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WSU Vancouver prof gets prestigious book award



Daniel Jaffee

Daniel Jaffee, assistant professor of sociology at Washington State University Vancouver, has been awarded the 2007 C. Wright Mills Book Award for his book *Brewing Justice: Fair Trade Coffee, Sustainability, and Survival*.

The prestigious book award, established by the Society for the Study of Social Problems in honor of the eminent sociologist C. Wright Mills (1916-1962), has been in existence since 1964.

“My work looks at the effects of ‘free’ trade and neoliberal economic policies on the options for rural people to determine their own models for sustainable livelihoods,” says Jaffee. “I’m also a dedicated coffee drinker, and like an increasing number of people I was concerned about the social and environmental impacts of my consumption choices. I became interested in fair trade as a positive model for trading under an alternative set of rules, which has the potential to escape the most harmful effects of volatile global commodity markets.”

For more information on *Brewing Justice*, or to order, go to <http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/10607.php>. Jaffee may be reached by calling 546-9279, or emailing him at jaffee@wsu.edu.

Vancouver Symphony Under the Stars Thursday

Four soloists from the Vancouver Children’s Opera join The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in the free Symphony Under the Stars concert at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in Esther Short Park.

Guest vocalists are sopranos **ChristyAnne Hamilton** and **Amy Cole**, tenor **Brennen Guillory** and baritone **Stacey Murdock**.

Guest conductor **Travis Hatton** will lead the orchestra in selections from *Lohengrin* by Wagner, *The Merry Widow* by Lehar, *the Barber of Seville* by Rossini, *The Bartered Bride* by Smetana, *Tales of Hoffmann* by Offenbach, and *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss.

Hatton is music director of the Vancouver Children's Opera, as well as director of the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland. He is also orchestra director at Valley Catholic School in Beaverton, Oregon, and the first Baptist Church in Portland.

For more information, visit our web site at www.vancouversymphony.org.

Margaret Bates named Hockinson Schools acting superintendent

Margaret Bates, who has been with the Hockinson School District since 2001 as assistant superintendent, has been appointed acting superintendent of the district, according to school board president **Erik Mattson**.

Bates had also been interim superintendent and this year was acting superintendent during the reassignment this summer of superintendent **Delcine Mesa-Johnson**.

Johnson remains with the district as superintendent on assignment, reporting to the school board president.

Former Hockinson superintendent **Roger Beiber**, who retired from the district in 1994 after 14 years at the post, has been retained as a special consultant.



Travis Hatton

Evergreen schools open doors on Wednesday

Evergreen Public Schools students get an extra day of summer this year. The school district opens its doors to students on Wednesday, Sept. 3. The school district often opens the day after Labor Day.

This will also be the first year for Kindergarten SMART START, where incoming kindergarten students attend only one day of school during the first week of classes to help teachers get to know students personally.

Evergreen kindergarten bus service will begin Monday, Sept. 8.

Most county retailers not selling tobacco to minors

Most Clark County tobacco retailers are refusing to sell tobacco products to minors, according to **Long Vue**, health educator for Clark County Public Health.

Between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008, Clark County Public Health and the Washington State Liquor Control Board conducted compliance checks on 231 retailers. Of these—26, or about 11 percent—sold to a minor who was accompanied by a county employee. Federal law requires that community sales rate to minors be 20 percent or less.

Clark County Public Health and Washington State Liquor Control conduct random tobacco compliance checks throughout the year.

“Most illegal tobacco sales occur when clerks fail to verify that a teen is 18 years or older. Either clerks don’t ask for identification or they incorrectly calculate the teen’s age after looking at the identification,” Vue says.

Calendar

The 5th annual Port of Ridgefield commissioner’s picnic is from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the Ridgefield Boat Launch Waterfront at the base of Mill Street.

Wednesday on the air

City Minutes (8/24)—3:50 p.m. CVTV

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (8/26)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Connects (live)—7 p.m. FVTV

Salt Lake at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Federal Transportation Forum (8/6)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (7/20)—9 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (8/21)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Stephanie Anderson says of daughter **Lily Sofia Anderson**, born just after midnight this morning, “She’s already nursing like a champion and has been asleep for most of the day.” Father, **Chris**, reports that Lily weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and is nearly 21 inches tall. <> **Ray Johnson** reconnecting. <> **Michael Williams** preparing good picnic weather. <> **Edee Larson** on the road again. <> **Grant** and **Kurt Jobe** celebrating USA military. <> **Wednesday**, cloudy, early showers, 55-72. **Thursday**, sun returns, 61-80. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 55-81.