

Concordia Mural Honors Community

With opening of bookstore on Ainsworth

Concordia University has unveiled a community mural on the side of a retail building at Northeast Ainsworth Street and 30th Avenue to mark the grand opening of the new location of the university's bookstore, "The Bookmark" at that same location.

The Bookmark is operated by Sodexo and features coffee from Sisters Coffee Company.

The mural was created by Concordia University students under the direction of Larry Gross, chair of the art department and Greg Lewis, of Greg Lewis Studios and current adjunct faculty member in the art department.

The students were supported in their work by community leaders Ken and Marta Thrasher, who donated the necessary funds to



A mural honors the ties between Concordia University and its neighborhood on the side of a retail building that now houses the Concordia University Bookstore at the intersection of Ainsworth Street and Northeast 30th Avenue.

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make the mural a reality, and the Regional Arts & Culture Council, which was involved through their public art group.

The mural, which took 18 months from conception to finality, was painted by six Concordia University students over 5 weeks. The mural was intended to communicate integrity and community and to accentuate Concordia University's expanding outreach into the north and northeast neighborhoods.

Concordia Executive Vice President Gary Withers said the location of the mural, where the campus meets the community, was a perfect fit.

"The mural is symbolic of Concordia University's relationship with the community and how powerful that relationship can be when the campus and the community come together to embrace their respective cultures and values," Withers said

Dear Deanna!

A good friend and I became lovers and our friendship was ruined in the process. I had high hopes that our friendship was strong enough to bear any storm. Before we started dating I was with someone else sexually. I became pregnant and thought I was certain who the father was. We were all shocked when the paternity test indicated a third man in my life. I am torn inside, have lost my best friend and become a single parent. How can I at least get my friendship back? --Tammie; Richmond, Va.

Dear Tammie:

You have made a mess of your life and blazed a trail of destruction. You should be embarrassed and ashamed of yourself with your recreational sex and loose morals. Your friendship was lost the moment you became intimate and completely killed with your pregnancy. Right now your focus is required to raise your child and get yourself together. If your friendship is meant to be then your pal will return. If not, learn from your silly mistakes, grow up and keep it moving.



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Dear Deanna!

My mother and I argue because she tries to tell me how to raise my kids. I'm not strict but I discipline when necessary by spanking or putting my kids on punishment. I was raised with church being crammed down my throat, curfews all over the place and rules on top of rules. My children are teens and I don't mind if they drink, they've been taught about safe sex and they know the basic rules of life. Is it wrong to tell my mom to mind her

business? --Mom with a Problem; On-line reader

Dear Mom:

You're stuck on stupid and need your head flushed out with a water hose. You're building a road map for your children leading to jail, unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Your parenting skills aren't cute and you should be glad to have a mother interested in helping you have good responsible children. It's to your advantage to wise up, listen to your mom and perhaps take a few suggestions here and there. Love your kids enough to lay down your guard, invite your mother in and build a better bridge so your children will stay on the right track of life.

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Volunteer Experience begins promptly at 8am on Saturday.

RECOGNIZE N&NE HEROES

Nike is awarding a total of \$100,000 to twenty local non-profit organizations who have inspired our youth through work, play, and educational programs. Plus, Portland eats, local neighborhood photo exhibit, entertainment, and a few surprises.

Limited Edition Portland t-shirts and bags available this day only! Sign up today to reserve your spot!

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Health Coverage for Kids Offered

Clark County families are urged to enroll children in free or low-cost health care coverage thanks to the state of Washington's new Apple Health for Kids program.

"This program streamlines the application process for parents wishing to enroll their children in coverage and is a great way to ensure essential services for raising healthy children," said Dolly England, health access coordinator at Clark County Public Health.

Children can qualify for low-cost or free state medical coverage if their families have an annual income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty

level or about \$53,000 for a family of four, \$44,000 for a family of three and \$35,000 for a family of two.

To enroll, families are asked to bring proof of income (pay stubs for the last month or a letter from their employer) and proof of their child's citizenship. Undocumented children may also be enrolled. Call 360-397-8000, extension 7308 or attend one of these upcoming enrollment events: Sept. 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Boys & Girls Club, 409 N.E. Anderson Rd., Vancouver or Sept. 23, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. East County Head Start, 822 Sixth St. in Washougal.

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EVENT TIME: 6:00PM - 10:00PM

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MAIN STAGE (LOCATED ON BEECH)
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THE COLUMBIAN PRINCESS
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