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Growth plan hearing goes another day, resumes at 5:30 p.m. today

The public hearing on the Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan resumes at 5:30 p.m. today, in the Public Service Center, having been continued from yesterday.

Civic organizations and interest groups are encouraged to present their concerns.

The Clark County Planning Commission will formally consider recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning proposed changes to urban growth boundaries, zoning in newly designated urban areas, and written planning policies.

Written comments are still being accepted and may be submitted by mail to Growth Management Plan Comments, Clark County Planning, P.O. Box 9810, Vancouver, WA 98666; by email, commplanning@clark.wa.gov; by fax, 759-6762.

International algorithmic experts' conference is at WSU Vancouver

The three-day, third International Conference on Algorithmic Aspects in Information and Management concludes at Washington State University Vancouver Friday. The first two international conferences were held in China.

The conference has attracted 35 top computer scientists and mathematicians from 15 countries.

"While the areas of operations research and management science are full of algorithmic challenges, the proliferation of information has called for the design of smart algorithms and data structures for their management," says **Wenzhan Song**, WSU Vancouver assistant professor of computer science and host for the conference.

Algorithms are mathematical rules or procedures for solving problems.

Dave Christel takes oath as federal magistrate judge for Clark County

Vancouver attorney **David Christel** has been sworn in as a federal magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington. His office is in Vancouver, as was Vancouver attorney **Gil Kleweno**'s, whom Christel succeeded.

Over 400 persons and 15 federal judges attended Christel's investiture May 29, in Pearson Air Museum.

Christel is a Washington State University graduate. He is a member of the Vancouver School District board of directors. As a federal magistrate judge, Christel will oversee local criminal proceedings for the western district of the federal court.

Four nominated by Brian Baird earn appointments to military academies

Four southern Washington high school graduates nominated by U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) have been granted appointments to U.S. military service academies.



David Christel

Arinda Muck, Hockinson High School, was accepted by both the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. **Christopher Michaels** and **Shane Smith**, both from Skyview High School, were accepted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., as was **James Han**, Columbia River High School.

News briefs

Columbia Credit Union has received five national awards for its 2006 marketing campaigns, reports Colleen Boccia, the credit union's senior vice president of marketing and strategic planning. Columbia received first place awards for email marketing and for a coordinated 'Year-of-the-Member' campaign, and an award of merit for youth marketing from the Credit Union National Association. The national Credit Union Executive Society presented Columbia with a first place award for youth marketing and an award of merit for email marketing. <> New Tradition Homes, whose new homes are all either Energy Star- or Earth Advantage-certified,

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has won two awards for innovation, reports New Tradition vice president **Kelly Helmes**. New Tradition was named Innovator of the Year by the *Vancouver Business Journal* and has received the 2007 award for Sustainable Community Design from the Clark County Public Health Advisory Council.

Five southern Washington high school graduates have been presented \$3,000 scholarships to Clark College from an endowment established by **Ed Firstenburg** in 1985. The scholarship winners are as follows: **Mercedes Akins**, Hudson's Bay High School; **Allie Busby**, Heritage High School; **Scott Carlton**, Stevenson High School; **Tata Moore**, Woodland High School; and **Leah Sarkkinen**, Battle Ground High School. **Calendar**

Deadline to file for local non-partisan public office is 5 p.m. Friday, June 8, in the Clark County Elections office, 1408 Franklin Street. <> An open house discussion of possible improvements along the E Evergreen Highway corridor between NE 164th and 192nd Avenues is at 7 p.m. this evening in the Fisher's Landing Elementary School, 3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive. For further information, call **696-8008**. <> **John Patrick**'s *The Curious Savage* is being presented by the Magenta Theater at 7 p.m. this evening, Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 in the First Baptist Church, 108 W 27th Street. A matinee is at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Tickets are \$10 to \$13, and can be gotten by calling **635-4358**. Tickets are slightly higher at the door. <> **Steve Martin**'s *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, directed by **Llewellyn Rhoe** is being presented at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 9 and Sunday, June 9, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. A matinee is at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10. Tickets range from \$10 to \$24. Dinner-theater packages at the Restaurant at the Historic Reserve are \$55. For further information, call **695-3770**.

Thursday on the air

Northwest Indian News—3 p.m. FVTV
Clark County Focus (5/17)—4:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (5/27)—5 p.m. CVTV
Cooking With Class—5:30 p.m. FVTV
Portland Beavers at Salt Lake (live)—6 p.m. KKAD
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
David Christel Federal Magistrate Investiture (5/29)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Scott Wilson explaining deferred comp. <> **Phyllis Hess** passing along good news. <> **Kris Sork** making wishes come true. <> **Alex Evans** through searching for vowels in Prague. <> **Brad Andersen** and **Phil Haberthur** earning colleague's kudos. <> **Thursday**, warming after morning showers, 70. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 74. **Saturday**, some showers, 64.