



Clark, WSU celebrate new center

Dr. R. Wayne Branch, Clark College President, **Rhona Sen Hoss**, Vice Chair of the Clark College Board of Trustees, and WSU Vancouver Chancellor **Dr. Hal Dengerink** cut the ribbon at Tuesday's celebration for the Clark Center at WSUV. State Representatives **Bill Fromhold**, **Jim Dunn**, and **Deb Wallace** were on hand as well as State Senator **Craig Pridemore** and **Charles Earl**, Executive Director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Zarelli family offers reward, asks for help in finding stolen puppy



Just three days after purchasing Gracie, a Golden Retriever puppy at the 2006 SWIFT Gala auction on April 22, someone entered **Senator Joseph and Tani Zarelli's** garage sometime after 10 p.m. on April 25 and took her. Tani Zarelli reports that Gracie was stolen from a kennel. Nothing else was taken. The Zarellis immediately filed a report with the Clark County Sheriff's Office and are offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to Gracie's safe return. The Zarellis may be contacted at 360-600-5611.

Lieser closure rescheduled

WSDOT has announced that the closure of the Lieser Road Bridge, as well as SR 14 eastbound in the same vicinity originally slated for May 5-7 has been rescheduled to the following weekend, May 12-15.

Bridge repairs require a full closure of SR 14 eastbound. The closure will begin at 8 p.m. on May 12. The highway will reopen by 6 a.m. on Monday, May 15

Comcast complaints way down

The number of customer complaints regarding Comcast cable and high-speed internet service fell by nearly 40 percent during 2005, which followed a 50 percent reduction in complaints during 2004, according to the City/County Telecommunications Commission's annual review of the performance of the company.

During 2005 the total number of complaint calls to the cable TV office decreased from 111 during the previous year to 67, according to the report.

During 2005 Comcast gained 662 customers for a total of 79,194 cable customers as of Dec. 31, 2005. The increase in Internet subscribers was much more dramatic. By the end of 2005 Comcast had 46,426 high-speed Internet customers, an increase of 6,519 customers.

The company currently has over 2,000 miles of cable in the county and has the capability of serving a total of nearly 152,000 homes.

Comcast took over Clark County cable operations from AT&T Broadband in February 2003. Its current contract extends through Dec. 31, 2012.

Southern Washington's premier art show is this weekend in Ridgefield

One of the most comprehensive art shows in southern Washington opens with an artists reception at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue. There is no charge for the opening night reception nor for the art and exhibit and sale that is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in the same location.

More than 30 artists will be exhibiting in the show sponsored by the Ridgefield Art Association.

Food vendors sought for Esther Short Park events

The City of Vancouver is gearing up for two concert series and a movie series in Esther Short Park this summer by calling for food vendors to provide services for each of the series and also to provide services on week-days in Propstra Square in the park.

An informational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Esther Short Building, 610 Esther Street. Application packets will be available at the meeting or by calling **619-1150**. The deadline for applying is Wednesday, May 24.

Author of *Feel Good Naked* booked for Women in Action

Laure Redmond, author of *Feel Good Naked* is the featured speaker for the Women In Action Foundation luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. The luncheon also highlights the **Mary Granger** Climate of Excellence Award, a raffle and silent auction.

Tickets are \$35 each. For further information, call **Michele Larsen, 750-1622**.

Calendar

Former Vancouver city councilman **Jack Burkman** formally kicks off his legislative campaign against Rep. Jim Dunn today at the Firstenburg Center in east Vancouver, 5:30-7:30 p.m. ☞ The City/County Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening, in City Hall.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Fire damages Battle Ground home--Columbian, **Jose Paul Corona**](#)

[Study envisions 50-year look at transportation--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)

[Camas Trooper honored--Columbian, **John Branton**](#)

[Evergreen delays plan to cut school day--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)

[State liquor board to appeal ruling that favored Costco--Seattle P-I, **Kristine Millares Bolt**](#)

[Jury rejects Moussai death sentence--New York Times, **Neil Lewis and David Stout**](#)

[US Fury as Mexico softens drug laws--The Times Online](#)

[House impasse spurs states to tackle illegal immigration--The Washington Post, **T.R. Reid**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Clark County Close Up (4/2)—4 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Youth Achievement Celebration (4/29)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Sex Offenders in the Community (4/27)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (4/23)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

☞ **Stephanie Anderson** giving the talent a break. ☞ **Curtis Shuck** making transition look easy. ☞ **Tom Hagley Jr.** telling a very good story. ☞ **Angela Simmons** celebrating: one ceremony down, one to go. ☞ **Kyle Brown** taking cycling over ceremonies any day. ☞ **Paul Speer** talking to the animals. ☞ **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, stray cloud or two, 72. **Thursday**, more blue sky, warm enough for a pic-

nic, 77. **Friday**, partly sunny and cooler, 68.