

## **SWMC Foundation adds new members as \$50 million goal shows success**

The Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation, which got a \$15 million boost from philanthropists **Ed** and **Mary Firstenburg** last week, has added four new board members.

Joining the foundation in its pursuit of \$50 million for construction of the medical center's new patient tower, under construction at its Mill Plain campus, are the following:

**Robert Djergaian**, a psychiatrist and medical director of SWMC Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services; **Jay Miller**, a neurosurgeon with Northwest Surgical Specialists; **Patricia Nierenberg**, a founder of the SWMC Special Care Nursery and the Patricia Nierenberg Early Child Development and Learning Center; and **Christine Rood**, Battle Ground, former member of the Mid-Columbia Medical center Foundation board and co-owner of LifeStyles, assisted living senior housing facilities.

The SWMD Foundation also manages more than \$6 million for local programs, including Healthy Steps Women & Children's Clinic, Cardiac Care, Hospice, Cancer Care, Diabetes Education and Physical Rehab.

## **Scarecrow making, pumpkin pie carving lessons come with free museum admission**

The Clark County Historical Museum's second annual Harvest Fun Day is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The free event is being held inside and outside at the museum's Carnegie Library building, at 16th and Main Streets.

The family-oriented event includes hands-on activities such as scarecrow making and pumpkin decorating, according to **Susan Tissot**, museum director. She says there will be pie-eating and corn-shucking contests, and demonstrations of antique farm equipment, blacksmithing, mini-hay bailing and woodcarving.

Tissot says that the Clark County Genealogical Society will help visitors learn how to trace their family roots. Visitors will also be able to view the museum's current exhibits: Reflections of Change: Memories of Mt. Saint Helens, Woven History, and SP&S Railway.

The mini-bales of hay produced during the day, suitable for fall decorating, will be available to purchase for a \$5 donation to the museum. For further information, or to register for the contests, call **993-5679**.

## **National belly dancing competition takes over this weekend at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay**

Vancouver's **Zania Hart**, multi-award winning Middle Eastern dance performance artist and instructor, presents national belly dance competition this weekend at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Hart is also owner and editor of *Belly Dance Magazine*.

Competition begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25. Admission is \$10 per day, or \$18 for both days. An international bazaar offering specialty Middle Eastern costumes, clothing, music, and jewelry accompanies the two-day event. For further information, call **891-7041**.

## **People**

The Building Industry Association of Clark County has awarded 11 competitive \$1,000 scholarships to the following college students: **Renee Bishop**, **Brian Burnham**, **Jessica Carlile**, **Sydney Clos**, **Kurtis Croft**, **Bryant Hawthorne**, **Kallen Hawthorne**, **Kane Roeder**, **Trevor Scott**, **Amanda Sparr** and **David Steinmetz**. ☞ State Rep. **Jim Moeller** (D-49th) has been named winner of the Glenn Galbreath Spirit Award presented by the Northwest Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America for advocating legislation that has significantly improved the quality of life for the veteran and disabled community in Washington State.

## **Calendar**

Vancouver's second annual Peace and Justice Fair opens at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, in Esther Short Park, organizers **Cassie Allen** and **Kay Ellison** report. In addition to nearly a dozen musical and other performances throughout the day, there will be a silent auction that concludes at 2 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will go to Doctors Without Borders. There is no admission charge. ☞ A rededication ceremony commemorating 75th anniversary of Pearson Field is noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Chkalov Monument at the field, 1115 E 5th Street. John Wayne classic aviation film *The High and the Mighty*, will be shown free at 7 p.m. inside the air museum. ☞ Dinner, dance and auction benefiting the Ray Hickey Hospice House starts at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept.

24, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Admissions to the black-tie optional event are \$100. For further information, call **696-5056**. ☞ The first Clark College Music Department faculty concert in ten years will be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, in the Frost Arts Center at the college's McLoughlin Boulevard and Fort Vancouver Way campus. There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be accepted to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The concert was organized by **April Brookins Duvic**, Clark voice and music education teacher and soloist with the Clark College Orchestra, Leyden Singers, and the Oregon Symphony's Vocal Pops Ensemble.

Friday headlines at home and abroad

[Over the past year, Mt. St. Helens has gotten a fast start in rebuilding the conical peak obliterated in the eruption of May 18, 1980--Columbian, \*\*Erik Robinson\*\*](#)

[Legacy taking pressure off Southwest Washington Medical Center emergency department--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[County growth strains roads and schools--Columbian, \*\*Erin Middlewood\*\*](#)

[County folk respond to gulf needs--Oregonian, \*\*Holley Gilbert\*\*](#)

[Seattle City Council all but kills monorail project--Seattle P-I, AP, \*\*Elizabeth Gillespie\*\*](#)

[Two dozen hurricane evacuees dies in bus fire near Dallas--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Out of gas, out of patience on Texas highways--New York Times, AP](#)

[Floodwaters pour into New Orleans again--Washington Post, \*\*Ceci Connolly and William Branigin\*\*](#)

### Friday on the air

#### **Seattle Mariners at Detroit (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Hilton Grand Opening Gala (9/17)--4:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (9/11)--6 p.m. CVTV

Fort Vancouver Tapestry Project Unveiling (8/12)--6:34 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (9/15)--7 p.m. CVTV

#### **California at New Mexico (live)--7 p.m. ESPN**

Clark County Animal Control Hearings (9/14)--7:30 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (9/7)--10:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Rick Page** opening another spinach can. ☞ **Dan Herman** helping yet another company increase revenues. ☞ **Nicole Reid** entertaining in the style of the Old South. ☞ **Janelle Sleeper** offering help. ☞ **Vic Townsend** connecting all the right people. ☞ **Thursday**, cooler, but mostly sunny, 69. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 72. **Saturday**, nice and sunny, 74.