

## Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



### Dogs, Dignitaries and DJs join Humane Society staff, volunteers and supporters to celebrate the kick-off of construction

With today's "Ground Digging," construction of the new Humane Society for Southwest Washington at 912 NE 192nd Ave., Vancouver, is officially underway. Construction is slated to begin in the next month and officials say hopes are high to open doors by late fall 2009.



Issac and Big Suke from 1080 the Fan Sports Radio assisted with the "Ground Digging" celebration.

The new facility is being designed as a community resource center with expanded education services and opportunities to adopt new family members. Officials say the new facility will be a space "filled with compassion and hope."

Quality of care is expected to increase exponentially with an updated, efficiently designed space and equipment.

With 30,000 square feet compared to the current 11,000 square feet, the new building will double the capacity for dogs and triple the capacity for cats.

"The aspirations, goals, and visions that reflect our quest for a more humane community, and grow from the genuine compassion in our hearts, have been nurtured by many people here for a long time, and they are about to become reality on this land," said **Chuck Tourtillott**, executive director. **Issac** and **Big Suke**, from 1080 the Fan Sports Radio, welcomed the crowd. **Tourtillott** and **Matt Olsen**, board president, thanked the many people who have made this moment possible including Vancouver city manager, **Pat McDonnell**, and numerous donors and volunteers. Mayor **Royce Pollard** shared his enthusiasm and support of the project, recognizing the new home as a compassionate commitment to the future of

the community.

### Vancouver planning September Main & C Street construction

Upcoming downtown Vancouver street construction, similar to the conversion that occurred on Broadway last year, will begin later in September to convert both Main and C Streets from one-way to two-way traffic.

The construction will include modifications to the signalized intersections along both streets. Impact to businesses and residents will be minimized as much as possible, according to city officials.

For more information about the projects, go to [www.cityofvancouver.us/MainStreet](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/MainStreet).

### County voters with disabilities have new options

Clark County voters who have difficulties filling out a paper ballot now have the option of casting a truly secret ballot using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU). The electronic voting machine has several accessibility options that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently and privately.

"We have been pleased to offer this service since 2006, but many people may not be aware of it," said County Auditor **Greg Kimsey**, whose office oversees elections. "There is always more interest in voting during a presidential election year, so we are making an extra effort this year to inform persons with disabilities about the availability of the "Accessible Voting Unit."

The AVU is accessible in six different ways to provide for a wide variety of needs. For those who cannot see or read the AVU screen, a set of headphones with volume control allows users to hear the ballot. For persons who cannot operate the AVU using the buttons and wheel, two tactile jelly switches can be operated using elbows or feet. A port to connect a "sip and puff" device is also available. The Accessible Voting Unit is wheelchair-accessible.

Beginning October 15 these Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) will be available during office hours at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver. On Election Day, the AVUs will be available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are unable to use regular C-Tran buses or a personal vehicle to get to the Elections Office, call C-Van service at **(360) 695-8918** or TTY **(360) 695-2760** for assistance.

Citizens can register to vote online at [www.clarkvotes.org](http://www.clarkvotes.org), by mail, or in person at the Elections Office. The deadline for registering online or by mail is October 4. For more information on registering to vote and deadlines, contact the Elections Office at **(360) 397-2345** or **Relay 711** or **(800) 833-6388**. The Clark County Elections Office is located at 1408 Franklin St., Vancouver, WA 98666. Office Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### News Brief

The September 18 City of Vancouver DRA/CCRA board meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place Thurs., Oct. 16.

#### Calendar

Sunday, September 14, 2008, is the last chance local residents have to view the Smithsonian exhibit, *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, at the Clark County Historical Museum, which is located at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA. Normally closed on Sundays, the Clark County Historical Museum is opening its doors on 9/14/08 from 12 - 4 so the public has one last chance to view this Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition which delves into the historical, regional and social traditions that merge in everyday meals and celebrations of the American table. The exhibition has been on view at the museum since July 26, 2008 and leaves Vancouver to go to Pullman, WA. For more information contact the Clark County Historical Museum at **(360) 993-5679** or visit: [www.cchmuseum.org](http://www.cchmuseum.org) or [www.keyingredients.org](http://www.keyingredients.org). <> The Grand Opening of the **Mary Firstenburg Family Center**, home of Innovative Services NW, is slated for Fri., Sept. 19, 3-5 p.m. A brief program will begin at 3:15 p.m. A building tour and unveiling of a sculpture by Jim and Christina Demetro are also part of the ceremonies. The center is located at 9414 NE Fourth Plain Road, Vancouver. For special accommodations, please contact Laurie Giacomini at 360-823-5170.

#### People



Robert Bates, who retired in July as the Washington State University Provost, has taken a new position with the university on the Vancouver campus as the director of Research and Graduate Education.

A Portland native, Bates is well known to many WSU Cougars, having served as provost from 2002-2008. Bates holds a bachelor's in biology from Lewis and Clark College earned in 1966. He earned a master's degree in bacteriology and public health at WSU in 1969 and holds a doctorate in virology from Colorado State University earned in 1972. Bates returned to WSU in January 2002 after serving for 30 years as a faculty member and administrator at Virginia Tech.

He has conducted research on molecular biology of parvoviruses and received numerous research grants from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and American Cancer Society. In addition to teaching courses in microbiology and virology, he has published 47 referred book chapters and journal articles, as well as 15 technical reports on virus topics.

#### Thursday on the air

**Clark County Land Use Hearings—(LIVE) 5:50 p.m. CVTV**

**North Carolina at Rutgers—4:30 p.m. ESPN**

**Mariners at Los Angeles—7 p.m. FSN**

**San Francisco at San Diego—7 p.m. 1360 KUIK**

**First Walk—8/23 10 p.m. CVTV**

#### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**John Fazzolari** MIA since Utah Utes victory in the Big House, suspected to be hiding in "Utes Red" pickup.<>

**Marsha Manning** rolling with the bus. <> **Patricia Rohrbach** taking care of business. <> **Larry Easter** unraveling avian mystery. <> **Melissa Lee** ready to rock. <> **Robert Stewart** crying foul, not fowl. <> **Thursday**, clear and sunny, 54-82. **Friday**, sunny, 58-87. **Saturday**, summer's not over 'till somebody sings, 48-82.

