



Hanging flower baskets go up on Main Street

As they have for the past three years, the Design Committee of Vancouver's Downtown Association is putting up 200 hanging baskets on Main Street, both in downtown and uptown.

Volunteers from Hudson's Bay High School grew the flowers in the campus greenhouse and Monday began installing the 85-pound baskets. They will be at street corners between 6th Street and Fourth Plain Boulevard.

This year Wells Fargo Bank has joined the Rotary Club of Vancouver as a signature sponsor of the decorative project. The Clark County Juvenile Justice System is also a sponsor.

The Design Committee is also responsible for the Façade Improvement Program, storefront art galleries, downtown directional signs, district street signs, and "Welcome to Vancouver monument" signs.

The committee is also spearheading a proposal to convert downtown Main Street to two-way traffic.

Special commemorative edition of WSDOT's free state map can be ordered online

A special Lewis and Clark commemorative edition of the biennially produced Washington State Department of Transportation state map is available free on WSDOT's website www.wsdot.wa.gov/communications/Map/order.htm.

The maps can also be ordered by calling (360) 705-7279 and leaving a voice message. Residents may also apply for multiple copies of the map.

The four-color, approximately two-foot by three-foot highway map updates the 2002-2003 edition published two years ago. This special edition includes locations of significant Lewis and Clark sites, an outline of the trail along the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and quotes from the

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explorers' journals.

County unemployment rate improves slightly

Clark County's non-adjusted unemployment rate, consistently below that of the state and the nation, improved slightly in April, according to the state Department of Employment Security.

Clark's unemployment was 7.9 percent in April, compared to 8 percent for March. But it was better than the 10 percent rate a year ago in April.

Statewide, the non-adjusted unemployment rate went up from 6.1 percent to 6.3 percent in April. Nationally, the rate dropped from 5.7 percent to 5.6 percent.

The number of jobs in Clark County increased by 1,000 to 173,900 From March to April, according to the state report issued today.

News briefs

A candlelight vigil to honor Sgt. **Jeffrey Shaver**, who was killed in Iraq Wednesday, May 12, is at 9 p.m. tonight near the auditorium in Vancouver Barracks. Sgt. Shaver, who is from Maple Valley, was a member of the 1st Battalion, 81st Brigade, which trained at Vancouver Barracks. ~~###~~ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. ~~###~~ Pearson Air Museum and Les Schwab Tire Centers present Cruz-in the Runway at Pearson Field, 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. Vintage and unique airplanes and pre-1974 cars and trucks, are featured. Adult admission is \$5. The entry fee of each show vehicle is \$5. The event, which continues each Wednesday through September, is a benefit for Pearson Air Museum.

Tuesday on the air

Community Choices 2010: Report to the Community—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Nashville (live)—5 p.m. KKAD
 Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV
Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Alaska Air Group	19.84	+0.29	Linear Technology	37.61	+0.94
Alcoa	29.74	+1.04	Microsoft	25.83	+0.29
Amazon.com	41.99	-0.09	Nautilus	15.00	+0.60
Bank of America	80.85	+0.98	Nike	66.50	+0.45
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	36.89	+1.39
Bemis	26.28	+0.49	PepsiCo	53.25	-0.27
Boeing	43.02	+0.29	Precision Cast	42.95	+0.25
Boise Cascade	33.43	+0.95	RLRN	21.80	+0.50
CenturyTel	29.43	-0.41	Starbucks	37.61	+0.03
Costco	36.39	+0.85	TSM	9.16	+0.18
Expeditors Intl.	43.57	+0.77	Tektronix	29.45	+0.70
Georgia Pacific	33.56	+0.61	US Bancorp	26.49	+0.51
HPQ	19.83	+0.33	Wash. Mutual	38.72	-0.06
Intel	27.16	+0.32	W. Coast Bancorp	21.36	+0.62
Kyocera	53.15	+1.86	Weyerhaeuser	57.83	+0.73
DOW: 9968.51 +61.6		NASDAQ: 1897.82 +21.18		S&P: 1091.53+7.43	

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Jon-Eric Pienkowski outfitting recording studio. ### Joe Bank pleased with retail sales. ### Carol Boyer zeroing in on flower container. ### Michael Wilson promoting \$1,000,000 prize. ### Amy Nguyen taking hostessing to a higher level. ### Tuesday , balky, sweaty, thunder showers possible, 72. Wednesday , partly cloudy, dry, 74. Thursday , cloudy, but warm, 75.	Acapulco	91/77
	Athens	61/45
	Chicago	68/50
	Dallas	88/70
	Hong Kong	87/73
	Las Vegas	88/69
	Los Angeles	73/58
	London	73/56
	New York	80/64
	Orlando	86/68
	Paris	76/58
	Phoenix	99/75
	Rome	70/53
	Seattle	72/51
	Sydney	69/52
	Tokyo	76/62
	Washington	82/66