

# Postal, veterans rally Nov. 12 in Portland

A rally and march to save America's postal service and to honor war veterans will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 12, at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. Because it falls on a Sunday, the following Mon-

day is the designated holiday. There is no mail delivery on Nov. 12.

Organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82, the gathering will include a sidewalk march to the offices of U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley at 121 SW Salmon. "Sen. Merkley is a strong supporter of saving America's postal service and veterans," said Jim Cook, president of Branch 82.

The union is proposing that USPS hire more veterans for postal vacancies and that it promote veterans currently working temporary assignments at the Postal Service into full-time positions.

Cook said currently there are 109 letter carrier vacancies in Portland.

The rally also is a reminder to politi-

cians and the public that postal unions oppose a bill in Congress that calls for the elimination of Saturday mail delivery and the closure of thousands of post offices and mail processing facilities nationwide. If passed, HR 2309 would eliminate more than 280,000 jobs.

"The Postal Service offers veterans preference for employment, so this cut would contribute to the already high rate of unemployment for America's men and women returning from military service," Cook said.

Twenty-five percent of letter carriers are military veterans.

For more information about the rally, call NALC Branch 82 at 503-493-5903.

## One-man play starring Ian Ruskin will show at University of Oregon Nov. 8

EUGENE — "To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine," a one-man play starring Ian Ruskin, will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, at the University of Oregon's Knight Law Center. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Ruskin, founder of the Harry Bridges Institute, is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. He has worked extensively in theater, television and film, including guest appearances on Murder She

Wrote and MacGuyver.

To Begin the World Over Again brings humanity to the famous revolutionary and focuses on Paine's highs and lows.

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