

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Memorial Eye Center among first to use new cataract procedure and lens

The latest developments in cataract surgery and lens replacement are being used by surgeons at Southwest Washington Medical Center's Memorial Eye and Laser Center.

Richard Bernheimer and his colleagues at Vancouver Eye Care are using a new cataract removal system that is likened to a miniature pressure washer, using gentle pulses of liquid to wash away faulty lenses, rather than high frequency sound waves.

According to Bernheimer, the procedure does not heat the eye. The heat used in the other procedure sometimes keeps the incision from healing properly.

In addition to the new method of removing cataracts, Vancouver Eye Care surgeons are using a new lens specifically designed to filter out the damaging effects of blue light, which over time can damage the retina.

Cataracts cause vision problems in more than half of all people over the age of 60.

WSU Vancouver's Engineering and Science Institute partnership show and tell Thursday

Washington State University Vancouver's new Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute will be shown off at an open house at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in the university's Salmon Creek Campus multimedia building lecture hall.

In particular, high-achieving high school students, interested in biology, computer science or mechanical engineering, are invited to attend.

The institute is a partnership between WSU Vancouver, Clark College and Lower Columbia College. According to University spokesperson **Jessica Lighthouse**, "the institute combines the university's cutting-edge research capabilities and state-of-the-art science and computer labs with faculty expertise from all three institutions."

Lighthouse adds, the partnership program ensures students a smooth transition from community college to upper-division undergraduate course work, resulting in a Washington State University bachelors degree.

Open house attendees will tour laboratories, where faculty researchers are working in robotics, device diagnostics, computer programming, ecology and conservation of marine life, biochemistry, neurophysiology and artificial intelligence.

For further information, call **546-9779**.

Sammy Awards nominations sought

Nominations of individuals and organizations which have made significant contributions toward salmon recovery are being sought by Clark County

Nominations for Sammy Awards will be judged by the county's Endangered Species Act Advisory Committee. Winners receive individual salmon sculptures by local metal artist **Orlando Cox**.

Categories include habitation restoration projects, education and outreach efforts, grassroots projects and

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implementation of salmon friendly practices.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 26. The awards will be presented at the Water Resources Education Center in May. For further information, call **Don Strick, 397-6012**, extension 8.

League of Women Voters offers free directories of countywide officials

Free directories of countywide local, state and federal officials are being offered by the League of Women Voters Clark County.

The annual publication includes names, titles, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the federal, state and local officials in Clark County, including the seven towns and cities and special purpose districts for schools, ports and utility districts.

The directories have been placed in city halls, public libraries and can be found on the league's website, **www.lwvwa.org/clark**.

For further information, call **693-9966**.

People

Cody Allen, 16, tenth grader at Mountain View High School, recently served as legislative page for State Rep. **Deb Wallace**.

News briefs

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. today in port offices at 111 W Division Street. ~~See~~ A open house to discuss Clark County's Regional Wetlands Inventory is at 6 p.m. today in the Jim Parsley Center, 2901 Falk Road.

Wednesday on the air

State of the County Address—6 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (1/21)—7 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: A Choral Kaleidoscope—9 p.m. CVTV
American Red Cross Real Heroes Breakfast—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004

Alaska Air Group	26.40	+30	Linear Technology	41.34	+29
Alcoa	36.81	-45	Microsoft	26.88	+27
Amazon.com	42.94	+62	Nautilus	16.29	+42
Bank of America	81.71	+26	Nike	74.37	+11
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	39.12	-09
Bemis	51.19	-05	PepsiCo	52.10	unch
Boeing	43.82	+60	Precision Cast	45.13	unch
Boise Cascade	33.40	+03	RLRN	25.40	+16
CenturyTel	28.34	-52	Starbucks	38.95	+09
Costco	38.69	+24	TSM	10.58	+17
Expeditors Intl.	38.14	+39	Tektronix	31.99	+55
Georgia Pacific	31.52	+08	US Bancorp	28.14	+29
HPQ	22.75	+75	Wash. Mutual	45.00	+04
Intel	29.62	+42	W. Coast Bancorp	21.23	+18
Kyocera	72.20	+27	Weyerhaeuser	65.05	+13
DOW: 10,566.37 +35.25 NASDAQ: 2022.98 +17.54 S&P: 1143.67 +4.58					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

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	Orlando	74/58
	Paris	35/18
	Phoenix	69/48
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	Seattle	52/40
	Sydney	68/50
	Tokyo	58/48
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