

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



District, Union reach tentative agreement

The Camas School District and the Public School Employees (PSE) group announced they have reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement following months of negotiations.

Following a declaration of impasse, a state mediator was brought into the process in early October.

PSE will bring the agreement to its membership for ratification on November 5. If ratified by the PSE membership, the agreement will be brought to the school board for approval on November 10.

PSE employees represent most classified, non-teaching staff members in the district.

City, business cooperation will Make A Difference

More than 500 volunteers are expected tomorrow morning in Vancouver's Leverich Park. The occasion? Free food.

In actuality, volunteers organized as part of the City of Vancouver's celebration of Make A Difference Day through the Vancouver Watersheds Council, The Greenway Team (of the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation) will be at the park to plant over 5,000 trees, but there will be plenty of free food.

That's because Nutter Corporation and MacKay and Sposito as well as Frito-Lay and Corwin Beverages are joining together to feed the masses in the spirit of community volunteerism — and making a difference.

Mount St. Helens climbing self-permit system begins November 1

Beginning Saturday, November 1, Mount St. Helens climbers will need to obtain a climbing permit at the Climber's Register at the Lone Fir Resort, in Cougar, Washington. Officials said climbers need to be prepared for rapidly changing fall and winter weather conditions and increasing snow and ice on the climbing route.

"It's important that people come prepared with the 10-essentials including compass, map, extra warm clothing and rain gear," said **Peter Frenzen**, Monument Scientist. "When fog or blowing snow reduces visibility it's good to have an experienced climber along to lead folks back to the trailhead. As wind and snow begin to rebuild the overhanging snow cornices on the crater rim it's also important to carefully assess how close to go and where it's safe to look into the crater," Frenzen added.

During the winter climbing season (November 1 through March 31) climbing permits are required and are available free-of-charge by self-registration. Winter climbers need to be prepared for potentially extreme winter conditions including limited visibility, avalanche conditions, and potentially unstable snow cornices at the crater rim.

Information on potential hazards and changing conditions is available on the Mount St. Helens Climbing webpage at <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/recreation/mount-st-helens/index.shtml>.

Climbing Fees begin April 1, 2009 and use limits of 100 climbers per day are in effect from May 15 through October 31. Permits will be sold online for the April 1 through October 31 climbing permit season starting February 1, 2009. Information about the climbing permit system is available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/recreation/mount-st-helens/permit-system.shtml>

University of Portland named "Best Nursing School for Men"

The University of Portland today was named the nation's "Best Nursing School for Men" by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing. The award is being presented tonight to the University at the annual AAMN conference in New Orleans.

"The University of Portland has been recognized for the significant efforts in recruiting and retaining men in the school and providing a supportive educational environment," said **Demetrius Porche**, president of AAMN.

Xavier Champagne, a senior nursing student from Tualatin, OR, was chosen to represent the University in New Orleans to accept the award. The University's School of Nursing was cited for its growth in enrollment of male nursing students and graduates and its ongoing support for educating males in a field traditionally dominated by females.

Calendar

- 11/1: The Mount St. Helens Institute Presents:

- The Mount St. Helens Institute presents: *Mount St. Helens: One Photographer's Exploration of Nature and its Capacity for Healing and Change* with Gary Braaschl, award-Winning Landscape Photographer, Naturalist and Author, Nov. 1, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the ECO-TRUST Building, 721 NW 9th Ave, Suite 200 Portland, OR 97201 Tickets are \$35.00 and are available online at www.mshinstitute.org or in the Institute Office. Northwest Wines, Dessert and Coffee are included. Gary is a nature photo-journalist and author, whose articles illustrate a global environmental reach.
- **11/11:** Clark County Chamber of Commerce presents “How to Build Your Business with Networking” Tues., Nov. 11, 7-9 a.m. at the Parker House Restaurant, 56 S. First St., Washougal. Veronika (Ronnie) Noize of Veronica Noize LLC is the featured speaker. Go to www.clarkchamber.com for more information.
- **11/13:** A wine dinner featuring Troon Vineyards will be held in Vancouver on Thurs., Nov. 13, 6 p.m. The event is hosted by The Club and The Restaurant at the Historic Reserve on Officers Row. The dinner is \$75 per person. Chef **Devin Aliano** has planned a five-course dinner paired with five of Troon’s wines. The dinner will feature an entrée of grilled New York strip loin served with Troon’s Blossom Fire Reserve Cabernet. Call 360-906-1101 to make a reservation.

Friday on the air

YMCA Strong Communities Luncheon (10/22) —4:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Board of Health 10/22—5:45 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Animal Control Hearings (10/22)—6:29 p.m. CVTV
Thinking Beyond the Bag (10/8)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Al Schauer happy to help. <> **Jeanne Bennett** sending invites.<> **Joe Kunkel** looking for rain checks. <> **Brandi Stewart-Wood** getting the word out. <> **Don Russo** on the move. <>**Friday**, sun prevails, 45-66. **Saturday**, more autumn splendor, sunny, 44-67. **Sunday**, get out in it, 45, 70.