

Statewide and county employment continues to show improvement

Washington's non-adjusted unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percent in May to 6.1 percent, according to **Sylvia Mundy**, State Employment Security commissioner, who added that the May decrease continued a downward trend that began last October.

In Clark County, the non-adjusted unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percent to 7.2 percent in May. The county unemployment rate in April was 7.4 percent. In May 2003, the non-adjusted unemployment rate stood at 7.6 percent statewide and at 10.2 percent in Clark County.

Nationally, the non-adjusted employment rate declined to 5.3 percent in May, compared to 5.4 percent in April.

Currently there are 194,800 unemployed workers in the state, 13,700 of whom live in Clark County.

The number of employed persons in Clark County rose by 2,300 during May to a total of 175,700.

Twice denied FEMA support for January storm damage, utility district trying again

Although Clark County citizens suffered higher financial impacts from the January 2004 snow storm than did Oregon residents across the Columbia River, the Federal Emergency Management Agency twice rejected the claim from Clark Public Utilities to help cover \$1.7 million in storm related damages to the utility system.

FEMA made contributions to Oregon but denied Clark County Public Utilities' claim because the storm was not statewide and, when it was factored in with the entire state population, it failed to meet the FEMA test.

Today utility commissioners approved letters to members of the state's congressional delegation requesting assistance outside of FEMA but from other federal sources.

According to utility chief financial officer **Rick Dyer**, the total damage claim from southwest Washington is \$4.2 million.

"As it stands now," Dyer says, "our citizens not only have to pay the entire cost of storm damage here, they also have to help pay for the damage suffered by Oregon's citizens through the reimbursement provided by FEMA."

Memorial service for Margaret "Peg" Wynne, who died Thursday

A memorial service, followed by a graveside service for **Margaret "Peg" Wynne**, who died Friday at the age of 81, will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 17, in Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Wynne was preceded in death by her husband, John, who died in 1988. Mr. Wynne, a prominent attorney, was a former Vancouver city attorney.

Mrs. Wynne, a 50-year resident of Clark County, was born in Chehalis.

Survivors include four sons, **Peter**, North Bend, Ore., **Thomas**, Vancouver, **Martin**, Aloha, Ore., and **Michael**, Ridgefield; two daughters, **Lisa DiStefano**, Yorba Linda,

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Calif., and **Nora Koiwai**, Tokyo; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Demo brass scheduled for Clark County Democrats Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) is the featured guest speaker for the 2004 Clark County Democrats Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Also on the invitation list are the state's two Democratic senators, **Maria Cantwell** and **Patty Murray**, as well as Gov. **Gary Locke**.

For further information, call **Gail Pollock, 695-4769**.

People

Debbie Nelson, City of Vancouver senior mediator, has been recognized as one of 17 advanced workplace mediation practitioners by the Association for Conflict Resolution ACR is the leading organization of dispute management practitioners worldwide. Nelson was cited for notable service to the conflict resolution and alternative dispute resolution fields.

News briefs

The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is holding its monthly meeting and root beer float social at 7 p.m. tonight in the community center of the Clark County Public Works building, 4700 NE 78th Street. ~~SES~~ Clark County Commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.

Tuesday on the air
Seattle Mariners at Milwaukee (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX
City Minutes—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus—6 p.m. CVTV
L.A. Lakers at Detroit (live)—6 p.m. KATU
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Las Vegas (live)—7:10 p.m. KKAD
Vancouver City Council retreat (5/10)—9 p.m. CVTV
Washington State Transportation Commission (5/26)—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Alaska Air Group	22.04	+19	Linear Technology	38.37	+53
Alcoa	31.14	+52	Microsoft	27.41	+51
Amazon.com	50.11	+86	Nautilus	15.81	+23
Bank of America	84.23	+1.68	Nike	71.68	+45
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	41.25	+55
Bemis	28.20	+38	PepsiCo	55.18	+52
Boeing	49.25	+42	Precision Cast	48.83	+72
Boise Cascade	36.34	+27	RLRN	21.54	-06
CenturyTel	29.39	-07	Starbucks	42.78	+80
Costco	41.47	+51	TSM	7.75	+18
Expeditors Intl.	47.83	+1.64	Tektronix	30.81	+26
Georgia Pacific	35.11	-12	US Bancorp	28.14	+28
HPQ	21.70	+11	Wash. Mutual	40.60	+50
Intel	28.43	+44	W. Coast Bancorp	21.40	unch
Kvocera	80.10	+1.39	Weyerhaeuser	60.00	+79

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Byron Hanke laying claim to fashion statement. SES Wayne Nelson answers with tongue in cheek. SES	Acapulco	91/77
Craig Walker retro-shopping. SES	Athens	85/68
Marge Martel providing rapid response. SES Barbara Sheldon back in the loop. SES Mick Shutt covering all the bases. SES Tuesday , warming trend, sunny, 76.	Chicago	84/64
Wednesday , sunshine all the way, 82.	Dallas	89/72
Thursday , hot and sunny, 90.	Hong Kong	91/75
	Las Vegas	101/77
	Los Angeles	76/62
	London	83/61
	New York	84/71
	Orlando	90/72
	Paris	79/56
	Phoenix	105/80
	Rome	79/57
	Seattle	71/52
	Sydney	70/48
	Tokyo	77/65
	Washington	93/69