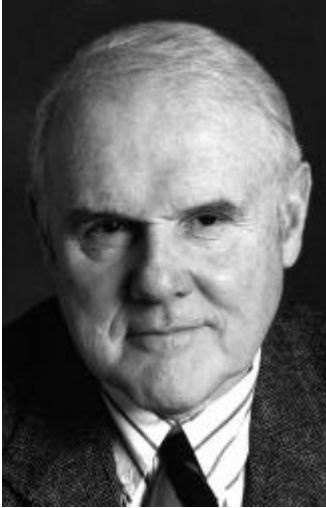


Tom Koeninger named to U of W Communications Alumni Hall of Fame



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Tom Koeninger, editor emeritus of *The Columbian*, has been named to the Communications Alumni Hall of Fame at the University of Washington. Koeninger is among the first 25 of 11,000 communications graduates to have been honored with the university's Communications Hall of Fame designation.

Other members of the group are Washington governor **Christine Gregoire**, **Robert Merry**, editor and publisher of the *Congressional Quarterly*, and two Pulitzer Prize winners, **Eric Nalder** and **David Horsey**

Reports chair of the Department of Communication, "The Communication Alumni Hall of Fame honors alumni who have had a significant impact on the community through their vision, leadership and services."

Koeninger will be inducted into the Hall of Fame Thursday, Oct. 20.

County loses 1,300 jobs in April

Clark County lost 1,300 jobs during April, according to the state Department of Employment Security, although the jobless rate also fell in the county as the total number of eligible workers also declined.

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in Clark County last month was 5.9 percent, a drop from 7 percent in March and 7.5 percent in April 2004. According to the monthly report, the number of workers declined by 3,700 in April, to 193,400 from 197,100 in March.

Statewide, the unadjusted employment rate was 5.5 percent in April. The national unadjusted rate was 4.9 percent.

The fastest growing occupations in the state are private household cooks, sociologists, veterinary assistants, and laboratory animal caretakers, medical scientists and veterinary technologists and technicians. The highest paying jobs go to surgeons, obstetricians and gynecologists, chief executives, all other physicians and surgeons, and psychiatrists.

Community Share Fair Saturday is one-stop get-rid-of-stuff paradise

The first Community Share Fair Saturday, May 21, is the answer to a spring cleaner's dreams—a one-stop location to donate clean and reusable items to community charitable organizations.

The list of items in working condition that can be donated is long and includes appliances, baby supplies, bedding, linens, books, cell phones, clothing, construction materials, eyeglasses, computers, canned food, furniture, musical instruments, sports equipment and school supplies. Tax deduction receipts will be provided.

In addition, disabled electronics, tennis shoes and block foam can be turned into recyclers at the fair.

Eartha the Ecological Clown, **Recycleman** and the **Dumpster Divers** will entertain during the 9 a.m.-to-3 p.m. event in the Clark Public Utilities' center at 8600 NE 117th Avenue.

The recycling event is sponsored by Clark County, City of Vancouver, Clark Public Utilities, NW Natural, Frito-Lay, Starbucks and Waste Connections. For further information, call **397-6118**, extension **4352**.

Marshall Community Park closed for major makeover

Vancouver's 15-acre Marshall Community Park, adjacent to the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E McLoughlin Boulevard, will be closed until next spring for major improvements throughout, including new restrooms, upgraded sports fields, irrigation and landscaping. The Chelsea Anderson Playground and the softball field will also be closed.

The improvements are being financed through the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation real estate excise tax.

News briefs

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture **Mike Johanns** will discuss the proposed Central American Free Trade Agreement with southwest Washington business leaders at a 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, meeting in the Heathman Lodge. The presentation is sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

The cost is \$30 per person. Call **694-2588** for reservations. ☎ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Vancouver City Council generally supports tax hikes--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[David Nierenberg named to governor's economic council--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Cars being found in Lacamas Lake "car pool"--Columbian, **John Branton**](#)
[WSU Vancouver and Clark College big winners in state's capital budget--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)
[Vancouver's Skyview High School one of the tops in the nation--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[JetBlue offering red-eye nonstop to New York from PDX--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)
[Auto accident rate plummets at 112th Avenue/Gher Road since completion of Highway 500 interchange--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
[Bond issue would give Vancouver library strength to grow to fit the demand--Oregonian, **Holly Gilbert**](#)

Tuesday on the air

Children's Mental Health—4 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Round Rock (live)—5 p.m. KKAD
Is Clark County in Denial?—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Yankees at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN
Bravo! Vancouver: Out of Africa—7 p.m. CVTV
Intergovernmental Roundtable: Cowlitz Casino (4/30)—9 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Byron Hanke sartorially correct. ☎ **Gregg Herrington** taking credit for 3-hit inning. ☎ **Marilyn Willis** picking a winning number. ☎ **Margaret Kretschmar** coaxes photographer, **Ginger Kleweno** and **Jo Harris** appear. ☎ **Tuesday**, more showers, but at least one sunbreak, 62. **Wednesday**, wind-driven clouds will be dripping, 63. **Thursday**, more showers, 65.