Comcast launching new 4G high-speed wireless data service
The Portland-Vancouver market will be the first in the nation to see Comcast's new 4G high-speed wireless data service starting Tuesday. Comcast will offer wired and wireless Internet services for $49.99 per month for one year. Comcast is the nation's largest cable TV provider with 24.1 million cable customers, 15.3 million high-speed Internet customers. For more see Tuesday's Columbian.

Bluewater releases special Michael Jackson edition
Vancouver's Bluewater Productions is issuing a special collector's edition biography comic honoring Michael Jackson. The independent comic book company recently established its headquarters in Vancouver and has had success with a comic series called Female Force featuring influential women, including Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin. For more information, click here.

Long named Clark College director of advising
Andrew Long has been named director of advising at Clark College, according to a press release issued today. Long is a graduate of the University of Essex in Colchester, England. He earned his master's degree in history from California State University. Prior to joining Clark College, Long served on the faculty at California State University as director of its advisement center.

Clark Utilities reports 18.3 percent drop in industrial power sales
Clark Public Utilities reports that electrical power sales to its industrial customers are down 18.3 percent this year from 2008. The industrial group, which includes high-tech commercial customers such as Hewlett-Packard, Sharp and SEH America, is an indicator that many Clark County businesses have shut down or reduced production this year, said spokesman Mick Shutt.

Longview health center center receives $878,390
A Longview health center will receive $878,390 to make clinic upgrades as one among 27 community health centers in Washington that will share $26.5 million in federal funding, according to news released today by the office of Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's capital improvement program to update and renovate health centers across the state. Community health centers serve more than 600,000 low-income people in Washington, according to Murray's office.

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Harte honored for small business development work
The Washington Small Business Development Center Network on Friday presented Jan Harte with the Ron Battles Excellence Award for her 17 years of service as a counselor in the program. From her Vancouver base, Harte has worked with more than 2,000 clients in her career, helping them to successfully launch and operate small businesses. Harte has been the Washington State University service center advisor since 1995 and served on the network's certification and professional development