

Vancouver Business Journal
presents top project awards

Southwest Washington Medical Center's eight-story patient tower was given the *Vancouver Business Journal's* top construction project-of-the-year award yesterday in ceremonies attended by Gov. **Christine Gregoire** in the Clark County Center for Community Health.

The medical center project adds 154 private patient rooms, 15 operating suites and a new heart and vascular center to the medical center's Mill Plain Campus. The 307,000-square-foot, \$105 million project is under contract to Hoffman-Andersen of Washington.



Gov. Christine Gregoire, left, *Vancouver Business Journal* business manager Steve McDonagh and managing editor Jessica Swanson greet Top Project Award winners yesterday in Vancouver

The second largest construction project of the year is North Pointe Estates, Vancouver, a 30-acre planned community with 146 home sites. Owner and general contractor is Pacific Lifestyle Homes. The project is valued at \$35.4 million.

The county's center for community health on the Veterans Administration campus just off Fourth Plain Boulevard was recognized as the third largest construction project. The \$28.5 million project within a 176,000-square-foot, four-story building will house Clark County Health Department and Clark County Department of Community Services offices and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, as well as Clark

County Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Mental Health Northwest, and Northwest Recovery Center facilities.

The fourth largest project is Evergreen Public Schools' \$17.5 million Covington Middle School, opening this fall and under contract to Todd Construction.

The Vancouver Clinic's 91,000-square-foot clinic adjacent to the new Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital was named the fifth largest construction project for 2005. General contractor is The Neenan Company.

Those projects will be featured in the business journal's *Top Projects 2005* magazine.

Candidates' filing period begins Monday

Next week, candidates for public offices in Clark County must file their intentions with the county the Elections Department, 1408 Franklin Street. The week-long filing period begins at 8 a.m. Monday, July 25. Filing will continue during regular work hours through 5 p.m. Friday, July 29.

There is only one partisan race this year and that is for county commissioner, District 3, a position now held by **Steve Stuart**, who was appointed in December 2004, to hold the office until the next regular election. The office was vacated by **Craig Pridemore**, who after resigning was elected 49th District state senator.

Stuart, a Democrat, already announced he is a candidate for the office, which represents most of the City of Vancouver. Republican **Tom Mielke**, a former state representative from the 18th District, has also announced he is a candidate for the commissioner post.

Although there are a slew of city council, school board, fire district, and nonpartisan offices open this year, the Sept. 20 primary ballot may be pretty sparse because unless three or more people file for the same office a primary election isn't held. And unless someone else files for the county commissioner position, the two announced candidates will appear only on the November 4 general election ballots.

Also on the ballot is the C-TRAN issue asking voters to approve a 0.2 percent sales increase to restore services being curtailed because of the elimination of automobile excise tax support for transit agencies in the state.

The primary election should get a pretty good turnout because it will be conducted entirely by mail-in ballots. Ballots should be in the mail by the end of August.

Kids 10 to 16 will be flying real airplanes from Pearson Field

Pearson Air Museum's Aviation Summer Camp for youngsters 10 to 16, offers week-long activities that culminate with flying a real airplane from Pearson Field.

The 9 a.m.-to-4 p.m. five-day camps are being held the weeks of July 25, which includes hot air balloon rides and a tour of Horizon Airlines, and August 1, which includes a visit to the Air Force Reserve Base and a mid-air refueling flight, at the air museum at 1115 E 5th Street.

The \$300 camp fee includes all field trips and daily lunches.

Registration can be completed on line by going to www.pearsonairmuseum.org, or by going to the museum. For further information, call museum director **Kyle Kihs, 694-7026**.

Calendar

Camas Days, which opened this morning, continue through Sunday in downtown Camas and at the Grove Airfield, where a steak dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 23, and the annual Lions pancake breakfast will be held 7 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 24. The wine and microbrew Toast of Camas, at Birch Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, is open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. today and Saturday, July 23. For further information, go to www.cwchamber.com.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Nearly one thousand dancing students will help Mormon Church celebrate 175 years at McKenzie Stadium Saturday--Oregonian, Foster Church](#)

[Gregoire says state should appeal federal judge's decision that overturned modified blanket primary--Columbian, Don Jenkins](#)

[Gregoire talks tough on Oregon's share of I-5 corridor costs--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[Microsoft hired 4,400 new employees worldwide in the past year; expects about the same growth rate this year--Seattle P-I, Todd Bishop](#)

[Mount St. Helens going through more changes--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)

[Alan Schurman having huge antique tractor and equipment sale--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)

[County district court judges to interview final five candidates for court commissioner--Columbian, Stephanie Rice](#)

[Bi-state transportation planners going for lease of the third floor of the Vancouvercenter's north office tower--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)

[Brand new Burgerville design going up in Salmon Creek--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)

[Jim Jacks appointed Gov. Gregoire's southwest Washington representative; Val Ogden named governor's representative for six southern Washington counties--Columbian](#)

[Glowing, orange northwest sky was sparked by thunderstorms--KGW-TV, Antonia Giedwoyn](#)

Friday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Cleveland (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver Police Recognition Ceremony (6/29)—6 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Fresno (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Animal Control Hearings (7/13)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Spring Concert—9:30 p.m. CVTV

The Buzz (7/14)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Bruce Romanish delivers thirst-quencher with aplomb. ☞ **Jeanne Stewart** biding time. ☞ **Sylvester Hoss** successfully working the room. ☞ **Carol Fenstermacher** having extra good subject matter. ☞ **Steve Stuart** driving smart car. ☞ **Victoria Corley** joining in the fun. ☞ **Patricia Nierenberg** showing off trick photography. ☞ **Friday**, early morning rain, clouds, sunny, 84. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 77. **Sunday**, mostly sunny, 79.