

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Friday

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## City to review cultural grant applications

The City of Vancouver Cultural Commission will convene May 29, at City Hall Council Chambers, 210 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. to review this year's pool of Cultural Plan Grant applications. The review will begin at 6 pm.

This year the Cultural Commission has \$15,000 to disperse among a variety of arts, cultural and heritage organizations. Seven organizations or projects have applied for the grant money. They are:

- ?? Tears of Joy Theater
- ?? Vancouver Community Theater
- ?? Southwest Washington Scottish Highlanders Association
- ?? North Bank Artists Community
- ?? Vancouver USA Singers
- ?? Columbia River Players
- ?? Store Front Galleries

For more information contact **Leann Johnson**, Cultural Services Manager, at **360-696-8143**

## SWMC Foundation awards scholarships

Southwest Washington will benefit from a record amount of scholarship awards granted this month by the Southwest Washington Medical Center (SWMC) Foundation, which is awarding 63 students, medical professionals and volunteers.

Scholarship committee members reviewed applications from 150 qualified candidates, up from 82 applicants last year. The individual awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. Recipients include high school seniors, healthcare workers studying to advance their careers, medical center volunteers, college students enrolled in a healthcare program of study, including nursing, pharmacy and medical students.

The Foundation more than doubled the number of awards given out by the medical center Auxiliary last year. The Foundation also increased the total dollar amount of scholastic support to \$101,000 compared to the previous record of \$66,500 awarded last year.

## Rep. Baird to honor youth at local gathering

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** and Dr. **James F. Reilly, II**, a NASA Astronaut, will honor local youth organizations at an event on Friday, May 30. "An Evening with Youth" is sponsored by Evergreen and Camas School Districts and Washington Mutual.

The evening will feature participants from the Young Marines, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, Youth Ambassadors, Campfire and Americorps. Limited tickets are still available. Call **360-254-9218** for more information.

## News Brief

Clark PUD Commissioners meet Tues., May 27, 2003 at 9 a.m. Agenda items include a request by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce for a contract funding for a "Business Improvement District Study."

## Deaf School employee honored for longevity of service

Washington School for the Deaf employee **Despo Varkados** was honored by Gov. **Gary Locke** in Olympia this month at a special ceremony honoring public service workers in the State of Washington.

Varkados, a Vancouver native who has worked at the school for 46 years, was selected to accept the service award for all employees in the state who have worked between 40-45 years.

She is the employee of longest duration who is currently employed by the State of Washington.

"Despo is just as energetic and professional as she was in 1957 when she joined the staff of the Washington School for the Deaf as a teacher," says **Valerie Ryan**, assistant director of special education.

Varkados currently serves as the Public Relations/Community Services coordinator for the school.



**Despo Varkados with Gov. Gary Locke**

### Friday on the air

Bravo! Vancouver: American Broadway Masters—5 p.m. CVTV  
Animal Control Hearings (5/7)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Hazel Dell Parade of Bands—10 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, May 23, 2003

Alaska Air Group	18.22	+16	Linear Technology	33.65	-.15
Alcoa	23.84	+12	Microsoft	24.22	+0.06
Amazon.com	32.72	-.28	Nautilus	12.74	—
Bank of America	73.75	+63	Nike	51.84	-.40
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	17.34	-.16
Bemis	44.98	-.37	PepsiCo	43.56	-.17
Boeing	29.99	+89	Precision Cast	28.82	+1.12
Boise Cascade	24.11	-.10	RLRN	19.99	-.19
CenturyTel	34.36	+91	Starbucks	23.43	-.10
Costco	34.77	-.38	TSM	8.64	-.09
Expeditors Intl.	33.30	+30	Tektronix	20.09	+0.01
Georgia Pacific	17.17	-.27	US Bancorp	23.20	+0.30
HPQ	18.49	+0.03	Wash. Mutual	39.03	+0.01
Intel	18.81	+0.04	W. Coast Bancorp	16.18	+0.07
Kyocera	52.10	+1.57	Weyerhaeuser	49.40	+0.34

**DOW: 8601.38 +7.36** **NASDAQ: 1510.09 +2.54** **S&P: 933.22 +1.35**

### Town Tabloids and The Weather

**Cheryl Dyehouse** hamming it up.  
*☞☞☞* **Tauf Charneski** enjoying private tour through California countryside. *☞☞☞* **Marjorie Riedel** passing notes. *☞☞☞* **Paula Knapp** turning on water & standing back. *☞☞*  
*☞* Friday, some like it hot, soak it up today, 83. **Saturday**, clouding up, possible precipitation, 68. **Sunday**, possible clearing, cooler, 66.

Acapulco	89/73
Athens	66/47
Chicago	63/44
Dallas	85/61
Hong Kong	82/77
Los Angeles	87/63
London	61/44
New Orleans	88/70
New York	56/48
Orlando	89/66
Paris	70/60
Phoenix	98/77
Rome	75/60
Seattle	80/67
Sydney	67/46
Tokyo	74/58
Washington	59/48