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Skills Center earns award for character education

The Clark County Skills Center will be presented a national award for character education from the national Character Education Partnership in Arlington, Va., Friday, Oct. 17, reports Skills Center executive director **Dennis Kampe**.

The award for 'Promising Practices in Character Education' honors the Skills Center's professionalism curriculum. The professionalism curriculum teaches students behaviors that employees demand, Kampe says, such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, goal setting, resource management and community citizenship.

Free Alzheimer's series underway

Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, a series of eight free seminars on dementia and Alzheimer's disease began today in Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12513 SE Mill Plain Boulevard.

Persons experiencing memory problems, as well as those who care for them, are invited to participate, according to **Samantha Woodward**, social services assistant for the Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central, Washington State Chapter.

Of 4.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, nearly 100,000 live in Washington.

For further information and to pre-register for the series of seminars, call Woodward at **(206) 529-3868**.

Insurance commissioner to keynote county chamber's trade show

Washington insurance commissioner **Mike Kreidler** will keynote the Clark County Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Sept. 17, business trade show and health care benefits seminars, according to chamber president **Izad Khormae**.

Kreidler will speak at noon. Registration opens at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Seminars begin at 2 p.m. Presentations are by Kaiser Permanente, Lifewise and Regence BlueCross BlueShield.

The trade show, lunch and seminars in the Northwest Baptist Center, 3200 NE 109th Avenue, are free and open to the public, Khormae says. For further information and to register for the lunch, call **258-1181**.

Bank of Clark County again ranked a fastest growing company in America

The Bank of Clark County has again been named one of *Inc. Magazine's* fastest growing private companies in America.

To qualify for the annual *Inc 5000*, the bank was ranked 39th in growth among the top businesses in the region and earned an overall rank of 2,406th in the nation with a three-year revenue growth of 153 percent.

The Bank of Clark County, a full-service, locally owned and managed state chartered commercial bank, specializes in business banking.

"The bank attributes its continued growth to a high level of personal service, and its crafting customized solutions to the challenges unique to each client," says Bank of Clark County president and chief executive officer, **Mike Worthy**.

Just recently, The Bank of Clark County was ranked among the Top 200 Community Banks in the nation by *US Banker Magazine* for multiyear financial performance among banks with less than \$1 billion in assets.

Yachats River Houses gets high eatery marks

The *Daily Insider*, embarking on a series of restaurant reviews, gives its first four stars to **Marsii** and **Harley Charron's** Yachats River House in downtown Yachats. Crab cakes, rosemary bread, house-recipe salads and exquisite cr me brulee highlight a modestly sized menu of gustatory delights. The wine list from the full bar

provides complements for each entrée.

Vancouver's **Duke Simpson** and **Lynne Dawson** first recommended the small seaside restaurant as one of the best on the Oregon coast. Required reservations were provided by the restaurant's accountant, **Rod McCulloch**. Modest pricing and server **Sue McEneny**'s patient attendance helped make the dining experience the more memorable. For reservations, call (541) 547-4100.

News briefs

Lawyers for former Vancouver police officer **Navin Sharma** have negotiated a \$1.65 million settlement with the City of Vancouver on behalf of Sharma, who had won a race and retaliation suit against the city in federal court in 2001, but who was fired in 2006. In addition to the monetary settlement, Sharma's records will be changed to show that he retired in good standing. <> WPPSS rises again. Clark Public Utilities commissioners today voted to join Energy Northwest, which was formerly known as the Washington Public Power Supply System. In the 1980s, Clark and many other utilities dropped their memberships due to legal concerns associated with the end of construction on four of five nuclear plants WPPSS had been building. Today, Energy Northwest operates the Columbia Generating Station located on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near the Tri-Cities, a small hydroelectric plant in Lewis County and a wind farm near Kennewick. Commissioners believe their could be some long-term benefits from membership, now that the agency is developing renewable energy projects.

Calendar

C-TRAN board of directors meets at 5:30 p.m. today in administrative offices at 2425 N E 65th Avenue. <> The Humane Society of Southwest Washington will break ground on its new 30,000-square-foot shelter at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at 912 NE 192nd Avenue. The new shelter will be three times larger than at the former location on St. Francis Lane.

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Land Use Appeals (9/3)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus (8/20)—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Workshop (9/8)—5 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (9/8)—7 p.m. CVTV
Texas at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Clark County Planning Commission (8/21)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Robin Jobe sharing with iPod splitter. <> **Parrish Bleau** earning A+. <> **Kimber Huntington Webb** unleashing possibilities. <> **Ann Purner** back on the list <> **Joni McAnally**'s second try successful. <> **Tuesday**, sunny, 55-76. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 54-82. **Thursday**, sunny, 58-87.