

BPA offering Clark Public Utilities \$11.5 million rebate from IOU subsidy

Clark Public Utilities could receive as much as \$11.5 million in 2008 as its repayment share from subsidies the Bonneville Power Administration provided investor-owned utilities under a residential exchange program, utilities spokesperson **Mick Shutt** reports.

The repayment, originally thought to have been \$9.5 million, would amount to about 3 percent of the utilities' 2008 revenue.

According to Shutt, the board of commissioners has not decided on how to use the prospective payment if it is accepted.

The residential exchange program was struck down in court as being too generous to private utilities. BPA is considering how to restructure the program that gives a share of lower public power costs to residential customers of private utilities, such as PGE and PacifiCorp.

Clark Public Utilities is expected to end 2007 several million dollars in the black mostly as a result of advantageous power purchases and sales.

Vancouver's sustainability program takes next step by measuring carbon footprint

As a major first step of Vancouver's developing sustainability program, the city has hired a consultant to help measure the city's "carbon footprint." Good Company, Eugene, has been awarded a \$35,000 contract to measure greenhouse gas emissions of the city's day-to-day operations, in addition to communitywide greenhouse gas emissions.

"We are forging ahead on our commitment to make sustainability a priority for our community," said city manager **Pat McDonnell**. The inventory will set a baseline for the city's efforts to meet the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which seeks to reduce global warming pollution levels at least 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** is a signatory to the agreement.

Green Thunderbots advancing to Oregon Lego robotics competition

The Woodland Middle School's Lego Robotics team, Green Thunderbots, has won the regional Lego Robotics competition and will move on to the Oregon State tournament Saturday, Jan. 19, in Liberty High School, Hillsboro, according to teacher **Tim Brown**, student technology supervisor.

Student captains **Katelyn Hendrix** and **Natasha Lamb** led the Green Thunderbot team in development, programming and construction of an automated Lego robot from standard Lego pieces attached to four sensors and three motors.

Substance Abuse Advisory Board members sought

Applications for open positions on the Clark County Substance Abuse Advisory Board are being sought by the board of Clark County Commissioners, reports **Cleve Thompson**, Clark County Alcohol and Drug Program manager.

The board advises and makes recommendations to the county commissioners regarding alcoholism and drug addiction programs.

Letters of interest and resumes should be sent no later than February 1 to the Clark County Board of commissioners, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666. For further information, call **397-2075**, extension **7823**.

People

Division fire chief **Dan Monaghan** is retiring from the Vancouver Fire Department after 28 years of service. A retirement party is 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, in Fire Station 81, 7110 NE 63rd Street.



Vancouver's Kids and Cops Program made it possible for 46 children of domestic violence families to shop for Christmas this year. Vancouver police officer Robert Woodrun. Above, helps one of those shop in Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart contributed \$7,000 in gift cards and checks for the program run by the Vancouver Attorney's office, Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office and the YWCA. Vancouver and Camas policemen and county sheriff's deputies helped the youngsters buy gifts.

Calendar

The Women Entrepreneurs Association of Washington's dinner and holiday party begins at 5 p.m. networking hour today in the Heathman Lodge. <> The annual Kids Christmas Party sponsored by the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association and the Sarah J. Anderson PTA is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in the Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School, 2215 NE 104th Street.

Wednesday on the air

Clark College Orchestra: South of the Border—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Urban Forestry Commission (11/14)—6 p.m. CVTV
Toronto at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. CSN, KXL
Northern Colorado at OSU (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KPAM
Veterans Day Parade (11/10)—7:15 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (11/15)—10 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (12-13)—11:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jennifer Petersen partying as the seasons change. <> **Paul** and **Karen Liberty's** television reception improving. <> **Kathy Condon** greeting the season. <> **Jordan Meade** keeping connections. <> **Justin Myers** joining the A team. <> **Jim Sanders'** birthday celebration comes on Boxing Day. <> **Wednesday**, rainy and windy, 42-48. **Thursday**, mostly rain, 34-43. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 34-42.