**Project Lifeline to help homeowners facing foreclosure**

Today, federal officials announced a new initiative aimed at helping homeowners about to lose their homes. Six of the nation's largest mortgage lenders say they will contact homeowners who are 90 or more days overdue on their monthly mortgage payments. They will be given the opportunity to put the foreclosure process on pause for 30 days while lenders try to work out a more affordable loan package. Washington Mutual, Clark County's largest mortgage lender, is among the six banks participating in Project Lifeline.

**Local gasoline prices move above national average**

Gasoline prices in the Vancouver area increased a few cents a gallon this week from last week, while national prices continued to decline, said AAA Oregon/Idaho today. The average price of a gallon of unleaded regular is selling for $3.027 per gallon here, as compared with $2.96 nationwide. Oregon has the 24th highest prices in the nation, while Washington state ranks eighth with an average price of $3.08. The national average for diesel is holding steady at $3.37 a gallon this week.

**Clark College restructures, renames work force unit**

Clark College has renamed its work force development unit to "Workforce Education" as part of broader efforts to streamline job training at the college. The changes began in summer 2007, when the unit became part of the college’s office of instruction.

In addition, Clark is restructuring three positions in its office of instruction and its former work force development unit. The new positions are: dean of instructional planning and operations, held on an interim basis by **Sylvia Thornburg**; director of instructional programming and innovation, held by **George Reese**; and director of workforce education and economic development, held on an interim basis by **Joe Renouard**.

The college is conducting nationwide searches to fill the dean and work force education director slots.

**People**

**Karen Ciocia**, right, a manager with Normandeau Associates environmental consulting firm, has been elected chair of the executive committee of the Clark County Skills Center Foundation. Other committee members are **Kasey Wyckoff**, **Connie Kratovil** and **Martin Oreschnigg**. The foundation raises funds to benefit students enrolled in skills center programs. For information, contact Katie Foehl at 360-604-1050.

**If you missed it**

**Big-press biz gets bigger**

Customer demand has been strong at large-format custom printing company, TechJet Imaging in Vancouver. The business saw 2007 revenues of $1.7 million.

**Boring but important**

**County Superior Court to add another judge**

Gov. Chris Gregoire will appoint a 10th judge to Clark County Superior Court. The new position, approved last month by county commissioners, was announced Friday by Gregoire's office.

Deadline to apply for the position is March 31.

**Quote of the Day**

"When people get married because they think it's a long-time love affair, they'll be divorced very soon, because all love affairs end in disappointment. Marriage is a recognition of a spiritual identity."

- Joseph Campbell, American author, editor, philosopher and teacher. (1904-1987)