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Explore the impact of mass media in Crash Course in Media Literacy class on Apr 24

A class entitled Crash Course in Media Literacy will be offered on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Tuality Health Education Center, 334 SE 8th Ave., Hillsboro.

This "crash course" is a fun,

lively hands-on, interactive experience in media literacy. In an informal, small-group environment, you have the opportunity to examine your own relationship with media, to share what effect it has on your life, and to gain critical-thinking "tools" that may challenge your existing perceptions of media. standing of the role of story in defining cultural values, norms,

Explore the impact of mass media on brain development, physical health and behavior, violence, substance abuse, body image, consumerism, and eating. Gain a better understanding of the role of story in defining cultural values, norms, and behaviors. Learn appropriate responses to living in a hyper media-saturated world, on a personal, community, and national level.

Presented by Anna Heinrich

of Northwest Media Literacy Center, the cost is \$30 and registration is required. Call 503-681-1700 to register.

Photography contest entries accepted now

Cash prizes totaling \$60,000 will be awarded in this year's International Open Amateur Photography Contest, according to the International Library of Photography. All photographers are invited to try to enter the contest. There is no entry fee.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo.

Sent entries to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2619, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by July 31, 2004. Photos may also be submitted online at <www. picture.com>.



Hamel, Herinckx plan to marry

Christina Catherina Herinckx of Buxton and John David Hamel of McMinnville have announced their engagement. Their wedding is set for May 15.

The bride-to-be is the



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daughter of Bob and Donna Herinckx of Banks. She graduated from Portland Community College in 1999 and is currently employed at Providence Health System in Portland.

The groom-elect is the son of Bob and Bev Hamel of Mc-Minnville. He graduated from Blue Mountain Community College in 2000 and is employed at Bailey Nurseries in Yamhill.