

Rachel Ruiz named Clark's vice president, student affairs



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Rachel Ruiz, dean of Student Development and Matriculation at San Diego Mesa College for the past four years, has been appointed vice president, student affairs, at Clark College, Clark president **R. Wayne Branch** announced Wednesday.

Ruiz, who joins Clark College September 6, will oversee all operations of student affairs and provide leadership to ensure student success and access to learning opportunities.

Branch noted that Ruiz herself is a graduate of a community college and that she has held posts of national and statewide levels on K-12 issues. "Her presence will be a tremendous asset to Clark College and our growing community," Branch said.

Ruiz holds masters degree in public administration and higher education from Harvard University and a doctoral degree in administration from the University of Texas.

Kelli Osler appointed District Court commissioner

Kelli Osler, a veteran member of the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office, has been appointed commissioner for the Clark County District Court.

Osler was one of 13 applicants for the position vacated by **James Swanger**, who was appointed district court judge.

"Kelli is bright, personable and hardworking—traits that will serve her well working in our very busy court," says presiding judge

Darvin Zimmerman. Osler has been with the county prosecuting attorney's office for the past 13 years and currently is assigned to the major crime unit. A graduate of the University of Washington, Osler earned her law degree at the University of Puget Sound.

Economic fact book includes Vancouver-Portland information

Clark County's Assessment and GIS Department has issued an updated fact book of population, economic, and housing information, covering Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, the surrounding Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area, and the state of Washington.

The \$20 comprehensive publication, *2005 Population and Economic Handbook*, contains graphs, charts, maps and tables. Print copies are available from the county Map Store, Suite 232, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. The handbook may be downloaded in a PDF version by going to www.clark.wa.gov/assessor/demographics.html.

Calendar

Tim Schneider, whose band is described as being on the edge of country but also, in touch with rock-'n-roll, blues and jazz roots, entertains this evening in Esther Short Park in one of the summer series of Riverview Bank Six-to-Sunset concerts. The concerts are free. Vendors are on hand to provide listeners with food and beverages. ✍ **J. A. Jance** book tour with her newest book, *Long Time Gone*, begins at 7 p.m. this evening in Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 7700 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard. Jance will discuss and answer questions about her J. P. Beaumont series and will autograph copies of *Long Time Gone*. Barnes & Noble's book fair, benefiting The Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation, also begins this evening and continues through tomorrow. ✍ **Kathy Condon's** networking seminar, sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, is 8 to 10 a.m. Friday, July 29, in chamber offices at 1101 Broadway. For further information, call **694-2588**.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:

[First-time candidate, Charles Stemper, is challenging Royce Pollard for mayor of Vancouver--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)

[World War II sailor looks back at war--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

[Battle Ground school measure earns support from *Reflector* survey--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)

[Washougal gears up for 25th motocross--Columbian, **Paul Valencia**](#)

[Vancouver's Cinetopia \(movie theater\) will combine film, food, wine and art--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Nautilus sales, profits, jumping--Columbian](#)

[Library looking for public support--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Irish Republican Army announced end of violence against Britian that has claimed 3,500 lives over 36 years--New York Times--**Brian Lavery** and **Alan Cowell**](#)

Thursday on the air

Vancouver Business Journal Top Construction Awards (7/21)—4 p.m. CVTV

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

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Cleveland at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN

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

Town Tabloids and the weather

Les Wolf doing Scarecrow gig. ☞ **Dick Dobrow** boosting KBPS membership. ☞ **Deb Wallace** making thoughtful decision. ☞ **Kyle Corwin** detailing restaurant success recipe ☞ **Polly Lauser** speaking up for winner. ☞ **Rick Bella** cleaning out basement of his mind. ☞ **Thursday**, continued sunny and hot, 87. **Friday**, mostly sunny but some light clouds drift in, 86. **Saturday**, sunshine continues to prevail, 86.