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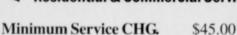
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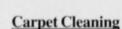
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11S ENTERTAINMENT

Usher Eyes Fatherhood

(AP) -- Usher is expecting bigger things than a new album — the superstar says that he and fiancee Tameka Foster are expecting their first child together.

"We are extremely excited at this point in our lives

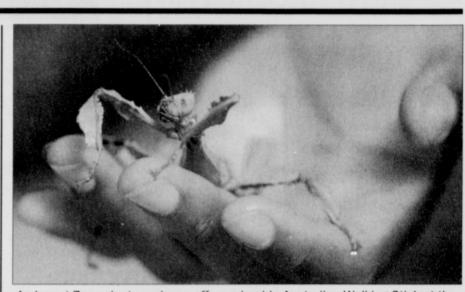
lives.

planning our wedding and the joy that comes with expecting our first child together," the couple said in a June 27 statement released to The Associated Press. "We hope people will be happy for us and respect our privacy during this happy period in our

The baby is due in the fall, according to a representative for Usher.

This would be the first child for the R&B crooner/ actor, and the fourth for the recently divorced Foster. This is shaping up to be a busy year for Usher.

Besides his marriage and a baby, he is expected to release the follow-up to his eight-million selling, Grammywinning album "Confessions," released in 2005. He also has a fragrance due out in September.



An Insect Zoo volunteer shows off an adorable Australian Walking Stick at the

The **Buzz** in Your Backyard

yard Bugs," the newly renovated Insect Zoo highlighting the bugs that share our yards and neighborhoods while teaching us that bugs are not, in fact, gross.

The exhibit reopened June 16 with a new plants and a built-up roof as a part of the zoo's "Habitat Begins at Home" campaign, teaching visitors how they

The Oregon Zoo is abuzz with "Back- can live in a space shared by wildlife and create an appropriate habitat containing food and water, shelter, a place to raise young and a chemical and pesticide-free environment.

Admission is \$9.75 for visitors 12 to 64, \$8.25 for seniors and \$6.75 or children. Infants two and under free. Visit oregonzoo.org or call 503-226-1561.



Waterfront Blues -- The largest blues festival west of the Mississippi continues through Sunday, July 8 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. The festival is produced by and as a benefit for the Oregon Food Bank. Daily admission is a donation of \$8 per person per day and two cans



Indigenous Women's Lives -- A photo exhibit by Pepe Moscoso calls attention to the precarious situation of indigenous women in Mexico. "Mujeres indigenas de Mexic" is on display through July 24 at Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St.

Free Concerts in the Park -- Portland Parks and Recreation invites families to bring their picnic baskets and enjoy the free summer concerts in the park. Beginning, Friday, July 6, with the Ward Stroud Band performing the blues

from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Fernhill Park, Northeast 37th Avenue and Ainsworth. For more information, visit PortlandParks.org.

Hendrix on Film -- The Northwest Film Center presents a screening of the 2003 film "Hendrix and the Blues," as part of its Reel Blues celebration, Thursday, July 5 at the Waterfront Blues Festival, downtown. The film features timeless Jimi Hendrix live performances and other blues classics. Show time is 10 p.m.

Music at the Zoo -- The Oregon Zoo summer Trippin' through Town -- Take a trip through concert series presents Asleep at the Wheel on time to find the hottest poetry, hip-hop and soul July 11, with Samba Mapangala & Orchestra influencing Portland on Wednesdays at the Virunga appearing on Monday, July 18 and Los Lobos taking the stage on July 25. Show admission is \$9.75. For more information, call 503-226-1561 or visit oregonzoo.org.

The Squee Gees Children's Concert -- Wednesday, July 18, at 1:30 p.m., the musical duo, 'The SqueeGees' will be making a special appear-

ance at the Vancouver Farmers Market on West 8th Street, admission is free for the entire

Troutdale Bite & Bluegrass -- Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Troutdale's main street will host this free family event, with eight bluegrass bands performing on the main stage in Mayor Square between 11 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

A Brave New Cabaret -- The Old World Meets the New on Friday, July 27, at 9 p.m., forming at the Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. For ticketing information, visit 3legtorso.com, vagabondopera.com or wonderballroom.com.

Zoom Uganda -- Visit the World Forestry Center for the photo essay: "12 Girls, 12 Cameras: A Day in Their Lives through Their Eyes," a documentary on the lives of 12 orphaned girls from Uganda. The exhibit runs through Aug. 31 in the center's Discovery Museum in the Special Exhibits Gallery.

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.

Hip-hop Dance Classes --

Vancouver-Clark Parks and

Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave. Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Proper Eats Market and Café, 8638 N.

Lombard St., hosts open mic night. Return to Oz -- Discovery Museum hosts

Return to Oz, an exhibit that is sure to make you

remember the poppy fields, wicked witches, flying monkeys and Oh! my so much more at the World Forestry Center through Sept. 16. Free with the cost of museum admission. For more information, visit www.worldforestry.org

Body Worlds 3 -- Get grossed out or intrigued by the dynamic human body. Real life bodies are on display at OMSI through a process called

plastination. Started by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in 1977, the scientist has been able to halt with 3 Leg Torso and Vagabond Opera per- decomposition to show the living how what we do affects our body. Body Worlds 3 lasts until October. For more information, visit omsi.org.

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