



State Sen. Margaret Carter and college executive dean Mildred Ollee (right), talk with members of the local press before the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Portland Community College expansion on North Killingsworth Avenue.

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PCC Cascade Celebrates

Groundbreaking kicks-off construction for expansion of students services

PCC marked the start of construction of the Cascade campus expansion Thursday with a groundbreaking ceremony and speeches by state Sen. Margaret Carter, college officials and former students.

The plan directs expansion to the south and west toward the new Interstate Avenue light rail station and Interstate-5. The new campus will expand student services and increase access to adult learning programs and workforce development skills.

"We had hoped for a comprehensive community college," Carter said. "This will bring much needed educational access to the people of Portland in this part of town."

The voter-approved PCC bond program will provide \$57 million for the Cascade campus projects that will include 120,000 square feet of additional buildings and 3.57 acres of land expansion. The expansion is the result of burgeoning enrollment at the campus. In the past five years PCC Cascade campus enrollment has increased by 55 percent. The campus will eventually cover 13.32 acres and peak at 330,000 square feet of building space.

At the initial phase of con-



City and School officials break ground with golden shovels at the site of a new campus extension that will expand student services and increase access to adult learning programs and workforce development skills. Preexisting buildings at PCC's Cascade campus will also be updated and expanded.

struction, Cascade will add 25,000 square feet to the two story Jackson Hall Science Building as well as six new science labs. A two-story physical education complex will be built at North Killingsworth and Kerby, and Student Service and

Student Center buildings will be renovated.

The second phase of construction, scheduled for late summer 2003, includes construction of an Arts and Humanities building and a Technology Education building.

Food-Stamp Recipients Will Receive Increase

Oregon's more than 180,000 food-stamp households will receive small increases this month in the amount of benefits they will receive and in how much they can earn to qualify. The changes, which will affect about 364,000 low-income, elderly and disabled people, were effective Tuesday.

Households with incomes below 185 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$2,790 a month for a family of four. For a family of four, the monthly food stamp benefits will increase by \$13, from

\$452 to \$465. An individual may qualify for benefits and receive an increase of \$4, from \$135 to \$139. An individual can make up to \$960 a month in gross income, compared with the \$931 earned to qualify before Oct. 1.

The federal government revises food-stamp payments annually to reflect changes in food, housing and other costs. The average amount of food stamps received by an Oregon household is about \$150.

Halloween Safety

Little ghosts and goblins can stay safe this Halloween thanks to free reflective treat bags distributed by Providence Health System hospitals around the Portland Metro area. Inside the bags parents will find tips to keep kids safe, such as staying in large groups at all times, remaining in well lit areas and checking treats before consumption.

Starting Monday, Oct. 21, families can pick up one bag per child, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Health Resource Centers and Emergency Departments at Providence Portland Medical Center, 4805 NE Glisan St., or Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, 9205 SW Barnes Rd.



The African American Health Coalition presents the 7th Annual African American Wellness Village October 19, 2002

Theme: "A Healthy Community Starts With You: Lowering Your Risk for Cardiovascular Disease"

- *Fun
- *Exhibits
- *Health Screenings
- *Salsa Dancing
- *Wellness Walk
- *Workshops
- *Children's Hut
- *Door Prizes

Saturday, October 19th 2002 from 9am to 4pm
at The Blazers Boys & Girls Club
5250 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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| 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Physician Assistant Education Program |
| 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Breast Health Seminar |
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Nutrition and Obesity |
| 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Stroke Survival Kit -
Tools to Save Your Life |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | C.L.E.A.R. the Air
(An Anti-Tobacco Workshop) |

ALL DAY HEALTH SCREENINGS

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| Posture Screening | Foot Care & Foot Massage |
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