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## **Author's party signals release of Clark County's 2007 History**

Publisher **Howard Gingold** and several authors of the 2007 *Clark County History* will be feted at an author's party from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 26, in the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street.

There is no charge for the party and reception. Members of the Clark County Historical Society get copies of the annual history free with their membership. The price of the history is otherwise \$14.

Gingold is a retired *Los Angeles Times* and CBS journalist and documentary filmmaker.

Camas artist **Diana Rice Bonin** worked with Gingold on the design and layout of the book. For further information, call **993-5679**.

## **Port of Camas-Washougal has Monday morning tour**

The Port of Camas-Washougal, considering rezoning of its East Industrial Park, is conducting a public walking tour of the property at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28.

The East Industrial Park is just east of Captain William Clark Park on Cottonwood Beach. Participants are asked to arrive at 8:45 a.m. wearing warm clothes and walking shoes.

## **Port of Ridgefield pledges \$2 million toward Pioneer Street rail overpass**

The Port of Ridgefield has begun the process of raising an estimated \$12.5 million overpass on Pioneer Street with a pledge of \$2 million. The overpass would link downtown Ridgefield with its Lake River waterfront recreational area. Construction of the project is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2010.

The project will also allow closure of two at-grade railroad crossings, including the Mill Street crossing, which is currently rated as the fifth most dangerous crossing in the state. Closure of the crossing will speed up freight and passenger movement through Ridgefield.

"Increasing freight mobility in Ridgefield will also promote redevelopment and employment at the port, and will also preserve and promote job growth and economic development in the entire Portland-Vancouver metro area," says Port commissioner **Roy Randel**.

## **Bank of Clark County awarded BBB Business of the Year**

The Bank of Clark County has been recognized by the Better Business Bureau with the Business of the Year Torch Award in the "large business" category in Oregon and Southwest Washington, reports the bank's chairman, **Mike Worthy**.

The Business of the Year award recognizes customer service, community involvement and innovative business practices.

The award was won last year by Vancouver-based Northwest Personal Training.

## **Free help for federal educational financial aid offered Sunday**

A free on-site program to help students and families complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid forms, which are required when applying for federal financial assistance for higher education, is being offered at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Firstenburg Students Commons at Washington State University Vancouver.

Students and parents can talk to experts and get in-depth help filling out the FAFSA. Whether the choice is a four-year college, community college, vocational or technical school, the program can help students obtain federal financial aid. For further information, call **546-9781**.

## **News brief**

**Surplus of exercise dumbbells available**—headline in the City of Vancouver's *DailyE*. If there ever is a shortage, the city may inquire at the *dailyinsider.info* exercise room.

### Calendar

The 46th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, showcasing 57 Washington and Oregon high school jazz bands and vocal groups, concludes today in Gaiser Hall on the Clark College Fort Vancouver Way campus. Final competition begins this evening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For further information, call **992-2188** or **992-2662**. <> Eugene Ionesco's *Exit the King*, directed by **Llewellyn Rhoe**, is being presented at 8 p.m. this evening and tomorrow and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Tickets range from \$10 to \$24. For further information, call **695-3770**. <> Bravo! Vancouver "Rhythm & Blues & Brahms" concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road. In its 14th season, Sunday's concert features artistic director **Michael Kissinger**'s northwest premiere of his *Jazz Suite for Clarinet and Band*. **Maria Manzo** and **Michael Barnes** offer virtuoso performances with George Gershwin's *Fantasy on Porgy and Bess*. Johannes Brahms's *Quintet in B minor for Clarinet & String Quartet* rounds out the afternoon. **Admission** is \$20. For further information, call **906-05441** or **695-6207**.

### Friday on the air

City-County Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (1/24)—4 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Winter Hawks at Calgary (live)**—6 p.m. KKAD  
Animal Control Hearings (1/23)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Rockets at Portland Blazers (live)**—7 p.m. CSN, KXL  
Army News Watch—9 p.m. FVTV  
Columbia River Crossing Task Force (1/22)—10 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Jill Bingham** joining A-list. <> **Cirith Andersen Seabree** and **Staci Searls** getting back pats. <> **John Deeder** looking for answers. <> **Chris Redman** right on time. <> **Peggy Furno** fixing to have great weekend. <> **Friday**, mostly sunny, 30-44. **Saturday**, likely precipitation, light snow possible, 36-43. **Sunday**, showers expected, 35-40.