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**WSU Presents Climate Change Panelists**

Washington State University Vancouver presents the third in the Chancellor's Seminar Series spring season, entitled "Climate Change: Fact or Fiction?" This campus lunchtime presentation takes place noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Firstenburg Student Commons.

Ticket price for each seminar is \$30 per person, including lunch and parking. For more information and to register, see <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/css>, call 360-546-9600, or visit <http://www.vancouverusa.com> to purchase tickets online. Advance registration deadline is Friday, May 9.

In "Climate Change: Fact or Fiction?" **George Mount**, professor at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at WSU, examines the implications of climate change from policy makers to scientists to conservationists to business owners and the ordinary citizen.

WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205, or via C-Tran bus service. WSU Vancouver offers 16 bachelor's degrees, nine master's degrees, one doctorate degree and more than 35 fields of study. Visit WSU Vancouver on the web at: <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu>.

**James Ballew passes away at 92**

Less than two months short of his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, James "Jim" Ballew passed away on April 24, 2008.

Jim was born on June 15, 1915 in Bellefonte, Mo., to Arthur Ballew and Verda Wair Ballew. The family moved to the St. John's community of Portland in 1917. He graduated from Roosevelt High School and attended the University of Oregon for a couple of years.

During World War II, Jim worked in the Portland Shipyards followed by 40 years with Wonder Bread Bakeries; first, as a salesman and then as a marketing director. Jim was well respected in the grocery industry in Southwest Washington and Oregon. After his retirement he worked part time with his son at Dick and Steve's Grocery Co.

Jim was a lifelong participant in sports. He enjoyed tennis, fast-pitch softball, bowling and fishing. He continued to play golf through his 90<sup>th</sup> year.

Jim's wife, Helen Acklen Ballew, preceded him in death by 27 years. He is survived by his daughter, Jean Tucker of Seattle; son, Richard Ballew, and wife, Jerrie of Vancouver; six grandchildren, David Ballew, Jon Ballew, Nicole Ballew Chang, Eric Tucker, Trent Tucker and Kevin Tucker; five great-grandchildren, Isaac Ballew, Macy Ballew, Carson Tucker, Kali Tucker and Alexander Chang.

Evergreen Memorial Gardens handled the arrangements.

**Port to consider two authorization topics**

The Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners will consider two action items, and hear a presentation from the City of Vancouver at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 13.

The meeting is set to begin at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission Room at the port's administration building, located at 3103 NW Lower River Road in Vancouver.

Action items on the agenda include a request for authorization to solicit bids for laboratory analysis of soil, groundwater, and air samples; and a request for authorization for Executive Director Larry Paulson to sign an amendment to a Port Management Agreement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

**Arts & Academics Students present The Sound of Music**

An evening of theater will be presented by the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics (VSAA) through May 17. Produced by the Associated Student Body and **Leslie Durst**, the student production of *The Sound of Music* involves over half of the VSAA student body. Included are a live orchestra, a lavish student-built set, and a lively pre-show in the courtyard beginning at 6 p.m. Show dates are May 15, 16 and 17 in the Royal Durst Theatre located inside VSAA at 3101 Main St. in Vancouver. The free pre-show open to the public begins at 6 p.m. All performances on the Main Stage begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the VSAA business office. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students with a current ASB card. For further information, please contact the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics business office at **360-313-4603**.

### **Clark College student Vasile Dediu named semifinalist in the international 2008 "Film Your Issue" competition**

"Film Your Issue" is an international initiative and competition to engage global young adults 14 to 24 in pressing social issues via the creation of two-minute films on any issues, in partnership with USA TODAY, MySpace, MTV, the United Nations, the Associated Press, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the NAACP, Sony Pictures Entertainment, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Film Institute and other organizations.

A native of Moldova, **Vasile Dediu** came to Vancouver in February 2008 and enrolled at Clark College for spring quarter. He is currently studying math while majoring in computer science.

Dediu says computer games have had a great influence on his life. "At the age of 16, I began to find information about computer games. I found out that virtual worlds are created by using 3D graphics applications." Dediu studied 3D Studio MAX on his own and, in his words, "understood that 3D animation is a great way to express myself, to create my story."

Dediu added, "This film shows that 'Wish' is a strong power and a strong 'Wish' can change the world."

The winner will receive an award at the Film Your Issue 2008 Awards Ceremony in Los Angeles at Sony Pictures Studios on June 6, 2008. The ceremony will be co-hosted by Sony Pictures Entertainment, USA TODAY, Best Buy, MySpace Impact, Think MTV and Wells Fargo.

"The LIFE" has also been selected as one of the semi-finalists for public voting online on MySpace, in the running for the FYI-MySpace Audience Award: <http://www.myspace.com/filmyourissue>. The winning film will be featured across the MySpace platforms. The voting is currently underway, and the deadline is May 13 at 5 p.m. PT.

The film has also been selected by MTV as a semifinalist for its FYI-MTV Audience Award, and it has been posted online for public voting: <http://think.mtv.com/groups/FilmYourIssue>.

The winner will be profiled on MTV News. This voting is also currently underway, and the deadline is May 13. Vasile Dediu's film "The LIFE" is available online at <http://think.mtv.com/044FDFFFFF009D224F00170098E596/>.

### **Friday on the air**

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (5/6)—4:00 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Health (4/23)—6 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Animal Control Hearings (3/26)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County/Cowlitz Tribe Memorandum of Understanding Public Meeting (4/7)--9:30 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Paul Donahue** rallying the revelers. <> **Lori Williams** rallying the troops. <> **Tauf Charneski** cruising the strip. <> **Kate Jobe** seeking her signature. <> **Sherri Falkner** bringing the merriment. <> **Gene Lynch** pontificating. <> **Michelle Golder** taking names. <> **Friday**, look out the window! It's gorgeous! 43-68. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 48-65. **Sunday**, chance of showers, 45-62.