

## **Former Amnesty International Director to speak on human rights violations**



**William Schulz**

**William Schulz**, former Amnesty International executive director, will discuss human rights violations at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, as part of Washington State University Vancouver's Public Affairs Distinguished Lecture series.

Schulz, who was executive director of Amnesty International from 1994 to 2006, will speak and answer questions in lecture hall 111 in the Administration Building on the SWU Vancouver Salmon Creek Campus.

Schulz topic is "How Amnesty International Has Exposed Human Rights Violations by the United States."

The Distinguished Lecture series is sponsored by the Associated Students of WSU Vancouver, the WSU Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, and the *Columbian*.

There is no charge for the lecture. Parking is available in the blue lot for \$2 or in metered spaces. For further information, go to [www.vancouver.wsu.edu/events/schulz](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/events/schulz).

## **Clark College initiates easy plan for student tuition**

Clark College is introducing a new and optional student tuition interest-free easy payment plan, effective with the spring quarter which begins April 2, reports interim president **Bob Knight**.

"Clark College has created the Student Tuition Easy Payment Plan to help students who want to continue their education but may not be able to pay the full tuition at the start of a quarter," Knight says.

Under the plan, students may make three interest-free payments during the quarter. The plan is not a loan and therefore there is no interest to be paid, according to Knight. However students will be charged a \$15 enrollment fee. The STEPP plan does not include expenses for books, parking and administrative fees. For further information, call **992-2177**.

## **Battle Ground corridor to I-5 to get further scrutiny**

The State Department of Transportation is presenting another open house to further refine plans for the Highway 502 express route between Battle Ground and Interstate 5. The meeting is between 4 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in the Battle Ground High School cafeteria, 300 W Main Street.

The route connects downtown Battle Ground west to the I-5 freeway along Highway 502, also known as NE 219th Street. The connection will create a new interchange at I-5 four miles north of the county fairgrounds interchange at NE 179th Street.

Under consideration at the March 27 session are alignments of streets along the new Highway 502 corridor.

Construction of the \$29 million link between the city and the freeway is expected to begin this spring and be completed in 2009.

## **Community Choices 2010 to report on the health of Clark County**

Community Choices 2010 will report on the health of Clark County and present a panel discussion of how the county can become healthier at a public presentation from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Gaiser Hall in Clark College.

A community health report card will be presented and discussed by Clark County Public Health director and chairman of Community Choices 2010 **John Weisman**.

A panel debate follows. Facilitated by **John White**, former chairman of the board of Southwest Washington Medical Center, it will explore, "How Do We Move from Good to Great?" Panelists are as follows: **Scott Bailey**, regional economist, state Employment Security Department; **Rex Burkholder**, Portland Metro councilor; **Derk Chisholm**, senior partner Parametrix; **John Deeder**, superintendent Evergreen Public Schools; and **Joe Kortum**, Southwest Washington Medical Center CEO.

Admission is \$10, and advance registration is required. For further information, call **567-1067**.

## Calendar

The La Center City Council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. ✂ A presentation by Magenta Theater Company, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, based on a story by C. S. Lewis, dramatized by Joseph Robinette and directed by **Jaynie Roberts**, opens at 7 p.m. this evening in the First Baptist Church, 108 W 27th Street. Performances continue at 7 p.m. Friday, March 16, and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Admission ranges from \$10 to \$13, slightly higher at the door. For further information, go to [www.magentatheater.com](http://www.magentatheater.com). ✂ “Green Power: How Much Can We Afford?” is the subject matter of The Forum at the Library at 7 p.m. this evening in Library Hall in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. Presenters are **Pat McGary**, Clark Public Utilities, **Ann Gravatt**, Renewable Northwest Project, and **Ruth Bennett**, Bonneville Power Administration. Moderator is **Dan Ogden**.

## Thursday on the air

**NCAA: Indiana vs. Gonzaga (live)—5 p.m. TNT**

Vancouver City Council (3/5)—5 p.m. CVTV

Columbia River Crossing Task Force (2/27)—8 p.m. CVTV

Port of Vancouver Report (2/21)—11:32 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Neil Kimsey** answering, “Yes!” ✂ **Katherine Lum** streamlining, smiling. ✂ **Ken Andrews** in good company. ✂ **Vern Veysey** melding black and white. ✂ **Jim Justin** gravitating properly. ✂ **Bob Knight** sailing smoothly. ✂ **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 62. **Friday**, mostly sunbreaks, 68. **Saturday**, clouds, sunbreaks, possible showers, 63.