

Sen. Patty Murray and Gen. Wesley Clark to brief Vancouver defense contractors

U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray** (D-Wash.), who is bringing retired Army general **Wesley Clark** with her, will brief local defense contractors in a public meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, in the Pearson Air Museum Conference Room, 1115 E 5th Street.

This year Murray, according to her office, secured more than \$100 million in defense contracts for Washington businesses, which supported 450 jobs statewide, 150 of which were in southern Washington.

The five companies from southern Washington are nLight, Hemcon, Oregon Medical Laser, Oregon Iron Works, and Insitu.

Murray and Clark will leave Vancouver about 11 a.m. to conduct similar meetings in the Puget Sound area.

Robert McMahan joins First Independent Bank

Robert McMahan has been appointed vice president and director of technical operations in the Information Services Department of First Independent Bank.

McMahan was formerly director of information technology for Citizens Communications, and a senior consultant for Oracle's Financial and Manufacturing Solutions Practice for Smart Corporation. McMahan is a graduate of Linfield college, McMinnville.

Hewlett Packard joins Clark Public Utilities Green Lights program

Hewlett Packard's Vancouver site will buy three percent of its electricity from renewable energy resources offered through Clark Public Utilities' Green Lights program.

The annual cumulative effect of the H-P purchase of renewable energy is the same as not driving 874,000 miles, not releasing 816,480 pounds of carbon dioxide, according to utility spokesperson **Mick Shutt**.

According to Shutt, 325 Clark customers have agreed to buy more than 4,700 blocks of Green Lights power each month. Each 100-kilowatt-hour block of power costs \$1.50.

The program, administered through the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, used the surcharge to help develop new nonpolluting sources of electric power. For further information, call Shutt at **992-3238**.

Two from Vancouver aiding Hurricane Charley victims

Richard Carroll and **Chuck Prochnow** have been sent to Orlando, Fla., to aid Hurricane Charley victims, according to **JoAnne Akely**, emergency services senior director for the American Red Cross Southwest Washington Chapter.

Carroll, who is serving his third volunteer national disaster assignment, is assisting the feeding of masses of people who have been left homeless, as well as emergency services personnel and volunteers.

Prochnow, who became a volunteer for the Red Cross in 1996 and has served as a board member of the local organization, is a Disaster Action Team volunteer captain. He is working with individuals to help provide immediate emergency assistance.

The American Red Cross has opened 250 shelters so far in central Florida, according to Akely. The Southwest Washington Chapter has 25 volunteers who assist in national and local disasters.

Clark College alums challenge college soccer team

A group of former Clark College soccer players will compete against the 2004 college men's soccer team in a 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, game on the college Christensen Soccer Field.

A free barbecue follows in the parking lot, according to **Cheri Cole**, alumni spokesperson. Cole says there is no charge for the game, either. However, donations will be accepted for the benefit of the college soccer program.

Cole adds that former Clark soccer players may call soccer coach **Ian Lefebvre**, **608-2865**, to sign up for the alumni team..

Digital photos requested for Clark County website

Amateur digital photographs taken in Clark County are being sought for publication on the county's Internet website.

Digital photos taken in the past 12 months are eligible. Landscapes, scenes from activities and events, and of people are acceptable. If people in photos are recognizable, a photo-release form must accompany the submission.

Photos must be sent by e-mail to photo@clark.wa.gov. For further information, go to www.clark.wa.gov.

People

Barbara Beier, described as a "most gracious of professionals," has won a STAR Award from Southwest Washington Medical Center's Circle of Excellence for being a consistent high performer and role model. Beier, a clinical dietician for the Heart and Vascular Center's Cardiac Rehab team, recognizing the connection between cardiac disease and diabetes, recently obtained certification to teach diabetes education.

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Wednesday on the air

17th District Senate Candidates—4 p.m. CVTV
17th District House Candidates—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Kansas City (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX
District 2 Commissioner Candidates—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Primary Video Voters' Guide—6 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Animal Control Hearings (8/12)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (8/12)—9 p.m. CVTV

Town tabloids and the weather

Jeanne O'Dell spices social conversation with politics. 🍀🍀 **Kathie Fitzgerald** gets lucky parking spot. 🍀🍀 **Mindy Linquist** gets prize for best news story of the day. 🍀🍀 **Ozzie Coats** actually keeps secret. 🍀🍀 **Keith Coats** ranging far, far a field. 🍀🍀 **Ruth Crossland** claiming longevity award. 🍀🍀 **Wednesday**, starts out cool but warms up to 84. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 82. **Friday**, cloudy, possible light precipitation, 80.