Southern Washington Edition

City reports on \$15 million in block grants

In the 19 years Vancouver has participated in the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, the city and 15 of its recognized neighborhoods have received \$15,726,406 for public works, housing, planning, community services and parks projects.

This year Vancouver received \$1.35 million for its participation. From 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Esther Short Building, 610 Esther Street, the city's Community Services Department is holding an open house to share information about the local projects.

Over the years Vancouver has received \$7,309,501 in grant funding that was spent on city-wide projects.

The top three neighborhoods receiving allocations have been Esther Short, \$1,707,748, Hough, \$1,171,550, and Rosemere, \$1,144,399.

Vancouver's \$15 million transportation shortfall gets task force airing tomorrow

Vancouver's newly formed Transportation Finance Task Force, charged with coming up with a way of financing a \$15 million transportation shortfall, holds its first meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Water Resources Education Center.

The citizen group, comprised of representatives from neighborhoods, businesses, schools and environmental groups, is expected to come up with answers to the questions, "What are the taxpayers willing to pay for?" and, "How?," according to Vancouver Transportation manager Thayer Rorabaugh.

Dick Howsley to be remembered Sunday

A celebration of the life of **Richard T. Howsley**, who died of a stroke at the age of 55 on March 28, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Mr. Howsley, a well-known, well-liked attorney with Lane Powell Spears Lubersky, was active in community affairs and was a past president of the Vancouver Rotary

Remembrances may be made to the Vancouver Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 111, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Easter egg hunt returns to Esther Short Park

Downtown Vancouver's Easter Egg hunt, canceled in 2002, is back on this year, thanks to a \$3,000 gift from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington and the Vancouver Farmer's Market.

Farmer's market volunteers will promote, organize and provide staff for the 9:30 to 11:30 event, Saturday, April

Youngsters 10 and under are eligible to hunt eggs and win prizes in the park.

Ed Gilda and Mike Stricker presented Extra Mile Awards by secretary of state today

Two Washington State Department of Transportation employees today were presented two of 14 statewide. Extra Mile Awards bestowed by the state Secretary of

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State's Productivity Board.

Secretary of State Sam Reed presented Ed Gilda, Ridgefield, the coveted award for saving a man's life while representing the state Department of Transportation at a Portland transportation conference. Gilda performed CPR on a conference attendee who had collapsed, keeping the man breathing until paramedics arrived.

Mike Stricker, Vancouver, who also received his award from Reed, was cited for having saved over 50 percent of original labor costs associated with right-ofway acquisition in a Long Beach trail project. Stricker successfully negotiated with over 100 property owners in the Pacific County project.

League of Women Voters invites prospective members to get acquainted session

The League of Women Voters of Clark County is inviting prospective members to an informative session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the 7th floor conference room at the Murdock Building, 703 Broadway.

Men as well as women are invited to join the 70member organization, says league president Kathy Kiwala.

Speakers are Clark County commissioner Betty Sue Morris and U.S. League member Rosie Stevens.

News brief

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. today in port offices at 111 W Division Street, Ridgefield.

Wednesday electronic events

Clark County Youth Town Hall—4 p.m. CVT\ Portland Blazers at San Antonio (live)—5:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL Anaheim at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, ESPN2, KTOK Portland Beavers at Fresno (live)—7 p.m. KKAD Telecommunications Commission (4/2)—7 p.m. CVTV County Commissioners: 134th Corridor (4/1)—8:30 p.m. CVTV County Commissioners: 134th Corridor (4/8)—11 P.M. CVTV

Stocks of local	interest	at 4 p.m	. EDT Wednesday	, April 9,	2003	
Alaska Air Group	16.21	+.12	Linear Technology	30.55	42	
Alcoa	21.40	17	Microsoft	24.57	-1.01	
Amazon.com	25.06		Nautilus	10.74	45	
Bank of America	70.16		Nike	51.78	09	
Bank of Clark County	18.00		Nordstrom	16.10	28	
Bemis	43.14	-1.00	PepsiCo	39.39	+.16	
Boeing	27.48		Precision Cast	25.43	+.54	
Boise Cascade	22.26		RLRN	17.71	80	
CenturyTel	27.71		Starbucks	25.42	35	
Costco	32.42		TSM	7.54	08	
Expeditors Intl.	35.26		Tektronix	17.30	16	
Georgia Pacific	13.96	69	US Bancorp	19.31	39	
HPQ	15.36		Wash. Mutual	35.82	48	
Intel	16.68	42	W. Coast Bancorp	15.43	11	
Kyocera	49.95	-1.15	Weyerhaeuser	47.95	83	
DOW: 8197.94 -100.98 & NASDAQ: 1356.74 -26.2 & S&P: 865.99 -12.3						

Town Tabloids and The Weather

David Beecher right on time. SER Machelle Campbell sending good bunny news. EXE Amy Blankenship offering to do the work. SES Jennife Peterson counting blessings. ZZZ Le Davis providing tip. KKK Mike Berg Sam Harrison and Kyle Kirby sharing EMS compliments. **EMS** Wednesday sunbreaks and showers, 60. Thursday showers, sunbreaks, 62. Friday, mostl cloudy, 64.

	Acapulco	88/72
2	Athens	51/40
d	Chicago	46/30
u	Dallas	64/41
р	Hong Kong	79/71
r	Los Angeles	84/54
_	London	46/29
e	New Orleans	59/45
5,	New York	39/36
	Orlando	79/56
g	Paris	44/28
7,	Phoenix	90/64
1	Rome	52/43
Ι,	Seattle	58/42
V	Sydney	73/52
,	Tokyo	62/41
	Washington	46/40