BATTLE GROUND

Mountain View clinic moves to new location

Mountain View Medical Urgent Care clinic has moved into new and larger headquarters at 101 N.W. 12th Ave, adjacent to the Fred Meyer complex in Battle Ground.

The clinic, which employs approximately 20 medical professionals, offers emergency medical services and is open seven days a week.

Mountain View Medical Urgent Care opened in 2004 at 1700 W. Main St. in Battle Ground.

CHICAGO

Lowes adjusts to changing needs in slowing economy

Repairs to drought-stricken flower beds and sales of freezers designed to hold bought-in bulk food helped Lowe's Cos. Inc., post a better-than-expected second-quarter profit.

But the nation's faltering economy and sluggish housing industry still sent profit at the nation's second-largest home improvement chain down 8 percent.

For the three months ending Aug. 1, results were boosted in part by consumers who bought freezers to accommodate bulk food purchases to cope with soaring grocery prices.

At the same time shoppers are beginning to buy pellet heaters in anticipation of higher fuel costs this winter.

For the period, Lowe's earned $3.938 million, or 64 cents per share, in the three months ended Aug. 1. That's down from $1.02 billion, or 77 cents per share, during the same period last year.

LOS ANGELES

Home-building sector still devoid of optimism

Home builders are a little more optimistic about the prospects for home sales over the next six months, but an index reflecting the sector's confidence overall remained at an all-time low, an industry trade association said.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo housing market index remained unchanged this month at 16, where it's been since July.

But benchmarks for sales improved. The gauge of current

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CLARK PROJECT CLICKING

Work continues on Clark College's $30 million satellite campus in east Vancouver's Columbia Tech Center. The four-story building is expected to open for fall classes in 2009. It will feature conference space and faculty offices along with 18 classrooms and eight science and computer labs for professional and technical training, general education courses, basic skills and personal-enrichment classes. The building was designed by LSW Architects of Vancouver. The general contractor is Todd Construction of Tigard, Ore.

U.S. Digital building space for ministries

Companies lure Michael Phelps

Cathy Toczi shops Friday in Brooklyn, N.Y. Toczi is diligent about saving money where she can. "I shop at the 99 cent stores."