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Southern Washington Edition

VHA gets \$1 million state grant, will proceed with 127-unit Fruit Valley workforce project

A \$1 million award from the state Housing Trust Fund means that the Vancouver Housing Authority can proceed with its proposed 127-unit Plum Meadows workforce housing development in Fruit Valley.

VHA CEO **Kurt Creager** says the award is the final piece in an \$18.17 million funding package, of which \$11 million will be in bonds, and which will be repaid from rental revenues.

According to Creager, the Plum Meadows will be a non-subsidized workforce housing development. Because the debt on the project will be relatively low, rents will be affordable for households at or below 60 percent of the area median income.

Plum Meadows will be built at the 7.43-acre site of the former Fruit Valley School on Fruit Valley Road. Creager says that the duplexes and apartments designed by Otak will be built with a variety of roof silhouettes to blend in with the single-family neighborhood.

Construction will begin in August and will be complete within a year.

The Vancouver Housing Authority serves over 7,000 very low-income people with 1,720 rental assistance vouchers, 949 units of subsidized housing and four homeless shelters. Creager says the housing authority has a waiting list of over 3,000 households.

Salmon returning in record numbers

The number of returning adult spring Chinook salmon passing Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River this year has topped 192,000, making it the fourth largest count since record keeping began in 1938, reports Bonneville Power Administration administrator **Steve Wright**.

"This year's good return of spring Chinook is yet another indication that the investments in fish recovery are paying off," says Wright.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries biologists said good ocean conditions were a major factor in the strong numbers. However, they also said the returns indicate that sufficient numbers of juvenile fish made it past the hydro system in 2001 to take advantage of the good conditions.

This is the fourth year in a row of good returns. Next year's run should be solid also, according to Wright.

All-star football coming to Kiggins Bowl

The first all-star football game among seniors from Greater St. Helens League high schools, sponsored by Gateway Shrine Club, will be played at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12, in Kiggins Bowl.

The West Team will include seniors from Columbia River, Skyview, La Center, Battle Ground, Hudson's Bay, Fort Vancouver, Ridgefield and Woodland High Schools.

The East Team is composed of Mountain View, Evergreen, Camas, Prairie, Washougal, Heritage, Stevenson and White Salmon high school seniors.

The game is also supported by the Vancouver School

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District, Corwin Distributing and local Masonic Lodges.

Tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children between 4 and 12. For further information, call 574-6388.

People

Firefighter/paramedic **Todd Knoepfel** returned to Vancouver last week after 4 1/2 months in Iraq. He is one of four Vancouver firefighters who are members of an elite pararescue (PJ) unit. Some of their missions are covert and in close support of other U.S. Special Forces. Fellow firefighter **Matt Ramp** is currently in Baghdad. His team, which relieved Knoepfel, is continuing the same missions. Firefighter/paramedic **Eric Giacchino** and firefighter **Tim Mortensen** earlier returned from the Middle East, and continue on active duty in training and support roles at the Portland base. ~~SES~~ **Joni DeBoever**, Evergreen High School graduate and University of Washington student, has been awarded a 2003 Pomona Grange scholarship.

News briefs

The City/County Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. tonight. ~~SES~~ U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) will meet informally with the Cascade Park Kiwanis at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 3, in the International House of Pancakes, 2900 SE 164th Avenue. ~~SES~~ The four-day Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival in Portland's McCall Park opens Thursday, July 3, with a lineup that includes **Taj Mahal** and the **Hula Blues Band**. For ticket information call, (800) 992-8499.

Wednesday on air

African American Youth Achievement Awards—4 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Portland Beavers at Tacoma (replay)—7 p.m. KKAD

County Commissioners (6/30, 7/1)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Wednesday, July 2, 2003

Alaska Air Group	21.98	+34	Linear Technology	33.80	+76
Alcoa	22.53	+03	Microsoft	26.88	+73
Amazon.com	37.85	+60	Nautilus	12.65	+50
Bank of America	80.40	+40	Nike	53.85	-03
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	19.70	-09
Bemis	47.63	+63	PepsiCo	44.46	+07
Boeing	34.80	+15	Precision Cast	32.09	+94
Boise Cascade	24.33	+49	RLRN	22.30	+99
CenturyTel	35.18	+25	Starbucks	26.97	+1.64
Costco	36.75	+24	TSM	10.94	+54
Expeditors Intl.	34.90	+57	Tektronix	21.90	+33
Georgia Pacific	19.35	+29	US Bancorp	24.77	+05
HPQ	21.56	+38	Wash. Mutual	42.16	+26
Intel	22.21	+80	W. Coast Bancorp	18.19	+46
Kyocera	62.63	+3.72	Weyerhaeuser	54.18	+1.11

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Moly Boutwell preparing to celebrate four scores. SES Carolyn Johnson taking calls. SES Craig Walker trapped in the fourth estate. SES Gillian Snyder posing prettily. SES Barbara Shroyer getting an ace with a 5-wood. SES Ken Andrews paying attention. SES Wednesday , mostly sunny, 74. Thursday , blue sky and sunshine, 78. Friday , sunny and hotter'n a firecracker, 82.	Acapulco	93/77
	Athens	96/78
	Chicago	88/68
	Dallas	96/76
	Hong Kong	86/77
	Los Angeles	84/64
	London	64/46
	New Orleans	87/76
	New York	83/68
	Orlando	90/73
	Paris	66/43
	Phoenix	109/84
	Rome	87/65
	Seattle	70/52
	Sydney	52/32
	Tokyo	76/65
	Washington	79/68