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Vino & Verve: 10th Annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival opens tonight! Under sunny skies and with jamming tunes, the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival opens at 4 p.m. today with Shelly Rudolph, the Norman Sylvester Blue Band and the Blind Boys of Alabama. For the full schedule and more information, go to: http://www.vancouverwinejazz.com/Schedule.php

Greater Vancouver Chamber elects new board members, approves officers slate

Members of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce elected the following Chamber member representatives to three year terms on the Chamber's board of directors:

Doug Anderson, Underwriters Laboratories;

Tamara Fuller, Norris, Beggs & Simpson;

Lori Lindsell, Columbia Credit Union;

Alex McMillan, Northwest Personal Training & Fitness Education;

Jeff Woodside, Nutter Corporation.

In addition, Eric Olmsted, On Line Support, was elected to fill an unexpired term through 2009.

The Chamber's board of directors also approved the 2007-2008 slate of officers as follows

Carmen Villarma, The Management Group - Chair;

Lisa Dow, West Coast Bank - Chair-Elect:

Don Russo, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt - Vice-Chair;

David Horowitz, David A. Horowitz, CPA - Secretary/Treasurer;

Carol Keljo, Security Signs - Immediate Past Chair.

The new GVCC Board of Directors and officers will be installed during the Chamber's Annual Dinner on Wednesday, September 12, at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. The dinner is the Chamber's 117th, ushering in its 118th year. Call **360-694-2588** to register or sign up online at www.vancouverusa.com. The dinner is \$50 per member or guest. Registration and pre-payment are required.

E3 regional summit participants envision a sustainable future and how to get there

More than 80 representatives from schools and colleges, businesses and nonprofit organizations, and federal, state, county and local agencies came together to establish a vision for a sustainable future at this week's Regional Summit of E3 Washington (education, environment and economy).

The regional summit included professionals from Clark, Skamania and Klickitat counties and marked the first major gathering in this Southwest Washington area in the development of a regional environmental education plan.

The summit wrapped up with participants offering specific strategies and activities to bridge the gap between environmental education of today and participants' vision of it for the future. Efforts begun this week at the Water Center will be used to develop recommendations to an E3 statewide strategy.

The first state E3 Advisory Council meeting and launch event was held September 2006 in Tacoma, with more than 100 education, business, community, and government leaders attending for the purpose of advancing academic performance, creating healthier communities and supporting sustainable economic development. Since that time, 18 regions across the state have either held or are coordinating e3 summits bringing together educators, students, local business leaders, tribal members, and government officials to create regional plans to be incorporated in the statewide plan.

Statewide E3 Washington Honorary Chairs are Governor Chris Gregoire, William D. Ruckelshaus and Billy Frank, Jr. Clark, Skamania, Klickitat. E3 Advisory Council members are as follows: state Senator Craig Pridemore, 49th District; Tim Leavitt, Vancouver City Council member; Dianne Sherwood, Port of Klickitat; Gary Loomis, G Loomis and Fish First; Dean Sutherland, Clark Public Utilities; Rhidian Morgan, Farm Forestry Association; Casey Roeder, Skamania County Chamber of Commerce; and Steve Madsen, Building Industry Association of Clark County.

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For more information about E3 Washington, go to www.e3washington.org. Calendar

Green is gorgeous, especially on Sat., Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Share Fair at Clark Public Utilities in Vancouver. Each year, 5,000 tons of reusable items, such as furniture, clothing, toys and books, are thrown away. A partnership of Clark County, the City of Vancouver, Clark Public Utilities, Columbia Resource Company, and the Nonprofit Network have sponsored the fair since 2005. The program has resulted in the recycling of thousands of pounds of reusable items and recyclable materials. Simply load up your vehicle with clean, reusable items and drive through the Clark Public Utilities parking lot at 8600 NE 117t Ave., Vancouver. You'll even get a tax receipt for cleaning your closets and helping to make the world a better place. Any nonprofit groups that would like to be present to receive donations should contact jim.mansfield@clark.wa.gov. Go to www.sharefair.clark.wa.gov for more information.

Friday on the air

...NFL Preseason: Patriots at Panthers—5 p.m., CBS
...Mariners at Rangers—5:35 p.m., FSN
Clark County Animal Control Hearings (8/22)—7:00 p.m. CVTV
...Election 2007: Primary Election Night (8/21) 10:00 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jeremy Williams giving the wakeboard a workout. <>Bob Patterson starting the weekend right. <>Mick Shutt on critter patrol. <> Jeanne Bennett taking monumental assignment. <> Dennis Grunes appreciating good humor. Friday, mostly sunny, 86. Saturday, partly sunny, 76. Sunday, partly sunny, slightly warmer, 78.