

Dennis Cole named Free Clinic director



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Dennis Cole, a former director of the state Employment Security Department, has been appointed executive director of the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington.

Cole, a thirty-year resident of Clark County, is an ordained minister and serves at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Cole graduated from the Willamette University and earned his masters of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School. He has been executive director of the Human Services Council for the past three years, having been a senior development specialist with Legacy Health System, and he has served as president of Worksystems Inc., formerly the Private Industry Council.

The Free Clinic provides free health care for children and adults who are otherwise unable to access those services. Located in the Jim Parsley Center, 4100 Plomondon Street, the Free Clinic is expanding its physical space.

An open house to signal the expansion and introduce Cole will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31.

Finalists for Altrusa Library Service Award announced

Ten finalists for the 2006 Altrusa Library Service Award have been announced by Altrusa International of Clark County. The award will be presented during an awards dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, in Royal Oaks Country Club, 8917 NE

Fourth Plain Boulevard,

Selected from among more than 50 libraries in Clark County, the finalists are as follows: **Kathy Cramer**, Sacajawea Elementary School; **Karen Diller**, Washington State University Vancouver Library; **Darlene Downey**, Harmony Elementary School; **Ryan Ellis**, Cascade Park Community Library; **Rosemary Knapp**, Camas High School; **Amy Lee**, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District; **Debbie Leifsen**, Jemtegaard Middle School; **Jackie Little**, Clark County Bookmobile, Vancouver Community Library; **Jackie Spurlock**, Battle Ground Community Library; and **Teresa Torres**, Cascade Park Community Library.

Award-winning author **Jack Gantos** will be the keynote speaker. Gantos has won the Newberry Honor Book Award and the Michael L. Printz Honor Book Award. He was a 1998 National Book Award finalist. He is the author of *Hole in My Life*, for young adults, and the *Joey Pigza* books for children.

Gantos will conduct a workshop from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. He will sign copies of his books during an author's reception between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The dinner is \$35. The workshop, also in Royal Oaks Country Club, is \$15. For further information, call **Marie McEnry, 921-2755**.

Altrusa of Clark County was chartered in 1951. Altrusa's primary goal is worldwide literacy.

Clark Center at WSU Vancouver grand opening next Tuesday

Although operational since January, the official grand opening of the Clark Center on the Washington State University Vancouver Salmon Creek campus is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 2.

The center represents an unprecedented partnership between WSU Vancouver and Clark College. The center is the home of Clark College's nursing program as well as a variety of general education classes, including science and mathematics. In addition to classrooms, the 63,334 square-foot, three-story building houses science and computer laboratories and support space.

WSU Vancouver and Clark are partners in a co-admissions agreement under which students can gain admittance to both institutions at the same time and transfer seamlessly from Clark to WSU Vancouver.

Calendar

The Animal Protection & Control Advisory board meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the 6th-floor training room in the Public Service Center. ✂ "Sex Offenders in the Community—Keeping Safe" is the title of the free Forum at the Library at 7 p.m. this evening in the Community Room of the Vancouver Public Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. Clark County Superior Court's Judge **John Wulle** moderates. ✂ Vancouver Transporta-

tion Services is holding an open house discussion of a proposed \$2.4 million roundabout for the intersection of NE 49th Street and NE 137th Avenue. It begins at 7 p.m. this evening in the Burnt Bridge Creek Elementary School cafeteria, 14619A NE 49th Avenue. ✂ Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey** is holding the final town hall meeting in a series at 8 p.m. this evening in the Fire District 11 Dollars Corner Station community room, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue, Battle Ground. ✂ Clark County commissioner **Betty Sue Morris** invites constituents to discuss citizens' issues with her between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, in the North County Community Food Bank, 17 NE 3rd Avenue, Battle Ground. For further information, call **Bob McIntyre, 397-2232**

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world

[Exxon-Mobil Corp. reports earnings of nearly \\$89 million-a-day in the first quarter of 2006--MSN, AP](#)
[Details of Rick Bowler's \\$300 million project, Riverwalk on the Columbia at Washougal unveiled--Columbian, Cami Joner](#)

[High cost of gasoline changing the way local drivers live--Columbian, Courtney Sherwood](#)

[River Crossing Project panel's path cumbersome--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)

[NAACP banquet to address youth education, justice--Columbian, Kelly Adams](#)

[Young Battle Ground musician hits big time in silk screening business--Columbian, Jonathan Nelson](#)

[Jenny Mockford to perform "Laura" ballet in the Winningstad--Columbian, Brett Oppegaard](#)

[Rice, Rumsfeld visit highlights tension--Washington Post, Glenn Kessler](#)

[Fed signals pause in campaign to raise interest rates--New York Times, Vikas Bajaj](#)

Thursday on the air

Struggle for peace and non-violence in the Holy Land (4/20)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (4/6)—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

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

Town Tabloids and the weather

Walter Evans giving undue credit. ✂ **Ken Cole** sharpening cyberknife. ✂ **Robert Bradley** pondering jazz tapestry. ✂ **Barbara Miller** handling chores with aplomb. ✂ **Maggie Huffman** delivering portrait display. ✂ **Corina Guardino** providing the facts. ✂ **Mark Bowyer** returning to scene of former triumphs. ✂ **Thursday**, some gray, some blue, 71. **Friday**, hazy, cloudy, 72. **Saturday**, mostly cloudy, possible sprinkles, some sun, 64.