

### Voters getting serious about school issues

The Clark County Elections Department is expecting a 40 percent turnout of voters by the time voting ends at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Of some 170,000 registered voters, 59,000 had returned ballots by this afternoon in the all-mail election that involves special levies in separate school districts in the county.

To be counted, ballots must be postmarked by before 8 p.m. next Tuesday. Ballots also may be taken to the Elections Department or deposited in the drive-up ballot box on 14th Street between Franklin and Esther Streets prior to 8 p.m.

### Cheri Cole gets Rising Star Award

**Cheri Cole**, Clark College director of Alumni Relations and the Penguin Athletic Club, has been selected to receive the Rising Star Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The Rising Star Award honors professionals with three to five years' experience and recognizes their achievements.

CASE is an international organization supporting educational advancement. Cole will accept the award during the District VIII CASE Conference in Vancouver, B.C., later this month.

### C-TRAN to provide free bus service to casino meetings for La Center and Ridgefield residents

C-TRAN will be providing residents of La Center and Ridgefield free bus service to and from two public meetings scheduled by the U.S. Department of the Interior on the status of the proposed Cowlitz Casino Resort, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in Prairie High School, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Fort Vancouver High School Auditorium.

Passengers are asked to reserve space on buses by calling **263-6852**. Cost of the free transportation is being paid for through C-TRAN advertising revenue.

### People

**Cheree Nygard** has joined her husband, **Andy Nygard**, as a licensed representative with Edward Jones. The pair will work from the downtown Edward Jones location at 404 E. 15 Street, Suite #4. The Nygard family has been serving clients in Clark County since 1993. ✎ **Vaughn Lein** is retiring from the Clark County Planning Commission after serving 23 years. In addition to Lein, ten-year veteran of the commission **Carey Smith** is also retiring. "Vaughn's leadership as a chairman and Carey's input have been invaluable. They have served as major force in shaping Clark County's future," said county board of commissioners chairman **Marc Boldt**. A farewell reception for Lein and Smith is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

### News Briefs

Sponsored by the Clark County Developmental Disabilities Program, **David Pitonyak**, author and consultant, will present information regarding disabilities and the challenging behavior of young children at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 5607 NE Gehr Road, and at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Jim Parsley Center, 4100 Plomondon Street. There is no charge. For further information, call **Shelly McKee**, **397-2130**, extension **7846**. ✎ Open houses to discuss revisions in the Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan are being held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Northwest Regional Training Center, 11606 NE 66th Street, and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Fire District 11 training room, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue, Battle Ground. For further information, call the county Long Range Planning Division, **397-2375**, extension **4558**.

### Calendar

Hudson's Bay High School's 50th anniversary—to the day—is being celebrated this evening in the school beginning at 6 p.m. The celebration includes free admission to the Bay homecoming basketball game at 7 p.m. ✎ **Angela Svendsen**, violinist with the Eugene Symphony, performs at 6:45 p.m. this evening in the Commander's Bar in the Restaurant at the Reserve on Officers Row. There is no charge for the concert. For reservations, call **695-2582**. ✎ The Oregon Seafood & Wine Festival continues until 10 p.m. tonight, and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Oregon Convention Center. Adult admission is \$10.

## Friday headlines from at home and around the world

[Dennis Kinsey and Travis Jackson to get state Medals of Valor--Columbian, \*\*John Branton\*\* Mayor, commissioner air annexation differences before Columbian editorial board--Columbian, \*\*Jeffery Mize\*\*](#)  
[Landslides shut down BNSF route to Seattle ten times so far--Columbian, \*\*Craig Brown\*\*](#)  
[Killian Pacific picks up 19-acre Brush Prairie par-3 golf course--\*\*Cami Joner\*\*](#)  
[War in Iraq costing \\$100,000 a minute--Seattle Times, Los Angeles Times, \*\*Mark Mazzetti\*\* and \*\*Joel Havemann\*\*](#)  
[Egyptian ferry carrying 1,400 sinks in Red Sea--New York Times, \*\*Hassan M. Fattah\*\*](#)  
[Jobless rate falls to lowest level in more than four years--New York Times, \*\*Vikas Bajaj\*\*](#)  
[Police could nail 12th men--Columbian news briefs](#)  
[Daily Washington Post Sudoku](#)

## Friday on the air

Clark College Vocal Jazz Festival (1/26)—3:30 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus (1/25)—6 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes (1/22)—6:30 p.m. CVTV  
Animal Control Hearings (1/11)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Minnesota at Portland Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. ESPN, FSN, KXL, KXMG**  
Port of Vancouver Annual Report 1/26)—8:30 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (1/18)—10 p.m. CVTV  
State of Clark College Address (1/19)—11:25 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and the weather

**Brian Loos** getting Zags listed. ☞ **Glenn Lamb** getting, giving good marks. ☞ **Dan Heine** celebrated birthday with friends. ☞ **Troy Van Dinter** giving C-TRAN credit. ☞ **Cal Clark** giving a big hello. ☞ **Karen Ciocia** digging up history. ☞ **Friday**, showers, heavy at times, 55. **Saturday**, cloudy, sunbreaks maybe, 50. **Sunday**, rain may be tapering off, 47.