

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

It Can Pay For Students To Attend PCC's Financial Aid Day

College students in the Portland metro area can get free help submitting their federal financial aid (FAFSA) form for 2013.

Portland Community College's Financial Aid Day, which is presented in partnership with College Goal Oregon, is from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 5 at all major campuses. The day is perfect for students looking for money to go to college, needing help filling out the FAFSA form, or wanting to explore other resources to pay for college.

Federal grants (free money), work-study and loans are the types of financial aid students may be eligible to receive. In addition, the state of Oregon and PCC have financial aid available. The only way to find out what a student qualifies for is by submitting the FAFSA form. There will be plenty of help on hand at each PCC location to assist in filling out and submitting the application. Students do not have to be enrolled at PCC to take part in Financial Aid Day. Spanish language advisers will be available at all locations.

Both students and parents should attend if possible. Students and parents should bring Social Security numbers, birth dates, Federal Student Aid PINs, proof of income for 2012 including the 2012 W-2s, and last pay stub from 2011, or a copy of 2011 tax returns. Plus, students and parents will need to disclose current value of assets, including cash, checking, savings, investments and value of any businesses or farms.

For more information, go to www.pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college.

Red Cross Youth Classes Prepare Kids to Be Home Alone

Be Home Alone

Trusting youth to be home alone can be hard, but offering them the tools to take responsibility for themselves goes a long way. Geared to 8-to-11 year olds, the Red Cross When I'm in Charge class prepares children to respond safely to a variety of home-alone situations.

Red Cross Babysitter Training provides youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. In addition, the training helps participants to build leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business; keep themselves and others safe; help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. Participants must be at least 11 years old.

Upcoming classes are scheduled in the Portland metro area. Sign up at www.redcross.org/takeaclass.

Open Circles Premieres at the PLACE Black Gallery

A reception for Open Circles, a collaborative, community art project, is Dec. 15, 5 – 9 p.m. at the PLACE Black Gallery, 700 SW 5th Ave and Taylor, 3rd Floor, Pioneer Place Mall.

As part of the exhibit, a Pocket Dictionary of New Urban (Hobo) Signs will be available for patrons. The Dictionary features the 60 new urban symbols created by the Sisters of the Road houseless community, with their definitions. Based on the hobo signs from the Depression Era, New Urban (Hobo) Signs reflect the experiences of people who are homeless in our city today.

Created and coordinated by artist Horatio Hung-Yan Law, in collaboration with artist Sandy Sampson, the Open Circles project began in early September. Over the follow-

The PCC Groundbreakers



A groundbreaking ceremony for PCC Cascade's new three-story classroom building as well as a student center this week brought together Cascade Campus President Dr. Algie Gatewood; ASPCC Cascade President Esther Forbyn; PCC Board member Kali Thorne Ladd; and PCC President Preston Pulliams. Construction is set to begin in early 2013.

ing month, community members at Sisters of the Road painted 60 plates with unique new urban hobo sign decals.

Horatio Hung-Yan Law is a Portland based artist who works in Installation and public art. He is a faculty member of the Pacific Northwest College of Art. Artist Sandy Sampson is a collaborator with the Open Circles project. Open Circles is fund-

ed by an Artist Project Grant from the Regional Art & Culture Council, with additional support from the Celebration Foundation.

Gallery Hours are Thursday - Sunday, noon - 6pm, for more information go to www.placepdx.com or www.placepdx.tumblr.com.

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Friday – Saturday Dec. 14 – 15

PO'SHINES WILL HOST A FISH FRY WEEKEND WITH SPADES AND BIZ WHIZ COMPETITIONS FROM NOON – 10 P.M. BOTH DAYS. A good old fashion holiday fish fry with good people, good food and prizes. Po'Shines. 8139 N. Denver For more information call 503-973-9000. Space is limited call early.

Saturday December 15

THE WORLD OF KING HEDLEY II: A FREE PANEL DISCUSSION AT PORTLAND PLAYHOUSE. Join area scholars from multiple disciplines to reflect on the complexities of this period, ask what the play says to us today, and discuss the literary force of this modern tragedy. Join us for this free event. 11 a.m. Portland Playhouse, 602 NE Prescott St.

WINTER CHEER CONCERT: OREGON PRO ARTE YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Program, Mozart Symphony No. 38, Von Suppe, Poet and Peasant Overture and much more. Tickets at the door are \$10 adults, \$5 students, 4 and under free. 7 p.m. Parkrose High School, 12003 NE Shaver St.

FREE BRATWURST BBQ AND PLANT GIVE AWAY. Bring your shovels to the Portland Community College Campus at 705 N. Killingsworth. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more info call 971-722-8423.

Monday December 17

FREE HAIRCUTS FOR KIDS. 0 – 16. Free haircuts for

children 0 to 16 years old. Get their hair cut before the holidays. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Salvation Army Moore Street location, 5325 N. Williams Ave.

Friday December 21

FESTIVAL BRASS. This seven piece brass ensemble plays your favorite holiday music. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square. Downtown Portland.

Sunday December 23

JAM NIGHT. Jam Night is a friends and family night. Setup as an SNL show gone clean, featuring local recording artists, celebration's sketch improve comedy, troupe Jam Night and free snacks. 7 p.m. Free event for the whole family. New Columbia Community center, 4625 N. Trenton.