

Back to School Challenge Camp

Mt. Hood Community College in partnership with Reaching and Empowering All People (REAP) is hosting Challenge Camp, a free five-day back-to-school leadership camp for high school students.

The camp runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 31 through Sept. 4 at the MHCC Gresham Campus. Students will learn about self-leadership and the various educational opportunities available at school and in the community.

"MHCC is delighted to partner with REAP to provide resources, motivation, mentoring and real life experience to help students succeed," said MHCC President John J. "Ski" Sygielski. "It is through this type of partnership that the college can be an on-ramp

to higher education for those who otherwise would never have thought about attaining a college education."

Mark Jackson, a local African American leader and REAP executive, said that while school districts are experiencing budget cuts that threaten quality education, community organizations such as REAP are filling in the gap and giving students an educational experience that is innovative.

"Various business and public policy leaders have made themselves available over a five-day period to engage students on the top issues facing our region," Jackson said.

For information, contact REAP at 503-341-6161 or e-mail reapinc@msn.com.

Concordia Library Opens

New resource to serve public

Concordia University is opening the doors to the new George R. White Library & Learning Center with a community open house and dedication on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The free family-friendly event will feature story times for children; tours of the library; an opportunity for neighbors to get their own library cards; and performances of "Shakespeare in the Park" featuring the Portland Actors Ensemble. Free blood pressure checks will be offered in the new Nursing Center.

The new, 74,000 state-of-the-art facility on the Concordia campus, located at 2811 N.E. Holman St., will be a hub for both the campus and the neighborhood, and will combine traditional library spaces, state-of-the-art technology, classrooms, a coffee shop and community meeting room.



Concordia University in northeast Portland opens its new George R. White Library & Learning Center with a community open house on Saturday, Aug. 29.

With no public library in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the university, the facility offers important resources to the public at large.

This past summer Concordia also dedicated a state-of-the-art Throw Center for student-athletes, Olympic hopefuls, and community youth to participate and train. In addition, the university's bookstore moved to the corner of Northeast Ainsworth Street and 30th Avenue.

The university also recently began construction on a new residence hall, which will open in fall of 2009, along Northeast 27th Avenue. This spring, the university anticipates breaking ground on a new athletic complex for baseball and soccer.

Concordia University is a private, Lutheran, liberal arts university, serving 1,700 students through its College of Education, College of Health & Human Services, College of Theology, Arts, & Sciences and School of Management.

Gresham Robbery Suspect Shot

A man wanted for robbing a Gresham bar was shot by Portland police Monday night.

It happened after the SERT team was activated late Monday evening to find the suspect.

Authorities shut off several streets around Southeast 172nd and Southeast Stark Street while they searched yard to yard. They found the suspect in a shed and moments later a Portland police officer shot him.

Police said the man used a pistol to rob the Red Apple Bar and Grill on Northeast 161st Avenue and Northeast Sandy Boulevard around 5 p.m. Monday.

The suspect, identified as a 36-year-old male, was transported to an area hospital where he was reported in stable condition.

Police say the suspect is believed to have been involved in numerous armed robberies in the same area over the past few weeks.

Activist Promotes Healthy Foods

Portland Farmers Market welcomes Oakland, Calif. food activist, eco chef and author Bryant Terry to Portland this weekend.

Terry will present a cooking demonstration and sign cookbooks at the market's Portland State University location on Saturday, Aug. 29, and he will host an educational event to enable local kids experience nutritious food on Sunday, Aug. 30 at the market's new King School Park location in northeast Portland.

"We are thrilled to have Bryant Terry coming to meet local shoppers and food enthusiasts," said Ann Forsthoefel, executive director of Portland Farmers Market. "He is one of the bright stars in the healthy and sustainable food movement."

Terry has spent the last nine years working to build a more just



and sustainable food system and uses cooking as a tool to illuminate the intersections between poverty, structural racism and food insecurity.

His new cookbook is titled Vegan Soul Kitchen: Fresh, Healthy, and Creative African-American Cuisine.

Food activist and cookbook author Bryant Terry will host a cooking demonstration on Saturday at Portland Farmers Market at Portland State University and hold a lunch box event for kids on Sunday at the Portland Farmers Market at King School Park.

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All lanes and ramps on I-405 southbound between the Marquam and Fremont Bridges will be closed **Friday, August 28, 10 p.m. through Monday, August 31, 5 a.m.** Motorists can use Interstate 5 to get to their destination during the closure. Downtown businesses will be open during construction. Detours are in place to help you get to your favorite destinations.

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King Memorial Construction Stalls

(AP)--- Education Secretary Arne Duncan is offering to pull some strings to get construction started on the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial planned for the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The project has stalled for about a year because of a disagreement between the foundation building the memorial and the National Park Service over how to secure the site against possible domestic terrorism threats.

The towering 28-foot sculpture of King is 80 percent complete, but construction of the memorial plaza along the Tidal Basin cannot start until all of the necessary permissions are secured.

Duncan said Tuesday it's time to get to work and offered to make some calls to fellow members of the Obama administration, drawing applause from students and others who gathered at the memorial site to mark the 46th anniversary of the March on Washington. King gave his "I Have a Dream Speech" there on Aug. 28, 1963.

Foundation members said they have redesigned the memorial plaza with an island of elm trees and a few metal security posts that would prevent a driver from entering, rather than a long line of barriers.



Design critics had said too many barriers would clutter the site and contradict King's legacy of openness and inclusiveness.

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Peace Corps Director Takes Oath

Aaron S. Williams was sworn in Monday as the 18th director of the Peace Corps.

Williams was nominated by President Obama on July 14 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Aug. 7.

"I am deeply honored to be the Director of the Peace Corps and I want to thank President Obama for the trust that he has placed in me. I look forward to making his call to public service a reality for more Americans," Williams said.



Aaron S. Williams

Williams is the fourth director to have served as a Peace Corps volunteer. He served as a volunteer in the Dominican Republic from 1967 to 1970. Upon completing his service, he became the coordinator of minority recruitment and project evaluation officer for the Peace Corps in his hometown of Chicago from 1970 to 1971.

Williams has pursued a career in the development and implementation of worldwide assistance programs.