

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Black History Month: Literature as Liberation

Local community organizer and writer Ahjamu Umi stages a reading of his newest novel to celebrate Black History Month, on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Red & Black Café, 400 S.E. 12th Street.

Umi’s soon to be released second novel, “Beautiful Flower, Deadly Thorns,” is the story of a group of people who tire of waiting for someone else to stop a violent neo-Nazi group by deciding to go after the group themselves.

Come early as space is limited. For more information go to www.abetterworld.me

Free Flu Shot Clinic in East Portland

The flu epidemic has hit Portland and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu season has started earlier, cases are more severe than last year, and it’s spreading across the U.S. It’s not too late to get the annual flu vaccine. FamilyCare Health Plans is partnering with GetAFluShot.com to host a free flu shot clinic for adults and children ages nine years and older. Please note: children must be accompanied by an adult.

The clinic is Friday, Feb. 11, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. The Center is accessible by Tri-Met bus lines 15 and 20.

Flu shots are free to the uninsured and adults and children on the Oregon Health Plan. Those with a private insurance plan can receive a free flu shot as well; however,

they may be asked to provide insurance information.

Oregon State Birthday Party at the History Museum

Oregon turns 154 years young this Feb. 14, and the celebration of Statehood Day features a slice of Oregon’s birthday cake and free admission all day to the Oregon History Museum exhibits.

At noon, join First Lady of Oregon Cylvia Hayes as she cuts Oregon’s birthday cake, specially made and donated by one of Oregon’s favorite bakeries, Baker and Spice.

Plus, enjoy a special history lesson on the Oregon Sunstone, officially recognized as the state’s official gemstone by the 1987 Oregon State Legislature.

Also on display is All Aboard! Railroad-ing and Portland’s Black Community, an original exhibit by the Oregon Black Pioneers.

Visit www.ohs.org

The Oregon History Museum at the Oregon Historical Society is located at 1200 SW Park Avenue in downtown Portland. Museum hours on Thursday, Feb. 14 are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Urban League Legislative Day

The Urban League of Portland hosts Our Voices United Legislative Action Day, Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oregon State Capitol Building, Hearing Room 50, 900 Court St. NE, Salem.

Transportation is available (from Port-

Are We Really Post-Racism?



DeEtte Beghtol Waleed and Cecil Prescod spoke last weekend at “Bursting Our Bubbles: Are We Really Post-racism?” Sunday, Feb. 2, at Kairos United Church of Christ in Milwaukie. The keynote speaker, Prescod is director of Christian education at Ainsworth United Church of Christ and a former national and Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation board member. Prescod discussed post-traumatic slave syndrome as affecting generations of black families who have been traumatized by the lingering effects of slavery. For example, the story of York, the slave who participated in the Lewis and Clark Expedition, has largely disappeared as has much of Black history. He noted that reconciliation to combat racism is a definite possibility and noted some key actions to take toward that end.

land). For more information call Ty Schwoeffermann, Urban League of Portland, 503-280-2600, ext. 634, tyschw@ulpdx.org.

In preparation for this event, consider also attending Activist Training Session: Lifting

the Voice of African Americans at the State Capitol, Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 North Albina Avenue, Portland.

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Thursday February 7

VALENTINE’S FEST 2013. Feed Your Sweeties! A benefit for the Northeast Backpack Lunch Program: 4 – 7 p.m. at the Whole Foods Market, 3535 NE 15th. \$10 per guest, children 12 and under eat free! Join us for this tasting event. Please RSVP to erin.rosvold@wholefoods.com

Saturday February 9

IT’S TIME FOR PANCAKES! Eat a stack and you’ll feed seniors at the same time! 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$4.50 adults; \$3 kids aged 10 and under. Meals on Wheels People, Two Rivers Center at the

Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss. Proceeds help to provide hot nutritional meals to homebound seniors in North Portland.

Sunday February 10

CHINESE NEW YEAR – YEAR OF THE SNAKE FEBRUARY 10 thru FEBRUARY 24. Lan Su Chinese Garden stages a two week festival: Annual celebration for families and individuals roars with lion dancers, glows with lanterns and much more. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Admission \$9.50 general reduced rates for students and seniors & special family rates. 239 NW Everett St. Portland.

CELEBRATING AFRICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH: LITERATURE AS A TOOL FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERATION. You are invited to a very interesting and dynamic discussion about literary fiction as a tool for justice, liberation and forward human progress. This event is free and open to the public. 7 – 9 p.m. Red & Black Café, 400 SE 12th St.

FREE AT LAST? LET THE ELDERS POINT THE WAY. Delta June R. Key Center, 5940 N. Albina Ave. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Monday February 11

FREE FUN ON PORTLAND’S TRANSIT MALL. Take a break from the office over lunch hour and step

out onto the transit mall to experience a mini Bourbon Street. Cajun Food, music and Mardi Gras fun. Noon – 1 p.m. Unico Plaza SW 6th and Oak.

Tuesday February 12

CLEBRATE MARDI GRAS’SHROVE TUESDAY WITH A PANCAKE SUPPER AT ST. AIDEN’S. Music, fun and fellowship are on the agenda for the evening celebration. There is no charge for dinner, but a free-will offering and/or donation of canned goods or non-perishable food items. 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. St. Aiden’s Church, 17405 NE Glisan in Gresham.

JHS 12TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL. Join us at the North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth. The movie is Power of the Community: documentary and engage in discussion led by Charles McGee, as always our presentations are informative, family friendly and FREE. 6 p.m.

Wednesday – Saturday February 13 – 16

REVIVAL MEETING: ABIDING HABITATION OF GOD ALMIGHTY. Free & open to the public. Meetings to be held in Vancouver, at Unity Church, 705 SE Parkcrest. The meetings will be from 2 – 9 p.m. Wed, Thur, and Fri, Noon – 9 p.m. on Saturday. For more information please call 503-851-7125.