



"Thriller" dancers from First Independent

**"Halloween" event raises \$77,335 for YWCA Clark County**

YWCA Clark County raised \$77,335 at "Halloween," the First Annual YWCA FUNdraiser presented by First Independent. The event was held on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Hilton Vancouver, Washington. This year's featured program was the SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program, which provides shelter, advocacy, support, and education 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to more than 5,000 people each year.

"The YWCA loves to throw a great party for a great cause," said **Jennifer Werdel**, YWCA's director of development and communications. "And it's become

something of a tradition for our corporate partner, First Independent, to perform. This year's event was a huge success and everybody had a great time."

In addition to First Independent, the *Vancouver Business Journal* was the "corporate media partner," the Vancouver Clinic was the "photo booth sponsor," Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt was the "ghost bar sponsors," and Corwin Beverage Co. was the "exclusive beverage sponsor". Other sponsors included Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Providence Health & Services, Terry Murphy, and Kathryn Welsh.

**Vancouver Symphony Orchestra hosts sixteenth annual young artists competition**

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will host its sixteenth annual Young Artists Competition, where students will compete to win \$1,000 and a chance to perform with the VSO on April 17 and 18, 2010, at Skyview High School Concert Hall.

The competition is open to all students 18 years or younger. Contestants must currently be studying with a music teacher and must reside within a fifty-mile radius of Vancouver, WA. Previous first-place winners of this competition are not eligible.

The musical selection will consist of standard concerto repertoire and must be less than fifteen minutes in length.

Professional musicians in each category will select the finalists. Up to nine finalists will perform "concert style" before a panel of judges. The final competition of the top three finalists in each category will be held March 7, 2010, at the Royal Durst Theatre at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics. Winning amounts are \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place in the three categories of strings, piano and brass/woodwinds/percussion.

Deadline for submission of the entry form, \$25 entry fee and audition CD is Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. All entries should be sent to VSO Orchestra Manager **Douglas Peebles**.

Applications and information may be obtained by contacting the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra at **735-7278** or at [www.vancouversymphony.org](http://www.vancouversymphony.org). All applicants will be notified of the preliminary judging decision during the week of February 1, 2010.

**People**

**Audrey Brouwer**, a licensed agent for Davidson Insurance of Vancouver, has been awarded the "certified insurance counselor" designation from the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. The National Alliance designation is earned by attending five courses covering all phases of the insurance business and passing five comprehensive examinations. Brouwer has been a licensed agent with Davidson Insurance for more than 11 years and has more than 18 years' industry experience. She graduated from Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, with a bachelors degree in business administration.

**News Briefs**

The Vancouver School District Foundation is seeking volunteers to become "Lunch Buddies," which requires volunteers to meet once a week for 45 minutes to spend time eating lunch with a child in a Vancouver public school. The Lunch Buddy Program is sponsored by the Vancouver School District Foundation, Vancouver Rotary Foundation, Waste Connections, and the Nutter Foundation. Find out more about the Lunch Buddy program and how to get involved at noon on Thursday, Oct. 29, Bates Center, 2921 Falk Road. Call **Barbara Nordstrom**, VSD Foundation Lunch Buddy program coordinator, at **313-4725** or email [barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org](mailto:barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org) for more information. <> **Steven Webb**, superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools, is having his first patron tour of this school year at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Bates Center for Educational Leadership, 2901 Falk Road. A brief presentation about Vancouver Public Schools, a school bus ride to Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Sacajawea Elementary School, and a lunch prepared by culinary arts students are on the agenda. Cost for lunch is \$4. RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 10, to **Gary Yarne**, **313-4720**, or email [WF\\_patrontour@vansd.org](mailto:WF_patrontour@vansd.org). <> On Wednesday, October 28, 2009, the Vancouver Police Department will host a ceremony at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, for 16 citizen volunteers who are graduating from the Neighbors On Watch (NOW) Academy, at Vancouver Police Department West Precinct, 2800 Stapleton Road. This graduating class brings the total active NOW volunteers to 54 citizens, representing 23 neighborhoods. <> Dream Big is still accepting donations for 455 students at Mountain View High School who are in need of the textbook *Rules of the Red Rubber Ball*. The textbook costs \$15. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 871921, Vancouver, WA 98687-1921, or online at [www.dreambigcc.org](http://www.dreambigcc.org). <> **Edward Rankin** is retiring after 20 years of service on the Vancouver Public Schools board of directors. The community is invited to a public celebration honoring Rankin from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Bates Center for Educational Leadership, 2921 Falk Road. <> Washington State University Vancouver's College of Business is accepting registrations from businesses interested in judging a professional sales competition or participating in a "Meet the Firms: Professional Sales" career fair. Both events will be held at WSU Vancouver on Friday, Dec. 4, in the Firstenburg Student Commons. The sales competition will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The career fair will be held from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Registration deadline for both events is Monday, Nov. 9. To register to judge the NCSC preliminary competition or participate in "Meet the Firms: Professional Sales," contact **Danette Knowlton** at **546-9750** or email her at [knowlton@vancouver.wsu.edu](mailto:knowlton@vancouver.wsu.edu).

**Calendar**

Planning Commission meets at 4 to 6:15 p.m. for workshops followed by hearings at 7 p.m. tonight, Oct. 27, 210 E 13th Street, Vancouver. <> A Shoreline Master Program Update Open House is being held from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, in the Community Center, Lewis River Room, 912 E Main Street, Battle Ground. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/shorelineupdate/default.html>, or call **487-7949**.

**Tuesday on the air**

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (10-25)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Planning Commission (10-15)—6:30 p.m. CVTV  
Election 2009: East Clark County Candidate Fair (10-13)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Jamie Gross** caught a "bug". <> **Asha Kerth** doing alright. <> **Randy Alexander** rummaging. <> **Casey Roeder** sending it out. <> **Jane Van Dyke** gently reminding others to vote. <> **Tuesday**, showers, 41-52. **Wednesday**, cloudy, 45-54. **Thursday**, rain, 51-56.