

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

State doesn't score too well when it comes to competing for high-tech development; jobs

Results of Washington's Technology Alliance benchmarking project, comparing Washington against its peer states in three key areas of high-tech competitiveness suggest concern, but don't call for overreaction.

The Technology Alliance was formed in 1996 by **Bill Gates Sr.**

The alliance focused on three benchmarks. The alliance compared Washington to its eight high-tech peer states, California, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Texas and Virginia. The three benchmarks were: K through 12 and higher education, research capacity and entrepreneurial climate.

Washington's percentage of students graduating from high school within four years ranked 5th of the peer states and 32nd nationally. The state ranks 6th in the peer group and 26th nationally in the amount of money invested per K-12 student.

The state's per capita percentage of students earning bachelors degrees was 6th among the peer group and 32nd nationally. The state ranked 29th nationally in the percentage of state residents earning advanced degrees in science or engineering. The state ranked in the bottom third of all states in higher education investment per student.

Washington ranked last among the peer states and 46th nationally in the amount that the state spends supporting research and development in its colleges and universities.

"In the worldwide race for a successful 21st-century economy an average performance just isn't good enough," says **Susan Malarkey**, executive director of the alliance.

"Washington cannot accept anything less than excellence if we are to compete successfully for our future."

The study can be accessed at www.technology-alliance.com.

Malarkey will detail the results of the benchmark project and address steps to be taken at the Columbia River Economic Development Council's quarterly membership meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the Heathman Lodge.

Cost of the luncheon is \$25. For further information, call **Pam Neal, 694-5006**.

Northwest Bull Riding Championships and Mutton Bustin' highlight county fair tonight

Mutton Bustin' the kid's sheep riding championships begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight preceding the Clark County Fair Northwest Bull Riding Championship meet. Twelve finalists selected from afternoon competition compete for the grand prize of sheep riding.

The Northwest Bull Riding Championship is another matter, with top cowboys competing for \$5,000 in prizes and a silver buckle.

The county fair continues through Sunday, Aug. 10.

Saturday the fair is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. The junior 4-H, FFA livestock auction is at 12:30 p.m. the main

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shows, a demolition derby and compact car derby are at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday the fair is open from 120 a.m. to 10 p.m. The 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows are **Monster Trucks & Tuff Trucks**. The livestock barns close at 6 p.m.

Adult admission to the fair is \$8. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Round trip bus fare is 50 cents.

Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival stars Arturo Sandoval, Bo Didley, and The Temptations

Vancouver's 6th annual three-day Wine and Jazz Festival in Esther Short Park, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 22 to Aug. 24, features 18 jazz, blues and swing bands, headlined by Cuban-born jazz trumpet legend **Arturo Sandoval**, making his second appearance at the festival, Grammy winning, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, blues guitarist **Bo Didley**, and Grammy-winning, rhythm and blues **The Temptations**.

Thirty wineries will be represented along with nine restaurants.

Ticket information is available at **906-0441**, and from www.vancouverwinejazz.com.

News briefs

A fundraiser for **Mike Teefy**, candidate for the open position on the Vancouver City Council currently held by **Jeanne Lipton**, is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, in the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 452 union hall at 2807 W Fruit Valley Road. For further information, call **Ilene Ferrell, 904-2862**.

Friday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Yankees (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Salt Lake City (live)—6 p.m. KKAD

Animal Control Hearings (8/6)—7 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (7/2)—9 p.m. CVTV

Real Estate Excise Tax Proposal—10 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 8, 2003

Alaska Air Group	23.57	+1.17	Linear Technology	35.13	-.68
Alcoa	26.83	+0.33	Microsoft	25.58	-.13
Amazon.com	39.15	+0.14	Nautilus	10.95	-.18
Bank of America	81.29	+0.76	Nike	52.81	+2.21
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	22.02	+0.15
Bemis	44.19	+0.40	PepsiCo	45.46	+0.47
Boeing	32.25	+0.32	Precision Cast	30.89	+0.09
Boise Cascade	25.17	+0.52	RLRN	22.26	-.25
CenturyTel	34.30	+0.05	Starbucks	26.18	+0.06
Costco	29.22	+0.19	TSM	9.44	-.56
Expeditors Intl.	35.61	+0.24	Tektronix	20.10	-.40
Georgia Pacific	21.64	+0.63	US Bancorp	23.91	+0.15
HPQ	20.08	+0.77	Wash. Mutual	39.21	+0.31
Intel	23.58	-0.41	W. Coast Bancorp	19.00	+0.51
Kvocera	55.25	-0.04	Weverhaeuser	55.97	+0.62

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Bob and Donna McNeal getting Clark County fair accolades.— James Johnson showing off Zupan's.— Cheryl Stein extending greetings.— Angela Meinig working on countertop proposal.— Jeff Williams working on reality. Friday , mostly cloudy, mostly dry, 75. Saturday , summer sun, summer clouds, 78. Sunday , mostly cloudy, occasional shower, 72.	Acapulco 92/77 Athens 91/73 Chicago 78/61 Dallas 101/78 Hong Kong 91/82 Los Angeles 86/64 London 88/68 New Orleans 93/76 New York 83/74 Orlando 88/75 Paris 99/72 Phoenix 107/85 Rome 95/70 Seattle 74/56 Sydney 66/45 Tokyo 81/72 Washington 86/72
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