

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Nez Perce ceremony returns to barracks Saturday, April 24

As they have each year since 1998, members of the Nez Perce Indian Nation will present their traditional memorial ceremony in Vancouver Barracks. This year the nearly three-hour ceremony will begin about 10 a.m., Saturday, April 24, at 5th Street, just north of the Fort Vancouver National Monument.

The ceremony pays tribute to tribal ideals, honors tribal ancestors and helps to heal old wounds.

During the Nez Perce War of 1877, as the U.S. Army was attempting to remove tribal members from ancestral lands, 33 members of Chief Redheart's band were captured under the direction of Gen. O.O. Howard. Even though the band neither fought in Indian Wars nor committed any crimes, they were held prisoner at Fort Vancouver through the winter of 1877-78. During the imprisonment an infant member of the band died.

Ceremonial activities include singing, speeches, a Riderless Horse (empty-saddle) ceremony and a traditional passing of the peace pipe. All U.S. military veterans are invited to join the peace pipe circle.

Visitors should bring blankets and lawn chairs. There is no charge and ample parking is available on 5th Street.

Three out of four state employers offer health insurance, large companies do it best

More than three out of ever four Washington employers offer health care insurance to their full-time workers. Just one in four employers offer health care coverage to part-time employees, according to a report by the state Employment Security Department.

Large companies, those with 100 or more workers, are more likely to offer benefits. According to the survey, 97 percent of large companies offer health insurance to full-time workers.

The department's chief economist, **Krista Glenn**, says: "Both employers and workers face challenges in securing benefits like health insurance and sick leave. This report actually quantifies employers' provision of benefits so we can better understand how workers are compensated."

The report is based on a survey of nearly 9,000 Washington employers. It covers a spectrum of benefits offered, including vacations and sick leave. It is available on line at www.workforceexplorer.com.

Southwest Washington Medical Center offering free exercise lecture series

Billed as a "series of free lectures aimed at giving inactive adults the tools and information they need to begin exercising," Southwest Washington Medical Center's First Steps program begins with a one-hour class at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the Health Education Center at the medical center's Mill Plain and 92nd Avenue campus.

Participants will be advised on how to begin an exercise regimen and shown how to exercise correctly and safely. Those with health problems will learn how to exercise safely despite physical limitations, according to SWMC

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spokesperson **Ken Cole**. Participants will also be given a list of community clubs and organizations that may help them in their exercise program.

Early registration is recommended. For further information, call 514-2190.

Clark Public Utilities wins fifth consecutive Arbor Day Foundation award for tree care

In recognition of its program of tree care, annual worker training and tree planting, and public education program, Clark Public Utilities has received its fifth Tree Line USA Utility designation for the fifth year in a row.

Clark was one of 11 utilities recognized out of the more than 2,500 electric utilities in the United States.

The award was presented by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

People

Jennifer Bufford Columbia River High School student, who recently won first place in state competition, will present her winning paper at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Baltimore later this month. For winning state competition, Bufford earned a \$2,000 scholarship. Also presenting papers in Baltimore are **Lydia Garth** and **Betsy Ellis**, also of Columbia River. They won third and fourth prizes respectively during state competition in Seattle.

News Brief

Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7.

Tuesday on the air

Celebrating Entrepreneurial Awards—4 p.m. CVTV
49th District Town Hall Meeting—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at L. A. Lakers (live)—7 p.m. TNT, KXL, KRMZ
Bravo! Vancouver: Mozart's Requiem—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—10 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—10:30 p.m. CVTV
Sustainability Part 2: Zero Impact Development—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, April 6, 2004

Alaska Air Group	27.01	+1.76	Linear Technology	38.09	-66
Alcoa	36.50	+61	Microsoft	25.80	-15
Amazon.com	46.44	-52	Nautilus	17.10	+27
Bank of America	82.00	+75	Nike	77.39	-69
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.07	-10
Bemis	26.40	+05	PepsiCo	54.71	+23
Boeing	42.36	-18	Precision Cast	45.84	-28
Boise Cascade	35.55	+35	RLRN	25.80	-74
CenturyTel	27.03	-24	Starbucks	39.70	unch
Costco	38.07	-01	TSM	10.76	-06
Expeditors Intl.	41.26	+41	Tektronix	34.16	+08
Georgia Pacific	34.00	-28	US Bancorp	26.91	-19
HPQ	23.35	-29	Wash. Mutual	41.64	+32
Intel	28.27	-28	W. Coast Bancorp	22.51	-78
Kyocera	88.22	-2.66	Weyerhaeuser	66.06	+50
DOW: 10,570.81 +12.44 NASDAQ: 2059.9 -19.22 S&P: 1148.17 -2.4					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Jon and Colleen Thrift luxuriating in "beautiful weather." Donna Erickson giving Farmers Market a plug. Pam Brokaw remembering rural beat. Tim Shoonaker offering helping hand. Ken McCoy hoping for peaceful Arbor Day. Wednesday , cloudy, sunbreaks, warming, 64. Thursday , mostly gray, but dry, 64. Friday , sun returns, 70.	Acapulco 90/74 Athens 64/44 Chicago 65/40 Dallas 70/54 Hong Kong 78/66 Las Vegas 80/58 Los Angeles 67/54 London 50/37 New York 56/42 Orlando 78/59 Paris 47/30 Phoenix 80/62 Rome 64/45 Seattle 60/44 Sydney 77/55 Tokyo 66/53 Washington 60/46
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