



Wednesday, May 6, 2009

The Holland exec honored for service to the community

Tom Mears, chairman of **The Holland Inc.**, received the Vocational Service Award of the Rotary Club of Vancouver today at a noon luncheon at the **Red Lion Hotel at the Quay**. The Vocational Service Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies outstanding commitment to their business or profession, over a significant number of years, leaving a lasting positive influence on their vocational area and the community in general, and who reflects the values of Rotary. Under Mear's leadership, The Holland Inc. has grown to 39 restaurants in Washington and Oregon and 1,500 employees. Mears serves on a number of community boards including the Community Choices 2010 and Identity Clark County. He previously served on the boards of the Vancouver School District Foundation and First Independent Bank.



Grocery chain looks north New WinCo Foods store to anchor Brush Prairie's Bowyer Marketplace

WinCo Foods plans to bring its low-cost grocery model closer to north Clark County shoppers with construction of a Brush Prairie store to start this summer. The warehouse-sized, 94,000-square-foot store will be the Boise-based supermarket chain's fourth county location. It will anchor the \$40 million **Bowyer Marketplace** on the northwest corner of Northeast 119th Street at Northeast 117th Avenue. WinCo's three other county locations include a Hazel Dell store on Highway 99, and Vancouver stores off Northeast 136th Avenue and at 2101 N.E. Andresen Road, shown above. The stores are strategically located to attract a broad base of consumers, said Michael Read, a company spokesman. "Clark County has traditionally been a very strong market for us," Read said.

For more, read Thursday's *Columbian*.

Today's close:

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| Dow Jones | 8,512.28, up 101.63 |
| Nasdaq | 1,759.10, up 4.98 |
| S&P 500 | 919.53, up 15.73 |

Stocks & Markets

Program to introduce students to high-tech careers

Thirty students from Battle Ground, Hockinson, Prairie, and Washougal High Schools will spend three days learning about high-tech careers this month as they attend SEMI High Tech U. at **Underwriters Laboratories** in Camas and **Clark College** in Vancouver. SEMI High Tech U is an industry-driven math- and science-based career exploration program produced and presented by the non-profit **SEMI Foundation** in partnership with co-sponsors Underwriters Laboratories, the **Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council**, **WorkSystems Inc.**, the **SEMI Pacific Northwest Steering Committee** and Clark College, the program's higher-learning partner. The program is funded in part by a Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development grant administered by WorkSystems Inc. The curriculum includes hands-

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on experiments that introduce electronics and semiconductor-manufacturing concepts and explain microchip logic, as well as sessions on educational pathways and career planning.

Camas Farmers Market to open season May 27

The **Camas Farmer's Market** will be starting its second season May 27 in downtown Camas. The market offers a selection of freshly harvested seasonal produce, flowers, pastured meat, eggs, crafted cheese and prepared foods. Fill your shopping basket, chat with a farmer, get cooking tips from local cooks and enjoy local music-all in on place-or even speak to a Master Gardner about your garden questions. The market will run Wednesdays through Sept. 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

People in the news

First Indy promotes Boehm to commercial banking post

First Independent Bank has promoted Jerry Boehm to senior vice president of its Commercial Banking Group. Boehm joined First Independent in 2007 with 40 years of commercial banking and lending experience. He served as vice president and manager of community banking before joining the Commercial Banking Group in 2008.



If you missed it

Crewman who jumped ship sent home

A ship crewman's unauthorized shore leave ended Tuesday afternoon with a one-way plane ticket to the Philippines. The crewman's brief sojourn began Saturday afternoon when a pair of fishermen plucked him from the Columbia River after he slipped off the freighter Venus Frontier anchored near Frenchman's Bar Park. [Read More](#)

Boring but important

Poll results in a new name for historic reserve

For years, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve's name has been butchered. Now, after a scientific poll found virtually no one knows the correct name, officials have decided to switch to a new name: the Fort Vancouver National Site. [Read More](#)

Quote of the Day

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery."

-- James Joyce (1882 - 1941), Irish author

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