

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

YWCA expanding volunteer base to serve increasing numbers of people in need

The YWCA of Clark County, founded in 1916, served an estimated 30,000 women, children and families last year, and the number is growing.

The local Y has about 150 volunteers who serve as court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children, according to **Al Flory**, the organization's director of volunteer development.

Last year, volunteers handled 660 cases of abused, neglected and abandoned children before the courts. "We need an additional 30 volunteers to handle the growing numbers of these children in Clark County," Flory says.

The YWCA is kicking off its spring 2004 recruitment and training cycle with a volunteer orientation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in the agency's community room, 3609 Main Street.

The orientation is free and reservations are not required.

The YWCA has 75 to 80 full- and part-time employees, whose work is augmented by some 250 volunteers serving on an annual basis, and up to 700 volunteers who perform short-term chores, such as working with the May 1, annual benefit auction.

Volunteers being sought in particular to fill positions in several categories of service will be given 30 to 35 hours of training, according to Flory.

The SafeChoice domestic violence victim support program is served by 30 to 35 volunteers and needs more volunteers. SafeChoice provided over 10,000 bed-nights in the agencies 28-unit shelter.

More sexual assault victim advocates for adults and children are needed to serve that growing population. Last year, Y volunteers provided counseling, support and advocacy for 2,200 individuals.

WORTH volunteers, volunteers who devote two hours a week visiting women in local jails, are being sought to provide assistance to an estimated 1,200 women who will be inmates in local jails this year.

And volunteers are being sought as mentors to help provide living skills for young people who are emerging from foster care.

For further information, call Flory at **696-0167**, or go to the YWCA website at www.ywcaclarkcounty.org.

Farmers Market opening Saturday, April 3

Vancouver's Farmers Market opens its 2004 season Saturday, April 3, in the same location, Esther Street, just east of Esther Short Park.

This year, the market is open both Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., through October.

Among fresh vegetables available during the first weeks of the market are asparagus, beans, beets, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, onions and hydroponic tomatoes. A variety of fruits are also available in April.

New vendors are being accepted. For further information, call **737-8298**.

THURSDAY

March 25, 2004

Colin Cowherd, award-winning sports broadcaster joining ESPN Radio



Colin Cowherd

Colin Cowherd, most recently sports anchor for KGW-TV and currently hosting his own sports radio show on KFX, has left KGW-TV for the nation's largest sports radio network, ESPN Radio.

His 10 a.m.-to-1 p.m. show on the ESPN network, to be called *The Herd*, begins Monday, March 29. It will also be heard on KFX, which is 910 on the AM dial.

Cowherd succeeds **Tony Kornheiser**, who stays on at ESPN.

Before coming to KGW-TV, Cowherd, a graduate of Eastern Washington University, was sports director at KVBC-TV in Las Vegas, where he was named Nevada's Sportscaster of the Year five times.

News briefs

An open house to evaluate preliminary roadway alignments for the projected Interstate-5, NE 219th Street interchange is 6 to 8 p.m. this evening in the Battle Ground High School cafeteria, 300 W Main Street. ~~SSS~~ The Clark County Animal Protection and Control Advisory Board meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in Hazel Dell Sewer District offices, 8000 NE 32nd Court. ~~SSS~~ Vancouver City Center Vision community resource team meets at 7 p.m. tonight in City Hall.

Thursday on the air

Oregon vs. Notre Dame (live)—4 p.m. Comcast 14, KXL

Clark County Focus—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m.

City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Thursday, March 25, 2004

Alaska Air Group	23.20	+0.77	Linear Technology	37.52	+0.81
Alcoa	34.50	+1.38	Microsoft	25.19	+0.78
Amazon.com	41.99	+2.36	Nautilus	15.58	+0.26
Bank of America	79.74	+1.43	Nike	76.48	-0.12
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	38.50	+1.07
Bemis	25.15	+0.39	PepsiCo	51.22	+0.43
Boeing	39.72	+0.69	Precision Cast	42.66	+0.51
Boise Cascade	32.97	+0.96	RLRN	25.12	+0.14
CenturyTel	27.46	+0.48	Starbucks	37.29	+0.31
Costco	36.96	+0.52	TSM	10.28	+0.03
Expeditors Intl.	37.76	+0.86	Tektronix	30.43	+0.48
Georgia Pacific	32.29	+1.23	US Bancorp	27.58	+0.37
HPQ	22.39	+0.77	Wash. Mutual	42.55	+0.56
Intel	27.79	+1.26	W. Coast Bancorp	22.22	+0.49
Kyocera	81.50	+2.98	Weyerhaeuser	65.01	+2.23
DOW: 10,218.82		+170.59	NASDAQ: 1967.17		+57.69
			S&P: 1109.19		+17.86

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Amy Blankenship cultivating a new season. ~~SSS~~ **Jim Seekins** handling birthday chore in a breeze. ~~SSS~~ **Dean Sutherland** to huff and puff and maybe extinguish candles. ~~SSS~~ **Amy Grove** putting show together. ~~SSS~~ **Linda Schlitt** reporting 37 donors. ~~SSS~~ **Hank Curtis** in the loop. ~~SSS~~ **Thursday**, rain, sun breaks, 56. **Friday**, light showers, sunbreaks, 56. **Saturday**, mostly dry. 60.

Acapulco	93/73
Athens	62/48
Chicago	64/52
Dallas	76/63
Hong Kong	75/65
Las Vegas	83/60
Los Angeles	69/56
London	45/36
New York	53/47
Orlando	78/60
Paris	41/26
Phoenix	88/62
Rome	56/38
Seattle	54/42
Sydney	83/65
Tokyo	58/42
Washington	64/50