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## TUESDAY, AUG. 17, 2004

## **Beach Boy David Lee Marks headlines** Jaycees concert in the Park Saturday

Grammy-award winning David Lee Marks, one of the founders of the Beach Boys in 1962, headlines a six-band musical presentation from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, August 21, in Esther Short Park. The summer concert is sponsored by the Vancouver Jaycees for the benefit of a number of charitable causes in Clark County, including the YWCA of Clark County's Safe Choice program for battered women and children.

Other performers are The Eastridge Band, Timothy James Meaney, Rescue, 3 Man Duo, and The Touchables!

Admission is \$10. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and at the gate. For further information, call 882-4657.

# Clark County's unemployment rate goes up,

#### but so does the number of workers

The Clark County unadjusted unemployment rate jumped to 7.3 percent in July, compared to 6.7 percent in June, according to the state Department of Employment Security. At the same time the number of persons employed rose from 172,400 in June to 174,200 in July. But the total number of persons in the workforce also rose to 187.900, from 184.800 the previous month.

Statewide, the economy remained flat, according to Silvia P. Mundy, Employment Security commissioner. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate stood at 5.9 percent in July, compared to 6.1 percent in June.

Clark County's 7.3 percent unemployment rate compared to Skamania County's 6.9 percent, Cowlitz County's 7.9 percent and Kind County's 5.6 percent. Unemployment was lowest in eastern Washington's Garfield County, 1.3 percent, and San Juan County, 2 percent. It was highest in Ferry County, 10.6 percent.

The national rate of unemployment was 5.5 percent.

## Heat kept fair goers away, attendance down 22 percent

An extraordinary string of hot days, which followed a downpour on opening day, Friday, Aug. 6, combined to hold attendance at the ten-day fair 22 percent below that of a year ago.

This year's attendance was 220,341, about 48,000 fewer fair patrons than a year ago.

Fair executive director **Tom Musser** pointed out that, on the first Saturday of this year's fair, when the temperature was a perfect 77 degrees, fair attendance was up 20 percent over the previous year. But, when Monday came and the temperature at the fairgrounds reached 102 degrees, attendance was down 37 percent.

According to Musser, advance admission sales and advance carnival ride sales were all up over the previous year.

## JD White Company putting together Poor Farm plans

The JD White Company is putting together alternative plans for use of the former county Poor Farm property, currently the site of the 79-acre Washington State University Research and Extension Unit on NE 78th Street in Hazel Dell.

Both WSU, which owns the property, and Clark County are partners in seeking development plans for the mostly agricultural land. An open house will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, in the cafeteria of Gaiser Middle School, 3000 NE 99th Street. Further information is available from Lynn Valenter, WSU project manager, at 546-9590.

#### Principals discretionary dole to help indigent students

Eighty principals in southern Washington will share a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation, up to \$350 each, to be used at their discretion to aid students in need.

According to David Kenny, retired First Independent Bank officer, the principals use the fund to buy basic needs for students, such as eye glasses, medical prescriptions, school supplies and clothing. Now in its 14th year, the Children's Trust Fund of the foundation has given over \$240,000 for needy students.

#### **People**

Lilly Kimbell, already ranked 17th nationally for girls 12 and under in tennis, last week won her biggest victory so far, taking third place in the Supernational Tennis Tournament at the University of Kentucky. Kimbell is a member of and student at the Vancouver Tennis Club. Selected as models for golf fashions from Royal Oaks Country Club during the Friends of Hospice's annual fundraiser Monday, Sept. 13, in the Heathman Lodge, are Paul Linnman, radio and television personality, John White, chair of the board of Southwest Washington Medical Center, Brett Bryant, past president of the Southwest Washington Medical Foundation board of trustees, and Michael Kelley, senior manager of Plasma Services for the American Red Cross. A raffle and silent auction accompany the runway show which begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$35. Call Friends of Hospice, **696-5056** for additional information.

# **News brief**

School supplies for the YWCA of Clark County's children who are housed in shelters are being accepted during the 4-to-9 p.m. Cruz-In at Pearson Field. Cameros are being spotlighted during the car show. Adult admission is \$5. Fifteen-minute airplane rides are offered for \$15.

Columbian buys Post-Record--Columbian, Julia Anderson

Cartographer, Martin Plamondon's final project maps new ideas on Lewis and Clark--Oregonian, Foster Church

Natural gas customers may see higher bills--KATU

Vancouver may restrict popular scooters--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize

Vancouver bans mini motorcycles on city streets--Oregonian, Allan Brettman

City giving serious thought to off-leash areas for dogs--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize

Council considers plan for off-leash areas--Oregonian, Bill Stewart

Columbia Cascade contributing to the national World War II Memorial--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher

Portland ranks high on most overpriced cities list--KATU

Beaverton teen takes gold in fencing--KGW-TV, AP

Michael Phelps catches gold, twice more--MSNBC

#### Tuesday on the air

Community Health Center Groundbreaking—5 p.m. CVTV Seattle Mariners at Kansas City (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFXX Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KKAD Fruit Valley Landfill Hearing (8/10—7 p.m. CVTV

#### Town tabloids and the weather

Dale Olander offering conciliatory words. Michael Kissinger checking out a good deal. Trish Loghry sharpening accounting pencil. Trish Runyan oiling wheels of commerce. Murmi Husa painting a picture. Marie Sullivan says no change is too small. Tuesday, mostly sunny, 82. Wednesday, sunny and warmer, 84. Thursday, sunshine, faint clouds, 86.