

Michael Kissinger's three-day Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival opens today with Kathy Walker and the UpShots

Kathy Walker and the Upshots' blues under blue skies open Michael Kissinger's 7th edition of the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival at 4 p.m. today in Esther Short Park. Comfortably cool, but dry, the audience will be treated to New Orleans' **Preservation Hall Jazz Band's** hot licks at 6:30 p.m., followed by two-time Grammy winner, "America's #1 Cajun Band," **BeauSoleil**, at 8:30 p.m..

Saturday's 8:30 p.m. headliner is **David Clayton-Thomas & Blood Sweat & Tears**. Jazz saxophonist **David Sanborn** concludes the festival Sunday with a show beginning at 7 p.m. [Click here for a complete schedule of entertainers.](#)

Besides jazz, there is wine, as promised. According to Kissinger, more than 125 individual wines available for tasting, sipping, and buying by the bottle or case, from over two dozen wineries. Food from several vendors is also available, and scores of northwest artists will be showing off and selling their work.

All-day general admission is \$15 per day. Children 12 and younger are free with a paid adult. For further information, click on the Wine & Jazz Festival in the *Insider's* advertiser's column.

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital top construction project for 2004



\$220 million Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital just south of NE 139th Street was named #1 construction project of the year. When completed by the fall of 2005 the complex will offer 165 beds, a 15-bed Level III neonatal intensive care unit, medical offices and 1,500 parking spaces. The three main structures are connected by pedestrian sky bridges.

The \$220 million Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital was named top construction project for 2004 by the *Vancouver Business Journal* and the Columbia River Economic Development Council during a reception Thursday in a warehouse close to the number two construction project of the year, the \$47 million Vancouver Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in burgeoning downtown Vancouver.

In all, 57 construction projects, including buildings, subdivisions, and highway construction, were submitted, vying for a position among the top 25 projects of the year. *Vancouver Business Journal* publisher **John McDonagh** said that the collective value of the projects was over half a billion dollars.

Rounding off the top five projects were the following: Fairfield Park, a \$35 million subdivision being developed by Pacific Lifestyle Homes north of Vancouver; Salmon Creek Commons, within walking distance of the new hospital, a \$31.2 million mixed-use project by Fletcher Construction, which includes offices and 116 residential units and Hamilton Construction's \$25.9 million expansion of I-5 to three lanes in both directions south of the junction of Interstate Highways 5 and 205.

Combined, the top 25 projects employed 2,760 construction workers at peak times.

Ground was broken on the Legacy project, designed by architects Zimmer Gunsul Fraska Partnership and Design Team, Portland, May 21, 2003. When the Legacy Salmon Creek Campus is expected to open at the end of summer 2005, it will have 165 of its licensed 220 beds completed, parking for 1,500 vehicles, and medical offices. The three-building complex will be connected by pedestrian sky bridges.

Vancouver ready for Doggy Olympics

The Humane Society for Southwest Washington's second annual Doggy Olympics begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in Orchards Park. Dog races, obstacle courses and Frisbee catching are among the events, reports **Kathryn Dulemba**, the society's community education coordinator.

In addition to competitive events, the society is sponsoring a microchip implant clinic. Chips will be implanted and registered for \$20 per pet, according to Dulemba. For further information, call **750-0847**.

People

Randy Smith, C-TRAN coach operator since 1996, recently became the first C-TRAN to win a Washington State Rodeo Championship, when he took first place driving a 35-foot bus through a seven-minute obstacle course. **Julia Jones**, a C-TRAN paratransit driver entering the statewide contest for the first time, took fifth place in the Rodeo paratransit category.

News brief

The Clark County Health Department is holding a back-to-school health screening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in the North County Family Resource Center, 701 E Main Street, Battle Ground. Enrollment in Washington's free/low-cost health coverage will be accepted. Immunizations are free to children who bring shot records. Dental, vision and hearing screenings are free. Bicycle helmets are available. Sports physicals are \$20.

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Friday on the air

Lewis and Clark Columbia River Questions—4 p.m. CVTV

Oregon-California Trails Association—5:30 p.m. CVTV

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

Kansas City at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Telecommunications Commission (8/4)—8 p.m. CVTV

Minnesota at Portland Timbers (live)—8 p.m. KZNY, KRMZ

Nez Perce Historic Trail—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

John White speaking to the head man. 🍷 **Val Ogden** thinking a '60s tune. 🍷 **John McDonagh** clearing his throat. 🍷 **Brad Hutton** accepting silver medal. 🍷 **Dan Tonkovich** thinking it was just yesterday. 🍷 **Roger Qualman** making introductions. 🍷 **Cami Joner** editing her own material. 🍷 **Les White** putting in especially good words. 🍷 **Doug Quinn** needing candles by the dozen for Saturday commemoration. 🍷 **Friday**, clearing, sunshine, 81. **Saturday**, sunny and jazzy, 82. **Sunday**, all sunshine, 86.