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## **Arts Equity closes Main Street Theatre**

After three years and 467 performances, Arts Equity Onstage is giving up its performance space at the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street.

Over three years the non-profit theater group of paid actors but unpaid staff put on professional performances that attracted visitors from Portland and even across the country, but not enough, according to **Llewellyn Rhoe**, who directed the performances.

All totaled, 77 actors were paid for their performances. Other costs, including theater rent and state labor and industries' contributions, weren't matched by ticket sales, according to Rhoe.

He said today that only a miracle could keep the organization going.

"We wish to thank those individuals who have supported us during this time. A generous contribution from the Kinsman Foundation of Oregon allowed us to mount an artistically solid production of *Exit the King* as our last production in the Main Street Theatre, for which we are grateful" Rhoe said.

Subscribers holding tickets will be honored at some time in the unforeseen future, Rhoe concluded.

## **Ronald Prill joins SWMC board**



**Ronald Prill**

**Ron Prill**, retired president of Target Financial Services, has been appointed to the 15-member board of directors of Southwest Washington Health System, parent company of Southwest Washington Medical Center.

During his 33-year career at the Target Corporation, Prill was also chairman and CEO of Target National Bank, Target's credit card subsidiary. Prill served on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors Consumer Advisory Council. He is a member of the boards of the Bank of Clark County and Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington.

## **County planning second bridge for La Center**

A second bridge at La Center, crossing the East Fork of the Lewis River, is being planned within the next 20 years, according to county planning spokesperson **Laurie Nicholson**.

An open house to discuss planning for the bridge has been set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in La Center City Hall, 214 E 4th Street.

According to La Center city planner **Dale Miller**, the new bridge is needed to handle local traffic as new development occurs within the city's urban growth area, which recently was expanded to include the I-5 interchange.

The La Center City Council has requested a second bridge, which is included in the city's 20-year capital facilities plan.

## **Staffers to present high-capacity transit study options Tuesday**

With an eye on a 50-year horizon, transportation planners and stakeholders, who have selected five high-capacity transit corridors for further study, will present those options during an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Clark Public Utilities' Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Corridors under consideration are I-5, I-205, Highway 500, Highway 14 and the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad right-of-way.

The current local study is not expected to have an impact on the bi-state Columbia River Crossing Project study. However, the local study does take into account choices regarding light rail, variations on bus rapid transit, streetcar or commuter rail.

Members of the SWRTC staff will be available to answer questions. For further information, call **397-6067**, or go to <http://rtc.wa.gov/hct>.

**Sunday dinners at Hudson's to benefit  
YWCA and Innovative Services NW**

Ten percent of all Sunday evening revenue from Hudson's Bar and Grill through June will benefit YWCA Clark County and Innovative Services NW, reports **Brett Wilkerson**, general manager of the Heathman Lodge.

The 4 p.m.-to-closing each Sunday project is expected to raise \$10,000 for the two organizations. Reservations may be made by calling **816-6100**.

**People**

**John Graves** has joined Vancouver-based commercial contractor RSV Construction Services as a senior project manager, reports RSV president **Ron Frederiksen**. Graves has 34 years' experience in construction management and supervision. Most recently with R & H Construction, Portland, Graves's Clark County projects include the Electric Lightwave building, VancouverCenter and Esther Short Commons. <> **David Weniger** has been reappointed to the Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board. <> **Andrew Gregg** has been reappointed to the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission.

**John Graves****News brief**

Portland's private Warner Pacific College has announced a 23 percent reduction in annual tuition costs for traditional undergraduates, according to college president **Jay Barker**. The 2008-2009 tuition of \$16,630 includes tuition and fees. The decreased tuition rate is 37 percent lower than the \$26,249 average cost of tuition and fees for four-year private colleges and Universities in Washington and Oregon.

**Calendar**

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. <> The Vancouver City Council also meets in a formal session at 7 p.m. this evening. It is expected to approve an ordinance requiring that helmets be worn by everyone of any age when operating bicycles, unicycles, scooters, skateboards rollerblades and roller skates in public places. <> Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. <> The Puget Sound Blood Center is conducting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the St. John Medical Center, 11615 Delaware Street, Longview. <> Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

**Monday on the air****Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**

Cooking with Class—4 p.m. FVTV

Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV

**Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV****Gonzaga at University of Portland (live)—8 p.m. ESPN2**

Animal Control Hearings (2/13)—10 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Tourism Awards (2/21)—11:15 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Chris Redman** back with schedule. <> **Troy Van Dinter** right as rain. <> **KC Fuller** looking forward to a hot July. <> **Charles Hord** stating new adventure. <> **Daina Galster** taking reservations. <> **Trish Garrison** looking forward to Grand Central move. <> **Monday**, early showers, afternoon sunbreaks, 37-56. **Tuesday**, mostly gray with some sun, 42-61. **Wednesday**, intermittent light showers, 42-55.