

Bob Schaefer selected for 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award at Clark College 2006



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Legislative and community leader **Robert M. Schaefer** has been named the recipient of the 2006 Clark College Outstanding Alumni Award.

The award will be presented during the college's annual Alumni Student Dinner, at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Gaiser Hall, Fourth Plain Blvd.

Schaefer, a Vancouver attorney, served eight years in the Washington Legislature, including two years as Speaker of the House.

In addition to his service in the legislature, Schaefer has served on numerous boards, including the Columbia River Economic Development Council, the Southwest Washington Medical Center and Foundation boards, and the Washington State High Technology Coordinating Board. In 1972, Schaefer helped found HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed), an organization that has aided in tutoring more than 1 million students since its inception. He also established a committee in 1983 that developed the plan for the creation of WSU Vancouver.

R. Wayne Branch, Clark College president, said, "We are extremely proud to honor Robert Schaefer with our 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award. He has strong connections to the college through his own educational experiences and through the contributions of his wife **Sally**, who served on our Board of Trustees. Through his support of business and education, Robert Schaefer has played an instrumental role in the economic health of our region."

Tickets for the \$25 dinner are available through the college's alumni office, 992-2542.

John Ostrowski to head C-TRAN again

John Ostrowski, who once before was a C-TRAN interim executive director, got the nod again yesterday as the transit agency's board of directors began a search for an executive director to succeed **Lynne Griffith**, who has been named executive director of Pierce Transit.

Ostrowski has over 30 years, experience in public administration at the state, county and city level.

Ostrowski, a Vancouver Public Works director for 17 years, is a management consultant. He first served C-TRAN as an interim executive director in 1997, following the departure of **Les White**, who was the transit agency's first executive director. White moved on to become executive director of the Santa Clara Metropolitan Transit District.

Keith Parker came from Richmond, Va., to become C-TRAN's second executive director in 1998. He later took a job with a larger transit agency in Charlotte, N.C. **Gail Spolar** served as interim executive director after Parker left and until Griffith was hired five years ago.

Following their meeting yesterday, C-TRAN's board appointed an executive search committee to find a permanent successor to Griffith. It consists of county commissioner and C-TRAN board chair **Betty Sue Morris**, Vancouver councilman **Tim Leavitt**, Battle Ground councilman **Bill Ganley**, and La Center mayor **Jim Irish**.

Beach Boys coming to Esther Short Park

One of *Rolling Stones'* top 100 bands of all time, **The Beach Boys**, are bringing their signature sound to Vancouver's Esther Short Park Friday, July 14, opening the two-day Hot July Nights concert series produced by **K. C. Fuller's** Elite Marketing.

Kool and the Gang perform in the park Saturday, July 15. The Saturday concert will be opened by Portland's **Linda Hornbuckle**.

Tickets are available at all Riverview Bank locations. For further information, call **750-8840**.

Lewis and Clark legacy subject of community presentation

The legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition will be discussed by the president of the Missouri Historical Society, **Robert R. Archibald**, at a special meeting sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Lewis and Clark Commemorative Committee for Vancouver/Clark County at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, April

6, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Vancouver and Clark County have a \$16.5 million investment in Lewis and Clark Legacy projects as the result of bicentennial commemorative activities. Archibald will discuss how the community can continue to build on that legacy.

To register for the \$30 luncheon, to which the public is invited, call **694-2588**, or go to www.vancouverusa.com.

News brief

State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th) is holding a town hall meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue, to discuss the results of the just concluded 2006 state legislative session. For further information, call **260-6110**.

Calendar

Democrat **Sherry Parker**'s kickoff and fund raiser for her campaign for Clark County Clerk is 5 to 7 p.m. today at the home of **Dan** and **Val Ogden**, 3118 Royal Oaks Drive. For further information, call **695-4769**. ☞ County commissioners from Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties are meeting jointly at 9 a.m. Friday, March 31, in the commissioners' hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, to discuss and take action on a proposed Watershed Management Plan for joint water resource inventory areas, which include the Salmon, Washougal and Lewis Rivers. ☞ Spring fashions by Chico's, a private-label women's clothing and accessories retailer, will be shown at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, in the Waterford at Fairway Village, 2911 SE Village Loop, during a benefit program for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Reservations are requested for the \$10, finger-food and champagne event. Call **254-2866** for further information. ☞ The Mountain View High School, spring choir concert in the high school at 1500 SE Blairmont Drive, is at 7:30 p.m. this evening.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world

[Clark County talking about renting jail space from Multnomah County's never-used jail--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Anti-war protest to target Cantwell-Biden visit--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[Patient count low so far at new methadone clinic--Columbian, **Kathy Durbin**](#)

[Local felons won't face illegal vote charges--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Shootings on I-205 investigated--Columbian, **Jose Paul Corona**](#)

[Seattle Times and Seattle P-I parent, Hearst, agree to binding arbitration in case that could spell the end of the P-I--Seattle Times](#)

[Bush administration says New Orleans recovery could take 25 years--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[China and Russia wary of call for Iran sanctions--New York Times, **Joel Brinkley**](#)

[Brain size and intelligence linked, study says--Washington Post, **Shankar Vedantam**](#)

Thursday on the air

Planning Perceptions (3/7)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

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

Seattle Mariners vs. Dodgers (live)—7 p.m. FSN

Town Tabloids and the weather

Linda Latto Williams doing media advisory. ☞ **Don Russo** getting tenure testimony. ☞ **Susan Edwards** getting draft mail. ☞ **Sylvia Collins** smoothing the way. ☞ **Erick Anderson** paving the way. ☞ **Thursday**, cloudy, industrial-strength showers, 51. **Friday**, more rain likely, 52. **Saturday**, more showers expected, 54.