

**Vancouver Rotarians weigh in at 15,680 pounds; will lose weight to beef up Alexa Dyer Challenge**



**Alexa Dyer Life Challenge has raised \$50,000 so far**

A new campaign to raise money for the Alexa Dyer Challenge Award is gaining momentum—\$50,000 has been raised so far this year—and the newly created Web-based Lose It Challenge, combining weight loss with dollar contributions, is taking the locally based five-year-old program to an international level.

**Russ Dyer**, owner of the Princeton Athletic Club, said, during a news conference today at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, that the immediate goal is to raise \$1 million.

The local Legacy hospital is the newest and largest partner in the non-profit challenge

program. The hospital's administrator, **Jonathan Avery**, said today that there are at least 750 people at Legacy who could contribute to the program by losing weight.

Dyer and his wife, **Michele**, lost a two-year-old daughter, Alexa, to a malignant brain tumor five years ago. The tumor was discovered on her first birthday.

Before Alexa died, a fund was established to honor Alexa's spirit of determination and will to live. The funds are held by the Vancouver Rotary Foundation and are distributed to those parents of terminally ill children to help cover unexpected costs.

The challenge award works this way: Contributors go online to make a contribution. They post their name on the Website and send the news to their friends on the Internet that they are committed to losing weight and, at the same time, ask for further contributions to the fund.

The Website is [www.loseitchallenge.org](http://www.loseitchallenge.org).

**Katy Brooks named port community relations manager**



**Katy Brooks** has been appointed community relations manager for the Port of Vancouver. Brooks will report to **Addison Jacobs**, director of public affairs.

Prior to joining the port, Brooks was a senior public involvement manager with the JD White Company. In addition, Brooks has more than ten years' experience as a senior manager and community affairs specialist with the Port of Portland. She is also a former community involvement manager for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Brooks is a former Sandy city councilwoman, a member of the Washington Public Ports Association and a member of the International Association of Public Participation. Brooks is a graduate of Southern Oregon State University.

**City Planning Commission presenting public program on annexation Tuesday**

A program exploring the City of Vancouver annexation process is being presented by the city Planning Commission at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in City Hall council chambers. The program is not part of an official planning commission meeting; rather, it is one of a series of informal forums presented on First Tuesdays.

**Katy Brooks**

The question posed by the forum is this: "How Does Annexation Promote Strong Communities?"

Vancouver's annexation blueprint, developed over the past several years calls for annexation of land within the city's urban growth boundary.

The pending 800-acre Burnt Bridge Creek annexation south of Fourth Plain Boulevard in the Orchards area

was to have been the catalyst in a huge annexation north of Fourth Plain Boulevard that would have added another 16,000 acres and 60,000 people to the city.

The city had begun informing citizens of its intentions through annexation information fairs, but the process was brought up short when Clark County commissioners disbanded the county boundary review board, which could have enlarged the Burnt Bridge annexation to include as much as 16,000 acres.

Presenters at the Tuesday meeting are as follows: **Heather Ballash**, annexation policy study advisor; **Pat McDonnell**, Vancouver city manager; **Alex Veliko**, former candidate for mayor of Vancouver and currently member of the Fairway Village Neighborhood Association, part of an annexation to the city in 1997, and **Susan Winchell**, director of the Spokane County Boundary Review Board.

While the session is open to the public, reservations are strongly advised. To reserve space, call **Terry Lenhart**, 619-4125.

### Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. In the first hour the council will discuss recommended increases in city business licenses. At 5 p.m. the council will meet in executive session to discuss possible litigation. Following a dinner break, the council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. Most of that session deals with proposed development of the Evergreen Airport property on Mill Plain Boulevard. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and will discuss county elected officials' salaries. ☞ An open house and discussion of draft of the Clark County revised Wetlands Ordinance is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Columbia Adventist Academy, 11100 NE 189th Street.

### Monday headlines from at home and around the world

[Vancouver Iraqi-wounded veteran profiled by Time Magazine--Columbian, David Kern](#)

[Legacy off to a healthy start--Columbian, Julia Anderson](#)

[Construction to begin on Vancouvercenter's \\$25 million fourth tower to begin by spring--Columbian, Julia Anderson](#)

[First United Methodist Church takes on methamphetamine abuse--Columbian, Kelly Adams](#)

[So where is D.B. Cooper's loot, anyway?--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)

[Seven school district special levies on the line tomorrow--Oregonian, Holley Gilbert](#)

[Penalties, mistakes sink Seahawks Super Bowl dream--KATU, AP, Gregg Bell](#)

[Bellingham eatery defying smoking ban--Seattle P-I, Angela Galloway](#)

[Bush requests \\$2.8 trillion, budget proposal cuts domestic programs--extends tax cuts--Washington Post, Jonathan Weisman](#)

### Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Santa Clara at University of Portland (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

St. Mary's at Gonzaga (live)—9 p.m. ESPN2

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Jennifer Larson** snapping piggy bank. ☞ **Maggie Huffman** making another 50-minute trip. ☞ **Bill Baron** unraveling details. ☞ **CJ Cooke** earning Hennessey breakfast treat. ☞ **Al Williams** holding money, but not for long. ☞ **Monday**, after hazy morning, mostly sunny, 55. **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 54. **Wednesday**, few clouds, mostly sunny, though, 56.