

Foreign trade representatives coming to Vancouver for day-long session

Representatives of Washington State Department of Trade foreign trade offices for China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, South Korea and Taiwan will be in Vancouver throughout the day Wednesday, March 22, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington, to discuss international trade opportunities with local businesses.

There is no charge for one-on-one consultations, according to **Pamela Allison**, spokesperson for the sponsoring Columbia River Economic Development Council. A networking luncheon at noon in the Hilton is \$25, however.

To set up consultations or register for the luncheon, call Allison at **567-1063**.

Bank of Clark County appoints PJ Fisher to construction lending team



Bank of Clark County is pleased to announce the appointment of P.J. Fisher as the newest member of its Construction Lending team. As Construction Lending Assistant, Fisher's responsibilities include supporting the Construction Lending team and providing exceptional customer service to help meet the needs of its clients. With over 10 years of experience in the customer service arena, including three years in restaurant management, Fisher graduated from Washington State University in Pullman with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in hospitality management and a minor business.

Community interests include getting involved with United Way and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk.

P.J. Fisher can be reached at 360-993-2265 or patrickf@bcc.com.

Textile bag company moves from Portland to Vancouver

The Last US Bag Company, and its promotional division, Blue Fig, has relocated from Portland to an 8,700-square-foot plant on Andresen Road in Vancouver.

The company, which currently employs six persons had been in operation in Clackamas.

Blue Fig designs and manufactures textile bags and accessories and plans to introduce a retail line of outdoor products this summer.

Six-year county transportation planning begins with an advisory committee meeting

A meeting of the 30-member Clark County Transportation Improvement Program Involvement Team at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, will establish the direction for Clark County's 2007-2012, six-year, transportation plan.

The citizens group, which includes representation from the general public, business, schools, local transportation agencies, cities and county staff, will hold a number of meetings and two public open houses to set transportation priorities. For further information, call **397-6118**, or go to www.clark.wa.gov/tip/index.html.

Spruce Goose restorer to make Pearson Air Museum presentation

Mike Wright, who was responsible for restoration of the Howard Hughes Spruce Goose airplane while in charge of maintenance and operation at the Evergreen Air Museum, will discuss operation and maintenance of pre-1960 aircraft at the 7 p.m. Tuesday March 21, membership meeting at Pearson Air Museum.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$3.

Public input sought on mental health service delivery

The public is invited to testify about how mental health services may be improved during two meetings scheduled for **Tuesday, March 21** and **Wednesday, March 22** in Vancouver. The meetings are part of a series of state-wide forums called "Partnerships for Recovery and Resiliency."

Funded by a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Washington state was one of seven states to receive a grant designed to improve mental health delivery systems and to serve as models for other states.

Subcommittees representing the Washington Department of Social and Health Services are meeting with mental health consumer groups and each meeting will include time for community feedback.

During the next six months, the subcommittees will be gathering information and channeling it to a statewide work group which will focus on system changes and strategies that may be presented to the Governor for implementation consideration.

The subcommittee on Older Adult Consumers and Families will be meeting **Tuesday, March 21** at the Clark County YWCA, 3609 Main St., Vancouver. Public input will be welcome from 10 a.m. to noon.

A meeting focusing on Criminal Justice, Juveniles and Adults will be held **Wednesday, March 22** at the Clark County Center for Community Health, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., main floor conference room. Public input will be taken from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Cheri Dolezal, Deputy Director, Department of Community Services, at 360-397-2130.

Gary Stroutos headlines

Old Liberty Theater show

Gary Stroutos, whose flute artistry was showcased on Ken Burns' PBS documentary *Lewis and Clark: Journey of the Corps of Discovery*, will entertain at a free show at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Old Liberty Theater, 115 N Main Street, Ridgefield.

Stroutos will share songs, stories and traditions of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Lakota peoples of the northern plains.

Port of Vancouver announces job opening

The Port of Vancouver USA is seeking applications for a security superintendent. This position supervises a 13-member security department and manages the Port's security, property protection and emergency management programs including developing and administering security policies, procedures, training and maintenance programs for the department. Applications are available online at: "www.portvanusa.com" or at Port Administration Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA. Submit applications to: Human Resources, Port of Vancouver USA, and PO Box 1180, Vancouver, WA 98660 by Friday, March 31, 2006. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Calendar

The Vancouver Business Journal's Annual Business Growth Awards is Thursday, March 23 at the Hilton Vancouver. See a showcase of the fastest growing, most innovative businesses in Clark County. Call 360-695-2442 for reservations. [Go to www.vbjusa.com](http://www.vbjusa.com) for more information. ☞ The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society is holding its 4th annual rummage sale to benefit homeless animals in Scout Hall in Crown Park in Camas between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18. and between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19. ☞ *New York Times* Best selling author **Lisa Jackson**, will be signing copies of her latest novel *Fatal Burn* at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Wal-Mart Supercenter, 221 NE 104th Avenue. Jackson is a Molalla native. Jackson's bestsellers include the following: *Fatal Scream*, *Deep Freeze* and *The Morning After*.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world

[Bill could mean big bucks--Columbian, Courtney Sherwood](#)

[Should ports join?--Columbian, Don Hamilton](#)

[Gorge Commission opposes land sale--Columbian, Kathie Durban](#)

[Gregoire lauds lawmakers, offers state as a role model--Oregonian, Bill Stewart](#)

[Third seed Iowa stunned by NW state--MSNBC](#)

[Navy to add 1,000 sailors to ground force--Seattle Times, Alex Fryer](#)

[Court blocks rule allowing exemptions from Clean Air Act--New York Times, Michael Janof-](#)

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Friday on the air

Planning Perceptions (3/7)—5 p.m. CVTV

...**California vs. North Carolina State**—CBS 6

...followed by **Kansas vs. Bradley**—CBS 6

Portland Blazers at Cavaliers (live)—4:30 p.m. NBC 8

Telecommunications Commission (3/1)—7 p.m. CVTVB

49th District Town Hall (3/11)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Sherri McMillan sharing the joy. ✂ **Elizabeth Emmet** ushering in a crowd. ✂ **Nancy Williams** looking at the bright side. ✂ **Paul Speer** drafting speeches. ✂ **Ron Arp** meeting and greeting. ✂ **Friday**, lightly showery, 50. **Saturday**, drismal get-out-of-town weather, 49. **Sunday**, more of the same. Stay in Arizona, 47.