

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FamilyCare Health Plans Offers Free Flu Shot Clinic Saturday

FamilyCare Health Plans is hosting a free flu shot clinic for children and adults at the Lloyd Center Mall on Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., on the lower-level near Sears. No appointments are necessary. The minimum age is four-years-old and children must be accompanied by an adult. Lloyd Center, located at 2201 Lloyd Center, Portland, Ore., 97232, is accessible by several Tri-Met bus lines and the blue, green, and red MAX lines.

Achievement Gap Documentary Hosted by Open Meadow

Join Open Meadow for the Portland premiere of the award-winning documentary, American Promise, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at the Hollywood Theatre. Watch this Sundance Award winning-film, then hear perspectives shared by local families as they navigate diversity and inclusion in Portland’s education system; learn about the encouraging results of initiatives on the ground ; and share your ideas on how families, schools, and community can work together in closing the black male achievement gap. The dialogue is moderated by Hanif Fazal, associate director at Open Meadow Alternative Schools and a member of Portland Public School’s District Equity Team. For more information go to www.open-meadow.org.

The Portland Youth Philharmonic’s Concert-At-Christmas Dec. 26

Instead of reaching for more cookies, Musical Director David Hattner invites you to satisfy your holiday sweet tooth with the Portland Youth Philharmonic’s annual, festive and family-friendly Concert-at-Christmas on Dec. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Guest Conductor Huw Edwards, former PYP Music Director (1995-2002) and Portland Columbia Symphony Orchestra Conductor Emeritus & Principal Guest Conductor, will open the concert by leading the PYP Alumni Orchestra in Verdi’s “Nabucco.” The evening will then continue with dynamic performances by all four of PYP’s ensembles. For more information go to www.portlandyouthphil.org.

PCC Sets Day to Help Students Find Financial Aid

College students in the Portland metro area and Washington County can get free help submitting their federal financial aid (FAFSA) form for 2014. 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. 11 at all major campuses. The day is perfect for students looking for money to go to college, needing help filling out the FAFSA form, wanting to explore other resources to pay for college, or would like to attend workshops on financial aid and scholarship resources. 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 to submit the FAFSA form. There will be plenty of volunteers on hand at each PCC location to assist in filling out and submitting the application.

World Cup Soccer



Portland Parks and Recreation’s World Cup of Soccer wrapped up last month with a City Council presentation on how the sports program – rolled into a youth outreach project introducing young people to city programs and possible future employment – has touched a growing number of new Portlanders. Project manager Som Subedi spoke of the significance of the sport and the importance of bringing more young people into the heart of Portland.

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 2013 including the 2013 W-2s, and last pay stub from 2012, or a copy of 2012 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. Locations include:

- * Cascade Campus (705 N. Killingsworth St.) - First Floor, Technology Education Building. Phone: (971) 722-5291.
 - * Rock Creek Campus (17705 N.W. Springville Road) - First Floor Lobby, Building 2. Phone: (971) 722-7225.
 - * Sylvania Campus (12000 S.W. 49th Ave.) - First Floor, Library. Phone: (971) 722-8521.
 - * Southeast Center (2305 S.E. 82nd Ave.) - Great Hall, Mt. Tabor Hall. Phone: (971) 722-6348.
- For more information, visit www.pcc.edu/finaidday.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday December 12

KEATON OTIS VIGIL. Monthly vigil to demand justice for unarmed black man killed by Portland Police. NE Halsey at NE 6th. Portland, OR 6 – 7 p.m.

Saturday December 14

GNOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS – event runs until the 22nd OF DECEMBER. Participants will seek gnomes hidden within window displays of participating businesses and get a stamp from the business for each gnome spotted. Completed cards will be entered in for a raffle. Alberta Business District, 1722 NE Alberta St. Portland, OR

SANTA’S SAFETY SATURDAY AT HISTORIC BELMONT FIREHOUSE. Bring the family to have photos taken with Santa and learn how to avoid fire hazards through multiple fire safety displays. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Belmont Firehouse, 900 SE 35th at Belmont. Portland.

23RD ANNUAL TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass led by Chuck Bolton as over 225 tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

PORTLAND’S ANNUAL LADIE’S DAY OUT! HOLIDAY

EDITION. Enjoy live music, local music while you browse for holiday necessities. There is a little something for everyone at this holiday party. Tickets are \$5. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Double Tree Lloyd Center.

Wednesday December 18

YOUTH WRESTLING. Entry is 2 cans of canned food to be given to the Sunshine Division: Come and support a community wrestling event where you will witness current and future National and State champions from ages 5 to 18 years old all wrestling in the same event. 5:30 p.m. Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Ave. Portland, OR 97217

Sunday December 22

FAMILY CHRISTMAS WORSHIP. Dynamic Worship! Inspirational Singing! Powerful Preaching! Fellowship! Free gift bags. 11 a.m. Bethel AME Church, 5828 NE 8th Ave. Portland, OR 97211