



Carolyn J. Rose and Mike Nettleton

## Local authors share details about featured books

Ron Gompertz and Carolyn J. Rose will be two of the authors —there are over a dozen— to participate in the Arts & Letters event at Camas First Friday, which takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight, in historic downtown Camas.

Gompertz's book, *No Roads Lead to Rome*, is about a "historical adventure with a sense of humor," Gompertz says. "Sort of a 'Dilbert in the Roman Empire' with the decline and fall of nearly everything thrown in for good measure. It takes place in 123AD."

Gompertz currently works for Hewlett Packard, is president of the Camas Educational Foundation, and lives in Camas.

Rose, who co-wrote *The Big Grabowski* with her husband, **Mike Nettleton**, sees the event as an opportunity to promote their latest joint work and to be a part of a growing community. Their book, a murder

mystery, is about a man who was a land developer and had many enemies, who washes up in the tide dead, in the coastal community Devil's Harbor.

Rose currently teaches a writing class at the Clark College Town Plaza, and Nettleton is a radio personality on 1190 KEX AM. They live in Vancouver. They both started the Monthly Writers' Mixers at Cover to Cover Books in Vancouver, which is now coordinated by **Mel Sanders**.

Gompertz, who coordinated Arts & Letters, says he wants to "build community among local writers and spread the word about what a great event Camas First Friday is. I hope we bring new people into Camas to enjoy the historic downtown great happy hours, restaurants, and fine shops." He also says: "I'm hoping this will be an annual event. It's pretty "portable" if other communities want to duplicate what we've done. Authors love to share their work, and every school district has great student artists who deserve wider recognition."

For more information about Camas First Friday, visit [www.downtowncamas.com](http://www.downtowncamas.com).

More information about the Gompertz book *No Roads Lead to Rome* can be found at <http://www.noroadsleadtorome.com/>. Information about Rose and Nettleton's book *The Big Grabowski* can be found at <http://www.deadlyduomysteries.com/>. For a list of other authors participating in the First Friday event, [click here](#).

## News Briefs

Vancouver Farmer's Market will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its 20th season at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 20. The market will close at 3 p.m. There are many new and exciting activities planned for this new season. For more information, visit [www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com](http://www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com). <> The Class of 2010 Senior Auction and Lions Club Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at La Center High School, 725 Highland Road. Auction proceeds will benefit the 2010 free graduation party and other senior activities. Dinner proceeds benefit the La Center Lions Club community service projects. For more information, contact **Dana Hantho** at 263-3243 or **Jennifer Grubbs** at 263-6385.

## Calendar

Tickets are still available for the Clark College Alumni Association's Annual Winter Theatre Reception being held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the College Penguin Union Building. Hearty hors d'oeuvres and wine reception will be followed by the Theatre Department's hilarious and technically ambitious production of *The Producers*. Tickets are \$35 for Alumni Association members and \$40 for non-members. Visit [clarkcollegefoundation.org/events](http://clarkcollegefoundation.org/events) to purchase tickets. Contact the Clark College Alumni Association office at 992-2301 or [foundation@clark.edu](mailto:foundation@clark.edu) for more information. <> The Christian Youth Theater presents a unique version of *Alice—The Looking Glass Girl*, a modern, upbeat rock musical created by writer and composer **Jon Lorenz**. Performances will be at 7 p.m. tonight, March 5, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in Fort Vancouver High School, 5700 E 18th Street. Visit <http://www.cytvanport.org/> or call 750-8550 for more information. <> Art on the Boulevard, a fine art gallery in the Vancouver Marketplace, will open "Wings of Whimsy" on Friday, March 5, which will continue its run through Saturday, March 27. The gallery will feature new work from **Jan Taylor-Taskey**. The First Friday evening reception, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Friday, March 5, is open to the public at no charge and includes an opportunity to meet Taylor-Taskey and enjoy complimentary light refreshments and live music. For further information, contact the gallery at **750-4499**. <> The public is invited to "Confront Clutter," an interactive class led by Vancouver organizer **Jeff Williams**, which offers strategies to clear out clutter and more, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 6, at the Firstenburg Community Center in Vancouver. To register, call **487-7001** ext. **0** or visit [www.vanclarkparks-rec.org](http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org) and refer to class # **74117**. Walk-ins are welcome. Cost is \$15. <> Nine young finalists will perform "concert style" before a panel of judges made up of professional musicians in front of a live audience for the Young Artist's Competition to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Royal Durst Theatre at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics. Master of ceremonies for the concert will be **Rich Brase**. Students will compete for the following scholarship amounts: first place, \$1,000; second place, \$750; third place, \$250. The three category winners will then perform in concert with the VSO at Skyview High School Concert Hall in Vancouver on April 17 and 18. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.vancouverSymphony.org](http://www.vancouverSymphony.org) or call the symphony office at **735-7278**. The Vancouver School of Arts and Academics is located at 3101 Main Street in Vancouver. <> The *Vancouver Family Magazine* is having its 4th annual Children's Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Westfield Shopping Mall, 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Drive. This event is free for families to attend. There will be face painting, prizes and other fun things to do. For more information, visit [www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/](http://www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/). <> The Native American Powwow event will be held from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Covington Middle School, 11200 NE Rosewood Road. There will be drumming, dancing, singing, arts and crafts, and food. Call **604-4013** for more information. <> The Southwest Washington Wind Symphony presents "The British Isles" featuring music from England, Scotland, Ireland, and beyond, with conductors **Tim Siess** and **Lewis Norfleet**, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the auditorium at Union High School, 6201 NW Friberg-Strunk Street in Camas, WA. Musical selections include English "Folk Song Suite" by R. Vaughan Williams, "Moorside March" by Gustav Holst, and "Irish Songs for Solo and Band" featuring guest vocalist **Jonathan Vaughn**. All SW Washington Wind Symphony concerts are free and open to the public. For additional information, call **574-8386**, email [Wind.Symphony@comcast.net](mailto:Wind.Symphony@comcast.net) or visit [www.swwindsymphony.org](http://www.swwindsymphony.org). <> Vancouver City Council meets for workshops and an agenda meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 8, in Council chambers, 210 East 13th Street. <> Washougal City Council meets for workshops at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 8, in Council Chambers. <> The Ke Kukui Foundation is hosting its annual Hawaiian Cultural Lu`au from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 3000 N.W. 119th Street, Vancouver. There will be traditional Hawaiian food, live entertainment, a silent auction, raffles, and the Hawaiian Store. Tickets cost \$30 for general admission in advance, \$35 at the door, and \$40 for reserved seating. Visit <http://www.kekukuifoundation.com> or call **Karen** at **901-8860** or **Hilina`i** at **921-8816** to purchase tickets or for more information. Proceeds support the all-day outdoor Ho`ike and Hawaiian Festival on July 31, 2010, at Esther Short Park.

## Friday on the air

2010 State of the City (3-4)--5:30 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver Housing Authority: Housing Matters (2-7)--6:23 p.m. CVTV  
Legislative Update 2-28--6:52 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Animal Control Hearings (2-10)--7 p.m. CVTV  
Election 2010: The Clark County Republican Party 2010 Lincoln Day Celebration (2-6)--7:14 p.m. CVTV  
Legislative Update 2-28--8:45 p.m. CVTV  
Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners (2-23)--9 p.m. CVTV  
Columbia River Channel Deepening Update with U.S. Senator Patty Murray (2-19)--9:59 p.m. CVTV  
Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Happy Hearts: Integrative Primary and Behavioral Health Care for Older Adults (2-26)--10:59 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and Weather

**Alex Meinig** and **Jamie Gross** adapting to their arrival on land. <> **Josephine Jobe**—soon to be a model. <> **Friday**, partly cloudy, 62-39. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 63-42. **Sunday**, mostly cloudy, 58-43.