

**Real manager of *Hotel Rwanda*
to address YWCA October benefit**

Paul Rusesabagina, who managed the Mille Collines Hotel in Rwanda during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, for which he was credited with saving 1,200 members of both rival Hutu and Tutsi tribes, while 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu tribal members dying at the hands of Hutu extremists, is the featured speaker at the YWCA of Clark County benefit luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Rusesabagina's deeds were portrayed in the 2004 film, *Hotel Rwanda*.

Tickets are \$35, for what YWCA spokesperson **Kathy Deschner** says is expected to be a sell-out crowd of 1,000. For reservations, call **Annie Gannon, 906-9153**.



Paul Rusesabagina

**Gaylynn Brien is Ridgefield's new
Finance and Administration director**

Gaylynn Brien, formerly Clark County Health Department finance manager, has been appointed director of Finance and Administration for the City of Ridgefield, reports Ridgefield city manager **George Fox**. Brien succeeds **Tara Erickson**, controller, who has moved to a career in the private sector.

Brien, who also has worked for the City of Portland, holds a masters degree in business administration from Washington State University and is a Certified Management Accountant.

According to Fox, Brien will manage and direct the city's general accounting system and will assist the city manager in preparing and administering the city budget.

**Clark Public Utilities to deal with
residential water well contamination**

Utilizing a federal grant and a state loan, Clark Public Utilities will develop measures to help improve the quality of the water supply of residents east of Woodland in the Hayes Road area, according to utility commissioner **Bryan Hanke**.

A federal grant of \$500,000, secured by U.S. Rep. **Patty Murray**, will provide just over half the financing needed. The rest will come from a loan from the state drinking water revolving fund. The loan will be repaid by residents in the affected area.

The residential wells are tainted by arsenic levels 50 times higher than the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard.

According to Hanke, the residents affected are too far from the utility's water system to be hooked up. The solution, according to Hanke is developing a satellite water system. Without the federal funding it would have been too costly to set up, he said.

**Vancouver Planning Commission
seeking applicants for two positions**

The city is seeking applications to fill two positions on the seven-member Vancouver Planning Commission. One term expires in a year, the second in November 2009.

The planning commission, a citizen advisory body, makes recommendations to the city council. The commission meets formally twice a month and service on the commission and subcommittees take about 30 hours of work a month.

Applicants must be residents of the city or of its urban growth boundary. Applications must be completed by Monday, Oct. 31. For further information, call **Myk Heidt, 696-8181**.

Annual Holiday Shot to open in October

Vancouver's nonprofit Holiday Shop, now in its ninth year, opens at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in a new location, in Devine Consign, 904 Main Street, according to **Linda Glover**, director of Creative Enterprises for the community Nonprofit Network.

Both the year-round Devine Consign, which deals mostly in home furnishings, and the Holiday Shop, help support activities of more than two dozen local nonprofit organizations, who are part of the local Nonprofit Network.

Calendar

Learn how early learning concepts speed pre-kindergarten child development at forum presented by State

Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th) at 6 p.m. this evening in the Fisher's Landing Transit Center. Panelists are **Doreen Turpin**, **Patricia Nierenberg**, **Laurie Cornelius** and **Melinda Jennings**.

Thursday headlines at home and abroad

[Senate confirms John Glover Roberts Jr. as chief justice of the United States, replacing the late William H. Rehnquist, the mentor for whom he clerked. The vote was 78-22--Washington Post, **Fred Barbash**](#)

[Christiansen Shipyards wants Tiger Wood's lawsuit tried in Vancouver--Oregonian](#)
[Former ALCOA aluminum smelter and property, not up for sale but Port of Vancouver sees industrial opportunities for 200+ acres--Oregonian](#)

[Microsoft Corp. Bill Gates finally hits the \\$1 million-a-year mark in salary and bonuses--Seattle P-I, **Todd Bishop**](#)

[I-5 widening at Salmon Creek proceeding mostly apace--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)

[Maya Lin pedestrian land bridge negotiations with railroad not yet final--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

[Battle Ground School District board unanimously nixes sports bar near Maple Grove Primary School--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)

[\\$170 million Evergreen Airport development decision waits on a second planning commission meeting next Tuesday--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Five U.S. Marines die in combat; 60 killed in coordinated suicide bombings north of Baghdad--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Thursday on the air

Hilton Vancouver Washington Grand Opening Gala—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Texas at Seattle Mariners (live)—3:30 p.m. FSN, KFX
Sgt. Brad Crawford Park Dedication—4 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (9/25)—5 p.m. CVTV
Camp Bonneville Clean-up Plan (9/8)—5:40 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus (9/15)—8 p.m. CVTV
YMCA Strong Communities Luncheon—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jan Gourlie making her own connections. ☞ **Claralee Williams** re-upping. ☞ **Pam Neal** taking care of details ☞ **Tom** and **Karen Hunt** gallivanting in style. ☞ **Judie Stanton** thinking reforestation project. ☞ **Casandra Franzen** taking names and numbers. ☞ **Thursday**, starts better than it ends in light showers, 72. ☞ **Friday**, expect more showers, 69. **Saturday** showery, 64.