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Pollard, Strahan and Brown to lobby Congress, Russians

Mayor **Royce Pollard**, Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust president **Elson Strahan** and Vancouver's governmental affairs consultant **Mark Brown** will be in Washington, D.C., next week lobbying the local congressional delegation for additional historic reserve support, and lobbying the Russian Embassy to get Russian president **Vladimir Putin** to come to Vancouver to deliver the 2004 Marshall Lecture.

Meetings are scheduled with Washington Sens. **Patty Murray** and **Maria Cantwell** and 3rd District Rep. **Brian Baird**. Discussions will cover the historic reserve, as well as transportation and public safety projects.

Pollard, Strahan and Brown expect to have a private meeting with Russia's ambassador to the United States, **Yury Ushakov**, to discuss Vancouver's invitation to Putin to speak in Vancouver next year.

Columbia Arts Center comes alive Saturday with Junior Symphony of Vancouver concert

Music returns to the Columbia Arts Center, 400 W Evergreen Boulevard, at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 21, when the doors open for the Junior Symphony of Vancouver concert conducted by **Timoteus Racz**.

The junior symphony will be joined by the JSV All-Stars and the Oregon Chamber Players in a concert that features **Pachelbel**, **Handel**, **Mozart** and **Strauss**.

A silent auction to raise money for the junior symphony will be part of the evening, according to Racs.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door or by calling **696-4084**.

Three Skills Center students headed for national competition

Three Clark County Skills Center students, having already won first place awards in statewide competition, will compete in their categories nationally next week in the Skills USA/VICA conference in Kansas City, Mo.

John Blakney, a senior in automotive technology and an intern in Vancouver Ford's service department, will compete in the automotive service category

Fairlight Fitzgerald will compete in the food and beverage service category, in which she won first place in state competition in April. She is enrolled in the Skills Center's Restaurant Management program.

Nathan Krieg, who last year placed sixth nationally in construction technology, won again at the state level this year. An Evergreen High School junior, Krieg is in the Skills Center construction technology program.

More people are using less electric power

Clark Public Utilities' 2002 annual report shows that despite a 22 percent increase in the average number of residential customers over a seven-year period, 1996 to 2002, total residential electric sales were down by just over .2 percent.

In 1996, 119,170 residential customers bought

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2,070,000 megawatt hours of power. In 2002, 145,182 residential customers bought 2,065,000 megawatt hours.

Since 1996, the average kilowatt-hour sales of electricity per residential customer dropped from 17,367 kilowatt hours to 13,776 kilowatt hours in 2002.

The average customer in 2002 was using about 22 percent less electric power than seven years earlier.

The residential cost of electricity averaged 7.5 cents a kilowatt hour in 2002, compared to a 4.6-cent-an-hour average in 1996—an increase of just over 61 percent.

People

Camara Jones yesterday was sworn in as a new member of the Washington State Bar by Clark County Superior Court Judge Diane Woolard. Jones was recently hired as a prosecutor in the Vancouver City Attorney's office. Jones will join the Domestic Violence Prosecution Center July 2 and Kevin McClure will return to the Criminal Division in the City Attorney's office.

News briefs

Summer solstice activities at Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, 12208 SE Evergreen Highway, are at 4 to 7 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21. EXEClark County commissioners are holding a special public hearing at 10 a.m. Monday, June 23, in the Public Service Center, to consider and possibly select options to be included in the update the county's comprehensive plan.

Friday on the air

49th District Town Hall—4 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at San Diego (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK

New Orleans at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Animal Control Hearings (6/12)—7 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (6/4)—9 p.m. CVTV City Minutes—11 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, June 20, 2003 +.37 Linear Technology -.11 Microsoft -.46 Nautilus +.50 Nike unch Nordstrom 20.80 26.24 35.04 78.91 15.60 47.21 35.53 24.59 34.99 32.77 17.85 21.70 20.67 Alaska Air Group 33.04 26.33 12.23 +.26 Alcoa Amazon.com 56.02 19.33 -.30 +.14 Bank of America Bank of Clark County 44.43 30.97 22.28 -.28 PepsiCo +.03 Precision Cast +.01 RLRN Boeing Boise Cascade +.37 -.52 -.15 -.14 -.48 -.11 -.01 +.22 +.51 Starbucks TSM 24.02 10.51 CenturyTel Costco +.51 TSM -.18 Tektronix +.15 US Bancorp +.10 Wash. Mutual -.45 W. Coast Bancorp -.63 Weyerhaeuser Expeditors Intl. Georgia Pacific 24.69 HPQ Intel Kyocera 60.22 52.55 +1.40DOW: 9200.75 +21.22 &NASDAQ: 1645.03 -3.61 &S&P: 995.73 +1.03

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Hong Kong	90/79
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London	72/54
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New York	72/62
Orlando	89/75
Paris	74/56
Phoenix	104/74
Rome	87/69
Seattle	58/50
Sydney	68/50
Tokyo	84/71
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