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Black Eyed Peas Tops Billboard Charts

(AP) -- Will.i.am would love to say "I told you so" to all the people who have bashed the Black Eyed Peas in the past, but he won't — even though the group just made history on the Billboard charts.

"There's a part of me that wants to be cocky, but then I can't be cocky," the 34-year-old Peas leader said. "There's a part of me that wants to call out all of my other peers and competitors. I don't want to say no names because I'm not like that, but part of me wants to do Feeling," have been at the top that."

The foursome, who have had their share of critics, topped



Will.I.am

Billboard's Hot 100 singles charts for 20 consecutive weeks last week, the most ever by an act.

"Boom Boom Pow" and the song that dislodged it, "I Gotta of the charts for 12 and eight weeks, respectively.

Though the band has had big

hits over the years, "Boom Pow" as the first single after the Christmas? No. So let's know to take this and soak this in? Boom Pow" was their first No. response it got when they de-1 single. Will.i.am says he's surprised how successful the song became. "I knew that 'Boom Boom

Pow' would be big in the clubs, but I didn't know it would be that potent with the world, outside of the club," he said.

But the success is not pure luck, will.i.am explains. Though he says the band didn't listen to the radio when creating their latest disc, "The E.N.D.," he says they did heavy research by partying at underground nightclubs and events.

They chose "Boom Boom

buted it at a Grammy party this year. After its success, they used the same idea for their current hit.

"When I picked up 'I Gotta Feeling' we tested in the clubs, looked at people, how they responded to a song they didn't know," he explained. He says the group will use the same strategy for the third single, the

groovy "Meet Me Halfway." We kept in mind when it would be coming out: It'll be out for the holidays. Do we want to be jam-pack smacking people high octane in the club during

that the emotion we want to get If these people like the out there is still melodic, a love Beatles, the Rolling Stones subject would be cool around and Michael Jackson have Christmas and we still want to be in the club," he said.

Will.i.am says he's not sure how to take it all in.

"Like how am I supposed

these No.1s, but yet we just broke a record, how am I supposed to take that because we came from the under, under, underground," he said.





International favorites Pink Martini will put away their passports for a special tribute to their home state 150th year birthday celebration. The group will take part in the musical comedy "Oregon! Oregon!" and perform a set of Pink Martini favorites during the special Saturday, Sept. 5 peformance at the Oregon Zoo.

Pink Martini Joins Tribute Bash

ENTERTAINMENT

borhood at King School Park take place

each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through

Celebrating Oregon's

Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. and replaces sets of music. for a special performance of "Or- Krista Swan, the zoo's events Fable in Three Acts."

the previously scheduled show Centennial the following year, contributors including Metro at Memorial Coliseum. In addi- the Blitz-Weinhard Brewing Co. Council President David tion to the play, both bands will commissioned a musical comalso be performing their own edy about the beaver state by renowned adman and radio per-'We're thrilled to host these sonality Stan Freberg. He pro-Martini and the 234th Army Band beloved Portland bands for duced the 21-minute-long "Oregon! Oregon! A Centennial This year, for the state's seson the cake of the state's 150th quicentennial, a team of Orego- available at oregonzoo.org or nians have added another act by calling 503-226-1561.

In 1958, to mark Oregon's to Freberg's original three, with Bragdon, "Chariots of Fire' conductor Harry Rabinowitz, Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale, PICA Flash Choir's Sarah Dougher and Pat Janowski, and writers from OPB's "Live Wire!" radio show. Additional information is

150th birthday

Hometown favorites Pink return to the Oregon Zoo stage such a special occasion," said egon! Oregon!" to celebrate the coordinator. "This is the icing state's 150th birthday.

The performance takes place birthday party."

Battle to Vote -- The Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main St. in Vancouver, hosts a free women's suffrage exhibit though the end of the year. Washington was an early leader in giving women the right to vote.



Sept. 27. Soulful Amos Lee --Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday Amos Lee's sophistifrom 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees cated, soul-folk fusion Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510S.W. will close out the Sum-Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purmer Zoo Concert series on Friday, Aug. 28. General admission tickets are \$10.50.

Northeast Farmers Market -- The new Portland Farmers Market in the King Neigh-

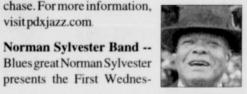


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Sunday, Aug. 30 at Keller Auditorium. Totally Gospel II -- Peninsula Open Bible Church, 8225 N. Peninsula, hosts all styles of gospel, country, and contemporary music with host Riny Horst each Friday night from 7:30 p.m. -- 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-335-3132.

day Blues Showcase every month at

Tillicum in Beaverton as a way to feature

different music friends. On Saturday, Sept.

5, the band plays at Gemini in Lake Oswego

and on Sept. 10 at 720 Nighclub in Portland.

Fiddler on the Roof -- On his farewell per-

formance tour in the role that made him

legendary, Chaim Topel is Tevye in Fiddler

on the Roof. The musical plays through

