

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Workforce council gets \$216,147 from feds to address the shortage of health care workers

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council gets \$216,147 as its share of a \$3 million incentive grant to the state of Washington from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education, Gov. Gary Locke announced today.

The grant money will be used by the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, Clark College, the Clark County Skills Center and local high schools to address the shortage of health care workers

Washington is one of only 16 states to receive the grant and one of only five to receive the maximum amount of \$3 million because of its success with workforce training.

Washington State University Vancouver gets two new degree programs from HEC Board

The state Higher Education Coordinating Board has awarded Washington State University Vancouver \$662,500 over the next two years to develop degree programs in computer science and mechanical engineering.

The expansion calls for 50 new student opportunities in a bachelors and masters program in mechanical engineering and a bachelors degree in computer science.

The request for the degree programs was initiated by local industries and virtually all economic development organizations in Southwest Washington.

The two new programs will be in partnership with Clark and Lower Columbia community colleges.

City Council affirms hospice house and Bircher Development zone changes

The Vancouver City Council was unanimous last night in approving zone changes for two separate city projects.

A permanent hospice house will be built by Southwest Washington Medical Center on a re-zoned 2-acre site at 2122 E Mill Plain Boulevard, adjacent to Quarnberg Park.

The council also unanimously approved a 46-acre zone change in a 218-acre Bircher Development that currently is outside the city limits north of Burnt Bridge Creek between NE 137th and NE 152nd Avenues.

The zone change is subject to a final public hearing Monday, Sept. 8. The 46-acre parcel will become a commercial site, and the remainder of the development is light industrial.

The entire parcel is expected to be annexed to the city.

BPA October rate hike to be 5 percent

Bonneville Power Administration today said its October rate increase will be 5 percent if private and public utilities in the region don't come to terms with how much BPA is to subsidize private power companies.

Both sides are arguing the settlement out in federal court.

InterACT forum to visualize Clark County as a place where its residents worked

Based on the fact that more than 55,000 Clark County residents work in Oregon, the InterACT First Thursday

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forum will discuss what it would be like to work in the same community in which one lives.

The free forum, in which the audience is the panel, is at noon Thursday, Aug. 7, in My Friends & I Catering, 1010 Broadway. A light lunch is available at a modest price.

Entertainment

George Thorogood & The Destroyers perform in the *Columbian* Grandstand at the Clark County fair at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Grandstand seats are free with admission to the fair. Reserved seating, \$23, and includes admission to the fair.—**Colorfield**, one of Portland's hottest bands, with five songs recorded in July and a CD *Walking Under Water* completed, headlines the free noon concert at Esther Short Park Wednesday, Aug. 6. Their concerts are high energy from start to finish. A preview of *Tom Sawyer* by the Slocum House Players completes the lunchtime show.

News briefs

The free family movie at the Hazel Dell Regal Cinema at 10 a.m. Wednesday is *Crocodile Hunter*.—Clark County Commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6.—The Clark County Elections Office will continue to accept candidate filings for county cemetery district board positions, for which no one filed during the official filing week that concluded last Friday.

The final deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. Positions open are in Cemetery District 4, 5 and 6.

Tuesday on the air

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

Clark County Focus—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV*

City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV

Run To Win—Getting Yourself Elected—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Fresno at the Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Special Joint Public Meeting: Vancouver DRA and the Vancouver PFD (7/30)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Seniors & C-TRAN—11:00 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003

Alaska Air Group	22.41	-66	Linear Technology	36.41	-75
Alcoa	26.82	-55	Microsoft	26.66	-52
Amazon.com	38.67	-98	Nautilus	11.19	-24
Bank of America	79.80	-1.80	Nike	49.79	-83
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	21.30	-24
Bemis	43.88	-43	PepsiCo	44.64	-42
Boeing	31.22	-1.00	Precision Cast	30.50	-50
Boise Cascade	24.56	-66	RLRN	22.51	-49
CenturyTel	33.56	-1.24	Starbucks	26.30	-65
Costco	30.06	-6.90	TSM	9.91	-22
Expeditors Intl.	36.56	+2.04	Tektronix	20.34	-61
Georgia Pacific	21.47	-63	US Bancorp	23.40	-79
HPQ	19.97	-83	Wash. Mutual	37.84	-26
Intel	24.27	-84	W. Coast Bancorp	18.86	-17
Kvocera	55.85	-11	Weverhaeuser	54.60	-153

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Shirley Sklidmore picks Cougs over Irish.— Dan and Suzette Herrera earning family honors.— Bob Schwarz calling for volunteers.— Mark Bowyer getting everyone else's act together.— Ellie Bailey cover girl for August.— Kim Dalton plugging away on movie series.	Acapulco 90/79
Tuesday , clouds weep, thunder claps, 78. Wednesday , mostly sunny, 74. Thursday , clouds and sunbreaks. 76.	Athens 88/70
	Chicago 80/64
	Dallas 100/79
	Hong Kong 88/77
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	London 91/68
	New Orleans 92/77
	New York 83/72
	Orlando 92/73
	Paris 92/72
	Phoenix 107/75
	Rome 93/72
	Seattle 77/56
	Sydney 72/50
	Tokyo 88/75
	Washington 86/72