Monday, June 16, 2008

Grant to Clark College
designed to help health
care industry
Clark College’s corporate
education unit has received a
$191,000 Job Skills Program grant
to provide training for
approximately 90 personnel from
Southwest Washington Medical
Center, Vancouver Radiologists,
Lifeline Connections, Columbia
River Mental Health and Northwest
Cancer Specialists.
The grant will provide on-site
training that shows health care
providers how to streamline
business operations with methods
used in the manufacturing industry.
This is the second grant Clark
College has received for training in
the health care field.

Clark County’s May
home inventory weaker
than Portland
Clark County’s inventory of homes
for sale climbed slightly in May to
the equivalent of a 12.6-month
supply. That compares with a
metrowide inventory of 9.2 months,
according to the RMLS. The
median price of homes sold
throughout the six-county metro
area was $287,500, up from
$275,000 in May 2007. But in Clark
County the median price fell in May
to $257,500, down from $264,900

Big boom
Firework plant explosion won’t
jeopardize local July 4 show
The show will go on at Fort Vancouver on July 4, but
bringing fireworks home might cost a little more this year.

An explosion in China that destroyed 20 warehouses
filled with fireworks in February has threatened July 4
shows around the country, but it will not affect the
fireworks display at the 4th of July at the Historic
Reserve event. For more, read Tuesday’s Columbian.
a year ago for a 2.8 percent decline. For more, see Cami Joner's housing story. Click here.

60 & Single blog highlights local foundation's work
Columbian Business Editor Julia Anderson profiles the Vancouver Women's Foundation in her 60 & Single blog today. The foundation helps "women in Clark County who have immediate and acute needs that are preventing them from attaining self-sufficiency and living lives of dignity." Since its inception, the foundation has provided financial assistance to more than 440 women for such things as college tuition, book fees, job training fees, clothing, utility payments, rent, car repairs and insurance. The person needing assistance cannot make a direct application for help. Instead, they must be referred through a request from a professional who has a working relationship with the woman needing support. To read the blog and comment, click here.

Top CEOs for Pacific Northwest companies saw compensation rise
The 20 best-paid CEOs in the Northwest who were in place for both 2006 and 2007 saw their median compensation rise to $8 million from $6.1 million the year before. Meanwhile, women in the Northwest still are a long way off from matching men atop the corporate ladder. Only eight of the Northwest's 140 publicly traded companies have women as CEOs. For more on our region's top paid CEOs, see The Seattle Times' story here.

People
Vancouver resident Jamey Parker has joined the Portland accounting and business consulting firm of Talbot, Korvola & Warwick as a senior tax manager.

If you missed it
Third group of ‘Dreamers’ set to graduate
Their life-transforming opportunity came with cake. And when Marriah Smith and Mercedes Rindt were welcomed into the "I Have a Dream" program, the cake was what really impressed them.

Now Smith, Rindt and 51 classmates know a little more about the program. Read More

Boring but important
Lunch lineup gets leaner
Vancouver Public Schools, home of the famously delicious Zombies, will no longer be baking its own bread and pizza dough from scratch. In fact, the district has eliminated nine baking positions, which means 26 food services employees could lose hours. Read More

Quote of the Day
"I'm aware if I'm playing at my best I'm tough to beat. And I enjoy that."
- Tiger Woods, professional golfer who today won his third U.S. Open title, (1975-).

Tonight
See green tonight at "Incredible Hulk" movie
The craze for comic book heroes hitting the big screen continues with the latest version of the 
“Incredible Hulk,” starring Edward Norton in the lead role. Catch it tonight at 7 p.m. on Cinetopia’s
50-foot screen, 11700 S.E. Seventh St., Vancouver.

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