Unitus Credit Union enters Washington with first Vancouver branch
Unitus Community Credit Union will open its first Washington state branch on Wednesday in Vancouver. At 800 S.E. 102nd Ave., off Mill Plain Boulevard, the branch will offer a line of deposit and loan products, will have a mortgage officer on-site, and will include a drive-through and an ATM machine. Following Wednesday's 9:30 a.m. ribbon cutting, branch hours will be: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. More information: www.unitusccu.com.

HP debuts new TouchSmart PC in consumer retail market
Hewlett-Packard Co., which operates a printer design and engineering center in Vancouver, said today that it has introduced its latest HP TouchSmart PC – the only touch-enabled, all-in-one PC in the marketplace – to consumer electronics retailers nationwide. The new TouchSmart allows users to touch, tap or sweep a finger across the PC screen to access information, entertainment and networks without using a keyboard or mouse. Users can play music and create playlists; crop, edit and share photos; and easily check the weather or watch TV.

Internet forum will explore online business marketing strategies
The Internet Strategy! Forum, a global nonprofit professional association, will hold a daylong summit at Portland's Governor Hotel, 614 SW 11th Ave., on Thursday. Presentations will include: how to create an online social strategy; Internet marketing by the numbers; enhancing Web site experiences; e-mail marketing; mapping the digital landscape. The cost to attend is $229. Full
UL opens commercial photovoltaic testing facility
Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a product safety testing and certification nonprofit with a major testing facility in Camas, said today it has opened a commercially focused photovoltaic (PV) testing and certification facility in Silicon Valley. Located in San Jose, Calif., UL’s 20,000 square-foot Photovoltaic Technology Center increases testing capacity for the renewable energy industry and will enable manufacturers to get UL-Listed PV products to market faster. The 14 test chambers and two solar simulators provide indoor and outdoor testing capabilities to evaluate photovoltaic modules and panels, and a wide variety of power systems accessory equipment. The facility will also offer a full portfolio of pre-certification services, including R&D and training. Underwriters employs about 320 in Camas.

People
Clark College has named Shelley Das its director of grants development. Das, who earned a master’s degree in political science from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, has more than 15 years of experience in developing grant proposals, research, policy analysis, project management and program development related to labor force development, skills integration, immigrants, women, diversity, human rights and social/cultural issues. Her responsibilities included diversifying funding sources to increase revenue.

Correction
The location of a Sterling Design Inc. project in Ridgefield was incorrect in a recent BusinessTODAY. The company has submitted plans for an 89-unit single-family home subdivision in the Clark County Fairgrounds area in Ridgefield. Called Velveteen Meadows, the development is planned for 38 acres at 2612 N.E. 175th St., about one mile east of Interstate 5 on the south side of Northeast 179th Street.

Editor's note:
Due to staffing cuts, BusinessTODAY will no longer offer closing prices for stocks of local interest or the "tonight" feature in our daily e-newsletter. These adjustments will allow us to produce the digest in a more efficient cost-effective way. We welcome your feedback, business news and story suggestions.
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If you missed it
Hunger takes deeper bite into people's lives
The Carpinettis had been living paycheck-to-paycheck when life slipped from their control.

Boring but important
Fed adopts plan to curb shady mortgage practices
The Federal Reserve has adopted rules to give home buyers more protection from the types of shady lending practices that have contributed to the housing crisis and propelled foreclosures to record highs.

Quote of the Day
"My mother...taught me about the power of inspiration and courage, and she did it with a strength and a passion that I wish could be bottled."
- Carly Fiorina, former CEO and board chair of Hewlett-Packard Co. and current a spokesperson for the John McCain presidential campaign, (1954 - ).