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Celebrating Arab Heritage and Culture -- The Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon is hosting its

"Mahrajan," a celebration of Arab heritage and culture in Oregon. on Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Alpenrose Dairy from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. You'll find delicious Arabic cuisine, Arabic coffee, tea and refreshments, arts and crafts, henna painting, cooking demonstrations, an art show, music, dancing, children's activities and a raffle for prizes

Michael Jackson Tribute --

Spirit Mountain Casino pays homage to one of the greatest entertainers of all time with a tribute show to Michael Jackson by Legacy, a cast of dynamic performers, featuring Luis Castillo, a.k.a. LC Jackson. The tribute group has been delighting fans of all ages since 2009. Performances are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8. The audience will enjoy all the classics, including Beat It, Billy Jean, and Smooth Criminal.



Cruise-in Car Show -- The 12th annual Troutdale Cruise-in car show takes place Sunday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Troutdale. Proceeds will benefit the Doernbecher Children's Hospital cancer program, Randall Children's Hospital and the Troutdale Kiwanis "Kids are Key" program.

Uniquely Oregon Photo Exhibit -- An impressive collection of photographs celebrating people, places, and a potpourri of images unique to Oregon is the theme of this photo exhibit on public display through July 31 in the George R. White Library and Learning Center at Concordia University in northeast Portland. The art can be viewed during normal library hours.

Science of Ripley's Believe It Or Not -- What's



more amazing that Robert Ripley's legendary compendium of oddities, anomalies and fantastic feats? The science that underlies them! OMSI presents "The Science of Ripley's Believe It or Not!" a 6,000 square foot interactive exhibit that explores the real science behind the unbelievable. The collection of intriguing objects and astonishing artifacts is open through Sept. 7.

Summer Kids in the Park -- Another schedule of fun and healthy activities for kids during the summer months is now underway in three of Gresham's largest parks. Free and open to all kids under 18, events are scheduled for two hours every weekday at Main City, Vance and Red Sunset parks. A free lunch will be served, and kids can just drop in. No advance registration is required.



A.J. Java Hosts Concerts -- A.J. Java, a commu-

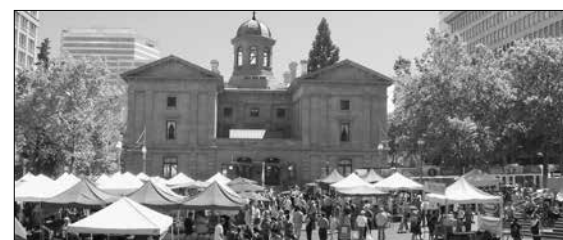
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nity cafe across the street from Peninsula Park at 5 N. Albina Ave., welcome public to a series of free

summer concerts each Friday from 6

p.m. to 9 p.m., and featuring Cuban sandwiches and a potpourri of Latin sounds.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Thursday, July 30 at Hawthorne Lobster House; Friday, July 31 at Restaurant 503 in West Linn; Saturday, Aug. 1 at Roadhouse 101 in Lincoln City; Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Kenton Park; Friday, Aug. 7 at the Blue Diamond; Saturday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at Bantu Island for the Alberta Street Fair; and Saturday, Aug. 8 at 9 .m. at the Spare Room.



Farmers Market at the Square -- Local farmers, food producers and hot food vendors from all over the region fill Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland's downtown living room, each Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Sept. 28.

Soulful Showcase -- Blacque 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.

Safe and Free at Matt Dishman -- The Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., has opened its doors to teenagers this summer as part of a plan to provide safe and free activities for youth, age 18 and younger through Portland Parks and Recreation. Registration is required.

Summer Reading for Kids -- Kids of all ages can sign up at any neighborhood library of the Multnomah County Library system for a free summer reading program that entices kids to read for pleasure and maintain the skills they learned during the school year, while also encouraging lifelong library use.

Chicago Steppin' Classes -- You have seen the R. Kelly video, now it's time to learn the dance. Groovin' High Steppers offer Chicago Steppin' classes at the Rockwood Community Center and the Colwood Golf Center. All levels are welcome. No partner is needed. First two lessons are free; \$20 monthly fee includes both locations. For an event schedule, announcements and more information, visit the website groovinhighsteppers.com

Portland's Saturday Market -- Portland Saturday Market in Old Town brings some of Oregon's best handmade products, good eats and live entertainment from street musicians and other artists. Located next to the Willamette River at 2 S.W. Naito Parkway, Saturday Market is also open every Sunday through Christmas Eve.

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.

Oregon Black History -- The Black Museum of Oregon group meets every Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 420 N.E. Mason St. Call 503-284-0617.