

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

L-P CEO Mark Suwyn is WSU Vancouver commencement speaker at amphitheater

Mark A. Suwyn, chair and CEO of the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, will be the speaker for Washington State University Vancouver 2004 commencement in the Amphitheater at Clark County at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

Suwyn earned his doctorate in inorganic chemistry from WSU, and he is co-chair of the Washington State University Foundation.

A total of 519 students will be presented undergraduate degrees in the ceremony under cover in the amphitheater. The university will present 130 graduate degrees and one doctoral degree.

The WSU Vancouver Student Bookstore will sell WSU merchandise before and after the ceremony in the amphitheater, which is at the county fairgrounds, east of I-5 at the NE 199th Street interchange.

Despite BPA 4.3 percent hike in wholesale power rates, Clark's rates to remain stable

Although Bonneville Power Administration wholesale power rates to public utilities will increase 4.3 percent this week, the increase will not be passed on to Clark Public Utility customers, according to Clark Public Utilities general manager and CEO **Wayne Nelson**.

Nelson says a decrease in the cost of natural gas for the utility's River Road Generating plant will compensate for the BPA increase.

Clark gets about half its power from its wholly owned natural gas turbine generating plant.

The utility this week will sign contracts from multiple natural gas suppliers that will bring the cost of generating electricity down to \$46 per megawatt hour from \$52 a megawatt hour.

Vancouver city council holding hearing on 20-year comprehensive plan tonight

A public hearing on Vancouver's 20-year comprehensive plan is the final item on the council's 7 p.m. agenda tonight in City Hall.

The plan includes the city's transportation system plan, its urban parks, recreation and open space plan, and updates of the Vancouver, Evergreen and Camas School District capital facilities plans.

Best time to buy washers and dryers is April 15 through July 15

In addition to the \$100 rebates being offered by Clark Public Utilities on "Energy Star" clothes washers and dryers, additional \$35 to \$50 rebates will be offered by manufacturers between April 15 and July 15.

Energy-efficient clothes washers and dryers are labeled with an "Energy Star" designation by participating Clark County retailers.

Youth achievement awards being accepted

Nominations for the sixth annual Youth Achievement Awards are being accepted by the Clark County Youth

MONDAY

April 5, 2004

Commission through Thursday, April 15.

County residents aged 11 through 19 qualify for nominations for achievement in ten categories: courage, community services, arts, business/enterprise, citizenship, leadership, family life, education, environmental stewardship and inspiration.

Call **Beth Houston**, 397-2130, extension 5133, for further information.

Red Cross offering safety courses this month

A four-hour course in basic first aid is being offered by the American Red Cross Clark County Chapter at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the chapter's main office, 3114 Fourth Plain Boulevard.

Throughout April, the Red Cross will be offering a variety of classes, including Adult CPR, infant CPR, and HIV/AIDS. The basic first aid course is being repeated during the month.

Cost of the classes range from \$10 to \$45. For further information, call **Shawna Burkholder**, 693-5821, extension 135.

News briefs

The Clark County Public Facilities District meets at 5 p.m. today in the Public Services Center, 1300 Franklin Street. On the agenda is a discussion of the county fairgrounds exposition center financing. ~~SES~~ The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. The city council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 6. ~~SES~~ The southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets in regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Georgia Tech vs. Connecticut (live)—6 p.m. KOIN-TV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, April 5, 2004

Alaska Air Group	25.25	-.08	Linear Technology	38.75	+1.19
Alcoa	35.89	-.01	Microsoft	25.95	+1.10
Amazon.com	46.96	+0.87	Nautilus	16.83	+0.63
Bank of America	81.25	+0.74	Nike	78.08	+1.445
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.17	+0.32
Bemis	26.35	unch	PepsiCo	54.48	+0.63
Boeing	42.54	+0.70	Precision Cast	46.12	+0.57
Boise Cascade	35.20	+0.11	RLRN	26.54	+0.47
CenturyTel	27.27	+0.10	Starbucks	39.70	+0.40
Costco	38.08	+0.38	TSM	10.82	+0.29
Expeditors Intl.	40.85	+0.34	Tektronix	34.12	+0.18
Georgia Pacific	34.28	+0.13	US Bancorp	27.10	+0.09
HPO	23.64	+0.56	Wash. Mutual	41.32	-0.31
Intel	28.55	+0.43	W. Coast Bancorp	23.37	+0.01
Kvocera	90.88	+2.52	Weverhaeuser	65.56	+0.11
DOW: 10,558.37 +87.78 NASDAQ: 2079.12 +21.95 S&P: 1150.57 +8.76					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Elliot Quinn's and **Drew Gourlie's** soccer teams winning tournament championships. ~~SES~~ **Lee Hutton-Welch** making good Palm Sunday choice. ~~SES~~ **Analese Forster** paving the way. ~~SES~~ **Matt Erickson** quoting Murphy's Golden Rule. ~~SES~~ **Monday**, mostly cloudy, a little moist, 60. **Tuesday**, cloudy, possible sunbreaks, 64. **Wednesday**, cloudy, but a little warmer, 68.

Acapulco	90/70
Athens	61/46
Chicago	52/40
Dallas	63/54
Hong Kong	73/66
Las Vegas	78/56
Los Angeles	71/54
London	51/35
New York	46/28
Orlando	75/54
Paris	48/31
Phoenix	76/60
Rome	65/48
Seattle	58/42
Sydney	70/51
Tokyo	54/47
Washington	51/32