

Wells Fargo hiring in Vancouver

Wells Fargo announced today that it will be increasing its staff at the Wells Fargo Financial service center in Vancouver by 50 people. Some of the positions have already been filled, but hiring is expected to continue through the end of November.

Positions are open for collectors. Annual salaries range from \$25,000 to \$30,000, depending on experience. Spanish language skills are preferred but not necessary, according to center manager **Mike Hiber**.

An open house will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the center at 521 SE Chkalov Drive to introduce prospective employees to the center's management staff.

When hiring is completed, the financial center will employ 525 persons, says Hiber. The financial center opened in Vancouver in 2003 with 100 employees.

CREDC lists how Clark County residents spend their money

As the Columbia River Economic Development Council developed a \$5 million, five-year program to bring new jobs and new industry to the county, staff came up with some interesting statistics on how we collectively spend our money.

Housing by far leads the list of residential expenditures, double that of second-place transportation. Reading was next to last on the expenditure list, just below purchases of tobacco products.

Assuming total annual consumer expenditures of \$353,314,922, here is the dollar breakdown:

Housing	\$120,130,000
Transportation	\$67,130,000
Financial	\$49,460,000
Food	\$42,400,000
Entertainment	\$19,790,000
Health Care	\$17,670,000
Apparel	\$13,070,000
Miscellaneous	\$7,070,000
Education	\$6,360,000
Personal Care	\$4,240,000
Alcoholic beverages	\$3,280,000
Tobacco products	\$1,170,000
Reading	\$1,060,000.

Aerospace Scholars Program applications being accepted

Applications from high school juniors are being accepted for the Washington Aerospace Scholars program, reports State Rep. **Jim Dunn** (D-17th). The program is an introduction to the requirements of becoming an astronaut and helps prepares participants for scientific careers, Dunn says.

Each state legislator may sponsor a single student for the program, which consists of five months of Web-based lessons and a six-day residence in Seattle hosted by the Museum of Flight. There is no cost for the program. Dunn says all expenses, including travel, are paid.

For further information on the program, call Dunn, **786-7994**, or **Rosie Bailer**, program coordinator, **(206) 764-5866**.

Arts Equity stages fund raiser

Arts Equity's annual soiree and fund raising event opens at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. An auction follows at 7 p.m. Entertainment is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Entertainers include the following: **Doug Canoose**, violinist; **Shoehorn**; **Jazz Alley**, with **Kevin** and **Athena McElrath**; **Dusty Richards**; **The Rose City Syncopator**; **Lyndin** and **Warren**, song and dance; **Residents of Tuna, Tex**; and the cast of *Blood Borthers*.

Advance admission is \$20. Tickets at the door are \$25. For further information, call **695-3770**.

Ruby Reds arriving soon

For the 25th year the Kiwanis in Vancouver are making Texas Ruby Red grapefruit available at bargain prices, but only for a short time, because the 1,500 cases expected by Tuesday, Nov. 6, usually go too fast to past customers.

Proceeds benefit more than a dozen of the Kiwanis clubs' child-related causes. Each case of 18 to 20 grapefruit costs \$15, according to Kiwanis spokesperson **Lynn Degerstedt**. To order, call **254-0397, 256-1143, or 892-6897**.

News briefs

The Bank of Clark County has been recognized by the *Portland Business Journal* as among the most philanthropic companies in the region. In addition to making cash contributions, during 2006 bank employees contributed 5,330 hours of work for 79 community organizations. <> Having received a grant from the state Traffic Safety Commission to enforce seat belt use at night, Vancouver police plan on stepping up nighttime traffic surveillance over the next few weeks.

Calendar

Hobson's Choice, by **Harold Brighthouse**, directed by **Jaynie Roberts**, is being presented by Magenta Theater at 7 p.m. this evening, and at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the First Baptist Church, 108 W 27th Street. For further information, call **635-4358**. <> Clark County Fix-It Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in Gaiser Hall at Clark College. Informational sessions include composting, gardening, recycling, emergency preparedness, septic systems and energy savings. A free lunch for the first 350 participants is being offered by NW Natural Gas. There is no charge. <> Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital's annual Teddy Bear Hospital is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the hospital at 2211 NE 139th Street. Children who bring stuffed animals will be shown how the hospital medical staff takes care of small patients. There is no charge.

Friday on the air

Portland vs. Denver (live)—7 p.m. KXL

Animal Control Hearings (9/26)—7 p.m. CVTV

Better Together Awards (10/23)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

East Clark County Election Candidates—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Karen Snekvic getting attracting rays, too. <> **Jeff Williams** branching out. <> **Jerry Gayle** squiring. <> **Shelly Palmer** saluting. <> **Garry Lucas** makes introductions, has birthday, wins walking stick. <> **Michelle Howell** making everyone feel at home. <> **Friday**, sunny, 62. **Saturday**, sunny, 64. **Sunday**, partly cloudy, partly sunny, 68.