

Senate appropriations bill contains \$22 million for 3 SW Washington companies

Of \$100 million in the Senate Defense Appropriations Bill for fiscal 2005, \$22 million would go to southern Washington companies, according to U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray** (D-Wash.).

Murray, who is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today said that \$13 million would be used by the Navy to design, build and evaluate vehicles that would be carried on SEALION naval craft. The local contractor for the project is Oregon Iron Works, located in Vancouver.

According to Murray, \$4 million would be spent on developing a semiconductor laser that would have both defense and commercial applications. The local contractor is nLight, Vancouver.

Insitu, a Bingen, Skamania County company, would receive a \$5 million contract to develop sensors that would detect daily changes in locations of enemy weapons.

Association of Washington Cities recognizes Vancouver achievements

The City of Vancouver earned four awards out of the six categories recognizing Washington cities' outstanding achievements at a recently concluded Association of Washington Cities conference.

Vancouver earned the Municipal Achievement Award for its City-County Domestic Violence Prosecution Center, a unique partnership of the Vancouver's Attorney's Office, Clark County Prosecutor's Office and YWCA of Clark County. The center provides victims of domestic violence with a unified support system to help them end violence in their lives.

The city also won the top award for a grant funding program that supports new ideas from employees for innovative solutions to problems that benefit from a jump-start from new grant funding.

The Diversity Champion Award, recognizing the city's Diversity Project, which improves service delivery to its diverse community, creates a diverse workforce, and ensures a respectful workplace for all employees was also won by the city.

For the fourth year in a row Vancouver has been recognized as a "Well City," earning the 2004 Well City Award.

LCC developing prototypical self-guided historical and cultural tour of environs

The Leadership Clark County class of 2004 is producing a prototype audio CD for self-guided driving or cycling tours of places of historical and cultural interest in Vancouver.

The CD is narrated by Vancouver radio personality **Jeff Williams** and includes stories told by Vancouver historians **Pat Jollota** and **Greg Shine**. Included with the CD is a passport-type book designed by Deane's Graphics.

The LCC team, **Tanya Baker**, **Leonard Bauhs**, **Timothy Buckley**, **Dena Horton**, **Dick Matson**, **Dave**

Seabrook and **Kevin Wann** are exploring ways of financing the project, which they hope to have in distribution early in 2005.

Meeting to highlight low-cost drug access

The Clark County Department of Community Services and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America are holding an informational fair at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, in the Jim Parsley Center, 4100 Plomondon Street, to explain assistance programs for free or low-cost prescription drugs.

People

Vancouver Fire Chief **Don Bivins** has been re-elected to the board of the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs. He was also appointed to co-chair the Washington State Emergency Response Commission, which is a subgroup of the Emergency Management Council. The SERC is designed to develop and support programs to improve emergency planning, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities. The group's special emphasis is on hazardous chemicals.

News briefs

A public report by the Center for the Arts is at 4 p.m. today in City Hall. ~~SES~~ Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. ~~SES~~ The City of Vancouver Transportation Services staff is presenting plans for the improvement of Kauffman Avenue from Fourth Plain Boulevard to 33rd Street at 7 p.m. tonight in the Vancouver Housing Authority offices, 2500 Main Street.

Wednesday on the air

Bravo! Vancouver: An Evening of Sacred Jazz—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Texas (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFXS
Portland Timbers at Milwaukee (live)—5:30 p.m. KZNY, KRMZ
International Residential Building Code Seminar—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Sacramento at the Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Alaska Air Group	22.94	+52	Linear Technology	38.92	+67
Alcoa	32.66	+64	Microsoft	28.30	+01
Amazon.com	50.81	+1.81	Nautilus	18.20	+80
Bank of America	84.77	+25	Nike	72.29	+59
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	43.77	1.33
Bemis	27.80	-19	PepsiCo	55.49	-06
Boeing	50.67	+1.00	Precision Cast	51.88	1.21
Boise Cascade	36.97	+14	RRLN	22.11	+38
CenturyTel	30.03	+26	Starbucks	44.18	+38
Costco	42.89	+75	TSM	7.90	+30
Expeditors Intl.	48.10	+70	Tektronix	30.97	-08
Georgia Pacific	35.47	+30	US Bancorp	28.22	-12
HPQ	21.13	+24	Wash. Mutual	40.63	+35
Intel	28.54	+48	W. Coast Bancorp	21.63	-12
Kyocera	82.35	+1.75	Weyerhaeuser	60.93	-18
DOW: 10,479.57 84.5 NASDAQ: 2020.98 +26.83 S&P: 1144.06 +9.65					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Diane Liefke taking advantage of Scottsdale's rays. SES	Acapulco	88/75
Shillina Jones joining select group. SES	Athens	84/64
Tina Picchioni not far behind. SES	Chicago	78/58
Ken McCoy taking a dunk in a think tank. SES	Dallas	87/68
Pat McDonnell lending an air of class to the proceedings. SES	Hong Kong	95/80
Wednesday , more clouds bring cooler temperature, 76. Thursday , filtered sunshine, 78. Friday , a little sunnier, a little warmer, 82.	Las Vegas	101/78
	Los Angeles	76/62
	London	61/50
	New York	84/68
	Orlando	94/74
	Paris	69/48
	Phoenix	102/81
	Rome	84/65
	Seattle	78/58
	Sydney	72/52
	Tokyo	82/71
	Washington	84/68