

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



How the not-so-bright view the U.S. economy

The following is a verbatim report of a conversation this week between **Tauf Charneski**, left-leaning Clark County protagonist, and the editor of the *Daily Insider*:

Charneski: *Have unpaid bad home loans and bank foreclosures contributed to the casualties among big banking companies and Wall Street financial institutions?*

Editor: *Probably.*

Charneski: *Does the administration want to give money to the big banking companies and Wall Street financial institutions so they can do business as usual?*

Editor: *Probably.*

Charneski: *Like \$700 billion or \$1 trillion.*

Editor: *Probably.*

Charneski: *So what if the government used the money to help the homeowners pay their mortgages. Would that help the big banking companies and Wall Street financial institutions?*

Editor: *Probably.*

Charneski: *Then do you think that Congress and the President might do something to help the homeowners with their mortgages?*

Editor: *Probably not.*

Crowley envisions algae farms

Columbia Energy Partners and Portland General Electric are testing whether algae grown at PGE's Boardman power plant can turn carbon dioxide and other emissions into biofuels and livestock feed, according to **Chris Crowley**, president of Vancouver-based Columbia Energy Partners.

The experiment involves capturing carbon dioxide and feeding it to algae, which are being grown adjacent to the 600-megawatt coal-fired Boardman plant.

During photosynthesis, the algae ingest carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the air, while retaining oil and other byproducts. When the oil is squeezed out of it, the algae it can be used to produce biodiesel fuel. The remaining biomass can be used to produce ethanol and proteins for livestock feed, according to Crowley.

Crowley says that the small-scale study is investigating the effectiveness and commercial viability of a large-scale algae carbon-capture project.

In addition to electric wind farms, Columbia Energy Partners is experimenting with electric-generating wave power off the coast of Oregon.

"Visions of Recovery" art being displayed at Three Creeks Library

Artwork included in the recent "Visions of Recovery" poster contest is on display in the Three Creeks Library, 800 NE Tenney Road. The artwork will be shown through Thursday, October 2.

An artwork reception is from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29.

The poster contest is hosted by Clark County's Regional Support Network as part of its efforts to reduce stigmas associated with mental illness.

Research shows that people with a mental illness can and do recover, and this display shows what recovery can look and feel like to someone with a psychiatric diagnosis, according to **Pat Roe**, network family support specialist.

News brief

The City of Vancouver has extended the deadline for applications for a vacancy on the Vancouver Planning Commission. Applications may now be submitted until 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The appointment will be for a full term, ending December 31, 2012.

For applications or further information, contact **Myk Heidt** in the city manager's office in City Hall, 210 E 13th Street, Vancouver, WA 98668, or call **696-8181** or fax **696-8049**. On-line applications are available at

www.cityofvancouver.us/boards.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the Quarry in the Columbia Tech Center, 415 SE 177th Avenue. A blood drive is also being held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 26, in R.A. Long High School, 2903 Nichols Boulevard, Longview. <> Washington's Aid-in-Dying Initiative will be discussed at 7 p.m. this evening in the Forum at the Library presentation in the community room at Clark Public Utilities, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. The free presentation is moderated by Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey**. Presenters are **Kevin Myles**, **Ken Stevens**, **George Eighmey** and **Linda Olson**. <> The sold-out Economy in Motion freight symposium is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. tomorrow, Sept. 26, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. <> Groundbreaking for a Chinook Indian memorial in Parkers Landing, near the Port of Camas-Washougal offices, 24 A Street, will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Sept. 26. The \$46,576 memorial was paid for by the port and a Clark County historical promotion grant. <> The Council for the Homeless ninth annual Hope and Action Recognition Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. **Paul Loeb**, author of *The Impossible Will Take a Little While*, is keynote speaker. Admission is \$30 for members of the council; \$35 for nonmembers. For further information, call **993-9571**.

Thursday on the air

Vancouver Planning Commission (9/23)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
USC at Oregon State Beavers (live)—6 p.m. ESPN, KPAM
Los Angeles at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
WSU Vancouver Chancellor Series (9/12)—9 p.m. CVTV
Greater Vancouver Chamber Installation (9/15)—10 p.m. CVTV
49th District, Position 1 Candidates—11:25 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kathy Scott advancing top 20. <> **Margaret Kretschmar** picking a Tuesday. <> **Dave Nicandri** making Wednesday introductions. <> **Jack Nisbit's** book on early exploration going over very well. <> **Tracy Fortmann** making Thursday introductions. <> **Donna Horenstein** delivering cornucopia. <> **Brenda Bailey** bringing back memories. <> **Thursday**, scattered showers, 52-65. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 52-74. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 49-74.