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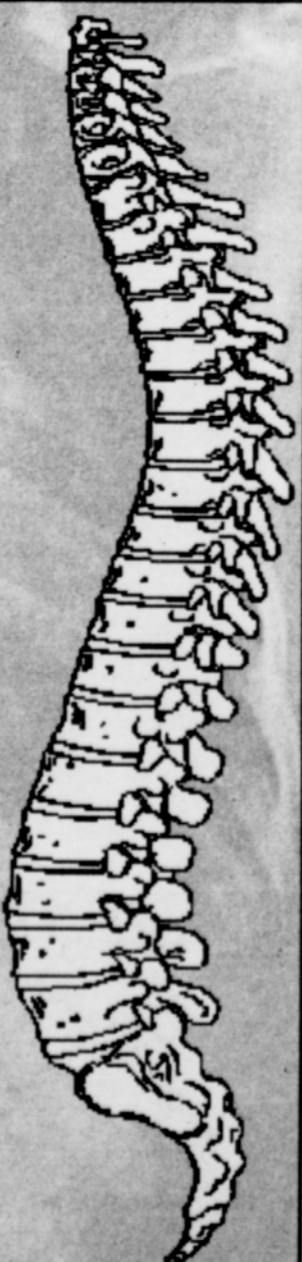

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Mom to Perform Whitney Tribute

(AP) — Whitney Houston's mother will perform a tribute to her late daughter alongside other female singers at the upcoming BET Awards. A source familiar with BET's plans said that Cissy Houston will take the stage at the July 1 awards show to honor her daughter. She will be joined by "a few top divas," the source said. Whitney Houston died at age 48 in February. The BET Awards airs live from The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Kanye West, Beyonce and Jay-Z are the top nominees.

Art and Culture Night -- Celebrate the coming together of Portland's diverse communities at

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egon group meets every Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 420 N.E. Mason. For more information, call 503-284-0617.



Colored Pencils Arts and Culture Night, Friday, June 29 at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S.W. Park Ave. Chido Dhliwayo will present a native dance. Odessa Too will cook up traditional African-American cuisine. Reception at 5:30 p.m. Spoken word and musical jamming begins at 6 p.m.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

Journey to the Arctic -- The IMAX Theater at OMSI presents "To the Arctic," a never-before-experienced journey into the lives of a mother polar bear and her twin cubs as they navigate the changing Arctic wilderness. Narrated by Meryl Streep and featuring songs by Paul McCartney.

King Farmers Market -- Healthy farm-fresh produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods and other special foods, draws shoppers to the King Portland Farmers Market at King School Park, each Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 28.

Portland Saturday Market -- Portland Saturday Market in Old Town/Chinatown, the largest arts and crafts market in continuous operation in the United States, has over 350 vendors and is open every Saturday and Sunday through Christmas Eve at 2 S.W. Naito Parkway.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

Humor Night -- Awesome comedians perform stand-up, sketch, and more at the weekly Recurring Humor Night every Wednesday night at Tonic Lounge, 3100 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Pay as you wish, \$3-5 donation suggested. Show is 21+.

OMNIMAX: Flying Monsters -- For audiences of all ages, OMSI's new IMAX film, Flying Monsters, takes viewers to a prehistoric world. The world's leading naturalist Sir David Attenborough sets out to uncover the truth about the giant flying reptiles whose wingspans of up to 40 feet compare to that of a modern jet plane.

Discount Tickets -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

Discount Admission -- OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback submarine.

Waterfront Blues Festival -- The 24th annual Safeway Waterfront Blues festival takes place Wednesday, July 4 through Sunday, July-8. The largest blues bash west of the Mississippi is the Oregon's Food Banks largest fundraiser. Admission is a suggestion donation of \$10 (or more) plus two cans of food (or more) per person per day.

Afrique Bistro Benefit -- Afrique Bistro, 102 N.E. Russell St., opens its doors each last Saturday of the month to raise donations for the African Women's Coalition. Great Caribbean and African music along with good drinks and fun people, 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. \$10 at the door.

Kenton Farmers Market -- Portland Farmers Market hosts a new farmer's market location in the Kenton Neighborhood of north Portland, where residents can buy produce and goods and hear local music on Friday nights, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Soulful Showcase -- Blaque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.



Norman Sylvester Band -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Saturday, June 30 at Clyde's; and July 4 at the Waterfront Blues Festival.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Oregon Black History -- The Black Museum of Or-