

YOUR BEAT EYES ON THE STREET

Concordia University Breaks Ground on Athletic Complex

Concordia University will be breaking ground on their new Community Athletic Complex at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place under a large tent next to the library at 2800 NE Liberty St.

The event will be attended by City Commissioner Nick Fish, Concordia President Dr. Charels Schlimpert, Athletic Director Matt English. Music will be provided by the Pep Band. A reception will follow in the library.

A brief look at the athletic complex:

- Entire complex will span four city blocks
- Synthetic turf, lights and increased size will allow year-round use and increase hours of operation
- Each field will have a press box and stadium seating for more than 1,000

- spectators
- Fans will enjoy new concession areas and the alumni plaza
- Complex includes improved training resources and team rooms to elevate athletic performance and reduce injury
- Construction started in 2010 with anticipated completion by Fall 2011

Planetarium Show at Mt. Hood College Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) will present a planetarium show, March 7, on "The Universe in Infrared" at 7 and 8:15 p.m. in the MHCC Planetarium Sky Theater (wheelchair accessible), located near the library on the Gresham campus, 26000 SE Stark Street. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions during the 45-minute program. Explore objects we have only recently been able to see. Besides the Hubble telescope, there are other space telescopes (one even bigger than Hubble) that are devoted to seeing in infrared. These allow astronomers to observe new processes such as star birth and

the extent of dust clouds between the stars. Children are welcome. Admission for the general public is \$2 and free for MHCC students.

Portland to Lake Oswego Transit to Release Report Feb. 28

The Community Advisory Committee for the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project held its final meeting Feb. 7 to determine its recommendation of a locally preferred alternative which will inform a recommendation by the project steering committee on Feb. 28. Of the 23 members of the CAC, 16 voted in favor of streetcar, 2 favored enhanced bus, 1 preferred no-build and 1 abstained from voting. Three members were absent from the meeting. Two of the reasons CAC members said they supported the streetcar were: - Streetcar provides a fast, reliable travel option besides Highway 43. It's the only alternative that adds capacity and continues to operate fast despite gridlock. - Streetcar facilitates qual-

ity housing, access to jobs, and density.

Milagro Theatre Holds Mundo de las Mujeres

Miracle Theatre Group welcomes back Mundo de las Mujeres for its fourth year on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in recognition of International Women's Day. This year's program will address cultural and social influences facing Latina teenagers regarding healthy relationships and pregnancy. Throughout the afternoon, patrons are also invited to visit a free bilingual resource health fair held in El Centro Milagro, where donations of used cell phones will be accepted on behalf of the Portland's Women's Crisis Line.

Miracle Theatre, 525 SE Stark Street, Portland, Oregon 97214 503-236-7253 or www.milagro.org

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Friday February 25

JOIN THE CAT IN THE HAT TOUR IN OREGON! Come meet the cat. Take pictures with him, get an autograph and receive book recommendations. 10 a.m. - Noon. Multnomah County Central Library 803 SW 10th Ave. Free to the public.

Saturday February 26

PORTLAND TILLAMOOK PRESCHOOL PLANS OPEN HOUSE: Portland Tillamook Preschool will host an open house from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Applications available at www.tillamookpreschool.org Applications will be accepted during the open house. 935 NE 33rd Ave.

24TH ANNUAL FIX-IT FAIR. The Fix-It fair offers free workshops designed to help Portland residents save money. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jefferson High School 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

Monday February 28

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE! The North Portland Wellness Center will be hosting their open house. Come meet the practitioners and

staff & enjoy demonstrations and much more. 5 - 8 p.m. 4922 N. Vancouver Ave.

Tuesday March 1

FREE BUTTERMILK PANCAKES: NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITAL! IHOP restaurants will offer each quest a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes in an effort to raise awareness and funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. All nationwide locations.

Saturday March 5

CONCORDIA STUDENTS HELP PREPARE TAX RETURNS! For the second year in a row, Concordia Accounting Students will be providing free tax service to the community and fellow students. 9 a.m. - Noon Concordia University, Community Room. Call 503-493-6250 for more info.

The Links

The Links hosted a Black History Month celebration last week at Portland City Hall, featuring informational displays, a reception and welcome by Mayor Sam Adams. Photo by Jerry Foster

