on exhibit "Robots and Us" features components and computer interactives at the Oregon Museum of Omsi Robot Science and Industry (OMSI).

Call to Artists - Local artists are encouraged to show off their talent by becoming a Portland Open Studios Artist, Each year, 96 artists are chosen from the metro area to open their studios and become part of an exciting regional art event. Visit

portlandopenstudios.com for more information.

Rare Ebony Sculptures --Master carvers from the Tanzania tribe Makonde have been carving ebony for centuries, and now the public can see some of the most valuable wood on the globe at the World Forestry Center. General admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children, and members are free.

Trippin' through Town --Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hiphop and soul influencing

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Portland on Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave.

> **Belly Dance Classes -**Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsycaravan.us.

Time to Jam -- Jam Night, Portland's everpopular comedy and variety show is at

Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every Friday night starting at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door to the show at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Hip-hop Dance Classes -- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation is hosting family friendly hip-hop dance classes for ages 5 to 18. Various lessons teach rhythm,



technique, coordination, agility, combinations and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

Live Music Every Night -- Kick off your week with live jazz every Sunday at 9 p.m. at The Blue Monk (3341 SE Belmont). Participate in a mixed-media open mic night each Monday at the Back to Back Café (614 East Burnside). The Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Oldominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes, perform at Conan's (3862 S.E. Hawthorne) every Tuesday at 10 p.m. Celebrate Hump Day at The Red Sea (381 S.W. 3rd Ave) after work on Wednesdays, from 5 to 9 p.m. Inch toward the weekend at the Candlelight Room (2032 SW 5th Ave) with the Black Notes, performing each Thursday. Celebrate Friday with Mel Brown, who plays jazz at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday, and Jimmy Mak's on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Round off your week with live Reggae on Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, (1239 S.W. Jefferson).

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Book Talks to Fathers A tribute to dad's love, devotion

The unconditional love and devotion fathers have extended to their families over the years is told by Dr. Larry C. Harris, a pediatrician who resides in Fayetteville, N.C., in his classic parenting book, "It All Starts at Home."

Harris tells a heart-wrenching story about a family enduring the trials of life with a father and his unflinching dedication to his nine children. The book's foreword is by Harris' college buddy, Dr. Ben Carson, the renowned surgeon. In 1951, Fred Harris II, Dr. Harris'

father, was a platoon sergeant at Fort Bragg, N.C. For most dads one job would seemingly be enough. But Sergeant had to provide for his family. So he also earned extra money sewing chevrons on his troops fatigues.

Sergeant Harris was also a barber, a cab driver, a bouncer at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Club, and he worked at the bowling alley. And in doing all these things he always made time for his family, spending quality-time with his children.

"What I remember about my upbringing is that my mom and my dad didn't just talk to us about life, they lived the life they talked about," Dr. Harris said.

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too lowly or demeaning. Extra work meant that he could provide better for the family-my father set the example; it wasn't hard for me to follow," he said.

"It All Starts At Home: 15 Ways to Put Family First," by Dr. Larry C. Harris with Cecil Murphey, retails for \$12.99 and is available at Bor-"Because dad put family first, he ders, Barnes and Nobles and