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CREDC recruitment results in big bucks for the community

Columbia River Economic Development Council efforts for the first nine months of 2003 have resulted in 15 new businesses, 750 permanent new jobs, 420 construction job and \$53.5 million in business investment, according to CREDC president **Bart Phillips**.

Reporting to the membership at its annual meeting Thursday, Phillips said that the average payroll of the new employees is \$38,800, compared to the current countywide average payroll of \$31,000. The new businesses will also support another 624 jobs elsewhere in the county.

The investments produced one-time sales tax revenue of \$1 million to the state and \$749,100 to local jurisdictions. Annual property taxes, to be distributed to local schools, cities and other local taxing jurisdictions will be \$570,800, Phillips said.

When surveyed to determine why the new businesses chose Clark County, their answers were as follows:

Lower cost of doing business
Large inventory of available land
Proximity to Portland International Airport
Easy freeway access
Availability of high quality labor force
Pro-business environment
Stable tax structure
Quality schools.

Building permits two shy of record

The Clark County Department of Community Development issued 198 single-family dwelling building permits in October, the second highest number in history, according to department director **Rich Carson**.

The single month record is 200 permits, issued in October 1997.

Vancouver's salute to veterans begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday

Vancouver's Veterans Day commemoration begins with a program at the reviewing stand on Officers Row at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, followed by the city's largest annual parade, which begins at 11 a.m.

The parade assembles east of the Vancouver Parade grounds on E Reserve Street and 5th Streets and follows Officers Row and Evergreen Boulevard to Main Street, south on Main Street to 8th Street and disbands west ofcEsther Short Park.

Vancouver Symphony presenting an all-American program

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's weekend concerts, "Spirit of America," are at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9.

Guest conductor **Paul-Elliott Cobb**s will direct the orchestra in selections from Barber, Still and Copland.

The concerts are in Skyview High School auditorium, 1300 NW 139th Avenue.

General admission is \$22. Reserved tickets are \$35.

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FRIDAY Nov. 7, 2003

City offers free gunlocks

The Vancouver Police Department is offering free cable-style gun locks. The locks are also available to people outside the city. For locations where gun locks will be available, call **Marion Swendsen**, 735-8770.

Entertainment

Police benefit band Civil Disturbance presents a rock concert at 7 p.m. tonight in Skyview High School. Tickets are \$5 at the door. SSS The Laramie Project, documentary-style theater of the hate-crime murder of Matthew Shepard, presented by the Tectonic Theater Project and directed by Elizabeth Anne Young, is in the Decker Theater at Clark College at 7:30 p.m. tonight and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. For ticket information, call 992-2815. SEE The Sorcerer, presented by the Old Slocum House Theatre Company, 605 Esther Street, is at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.25 The Columbia River Mental Health Services benefit dinner and auction begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, in Royal Oaks Country Club. Call **Margie Wilson 993-3049** for \$50 tickets. See Pearson Air Museum's annual Hangar Dance begins with dance lessons at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, in the museum at 1115 E 5th Street. Call John Donnelly 694-7026 for ticket information. ALL U.S. Army Band Jazz Ambassadors are in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Shahala Middle School, 601 SE 192nd Avenue. For further information, call **694-3391**, extension 2210.

Friday on the Air

County Growth Management Plan Update—4:30 p.m. CVTV Gen. George C. Marshall Lecture—5 p.m. CVTV Clark County Close up—6:30 p.m. CVTV Animal Control Hearings(11/5)—7 p.m. CVTV Portland Winter Hawks at Spokane (live)—7 p.m. KUPL Portland Trail Blazers at Seattle (live)—7:30 p.m. ESPN, KXL Telecommunications Commission—(11/5)—9 p.m. CVTV City Minutes—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 7, 2003						
Alaska Air Group	28.44		Linear Technolog	44.14	+.56	
Alcoa	32.97	+.78	Microsoft	26.10	13	
Amazon.com	54.31	68	Nautilus	14.90	+.10	
Bank of America	76.15		Nike	63.00	+.32	
Bank of Clark County	15.00		Nordstrom	30.54	07	
Bemis	46.28	+.54	PepsiCo Precision Cast	47.49	48	
Boeing	38.90	+.01	Précision Cast	41.13	29	
Boise Cascade	28.56	+.35	RLRN	23.94	36	
CenturyTel	33.59	+.47	Starbucks	32.53	+.01	
Costco	34.49	50	TSM	11.42	+.04	
Expeditors Intl.	40.20	+.02	Tektronix	25.74	17	
Georgia Pacific	27.20		US Bancorp	27.11	09	
HPQ	23.00		Wash. Mutual	45.78	+.49	
Intel	33.87		W. Coast Bancorp	21.30	14	
Kyocera	62.59	32	Weyerhaeuser	57.81	+.39	
DOW: 9809.79 -47.18 NASDAQ: 1970.74 -5.63 S&P: 1053.21 -4.84						

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Spencer Wrast arriving at the David and Jennifer Wrast home on Thursday, weighing a little over seven pounds and three inches shy of two feet tall. ZZ Dean Baker asking the right questions. ZZ Shawna Burkholder entertaining the boss. Z Friday, clouds move in, 52. Saturday cloudy, a little precip possible, 54. Sunday, cloudy with sunbreaks, 54.

weather				
	Acapulco	91/76		
id	Athens	62/52		
n	Chicago	42/21		
	Dallas	48/40		
n	Hong Kong	85/72		
/O	Los Angeles	70/55		
	London	58/42		
ne	New Orleans	77/58		
a	New York	59/41		
	Orlando	85/76		
Æ.	Paris	50/33		
2.	Phoenix	74/54		
	Rome	53/44		
ip	Seattle	52/38		
th	Sydney	77/53		
	Tokyo	66/56		
	Washington	62/40		