

Columbia River Mental Health Services to manage \$600,000 grant for mental health

Clark and Cowlitz County organizations dealing with mental and social health services are meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington, to share plans for the use of a \$600,000 grant from the state Department of Social and Health Services, which will be managed by Columbia River Mental Health Services over the next two years.

The grant finances a plan called Integrated Services, which will be used to assist people currently receiving general assistance who need mental and physical health assessment and treatment and substance abuse treatment.

The goal of the program is to help those persons to work toward recovery and employment.

For further information, call **Pat Stryker, 993-3049**.

Clark Public Utilities' new hook-ups show steady population increase

During 2005 Clark Public Utilities signed up 4,371 new residential electrical customers, according to the year-end financial report shared with utility commissioners today.

The 2005 figures showed an annual growth rate of 2.73 percent.

The residential growth rate for 2004 was slightly higher, 3.02 percent, when the utility provided new residential service for 4,702 customers. The 2003 annual rate of growth for new residential electrical customers was 2.65 percent, during which the utility added 4,011 new customers.

The average residential electric utility customer spent \$141.71 for 1,840 kilowatt-hours of power during December. During December 2004, the average residential customer used less electricity, 1,627 kilowatt-hours, and paid \$126.02 for the power. The average residential bill in December 2003 was \$132.16, for 1,710 kilowatt hours of juice. There has been no change in power rates during this period.

Clark College and Marylhurst University to explain life-experience college credits

Life-experience credits that can apply to both lower-and upper-division courses at Clark College and Marylhurst University will be discussed during an information session at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Penguin Student Union Building at Clark.

Clark and Marylhurst have a co-admissions agreement smoothing the way for Clark students to continue higher education studies at the private university in Lake Oswego. Marylhurst's nationally recognized Prior Learning Assessment program helps adults earn college credit for learning that they have acquired outside the classroom.

Up to 45 college credits can be earned toward a bachelor's degree through prior learning assessment, and an additional 45 credits can be obtained through standardized testing. Advance registration is strongly suggested. For further information, call **(800) 634-9982**, extension **6260**.

Reservations are still being accepted for Marc Boldt's State-of-County address

Reservations are still being accepted for Clark County board of commissioners' chairman **Marc Boldt's** State-of-the-County address, which is at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

The address is co-sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Cost of the no-host luncheon is \$30. Reservations can be made by calling **694-2588**.

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Calendar

Board members for the Clark Regional Wastewater District, formerly known as the Hazel Dell Sewer District, will convene their regular meeting at 4 p.m. today at 8000 NE 52nd Court. ☞ The C-TRAN board of directors meets in regular session at 5:15 p.m. this afternoon. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in conference room B, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Kissing dissected--New York Times Op-Ed, **Joshua Foer**](#)

[Library to filter all Web access--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)

[Library Board votes to add mandatory Internet filters--Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)

[Washougal reinvigorating--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

[Costs up but business in gems is good--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Ron Hill is a natural leader--Columbian, **Amy McFall Prince**](#)

[Casino backer defends giving--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Dow shoots past 11,000--USA TODAY, Market Watch, **Mark Cotton**](#)

[Iran begins small-scale uranium enrichment--Washington Post, **Molly Moore**](#)

Tuesday on the air

Community Health Center Opening Ceremony (1/6)—4 p.m. CVTV

GOP Lincoln Day Dinner (2/10)—5 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Barbara Beck .getting the most mileage out of St. Valentine's Day. ✍ **Gloria Campbell** handling details. ✍ **Jim West** preparing new contest. ✍ **Julia Maglione** making connections. ✍ **Scott Walstra** right again. ✍ **Tuesday**, cloudy, light showers, sunbreaks, 44. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 47. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 43.