Pacific Science Center in Seattle features "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor" exhibit

The Pacific Science Center is currently featuring "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor," an exhibit of 10 life-size statues and more than 100 original objects and artifacts from the first imperial dynasty of China, on loan from the People's Republic of China. The Pacific Science Center is presenting the exhibit in collaboration with The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Unexpectedly unearthed more than 40 years ago east of Xi'an, the terracotta army is one of the greatest archeological discoveries of our time. The army, created 2,200 years ago, consisted of 6,000 life-sized soldiers, horses, chariots, bowmen, and archers all standing guard at the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang in a 20-square-mile burial compound.

While terracotta warriors have been displayed around the world, "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor" offers a unique experience with a focus on the science and technology surrounding the burial and the artifacts. Visitors have an opportunity to see original objects while also engaging in hands-on science learning through a series of interactive and immersive experiences. Multimedia and interactive elements throughout the display complement the artifacts to tell the overarching story of how a young prince conquered all known enemies, formed the empire of China, advanced its civilization, and prepared an unrivalled burial site at just 13 years old.

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"This exhibition is one-of-a-kind because it features not only the spectacular Terracotta Warriors, but also the fascinating science and technology behind them," said Will Daugherty, president and CEO of the Pacific Science Center. "There are still so many unanswered questions about the Terracotta Warriors. Science is all about curiosity, discovery, and asking questions. This experience will ignite curiosity and fuel a passion for discovery."

"Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor" is on view through September 4 at the Pacific Science Center, located at 200 Second Avenue North in Seattle. To learn more, call (206) 443-2001 or visit <www.pacificsciencecenter.org>.

Zika resources now available for AAs & NHPIs

Mosquito season has arrived in the southern United States, which means more people are asking questions about the Zika virus. Pregnant women, or those trying to become pregnant, have concerns because of the link of the virus to birth defects, including microcephaly and congenital Zika syndrome. Parents of young children also want to know more about how to protect their children and keep them safe.

Microcephaly is a condition of a baby's head being smaller than expected when compared to babies of the same sex and age. Congenital Zika syndrome is a pattern of birth defects found among fetuses and babies infected with the Zika virus during pregnancy. Five complications of congenital Zika syndrome include severe microcephaly, decreased brain tissue with a specific pattern of brain damage, damage to the back of the eye, joints with limited range of motion (such as clubfoot), and too much muscle tone restricting body movement soon after birth.

Many Asian Americans (AA) as well as Native Hawai'ians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) are seeking information about Zika in languages they have fluency. Thanks to the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), through a grant from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), information about Zika is now available in Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, and Urdu. Members of the public and healthcare providers can click on <www.aboutzika.org> to access prevention basics, toolkits, and local resources in five Asian and Pacific Islander languages.

Community-based partner organizations are helping disseminate the guides, which are culturally and linguistically appropriate, to people in Asian Pacific Islander communities. The guides provide easy-to-understand information about who is at risk, what symptoms to look for, and how to get tested.

The materials focus on the basic information people need to know about Zika. For instance, they want to know the virus is transmitted not only through an infected mosquito bite, but also through sex.

Prevention measures are stressed, including applying mosquito repellant, wearing long sleeve shirts and pants, installing screens on all windows, tossing out stagnant water, and properly using condoms.

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"When it comes to a topic like the Zika virus, the mix of constantly evolving information and frightening statistics makes the role of community-based organizations even more critical," said Kathy Ko Chin, president and CEO of APIAHF. "This virus is a new and different public-health issue than we have ever dealt with before. Therefore, it is important to not forget the specific needs of AAs and NHPIs in public health education."

To learn more, visit <www.aboutzika.org>.

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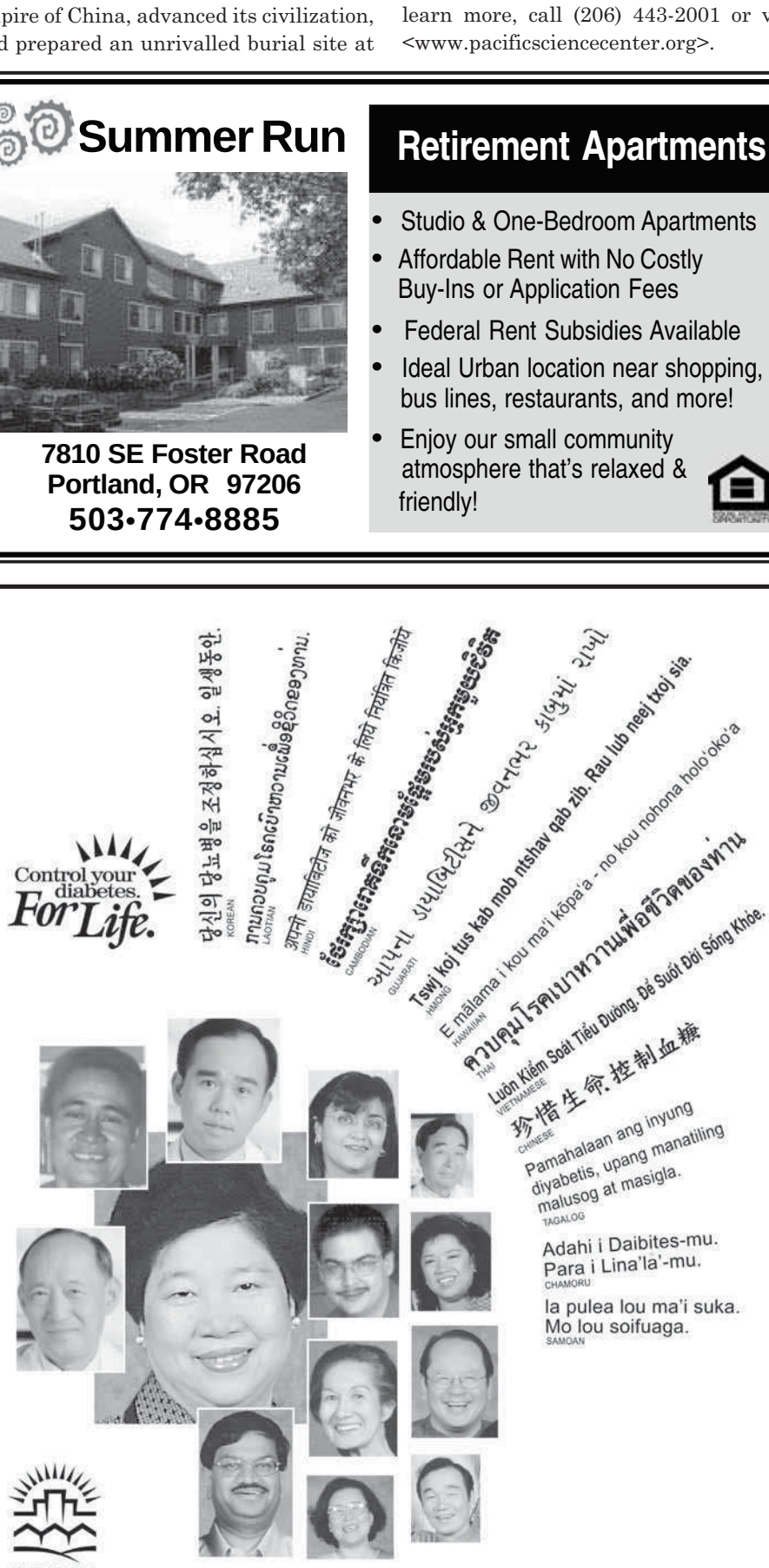

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