

## Jan & Steve Oliva named as Clark County's 2005 First Citizens

**Jan and Steve Oliva**, today were selected as Clark County's First Citizens for 2005 by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. Noted for their broad-based community service work, the Olivas contributions flow in tandem.

"Whether it's their efforts on the Library District bond initiative, or leadership at the Southwest Washington Medical Center, Steve and Jan work as a team," says Bruce Hagensen, Chairman of the First Citizen Selection committee, and 1995 First Citizen, "We couldn't honor one without the other."

Jan is credited with founding the Vancouver Women's Foundation, a group of local women who combine their personal funds to assist women in the community who have critical needs. To date the group has raised and given away more than \$400,000.

"I personally know the impact this giving has had on hundreds of our citizens," says **Pat Stryker**, formerly with the YWCA. The YWCA receives significant funding from the Vancouver Women's Foundation for their clients.

Owners of Hi-School Pharmacy for over 35 years, Jan and Steve "model corporate citizenship," says **John White**, of The JD White Company. "It's hard to imagine two people who have better lived the adage of giving back to their community," he wrote in support of their nomination.

The First Citizen is selected annually, based on citizenship, community service and impact, and volunteerism. A committee of past First Citizens and community leaders chooses the recipient after reviewing nominations from the community at large.

The First Citizen program is presented jointly by the Columbian, Bank of Clark County, the Community Foundation, and Leadership Clark County.

An honorary reception for Jan and Steve Oliva is slated for Thursday, June 23rd, 2005 at 4:00pm at the new Hilton Convention Center. All are invited to attend. Tickets are \$50.00, and may be purchased by calling the Community Foundation, at **694-2550**.

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON LEADS TO A NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

**Dr. R. Wayne Branch**, president of Clark College, has been appointed to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board of Directors for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2005. Thirteen new board members were announced during the AACC annual meeting on April 8 in Boston.

Branch is enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve as a board member and understands the multi-faceted importance of his new role.

"It is a privilege to represent Clark College and Southwest Washington," Branch says. "I believe deeply in the mission and values of community colleges, and I look forward to working with my colleagues throughout the country to promote a better understanding of what we contribute to assure a vital and knowledgeable democratic society."

"The Clark College Board is proud that Dr. Branch has been elected to serve as a member of the AACC Board of Directors," says **Sue Fratt**, Clark College Board of Trustees chair. "His work on the AACC board will bring national attention to Southwest Washington in the higher education arena. This recognition is due to Dr. Branch's status as a national community college leader and acknowledges his efforts to transform Clark College into an institution of excellence."

**Dr. Hal Dengerink**, chancellor and senior administrative officer for Washington State University Vancouver, is equally as enthusiastic, saying the appointment is very much deserved.

"Dr. Branch has brought to Southwest Washington some innovative and creative ideas with which to serve the many needs of this community," Dengerink says. "Most importantly, he has demonstrated an unusual ability to work cooperatively with other institutions to address the complex and comprehensive needs of the community. This kind of thinking will serve our students and our community for many years to come. He is a phenomenal partner."

**George Boggs**, AACC Chief Executive Officer, says membership on such a highly selective and influential board is a credit to Branch and a boon to the Southwest Washington region.

"Being selected for this national leadership position is really an honor for Dr. Branch and for Clark College,"

says Boggs. "Dr. Branch's colleagues across the country obviously respect him very much to have considered him for this important position."

The AACC is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges and represents more than 1,100 associate degree-granting institutions, or 95 percent of all accredited U.S. two-year community, junior and technical colleges. The AACC is governed by a 32-member Board of Directors which is entrusted to protect the national association and to act in the best interests of the nation's community colleges, the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education, serving over 11 million students each year.

### **Pam Brown's Caffe Piccolo Paradiso puts Camas on the map**

Whatever you are doing, and especially if you are slurping down a cup of bad office coffee, stop. Get in your car, hop on a bicycle, flag down a bus or hitch a ride. Go east to Camas, turn right into downtown and go directly to 309 Birch St. There you will find an Italian coffeehouse so authentic that you very well may cancel your European travel plans and spend a week in Camas instead.

In November 2004, **Pam Brown**, owner of Caffe Piccolo Paradiso (Little Paradise), expanded her Italian gift wares shop to include a full-service European-style caffe. She recently attained a liquor license and now offers a selection of wines, in addition to Italian grilled panini sandwiches, wine, gelato, Italian sodas and ices, pastries, desserts flown in from Milan, and more.

Pam says her desire is to provide a European style coffeehouse experience offering premium espresso-based gourmet coffee, authentic Italian food and gift products and a relaxing atmosphere. She is proud to create "the best espresso this side of Perugia."

Pam serves Caffe Umbria Coffee, which is made by the third-generation Bizzarri family from Perugia and roasted in Seattle for optimal freshness. Pam teamed up with Caffé Umbria representative **Pasquale Madeddu** to find the best coffee available for her endeavor and to become trained in the fine art of making Italian espresso. Whole bean Caffe Umbria is also available for sale at the shop.

With the warmer season ahead, Pam plans to expand her hours, offering wine and aperitivos (small plates) during the early evening cocktail hour.

Italian language & culture classes hosted at the Caffé began in April, taught by instructor **Katie Angelo**.

Caffe Piccolo Paradiso is located at 309 NE Birth St. in downtown Camas, just off Fourth Avenue. Call **360-834-7044** for more details.

### **Commissioner Stuart sets Q&A meetings**

Clark County Commissioner **Steve Stuart** is inviting county residents to give their input to him directly during *office hours around the county* – a rotating schedule that gives you an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Stuart closer to your home or office. The first meetings will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, May 19 – Camas Community Center, 1718 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Thursday, May 26 – Rose Bessermann's Room, C-Tran Fisher's Landing Transit Center, SE 164th Avenue and SE Cascade Park Drive, Vancouver.

Thursday, June 16 – Ridgefield Public Safety Complex, 505 NW 179<sup>th</sup> Street.

Thursday, June 30 – Battle Ground City Hall, 101 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 148 Conference Room.

Drop by and talk with the commissioner about any topic you choose. Or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment for a set time to meet with Commissioner Stuart by calling his office at **(360) 397-2232** and asking for **Bob McIntyre**, the commissioners' assistant.

### **News brief**

The Evergreen Community Festival gets underway tomorrow and Saturday, featuring a festival, parade and lots of family activities. The festival kicks off Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Wy'east Middle School, 1112 SE 136th Ave., with a pasta feed benefiting the Community Cycling Center and a basketball tournament. On Saturday, a pancake breakfast starts at 7 a.m. with the parade at 10 a.m. (starting at the Safeway at 136th & Mill Plain and ending at Mountain View High School). Go to [www.evergreencommunityfestival.org](http://www.evergreencommunityfestival.org) for full details. The theme of the 2005 event is "Coming Together, Rain or Shine."

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Legacy projects taking shape, Columbian--Dean Baker](#)

[MP3 marketer moves from California to Vancouver, Columbian--Julia Anderson](#)

[Marine toxin closes Long Beach clam dig, Columbian](#)

[Gregoire signs higher ed bill, Oregonian](#)

[Surge of tax payments helps reduce deficit, Washington Post](#)

[Blast hits British consulate in NYC, no injuries, USA Today](#)

### **Thursday on the air**

Civic Engagement & Democracy in the 21st Century—4:00 p.m. CVTV

**PGA: Wachovia Championship—4 p.m., USA**

Clark County Close Up—6 p, m. CVTV

**Dallas at Houston, Game 6—6 p.m., TNT**

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

### **Town Tabloids and the weather**

.**Jeremy Williams** packing fly rod and tent. 🍷 **Georgina Charneski** vouching for authenticity. 🍷 **Jessica Lighthead** out on the town. 🍷 **Shirley Ashcraft** all abloom, despite ringing in ears. 🍷 **Dennis Grunes** gambling on Luise Rainer. 🍷 **Scott Maxwell** seeing nothing, saying nothing, doing nothing. 🍷  
🍷 🍷 🍷 **Thursday**, foggy morning will give way to bright afternoon, 66. **Friday**, possible early showers, mostly sunny in the afternoon. 68. **Saturday**, partly sunny, warm, 70.