

### **Diane Schuur caps Clark College jazz week with Sunday performance**

Over 70 of the best jazz bands and ensembles from Pacific Northwest high schools have been strutting their stuff during the 43rd Clark College Jazz Festival this week, building up to grand finale Sunday, Jan. 30, when **Diane Schuur** performs in the Skyview High School Auditorium, 1300 NE 139th Street.

Meanwhile, there is plenty of jazz available this evening and tomorrow in Gaiser Hall on the Clark College campus. Competition that began this morning among Class A and AA schools continues through the headline appearance of the Clark College Jazz Band, co-directed by **Chuck Ramsey** and **Jeff Uusitalo**, performing at 9 p.m.

Competition among Class AAA and AAAA schools begins at 7:20 a.m. Saturday and continues until a 5:20 p.m. break, then continues with finals beginning at 7 p.m. Headliners Saturday are the Whatcom Community College Jazz Ensemble, directed by **Edd George**, at noon, and the 2004 Clark College Jazz Festival sweepstakes winner, the Garfield High School Jazz Band, Seattle, directed by **Clarence Acox**, appearing at 9 p.m.

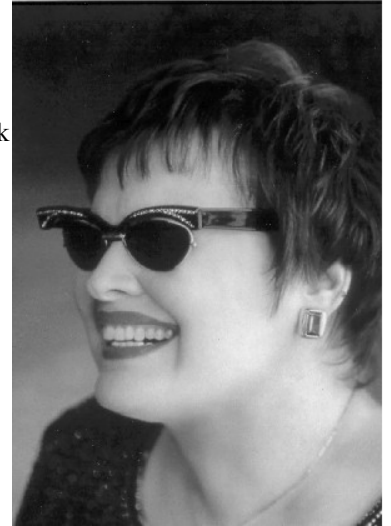
All-day tickets to performances at Gaiser Hall are \$5. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free.

Tickets to the Sunday Schuur concert are \$25 and \$35, and can be bought through Safeway TicketsWest centers.

Schuur, a Tacoma native, was a student at the State School for the Blind in Vancouver until she was 11. Her last performance was with the Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival three years ago.

Sunday, she will be accompanied by musical director and bass player **Scott Steed**, saxophonist **Patrick Lamb**, drummer **Jim Zimmerman**, and the Clark College Jazz Ensemble.

Schuur, who has one of the best jazz vocalist pedigrees in the country, will add to it when she receives a proclamation from Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard**, who notes that she "continues to enthrall audiences through her ability to bring moving emotions to her powerful voice." Schuur performed with **Doc Severinson** on the Johnny Carson Tonight Show a dozen times, and has performed with Ray Charles, B. B. King, Stan Getz and Dizzie Gillespie. Her latest CD, "Schuur Fire," will be released in April.



**Diane Schuur**

### **Battle Ground School District asking voters to approve bonds to relieve overcrowding**

The Battle Ground School District is asking voters to approve a \$62,950,000 bond issue to help relieve classroom overcrowding. The 20-year bond issue, if approved by a 60 percent majority of voters, would allow the district to construct and equip two new primary schools, two new middle schools, replace another school, make additions and modifications to other schools and purchase property.

Voters are also being asked to approve a \$19,490,000 bond issue that would allow the district to build and equip a new high school in north Clark County. However, this second proposition would not become effective unless the first measure is also approved.

The special election will be conducted in the traditional way, with voters not using absentee ballots using polling places.

Deadline to register by mail to vote in this election is Saturday, Feb. 5. Registration in person continues through Friday, Feb. 18.

### **Ken Botero appointed to ESD 112 board of directors**

**Ken Botero**, former Longview School District board chair and retired maintenance supervisor for Longview Fibre Company, has been appointed to the board of directors of Educational Service District 112. Botero succeeds **Don Donaldson**, who retires in February following 12 years' service.

Botero is a member of the Longview School District's Strategic Planning Review Committee, is serving a second term on the board of the Cowlitz Workforce Development Council, and is chair for strategic planning for the Pacific Northwest District of the Kiwanis.

### **Casino task force meeting getting live CVTV coverage**

Tomorrow's public meeting to discuss the proposed Cowlitz Casino Resort, called by the Intergovernmental Task Force of Elected Officials, will be cablecast live by CVTV Channel 23, beginning at 9 a.m.

Representatives of the Cowlitz Tribe are expected to attend the meeting, which will be in the sixth floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The meeting, which is open to the public, was called by **Richard Curtis**, La Center city councilmember and Republican state representative from the 18th Legislative District.

### **News briefs**

Reservations for the annual Port of Vancouver Port Report breakfast are due at 5 p.m. today. The \$20 breakfast is at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Call **992-1105** for further information. ☞ An informal no-host luncheon for C-TRAN's retiring financial director, **Fred Bateman**, is at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in Beaches Restaurant, 1919 SE Columbia River Drive. For further information and reservations, call **Donna Mason, 696-8233**.

## Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Higher Education Coordinating Board puts Washington State University Vancouver at top of new four-year university list--Columbian, \*\*Don Jenkins\*\*](#)  
[Nazwad Othman casts Iraqi ballot; has hopes and dreams for his native country--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)  
[Pat Klinger retiring from Holland Corp., after 34 years--Oregonian, \*\*Foster Church\*\*](#)  
[Secretary of State Sam Reed sides with GOP in court case seeking to overturn gubernatorial election--Seattle Times, \*\*David Postman\*\*](#)  
[Darius Miles suspended for two games--KATU](#)  
[Fatal crash closes Highway 26 east of Sandy this afternoon--KGW-TV, AP](#)  
[5 U.S. soldiers, 5 Iraqis killed in attacks in Baghdad--New York Times, \*\*Edward Wong and Terrence Neilan\*\*](#)  
[Columbian's best entertainment bets](#)

**Friday on the air**

Vancouver's Funk Factor—3:30 p.m. CVTV. CVTV  
 2005 Clark County Economic Forecast—5:30 p.m. CVTV  
 Animal Control Hearings (1/26)—7 p.m.  
**L. A. Clippers at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL, KRMZ**  
**Portland Winter Hawks at Everett (live)—7 p.m. KUPL**  
 Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet—9:30 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Annette Williams** right on time. ☞ **Chris Crowley** taking geography lessons. ☞ **Peggy Furno** smoothing feathers. ☞ **Bruce Gateley** looking for new ideas. ☞ **Lynn Degerstedt** setting new standards for veracity. ☞ **Friday**, gray day, afternoon downpour, 50. **Saturday**, gray but some sunshine may get through, 50. **Sunday**, kind of a brindle day, but should be dry, 48.