

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Vancouver Kids Free Dental Clinic

Clark County Children's Dental Health Day is Saturday, Feb. 4. The clinic runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps.

Children ages 2 to 19 in Clark and Skamania counties who have no dental insurance are eligible for X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment, fillings and extractions. Cleanings are not provided. Children will be seen by appointment only. For an appointment, call (360) 397-8000 ext. 7371 or (360) 397-8020.

Volunteers will provide parents with oral health information, including answers to questions such as: When should you start brushing? What kind of toothpaste is best? They also will offer assistance with other children's health programs.

The annual event is in its sixth year and typically serves about 300 children. Last year, volunteer, dentists, hygienists, and other oral health professionals provided dental services valued at more than \$100,000.

Services are donated by Clark College, Clark County Dental Society, Clark County Public Health, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, and Greater Southwest Washington Dental Hygiene Association. Funding is provided by Ronald McDonald House Charities and Washington Oral Health Foundation.

Zumba Benefit for Jefferson Dancers

On Sunday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m., PulsePDX is taking its nightclub-style Zumba Fitness class to the Wonder Ballroom for a Zumbathon to benefit the nationally recognized Jefferson Dancers. Come dance away

those winter doldrums at the second annual Zumbathon Explosion!

Hosted by PulsePDX, this exciting event will be led by some of Portland's most dynamic Zumba instructors who will guide attendees of all skill levels through dance-inspired fitness routines blending the hottest Latin and international music with exhilarating dance moves.

The Jefferson Dancers is the elite dance company of the nationally known dance department at Portland, Oregon's Jefferson High School. The program is dedicated to educating and preparing high school students for the professional dance world. It focuses on the depth of commitment it takes to physically and mentally prepare for a career in the performing arts.

The \$12 admission and all additional donations will support the program and make it possible to bring in guest choreographers to set new works for the company. Funds raised will also help the dancers travel in the spring for the 22nd National High School Dance Festival in Philadelphia, PA.

The Jefferson Dancers are also raising funds for the 2011-2012 school year by offering to book events with their talented performances. Whether it's a cultural arts assembly, Black History Month, dance class workshop, or a 45-minute show for a student body and staff, the Jefferson Dancers are happy to perform. In addition, they are available to organize their performances with other local leadership or Run for the Arts committees. All the dancers attend area high schools and would be honored to have the opportunity to perform for their peers and school communities.

Tickets are \$12 each online at <http://jdzumbathon.eventbrite.com> or \$15 at the door.

Youth Film Premiere

Monday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m., at the Gerding Theatre at the Armory.

For the second year in a row Outside In's

Postal



PHOTO BY JERRY ATKINS

Workers and supporters of the U.S. Postal service rallied Jan. 7 in downtown Portland to protest proposed government cuts in mail services and shut-downs in offices around the country. Union organizer Jamie Partridge, left, urges listeners to make their voices heard.

Guerilla Theatre youth have created films about issues that are important to them. Young filmmakers, who have experienced homelessness, participated in an intensive film internship in an effort to inspire and educate their peers and the community.

Portland Community Media has partnered with Outside In for the past two years providing training and access to equipment The Guerilla Theatre project. Be the first to see this year's films at a free premiere screening hosted by film director Todd Haynes at the Gerding Theatre at the Armory on Monday, January 30th. A reception, catered by Voodoo donuts, begins at 6:30 and the screening starts at 7pm. This year's films boldly deal with domestic abuse, mental health, stigma and more in genres ranging

from documentary to music video. A documentary about the filmmakers process and experiences will also be screened.

Outside In helps homeless youth and other marginalized people move towards improved health and self-sufficiency. Guerilla Theatre is a creative peer education program that facilitates internship opportunities in the arts and is part of CHAT pdx, a coalition dedicated to curbing HIV/AIDS transmission among high-risk minority youth in partnership with the Cascade Aids Project. Guerilla Theatre is also supported by the Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, through funds provided by Comcast Corporation. The screening is supported by Portland Center Stage's Education and Community Programs.

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Friday January 20

FAMILY STORY NIGHT WITH THE BELLINGHAM STORYTELLER'S GUILD: Enjoy listening to professional storyteller's weave their tales, ages 6 to adult. Free 7 - 8 p.m. Clark College - Fireplace Room, Vancouver, WA For more info call 360-778-7188

Saturday January 21

FIX - IT FAIR! Healthy families, healthy homes. Fix-It Fair is a free event where you can learn simple and affordable ways to save money and be healthy at home this winter. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rosa Parks Elementary school, 8960 N. Woolsey Ave.

ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POWWOW! Portland Community College's Annual Traditional Winter Powwow is one of Portland's largest celebrations of Native American Culture and Tradition. 9 a.m. to noon in the Health and Technology Building Gymnasium, Sylvania Campus. First grand entry is at 1 p.m. And more events throughout the day! Free parking and free admission.

Sunday January 22

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY! College Goal Sunday is a Washington State event that provides students

and families with free help completing the FAFSA. 1 p.m. WSU - Vancouver 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave.

Saturday & Sunday January 28 & 29

INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW: See the kitties, feed the people. Over 250 cats. The International Cat Show and canned food drive for the Oregon Food Bank invites you to appreciate the variety, beauty, and coolness of cats. Admission \$4 + 2 cans of food. Regular admission is \$6 children under 12 free. Holiday Inn, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd.

Sunday January 29

THE 16TH ANNUAL MOCHITSUKI JAPANESE NEW YEWELEBRATION: Come to the Scottish Rite Center between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. to ring in the year of the Dragon. 1512 SW Morrison.