

Mike Piper named to Human Services board

Mike Piper, director of the Clark County Department of Community Services, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Human Services Council.

Piper, who has been director since 1994, this year earned a Community Vision and Leadership Role award. Also appointed to the HSC board was **Duncan Cruickshank**, representing Wahkiakum County.

Vancouver-based Human Services Council is a non-profit agency serving the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged in five southern Washington counties. Programs within HSC are Southwest Washington Agency on Aging, the Transportation Brokerage, and Volunteer Connections.

Five at Clark College get awards as exceptional teachers and staffers

Three teachers and two classified staff members at Clark College have been presented 2006 Exceptional Awards in recognition of their exceptional dedication to students and the community.

Faculty winners are as follows: **Beth Herron**, metal arts instructor, whose classes range from oxy-acetylene welding to fine jewelry making; **Brenda Knutson**, who teaches dental hygiene students; and **Chris Milner**, math instructor.

Classified winners are as follows: Clark College graduate **Nell Gladson**, who is a communications specialist; and **Lynn Schinzing**, life sciences staff member.

Port of Kalama has bragging rights again

As it does annually in its fall newsletter to constituents, the Port of Kalama recites its high standing among the ports of the West Coast.

A little more than 30 miles north of Vancouver on Interstate 5, the Kalama port is one of the biggest grain shipping ports in the Pacific Rim.

During 2005 the Port of Kalama shipped over 8 million metric tons of grain, making it second only to the Port of Portland in total tonnage of exported bulk cargo. In the state of Washington the port ranked third after the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle in total tons of shipped cargo.

The combined total general cargo shipped from the Ports of Kalama and Vancouver, which includes lumber and steel, nearly equaled the total from all other Washington Ports, including Seattle and Tacoma.

Just over 1,000 are employed in Kalama industries, according to former Vancouverite and Port of Kalama commission chairman **Fred Swanstrom**.

A Taffeta Christmas holiday treat in Clark College Decker Theatre

Vancouver's production company Public Playhouse's presentation of *A Taffeta Christmas* continues each weekend through December 23, in the Decker Theatre on the Clark College Campus.

Directed by **Ron Daum**, the musical is at 7:30 p.m. each Friday and Saturday Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 and 17.

A portion of the proceeds go toward the Clark College Theatre Scholarship Fund. General admission is \$16. Senior and student tickets are \$14. For further information, call **573-4984**.

News briefs

Portland chanteuse **Linda Hornbuckle** has been named headliner for the second annual Hough Foundation Mardi Gras Ball, which will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Admission to the benefit auction, dinner and dance is \$75. Reservations can be had by calling **905-0151**. ☞ The 2007 Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust benefit gala has been set for Saturday, April 14, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Tickets are \$150 each and may be acquired by calling **619-4498**.

Calendar

The Portland International Airport Land Use Advisory Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. today in the St. Helens conference room at the airport to review plans for expansion of the airport. Parking will be validated. ☞ The Clark County Planning Commission will begin its review of the proposed update of the county Comprehensive Growth Management Plan at 5:30 p.m. today in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. No public testimony will be taken.

Wednesday Headlines

[Lost father found dead in the wilderness--Oregonian](#)

[Cougars upset favored Gonzaga Bulldogs 77-67 in Beasley Coliseum--Evergreen, **Jesse Geleynse**](#)

[By the end of this year Vancouver will have processed 25 annexation requests--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Total crimes down. violent crimes up, statewide and in Vancouver--Oregonian](#)

[Pam Brokaw to lead Clark County Demos--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[Mortgage demand soars as rates fall--USA TODAY, Reuters, **Julie Haviv**](#)

[UCLA upset foreseen--Columbian, **Lou Brancaccio**](#)

[Bipartisan commission report says situation in Iraq is "grave and deteriorating."--New York Times, **John O'Neil and Brian Knowlton**](#)

[Mortar attack kills at least eight people in Baghdad market--AP, **Qais Al-Bashir**](#)

[Executive summary of Iraq report courtesy Washington Post \(Pdf format\)](#)

Wednesday on the air

...**Clark County Commissioners (live)**—3 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at Milwaukee (live)—5 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL

Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Commissioners (12/5-evening)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Katlin Smith giving Café Al Dente five stars. ☞ **Sherri Barabas** packing lunches. ☞ **Zsolt Barabas** taking linguine white wine sauce up a few notches. ☞ **Jane Halcomb** ahead of the crowd. ☞ **Tim Heine** branching out. ☞ **Bill and Jeanne Firstenburg** I-5ing. ☞ **Jan Bader** strolling. ☞ **Bob** and **Sally Schaefer's** cross shining brightly. ☞ **Wednesday**, partly sunny, 46. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 47. **Friday**, possible rain showers, 46. [Click here for the rest of Pat Timm's current weather information.](#)