

Council for the Homeless to present community awards

During the past year the Council for the Homeless's Emergency Shelter Clearinghouse served 3,422 people, of whom 1,275 were children. Many found shelter, achieved housing or received needed services through the dedication of six people and organizations being honored at the Council for the Homeless 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, awards luncheon in the Water Resources Education Center.

Being honored for demonstrated compassion and commitment to help change the lives of homeless and at-risk families and individuals are the following:

Special Achievement—**Sally Erickson**, for her exceptional ability in coalition building and her work on the national level for policy change. Erickson was director of the Council for the Homeless for five years before joining the Bureau of Housing and Community Development in Portland this year. According to council spokesperson **Betty Johnson**, Erickson changed the mission of the Council for the Homeless from addressing homelessness to ending homelessness. She was so successful in writing grant applications to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development that she brought in over \$4 million to Clark County for homeless programs.

Community Partner—The Clark College Work Study Program, led by **Eugene Carroll**.

Community Volunteer—**Jim Spear**, for his extensive work with YWCA housing for women and children.

Community Supporter—The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, led by **Nancy Sourek Hales**, for its sustained financial support and encouragement of nonprofit organizations to serve the homeless.

Community Advocate—**Erin Kelleher**, for her work with Affordable Community Environments on behalf of disabled and very low-income people.

Quiet Heroes—Alpha Student Service Group of Alki Middle School and **Linda Meade**, for her behind-the-scenes efforts to help families at the Valle Homestead shelter.

Greg Shaw, director of the Pacific Northwest Program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is the featured speaker at the luncheon. Reservations are required. For further information, call **993-9571**.

Local convention attendance expected to rise with new federal per-diem rates

An increase in per-diem rates allowed by the federal government for employees attending conventions in southwest Washington has been increased from \$55 a day to \$93 a day, an event important enough to be announced jointly by Washington's U.S. Sens. **Patty Murray** and **Maria Cantwell**, and 3rd District U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird**.

Per-diem rates at Clark County and southern Washington lodging facilities are now on a par with Portland rates, according to Baird.

According to **Ken Dougherty**, general manager of Dolce Skamania Lodge, the increase will translate into 2,000 to 3,000 additional room-nights a year.

SWMC offering class on using the Internet for health issues

Southwest Washington Medical Center is again offering a free class on how to use the Internet to find health information at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, in the Health Connection Library in the Memorial Health Center, at Main and 33rd Streets, downtown.

The Health Connection Library is open to the public on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon for Internet access and individualized help on finding health information. For further information, call **696-5151**.

Insider classifieds have long reach

Reports subscriber **Dan Euliss**: "I thought you should know that I received a response on the ad I placed in the *Daily Insider* re: my 1965 El Camino. That may not seem unusual, but this response came from **Eric Nicholas**, manager of Eric Car Compound (ECC), Park Centre Ave 80, Central, Ireland. I just thought you should know how far the *Insider* reaches in our small world."

Noncommercial classified ads in the *Daily Insider* are free. Here is the latest: Solid oak king-size bedstead with attached night stands \$200. Oak roll top desk \$750. Sharon Hammer, sammha@comcast.net. (360) 573-8732.

Extend your reach. Send your ad to tony@dailyinsider.info.

People

Promoted in the Vancouver Police Department this week were **Steve Dobbs**, to corporal; **Tim Huberty**, to sergeant; **Dave King**, to lieutenant. A promotion ceremony is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, in City Hall council chambers, during which time **Dennis Devlin** will be introduced as the newest member of the Vancouver Police Department.

News briefs

Unsettled weather has forced cancellation of today's Cruz-In at Pearson Air Museum. ☁ The City-County Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. tonight

Tuesday headlines from around the world and at home

[Hundreds of thousands evacuate as Hurricane Frances approaches Florida--USA-TODAY, AP](#)

[Ralph Nader not allowed on Oregon ballot--KATU](#)

[Militants threaten to blow up Russian school and hundreds of hostages near Chechnya--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[The Bush administration today declared that the operation of Columbia River basin dams does not jeopardize imperiled salmon; a federal judge has yet to weigh in--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)

[County OKs its share of tourist promotion based on \\$2 per-night hotel tax--Columbian, **Erin Middlewood**](#)

[Dead chickens foul up Highway 14 near Pearson Field; motorists do the squawking--Columbian, **John Branton**](#)

[Attorneys back Melnick in race to keep his job as district court judge--Columbian, **Stephanie Rice**](#)

[Portland attorney wants to create a movie theater, art gallery and wine bar complex on SE 117th Avenue, near where the former Cascade Cinemas stood--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Taste of Vancouver revisited--Columbian, **Pat Stephens**](#)

[Clark County educators credit academic reform, advances courses, as SAT scores outstrip national averages--**Jason Begay**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Toronto (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFXN

Oregon-California Trails Association Re-Enactors Night—4 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

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

Oregon-California Trails Association Opening Session —9:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Volodymyr Golovan translating. 🇺🇸 **Kay DeMooy** handling details. 🇺🇸 **Natalya Shtanko** facilitating. 🇺🇸 **Larysa Viktorivna Artemenko** listening quietly. 🇺🇸 **Serhiy Shturkhetskyy** giving an Ukrainian explanation. 🇺🇸 **Yevhen Polozhiy** and **Rahym Humbatov** joining in bilingual conversation. 🇺🇸 **Wednesday**, cooling, cloudy, light precipitation, 70. **Thursday**, Partly cloudy, 69. **Friday** cloudy, dry, warming, 74.