



### City expected to hold property for potential center for the arts

While members of the Southwest Washington Center for the Arts are working out plans for financing and operating a \$58 million downtown performing arts center, it has asked the City of Vancouver to place a two-year hold on block 10, the preferred site for the center, which would be built on a full city block between Columbia and Washington Streets and 8th and 9th Streets kitty corner from Esther Short Park.

During the two-year development hold the SWCA will develop a plan to assure the financial and operational integrity of the center in cooperation with public and private funding partners, according to SWCA chair, **Val Ogden**. Ground would not be broken until capital funds were secured, Ogden added.

The multi-story arts center would include an art gallery, street-level shops and bistros, condominiums and offices.

### Voters OK Green Mountain levy, nix Woodland bonds, fire district levy

Clark County voters yesterday approved \$1.36 million in school levies over the next four years for the Green Mountain School District.

At the same time, both Clark County and Cowlitz County voters turned down a proposed \$49.4 million bond issue for a new high school in Woodland. The bond issue required a 60 percent majority but got only 55.6 majority in Clark County and 54.4 majority in Woodland.

The Fire District 10 proposal to add a \$1 per \$1,000 assessed valuation levy did not even get majority approval. That measure failed with only a 46.7 voter approval.

### Ron Dobyms named CFO at Columbia Credit Union

**Ron Dobyms** has been appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer at Columbia Credit Union, reports credit union CEO **Parker Cann**. Dobyms will direct and manage all financial and accounting functions at the credit union.

Dobyms, a certified public accountant, is a graduate of Oregon State University and the Pacific Coast Banking School. He earned a masters degree in business from the University of Minnesota. Dobyms has 25 years' experience in the financial industry.



**Ron Dobyms**

### Greg Kimsey's annual pre-St. Patrick's Day is Thursday

Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey's** annual pre-St. Patrick's Day campaign fundraising event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in Club Green Meadows.

The Irish Step Dancers from the Andaire Academy of Irish Dance will be performing at 6 and 7 p.m. Vancouver police officer **Rey Reynolds** will sing *Danny Boy*.

Everyone is welcome, Kinsey says, including children. For further information or to confirm attendance, call **521-6685**, or email Kimsey at [gkimsey@comcast.net](mailto:gkimsey@comcast.net).

### Camas will open downtown Farmers Market in April

The Camas Downtown Vision Coalition will launch a Camas Farmer's Market Saturday, May 17. The weekly market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through October 4, on 5th Avenue between Birch and Cedar Streets in downtown Camas.

Vendors will offer locally grown fresh and organic produce, plants, fresh flowers and prepared foods, according to **Carrie Schulstad**, president of the coalition.

Applications currently are being accepted from potential vendors. For further information, call **Carren Walker**, executive director of the market, **838-1032**, or go to [www.camasfarmersmarket.org](http://www.camasfarmersmarket.org).

### Calendar

An open house to consider plans for a second bridge across the East Fort of the Lewis River in the vicinity of La Center is at 5 p.m. today in the La Center City Hall, 214 E 4th Street. <> Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices, 111 W Division Street. Included on the agenda is a report on the North Clark County New Northwest 2008 Business Opportunity Expo. <> The Clark College Orchestra winter concert, "A Tour of London," directed by **Donald Appert**, is at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Royal Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics. Admission is free, but donations for the orchestra fund will be accepted. <> The Three Creeks Advisory Council is holding its first meeting from 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, March 13, in Clark Regional Wastewater District offices, 800 NE 52nd Court.

### Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Commission (3/11)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
**Northern Arizona vs. PSU (live)—6 p.m. ESPN2, KTRO**  
**U. W. vs. California (live)—6 p.m. FSN**  
Home Is Where the Heart Is (3/7)—7:30 p.m. CVTV  
**OSU vs. Arizona (live)—8:30 p.m. FSN, KPAM**  
Optimist Club Oratorical Contest (3/8)—9:30 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver Planning Commission (2/26)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Rich Nardini** recalling fourth estate days. <> **Sara Prince** adding luster to Friday. <> **Karen Cioccia** having a better idea. <> **Arch Miller** lighting Medicare candles. <> **Rod Cook** discovering Alpine at the top. <> **Sybil Crowe** taking care of business. <> **Wednesday** hazy gray, possible late showers, 44-57. **Thursday**, drizzly, 42-49. **Friday**, wet, possible thunder storms, 39-48.