

# Observing

## Vancouver to focus on tourism/heritage trail effort

Kelly Punteney, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department cultural manager, has been named to head a stepped-up effort to develop a coordinated package of public trails.

This effort involves completion of the Columbia River Renaissance Program and connecting downtown Vancouver to the waterfront and the area including Fort Vancouver, Pearson Air Museum and Officers Row. Also included in the program are the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway, Discovery Trail, Central Park Master Plan and the Evergreen

Trail.

As part of this shift in focus, Pam Brokaw, cultural division coordinator, will assume oversight of the Cultural Division effective October 1, 1998.

The division is responsible for arts and heritage programming, special events, implementation of the City of Vancouver Cultural Plan, and management of cultural resources.

"Timing is critical," said Larry J. Smith, director of the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department. "With the waterfront, down-

town and Historic Reserve rapidly developing, it is important that we move forward quickly with a comprehensive trail program.

This effort will provide a vital community link for years to come that impacts recreation, economic development and public access to major resources."

"The Cultural Division has accomplished much with the completion of the Cultural Plan as well as overall arts and heritage efforts," Smith said. "This shift will allow the City to use its resources effectively."

## Clark County reinforces fish protection measures

At a September 16th work session, the Board of Clark County Commissioners approved a new fish protection and information program for Lucia Falls and Moulton Falls regional parks on the East Fork of the Lewis River. The program, which underscores the commissioners' commitment to enforce current swimming restrictions at the parks, is effective immediately.

Some areas of Lucia Falls and Moulton Falls parks are closed to swimming to protect fish; these areas are clearly posted. The program

approved by the commissioners is aimed at further ensuring fish protection by heightening enforcement of the posted swimming regulation and by providing the public with information about how to avoid negative impacts on the fish.

To reinforce the importance of the swimming regulations, the new program calls for:

\*Reassignment of existing staff to Lucia and Moulton Falls Regional Parks;

\*Increased patrols by the park caretakers;

\*Increased sheriff patrols; and  
\*Increased security to enforce park rules.

Fish protection has become an increased concern since the National Marine Fisheries Service listed Lower Columbia summer steelhead as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in March 1998.

The East Fork of the Lewis River and Lucia Falls provide prime summer steelhead habitat, including spawning beds and adult fish resting areas.

## Chiropractic Career Event In Vancouver

Anyone interested in becoming a doctor of chiropractic is invited to a free career information event sponsored by Life Chiropractic College West on Tuesday, September 29, 7:30 pm, at the office of Troy M. Dreiling, D.C. Dr. Dreiling's office is located at 8109 NE Van Mall Drive, Suite D2, Vancouver, Wash-

ington.

Individuals and their family members and friends are welcome to attend discussions about chiropractic as a career, the availability of student financial aid, college course prerequisites, and student life at the college, which is located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Speakers will be Scott Donaldson, D.C., Life West professor and chair of the technique and analysis department and Life West alumnus Dr. Troy M. Dreiling. To register or for more information, call Life West at 510-276-9013 or 800-788-4476, ext. 604. For directions to Dr. Dreiling's office, call 360-260-6903.

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# Business and INDUSTRY

## Volunteers Raise Money for United Way

Local volunteers are currently out in force, raising money for United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's 1998 fund-raising drive.

This group of nearly 40 loaned executives included Northwest Portland resident Carolyn Scott.

The loaned executives serve as United Way's sales force. They explain how United Way and its partner agencies help the community to the employees of about 3,000 companies that run United Way campaigns. They also collect contributions and have helped create three years of campaign increases, moving United Way of the Columbia-Willamette past the \$20 million mark in 1997.

United Way has been able to in-

crease its funding to agency programs by an average of 5% over the last three years because of these campaign increases and continued low overhead expenses. Loaned executives help keep United Way's overhead costs at 15% because companies continue to pay their salary and expenses. This means that more money is reaching the community to help strengthen families, invest in children and youth, enhance senior independence, and meet emergency needs.

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette is the largest fund-raising organization for health and human services in the local area. It funds 155 programs at more than 100 agencies in Clackamas, Mult-



Carolyn Scott

nomah, and Washington counties in Oregon and in Clark County, Washington.

## Senator Qutub questions Kitzhaber figures

State Senator Eileen Qutub, Chair of the Senate Special committee on Prison Siting, questioned figures released by Governor Kitzhaber on the cost of construction delays for the Women's Prison & Intake Center. "The projected cost of \$9 million for delaying prison construction is misleading at best, stated Senator Eileen Qutub (R-Beaverton).

"There are many good reasons for us to continue our committee work process on this issue since there are now several communities (nine cities and one county) in Oregon that have expressed interest in locating the prison in their areas."

The costs of construction in these communities may be much lower than

siting a prison within the urban growth boundary of the Portland metropolitan area. The \$9 million cost assumes a five-percent rate of inflation, which is debatable. History has shown that when the economy or stock market is declining, construction costs are reduced and often correlated.

"The state cannot start construction immediately in Wilsonville at either site," contends Qutub. "The Day Road site needs additional authorization and the Dammasch site continues to be tied up in litigation. No bond merchant is going to place Certificates of Participation bonds on the market for a project that has a cloud of litigation hanging over it."

The Department of Administrative Services will not sell bonds to finance construction at Dammasch because of litigation. The Department of Corrections has not requested that the bond sales proceed but has asked the Emergency Board for permission to refinance the existing debt. These circumstances make it impossible to begin construction before or after October 1st.

"All things considered, it is not prudent for Governor Kitzhaber to authorize construction beginning in two weeks since there is no money," stated Qutub. "To suggest otherwise is irresponsible management of the taxpayer's money."

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