



Part of a pilot project, C-TRAN's new "Breathe easy" bus, above, runs on 100 percent biodiesel fuel, also called B100, resulting in a 100 percent reduction in carbon and sulfur dioxide emissions, the main components in greenhouse gases. C-TRAN is believed to be the only transit agency on the West Coast to have a revenue fleet vehicle using B100. The bus will be on display from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Public Service Center, 1400 Franklin Street, during C-TRAN's regular monthly meeting. Since 2006, through a partnership with the Southwest Clean Air Agency, C-TRAN has been making incremental changes to the types of fuels and engine components it uses to help reduce harmful emissions, C-TRAN will retrofit all of its buses to run on ultra low-sulfur diesel. In early 2007, C-TRAN introduced the use of B5, a 5 percent biodiesel blend, throughout its entire fleet. The combination of these two fuels has resulted in a 90 percent reduction in harmful carbon and sulfur dioxide emissions fleet-wide. In addition to the B100 pilot project, C-TRAN is eagerly anticipating the delivery of twelve, 40-foot electric hybrid vehicles, scheduled to arrive in the spring of 2008.

David and Patricia Nierenberg named 2007 Philanthropists of the Year; T. Randall Grove, Friend of the Foundation by Community Foundation



David and Patricia Nierenberg

David and Patricia Nierenberg have been named 2007 Philanthropists of the Year, and **T. Randall Grove** has been named the 2007 Friend of the Foundation by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. The awards will be presented at the foundation's annual luncheon Tuesday, May 1, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

The Nierenbergs were chosen by a committee of former Philanthropist of the Year award recipients. "The Nierenberg's approach to giving is engaged, passionate and inspired. Without a doubt, they are changing the fabric of this community through their generosity, time and support," said **Ed Firstenburg**, 2006 Philanthropist of the Year award recipient.



T. Randall Grove

The Philanthropist of the Year Award, first presented in 2004, recognizes individuals, foundations or corporations that have demonstrated outstanding charitable leadership and whose generosity is an example to others.

Recently the Nierenbergs have made major gifts to Southwest Washington Medical Center, Foundation for Early Learning and The Confluence Project. Previous recipients are **Margaret Pulliam**, **Leslie Durst**, Ray Hickey Foundation, **Ed and Dollie Lynch** and Firstenburg.

Grove, partner in the Landerholm, Memovich, Lansverk & Whitesides law firm, was named 2007 Friend of the Foundation. "Randy is someone who has, behind the scenes, provided extraordinary professional and personal support to our mission—promoting philanthropy," said **Nancy Hales**, president of the Community Foundation. Grove's practice emphasizes wealth transfer, estate planning, probate, and business succession. He is the only attorney in Southwest Washington to be listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* (trusts and estates category) and was selected as a Washington 2006 Super Lawyer.

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is a public nonprofit agency with managed assets of more than \$50 million. During its 23 years, the Community Foundation has granted more than \$74 million throughout SW Washington.

Clark College is the sponsoring college for a 2008 presidential debate in Portland

Clark College's interim president **Bob Knight** this week was sharing "exciting" news with the staff and faculty, to wit: The Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area is one of 19 national applicants vying to host a 2008 presidential debate. "This is exciting news because Clark College is the educational partner in our area's application," Knight says.

Clark College was approached several weeks ago by the team coordinating the proposal. The coordinating team in the official proposal is Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission of Portland, OR, and Clark College, Vancouver, WA."

Although Portland was a finalist several years ago, the Pacific Northwest has never hosted a presidential debate. This year, the team felt that their proposal would be stronger if it truly represented the entire metropolitan area, Vancouver and Portland. The only other candidates from the west are Spokane, through Washington State University, and Tempe, Ariz., through Arizona State University.

According to Knight, a presidential debate brings worldwide attention to the community. It attracts all of the major American networks, along with news channels from all over the world. The 2004 debates averaged 55 million television viewers.

Knight says, "While the debate would likely be held in the Oregon Convention Center or Portland Expo, it would offer great teaching and learning opportunities for our students and faculty. In addition, we believe that Clark students would be able to win 50 to 100 free debate tickets through a lottery, more than any other Portland-Vancouver area university or college.

"I believe that being invited to participate in this process is an honor for the college and our community. If this bid is successful, we would be the first community college to sponsor a presidential debate. And it would take place in fall of 2008. What a great way to mark the start of our diamond jubilee year, the college's 75th anniversary."

Calendar

A community celebration of renewable energy, highlighted by the unveiling of a solar kiosk which displays in real-time the production of electricity by the Water Resources Education Center's new solar-voltaic panels, is from 4 to 7 p.m. today. A program by Clark Public Utilities' commissioner **Nancy Barnes**, Mayor **Royce Pollard**, and **Angus Duncan**, president of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, is at 4:30 p.m. ☞ The Clark County Historical Museum, offering free admission from 5 to 9 p.m. today, is presenting at 7 p.m. a lecture by **Ryan Durocher**, Vancouver Urban Forestry Outreach coordinator on the most celebrated and iconic trees in the city. ☞ Eugene O'Neill's *The Long Voyage Home*, directed by **Llewellyn Rhoe**, is being presented by Arts Equity On Stage at 7:30 p.m. this evening, Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Admission ranges from \$8 to \$24. A package, which includes a three-course dinner in the Restaurant at the Historic Reserve, can be had for \$55. For further information, call **695-3770**.

Thursday on the air

Urban Management Forestry Plan (4/3)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Fresno (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
 Columbia River Crossing Task Force (3/27)—11 p.m.

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Celinda Rupert making a deal. ☞ **Warren Cook** taking care of details. ☞ **Alex Meinig** feeling the pain of meditation. ☞ **Machelle Campbell** getting past mailbox. ☞ **Ken Moody** puts all the ducks in a row. ☞ **Thursday**, warming, nice day, 72. **Friday**, quite warm, 76. **Saturday**, possible showers, but otherwise nice, 74.

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