

## **Clark College takes \$27 million step to serve east Vancouver**

A bright spot beneath the sullen skies of east Vancouver this morning was the groundbreaking of the \$27 million Clark College at Columbia Tech Center.

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** said, "We want everyone to know that Vancouver is open for business. This great new facility also makes it clear that east Vancouver is open for education."

Clark College president **Bob Knight** said, "The Columbia Tech Center is a beautiful site mixing office, industrial, medical and retail facilities. Now it will also be home to lifelong learning opportunities that expand access to education in the eastern portion of our service district. The Penguin Nation is staking its claim in eastern Clark County."

Located on a 9.5-acre site at 18700 E Mill Plain Boulevard, Clark College at Columbia Tech Center will house 18 classrooms, eight science and computer labs, a 3,500 square-foot multipurpose area for conferences, offices for faculty and support staff, and parking for nearly 400 vehicles.

The state legislature provided financing for the project in the 2007 session. It is to be open in the fall of 2009.

## **Clark College out of running for 2008 presidential debate**

A consortium of Clark College and the Portland Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, were told today, that their bid to hold a 2008 presidential debate has been denied.

The three 2008 presidential debates will be held in Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

## **More than 600 nativity scenes on display during free display**

The 7th annual Festival of Nativities offers visitors a spectacular display of more than 600 nativity scenes from around the world during the four-day event that opens at noon Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 10509 SE 5th Street, two blocks south of Mill Plain Boulevard. Display hours are noon to 9 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 2.

Live nativity scenes are performed at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Live music accompanies the display, featuring music by groups from Evergreen, Heritage, Prairie and Camas High Schools, and The Columbia Adventist Academy Bell Choir.

## **Clark Penguins win NAACC soccer tournament in overtime**

Clark College Penguins men's soccer team last night won the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship 1-0 over Spokane Community College at Tukwila.

Penguin **Shawn McCready** kicked a breakaway goal in the 10th minute of overtime, giving Clark a 1-nil victory.

## **Elections not over**

Commissioners for Drainage Improvement District 5, Diking Improvement District 14 and Drainage District 2 will be elected at a special election Tuesday, Feb. 19. The Clark County Elections Department is accepting candidate filings for the offices of commissioner of the districts Monday, Dec. 3, through Friday, Dec. 7, reports county auditor **Gregg Kimsey**. For further information, call **397-2345**.



Not exactly dressed for earth moving, but good at spotting camera were the symbolic groundbreakers for Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, left to right, Clark College trustee Sherry Parker, College foundation president, Lisa Gibert, ASCC president Pat Mehigan, State Rep. Bill Fromhold, member of the state board of community colleges Tom Koenninger and Clark College president Bob Knight

## **News brief**

First Independent is encouraging its debit card holders to spend from their checking account instead of using credit cards by offering a \$5 contribution to charity for every 10 debit card purchases of \$25 or more, reports COO **Jeanne Firstenburg**. Contributions will be made to the Council for the Homeless, Free Clinic of SW Washington, North County Community Food Bank and Skyline Hospital Foundation.

## **Calendar**

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session from 5 to 6 p.m. today. The city council will also meet in regular session beginning at 7 p.m. this evening. <> Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. <> The Puget Sound Blood Center is holding a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the parking lot of the Washington State School for the Blind, 2214 E 13th Street. <> The final workshop on employment law being presented by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Schawbe Williamson and Wyatt is from noon until 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. Attendance is limited to 25 persons. Call **695-2588** for further information. <> The C-TRAN board of directors meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, in C-TRAN offices at 2425 NE 65th Avenue.

## **Monday on the air**

Cooking With Class—4 p.m. FVTV

**Portland Blazers at Charlotte (live)**—4 p.m. CSN, KXL

**Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)**—5 p.m. CVTV

Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV

**Vancouver City Council (live)**—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Youth Town Hall (11/8)—10 p.m. CVTV

## **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**David Cleveland** still making Volvos hum. <> **Mike** and **Millie Matinich** still winning contracts. <> **Ted Van Arsdol** attending yet another stellar event. <> **Donna Lund** filling in details. <> **Fran Rutherford** gearing up for another big show. <> **Monday**, light showers, 47. **Tuesday**, cloudy, but mostly dry, 46. **Wednesday**, partly sunny, 48.