

Monday, June 16, 2008

Grant to Clark College designed to help health care industry

Clark College's corporate education unit has received a \$191,000 Job Skills Program grant to provide training for approximately 90 personnel from Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver Radiologists, Lifeline Connections, Columbia River Mental Health and Northwest Cancer Specialists.

The grant will provide on-site training that shows health care providers how to streamline business operations with methods used in the manufacturing industry. This is the second grant Clark College has received for training in the health care field. a year ago for a 2.8 percent decline. For more, see Cami Joner's housing story. Click here.

60 & Single blog highlights local foundation's work

Columbian Business Editor Julia Anderson profiles the Vancouver Women's Foundation in her 60 & Single blog today. The foundation helps "women in Clark County who have immediate and acute needs that are preventing them from attaining self-sufficiency and living lives of dignity." Since its inception, the foundation has provided financial assistance to more than 440 women for such things as college tuition, book fees, job training fees, clothing, utility payments, rent, car repairs and insurance. The person needing

Today's closing prices:

Dow Jones	12,269.08, down 38.27
Nasdaq	2,474.78, up 20.28
S&P 500	1,360.14, up 0.11

Local stocks of interest

.58, up 13 cents 32, up 17 cents .27, up 4 cents 20, down 20 cents .02, down 10 cents .93, down 14 cents .86, up 20 cents .74, down 13 cents .38, down 61 cents .75, up 8 cents .82, up 9 cents
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assistance cannot make a direct application for help. Instead, they must be referred through a request from a professional who has a working relationship with the woman needing support. To read the blog and comment, click here.

Stocks & Markets

Top CEOs for Pacific Northwest companies saw compensation rise

The 20 best-paid CEOs in the Northwest who were in place for both 2006 and 2007 saw their median compensation rise to \$8 million from \$6.1 million the year before. Meanwhile, women in the Northwest still are a long way off from matching men atop the corporate ladder. Only eight of the Northwest's 140 publicly traded companies have women as CEOs. For more on our region's top paid CEOs, see The Seattle Times' story here.

People

Vancouver resident Jamey Parker has joined the Portland accounting and business consulting firm of Talbot, Korvola & Warwick as a senior tax manager.



If you missed it

Third group of 'Dreamers' set to graduate

Their life-transforming opportunity came with cake. And when Marriah Smith and Mercedes Rindt were welcomed into the "I Have a Dream" program, the cake was what really impressed them.

Now Smith, Rindt and 51 c! lassmates know a little more about the program. Read More

Boring but important

Lunch lineup gets leaner

Vancouver Public Schools, home of the famously delicious Zombies, will no longer be baking its own bread and pizza dough from scratch. In fact, the district has eliminated nine baking positions, which means 26 food services employees could lose hours. Read More

Quote of the Day

"I'm aware if I'm playing at my best I'm tough to beat. And I enjoy that." - Tiger Woods, professional golfer who today won his third U.S. Open title, (1975-).

Tonight

See green tonight at "Incredible Hulk" movie The craze for comic book heroes hitting the big screen continues with the latest version of the "Incredible Hulk," starring Edward Norton in the lead role. Catch it tonight at 7 p.m. on Cinetopia's 50-foot screen, 11700 S.E. Seventh St., Vancouver.

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