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Victoria Rowell to keynote YWCA benefit luncheon

Victoria Rowell, author, and former star of the TV soap *The Young and the Restless*, is the keynote speaker for the 2008 YWCA of Clark County benefit luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Rowell's book, *The Women who Raised Me*, depicts her childhood growing up in foster care. The book won the Outstanding Debut Author award from the NAACP. Rowell has also won eleven NAACP Image Awards, the United Nations Association Award, the National Angel in Adoption award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, and honorary degrees from the University of Southern Maine and Wheelock College.

Rowell, who starred as Drucilla Winters on *The Young and the Restless*, was in foster care since her infancy. She says that she has many mothers—her birth mother and others, including a long-term foster mother, ballet teachers, a social worker and the mothers of several friends.

Tickets are \$35. To purchase a table or individual seats, please call 906-4301 or e-mail kliles@ywcaclarkcounty.org.

Annual earth-friendly garden tour is Sunday

Promoting earth-friendly gardening throughout Clark County, the annual free Earth-Friendly Garden Tour is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 13.

Local gardens on the tour demonstrate natural gardening techniques. Host gardeners and volunteers are on hand to answer questions about alternatives to chemicals, pest remedies, and plant species that support native wildlife and thrive in urban environments.

The tour is a Columbia Springs program Environmental Education Center program in partnership with the Clark County Solid Waste Program and Naturally Beautiful Backyards.

For further information and to obtain free tickets, call **891-1992**.

Battle Ground gets good marks from state auditor for 7th consecutive year

For the seventh year in a row the City of Battle Ground has received a "clean" audit from the state Auditor's Office, according to city manager **Dennis Osborn**. There were no dings, letters or management letters in the report.

According to Osborn, for the fifth consecutive year the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the city a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

County PIO wins national awards

Clark County's Public Information and Outreach Office has won first and second place awards for graphic design from the National Association of County Information Officers.

The graphic design for the annual Earth-Friendly Garden tour book and tour pass was awarded a first-place Superior award. The garden tour is sponsored by the county's Naturally Beautiful Backyards program.

A second place, Excellence award was earned by the county's road signs and map for the North Clark



Victoria Rowell

County Scenic Drive.

News brief

The International Air & Hospitality Academy has received re-accreditation for a three-year period from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, reports **Lynn Rullman**, co-president of the 29-year old Vancouver-based academy. The accreditation applies to all courses offered, including airline, culinary and hospitality management.

Calendar

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. <> The art of knitting is being taught from 6 to 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Mall Community Library. <> Poetry reading, led by **Rivkah Loewus**, is offered at 7 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. <> The Southwest Washington Sustainability Conference & Trade Show opens tomorrow in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** speaks at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10. Admission for the Kennedy speech is \$25. For further information, call **487-7111**. <> The Three Creeks Advisory Council meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 10, in the Clark Regional Wastewater District offices, 8000 NE 52nd Court. <> **5 Guys Named Moe** headline the first Riverview Six to Sunset concerts in Esther Short Park at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 10. Food vendors will be on hand.

Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (7/8)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN

Portland Beavers at Fresno (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

The Parks Foundation (6/12)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Health Board (6/25)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Sustainable Vancouver (6/3)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Flag Day Ceremony (6/14)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ron Hart moves small mountain. <> **Gregg Herrington** hanging up new shingle. <> **Cathy Huber Nickerson**, **Ginger Bolivar** and **Rob Charles** sharing accolades. <> **Kim Hash** right up-to-the-minute. <> **Tenaya Erich** promoting Red Bull. <> **Wednesday**, sunny, scattered clouds, 57-87. **Thursday**, continued sunshine, 55-79. **Friday**, sunny once again, 59-83.