

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Let's Dance!



Tap dancer and vocalist Ted Louis Levy performs with the Oregon Symphony in a program of flamboyant dance styles from all over the world — Let's Dance! The event riffs off "Dancing with the Stars," but skips the stars and sticks with internationally-renowned dancers. Two shows are Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The program includes tango, flamenco and jitter-bug danced to the music of Leonard Bernstein, Johann Strauss, Jacques Offenbach, Georges Bizet and Camille Saint-Saëns. Levy made his Broadway debut in the smash hit *Black and Blue* and returned to Broadway as Papa Jack in Susan Stroman and Harry Connick, Jr.'s *Thou Shalt Not*. He collaborated with George C. Wolfe and Gregory Hines on the choreography of *Jelly's Last Jam*, for which he received a Tony nomination, a Drama Desk nomination and the 1993 Outer Critics Circle Award. He also assisted in the choreography of Broadway's Tony Award-winning hit *Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk*. Tickets start at \$22 and can be purchased online at any time from the orchestra's website, www.OrSymphony.org; at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office, 923 SW Washington St., in downtown Portland; by phone at 503-228-1353 or 800-228-7343; and at the concert hall box office starting two hours before the performance.

worldwide struggle for justice and liberation. Finally, the book travels a unique path of having the character victims of white supremacist attacks decide to organize and wage an unrelenting battle against the racists.

A book release party is Friday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the newly opened Columbia International Cup Coffee Shop and Cafe at 9022 N. Newman Ave in Portland. The party will feature music, food, and drink. All are welcome and admission is free of charge.

The *Courage Equation* is published through the New York based Raider International Publishing House. It is Umi's second literary fiction work, following as a sequel the 2010 released "Find the Flower that Blossoms." Find out more about his work at www.abetterworld.me.

Local Grassroots Organization Offers Free Health

Mayor Shane Bemis Proclaims Feb. 25 'Jerome Kersey Day'

Mayor Shane T. Bemis today honored the memory of legendary Trail Blazers small forward Jerome Kersey by proclaiming Feb. 25 "Jerome Kersey Day" in Gresham and encouraged all Gresham residents to find an appropriate way to honor the hustle artist's memory.

Mourning Kersey's passing last week, and recognizing his deep roots in Gresham, Bemis asked his social media followers for ideas on how the City could best honor Kersey's memory. The leading idea was to proclaim a day of observance on the 25th, to coincide with Kersey's former jersey number.

"I always admired Kersey's strong contribution to my favorite Blazers squad of all time. He was a fixture in the Gresham community, and it seems like nearly everybody here has a story to tell about Jerome's magnetism and kind-

ness," Bemis said.

After getting the idea from a fan's sign during the Trail Blazers game on Sunday, Bemis further encouraged the Trail Blazers organization to rename the Hustle Board inside the arena the "Jerome Kersey Hustle Board" to recognize the enduring legacy of Kersey's grit, determination and unrivaled work ethic.

Ahjamu Umi Book Reading

Local activist/organizer/author Ahjamu Umi has released the 500 page literary fiction book entitled *The Courage Equation*. The book has a social justice focus on highlighting and uplifting the role of women in fighting against racist and sexist attacks as well as other forms of oppression, like rape culture.

There is also a strong emphasis on daily life in Africa, and a strong presence of women and men from Africa in the

Screening

On Saturday, Feb. 28, Fresh Start Restorative Health Services and the Linfield Good Samaritan School of Nursing, holds a free public health screening.

Participants can get their blood glucose tested (requires a 3 hour fast), blood pressure, height, weight and even body mass index checked. Fresh start will provide free healthy snacks for attendees and even a free door prize.

The event runs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver, Portland. Fresh Start encourages attendees to bring their children, who can participate in Kids Club, a program that educates children on the benefits of healthy eating and exercise. Kids ages 7 to 13 are welcome.

For more information, call Robin at 503-890-5393 or visit: www.freshstarhealth.org

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Wednesday – Saturday February 25 – 28

BUFFALO SOLDIERS EXHIBIT. Come and learn about the Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Vancouver. This event will feature a self-guided tour through an exhibit at the Red Cross Building. Red Cross Exhibit is open Wednesday thru Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Public lecture Saturday 6:30 p.m. Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes St. Vancouver.

Saturday February 28

LUCINDA TATE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE. The public is welcome to attend Lucinda Tate's memorial service. Let's keep Lucinda's memory alive through your activism. 2 p.m. St. Andrews Catholic Church, 806 NE Alberta St.

AFRICAN MARIMBA CONCERT. Put on your dancing shoes and come hear six Marimba bands play high energy music from Zimbabwe and South Africa. Free – Noon – 3:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Portland Foursquare Church, 2830 NE Flanders St.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE FREE IN IT TOGETHER COMMUNITY SUMMIT. Discover, connect, share, invent and grow your community. Ambridge Center, 1333 MLK, JR. Blvd. Register today by calling 503-823-3093 or go to: www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/inittogether2015

Tuesday March 3

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM DURING SHOWING OF CLASSIC SILENT MOVIE, THE GENERAL. The movie will be

accompanied by a newly written soundtrack for the film. Free and open to the public. Buckley Center Auditorium, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

Wednesday March 4

NIGHT OF THE STORIES: STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON MINISTRY. Students will share their experiences with hands-on ministry in Portland. You'll learn more about the organizations and how students are changing and being changed by the city we call home. 7 p.m. Schlatter Chapel at Warner Pacific College, 2219 SE 68th Ave.

Friday March 6

OMLETE BREAKFAST AT THE SQUARE. Developed to help the Oregon Food Bank raise awareness for the one in five Oregonians who struggle with hunger. 6 a.m. – Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Saturday March 7

ANNUAL OWL FEST. Hosted by Oregon State Parks. Enjoy activities for the entire family including owl journaling, owl crafts, owl pellet dissection and much more. Parking is limited Free for the entire family. No registration required. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tryon Creek State Natural Area, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.