

Clark County adds 2,500 jobs during October

Clark County employment increased from 184,700 persons in September to 187,200 in October, an increase of 2,500 jobs, according to the state Employment Security Department's seasonally unadjusted data for last month. This represents an increase of 4,700 jobs in the past 12 months.

Clark County's 5.3 percent unadjusted unemployment rate for October, 5.3 percent, was the best of any county in southwest Washington. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 5.6 percent, one-tenth of a percent below last month, and four points below that of a year ago. Nationally, the unemployment rate for October was 5 percent.

"The economic environment in Washington remains positive," said Employment Security commissioner **Karen Lee**. Lee said that discounting the effects of the Boeing strike, Washington employers added 11,700 jobs over the last two-month period for an average gain of 5,850 jobs each month. The number of unemployed workers in Washington fell by roughly 5,900, she said.

Rolling slowdowns adding 30 minutes to 1-5 travel at NE 134th Street

Today and tomorrow, daytime motorists using I-5 in the vicinity of NE 134th Street can expect up to a half-hour delay in either direction due to "rolling slowdowns" as contractors demolish the old southbound bridge across Salmon Creek. The slowdowns will occur about every two hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

During rolling slowdowns, pilot cars will bring both lanes of traffic down to very slow speeds and guide motorists slowly through the area.

Advance warnings will be posted. Alternate routes are recommended.

County employers tackling diabetes, obesity and asthma

Eleven Clark County employers who employ minimum-wage workers will share a \$64,000 grant to develop or enhance worksite wellness programs. The employers are: the Battleground School District, the City of Vancouver, Clark College, Clark Public Utilities, Educational Opportunities for Children and Families, Educational Service District 112, Electric Lightwave, LLC, Evergreen School District, Southwest Washington Medical Center and WaferTech, LLC.

"We're pleased to recognize these progressive businesses committed to keeping their employees active and healthy. They represent a growing number of great companies that accept the responsibility as employers to create a healthy livable Clark County," said **Barbe West**, Executive Director, of Community Choices 2010.

The program focuses on the prevention of diabetes, obesity and asthma and on addressing related risk factors, such as, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use and exposure.

Working with Community Choices 2010 on the project are the American Cancer Society, Kaiser Permanente, Southwest Washington Medical Center and the Clark County Family YMCA. The grant was paid by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services's Steps to a Healthier U.S.

Cruise to Hawaii theme of CRMHS dinner dance

Dress for the Columbia River Mental Health Services holiday dinner dance is holiday- or Hawaiian cruise-wear, reports CRMHS spokesperson **Pat Stryker**. The event is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Nov. 19, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Dinner is a captain's buffet featuring unusual tropical foods, according to Stryker. Dancing is to **Night Flight**. Admission is \$85 per person. For reservations, call Stryker at **993-3049**.

People

During the Association of Washington Business's regional meeting in the Heathman Hotel today, State Sen. **Don Benton** (R-17th) was presented with the association's Cornerstone Award, for his support of business-related issues. Contrary to the report in the *Insider* yesterday, Benton is not a state representative. He was elected to the state senate in 1986.

Calendar

The C-TRAN board of directors meets in regular session at 4:45 p.m. today in C-TRAN administrative of-

fices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue. ☞ The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th Street. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Tuesday headlines at home and from around the world

[Local vet lives his life to make his enemy proud--Senior Messenger, **Jane Elder Wulff**](#)
[City gets thanks for benefits provided for reservists and national guard--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Median price of southern Washington homes up 27 percent from a year ago--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Library issue lacks 216 votes of passing, recount may be asked--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[City OKs deal for Historic Reserve Trust to run Officers Row--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Teachers to vote on new two-year contract with Vancouver School District later this month--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[Tax incentive program may be coming to lower Main Street--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)
[Mike Price and Time Inc. reach second 'amicable' settlement--Seattle Times, AP](#)
[You drank at Targy's on his own terms--Seattle P-I, **Mike Lewis**](#)
[American attitudes on Iraq similar to Vietnam era--USA TODAY, **Susan Page**](#)
[Senate rebukes Bush on Iraq policy--Washington Post, **Jonathan Weisman** and **Shailagh Murray**](#)

Tuesday on the air

Identifying Underlying Needs (10/24)—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (11/6)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus (10/14)—6 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
CREDC Annual Membership Meeting (11/3)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Boren Bizwas redrawing the drawing board. ☞ **Dale Magers** in on the plan. ☞ **Sherry Hartman** filling in the data. ☞ **Heather Allmain** selling bucket trucks. ☞ **Al Woodrich** strikes a chord with a cord. ☞ **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 53. **Wednesday**, sunny, 57. **Thursday**, sunnier, 58.