

Events & Announcements

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Jazz Walk

Lady A was one of 20 musicians who performed at right different venues during the third Annual Jackson Street Jazz Walk April 2. Jackson Street was once the mecca of Jazz music in Seattle.

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Thomas Silva, regional director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, in signing the agreement for an effort that will provide clear, accurate, and easy-to-access outreach to employers, employees, and other stakeholders, share resources, and enhance enforcement by conducting joint investigations and sharing information consistent with applicable law.

Background: The Wage and Hour Division is working with the IRS and 27 other states to combat employee misclassification and to ensure that workers get the wages, benefits, and protections to which they are entitled. Labeling employees as something they are not, such as independent contractors, can deny them of basic rights such as minimum wage, overtime, and a host of other benefits. Misclassification also generates substantial losses to the federal government and state governments in the form of lower tax revenues, as well as to state unemployment insurance and workers' compensation funds.

More information on misclassification is available at <http://www.dol.gov/misclassification/>.

Seattle News Briefs**Mayor Murray signs Executive Order Banning Official City Travel to State of Mississippi**

Tuesday Mayor Ed Murray signed an Executive Order banning official City of Seattle travel by employees to Mississippi in response to that state's passage of a bill to revoke protections for LGBTQ people.

The new Mississippi law allows employers to fire a person because of sexual orientation, allows businesses and organizations to refuse to serve LGBTQ people, and other discriminatory practices.

Mayor Murray has said he will continue to ban non-essential official travel by City employees to any state that passes laws to eliminate civil rights protections for the LGBTQ community. On March 28, Mayor Murray signed an Executive Order banning official City travel to North Carolina.

Department of Financial Institutions Promotes Financial Education for All Residents

The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) is pleased to be one of the many partners celebrating April 2016 as Financial Capability Month in our state. Understanding the importance of financial education, Washington Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed April as Financial Capability Month.

This month presents opportunities for partners like DFI, the JumpStart Washington Coalition and the Financial Education Public-Private Partnership (FEPPP) to collectively highlight and support the work being done in our state to increase and improve financial education - and urge that more be done to improve the financial capability of all Washington residents.

With organizations regularly assessing our nation's financial literacy, results continue to illustrate the need for personal finance education both in and outside of the home:

WalletHub's recently released information on "2016's Most & Least Financially Literate States" puts Washington 34th in the nation for overall ranking, with a "Wallet Literacy" rank of 15, "Planning & Daily Habits" at 23, and "Knowledge & Education" at 41. <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-and-least-financially-literate-states/3337/> (Details at <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-and-least-financially-literate-states/3337/#methodology>)

Results from the Financial Industry Regulator Authority (FINRA) Foundation's 2012 State-by-State Financial Capability Survey reveal that:

- Only 39% of Washington residents surveyed reported spending less than their income.
- Sadly, 25% reported having unpaid medical bills.
- More than half (54%) do not have rainy-day savings to cover three months of unanticipated financial emergencies..

[FINRA Investor Education Foundation, <http://www.usfinancialcapability.org/results.php?region=WA>]

Kicking off Financial Capability month, teachers and community leaders began participating in the JumpStart Washington Coalition's Reading Days. Reading Days brings community leaders into elementary schools to read "Lily Learns About Wants and Needs" by Lisa Bullard and talk about the importance of making wise money decisions. Early participants include:

- April 1: Bothell Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr is reading at Woodmoor Elementary School to Cally Ingram's fifth grade class.
- April 12: Spokane City Council President Ben Stuckart is reading at Roosevelt Elementary School to La-Tonya Simmons' and Justine Hudson's first grade classes.
- April 13: Redmond Mayor John Marchione is reading at Redmond Elementary School to Mrs. Huseman's, Ms. Kubat's, and Ms. Findley's fourth grade classes.
- April 14: Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent is reading at West Hills STEM Academy to Mary Anne Craig and Rachel Chamberlain's third grade class.

DFI's Financial Education Clearinghouse www.dfi.wa.gov/financial-education provides access to resources - from budgeting and saving, credit and debt,

Community Calendar 2016**Seattle Metro****FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

WORLD DANCE PARTY: Come join us for our World Dance Party! Meet new people, share food and learn a variety of dances. Dances will be in 15-minute sessions. All ages welcome. Admission is one pot luck dish to share. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Northshore Senior Center, 10201 E. Riverside Dr., Bothell.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - 10

23RD ANNUAL SEATTLE WORLD RHYTHM FESTIVAL: Enjoy over 80 drum and dance workshop & performances featuring cultural traditions of Africa, Asia, Caribbean and many more. Friday is Family Day from noon - 5 p.m. All events are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday hours 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

83RD ANNUAL DAFFODIL FESTIVAL PARADE: 83rd Edition of Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade featuring 150 participants which include floats, bands, mounted units and more. Starting at Pacific Ave. & S. 11th, ends at S. 24th St., Tacoma. 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

DRAGON BOATING: The Seattle Flying Dragon Boat Club practices on South Lake Union. You can come watch them practice and maybe get a chance to get in a dragon boat. It is all free to come and check out! South Lake Union, Kenmore Air Parking Lot, 860 Terry Ave. N. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Open to anyone caring for an older adult or an adult with disabilities. Talk with other caregivers, discuss challenges, frustrations and more. 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Southeast Senior Center, 4655 S. Holly St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

FRANCHESKA BERRY: Seattle-based Berry blends elements of West African, Brazilian, Caribbean and Cuban dance in her experience-based teaching sessions. She's bringing her skills to Town Hall for an educational morning of movement. Your little ones will get some stretching in! Admission for adults is \$5, children are free. Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Ave. All day event.

JUNIOR DAFFODIL PARADE! Largest children's parade in the State celebrating our youth! Proctor Business District, 26th and Proctor, Tacoma. 10 a.m. - noon.

to health care and mortgages, and has a special section on avoiding scams - into a single site.

For more information about DFI outreach, workshops, partners, programs and information, visit www.dfi.wa.gov/financial-education/ and follow us on Twitter @DFIConsumers and @FinEd4All, our financial education blog www.finlit.blogspot.com and Facebook www.facebook.com/wadfi.

16-Day Seattle International Dance Festival Expands Beyond South Lake Union to Capitol Hill June 10-25

June bursts with contemporary dance as the Seattle International Dance Festival (SIDF) brings its bold mix of global and local artists to the South Lake Union neighborhood for a 16-day dance profusion. For this eleventh anniversary year, the festival expands its footprint by adding Capitol Hill's Broadway Performance Hall as the venue for some of the Inter|National and Spotlight Series programs. The popular, and free, Art on the Fly moves to May 21 to sync with the SLU Market. This coordinated effort between SIDF, Amazon.com and the SLU Chamber is expected to enliven the evolving, vibrant neighborhood all day long. As in previous years, evening indoor festival performances kickoff at SLU's Raisbeck Hall; third week evening performances are inside Capitol Hill's larger Broadway Performance Hall.

Tickets to paid performances are \$22 in advance, \$27 at the door (Students are \$18 in advance, \$22 at the door). A 2-Show pass is \$38, the All Festival Pass (9 shows) is \$64 and the Premium Pass (\$85, includes entrance to the closing night VIP party.) All details, including performance times, locations and ticketing information are available at www.Seattleidf.org.