

Local petitions to get out of Iraq taken to Congressional delegation

Signed petitions demanding an end to "U.S. control over Iraq and turning over political responsibility for transition to the U.N" were taken to the offices of Democratic U.S. Sens. **Patty Murray** and **Maria Cantwell**, and U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird**, by members of Vancouver for Peace, reports spokesperson **Robert Fizzell**.

Petitions were collected during the Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair in Esther Short Park, and at the Vancouver Farmers Market Saturday. Several hundred attended the Peace and Justice Fair.

Early learning forum prompted by State Rep. Deb Wallace

Promoting early learning, State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th) has scheduled an Early Learning forum for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, in the Fisher's Landing Transit Center.

Panelists for the free forum are **Doreen Turpin**, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, **Laurie Cornelius**, Clark College, **Patricia Nierenberg**, Clark County Early Learning Fund, and **Melinda Jennings**, Evergreen Public Schools.

According to Wallace, 90 percent of brain growth occurs before kindergarten; children who do not know their numbers before kindergarten are likely to be poor at math the rest of their lives; more than half the children entering kindergarten are unprepared for school.

Clark forum to zero in on news media responsibility

Panelists from the Vancouver-Portland area news media will discuss the responsibility of the news media in a democratic society at a public forum sponsored by the Young Democrats Club at Clark College at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, in Foster Hall at the college's McLoughlin Boulevard, Fort Vancouver Way campus.

The forum, third in a series called "Truth of Propaganda?" will be moderated by **April Baer**, Oregon Public Broadcasting's morning host for NPR Morning Edition. Panelists are **Dave Kern**, assistant metro editor, *The Columbian*, **Michael Arrieta**, public editor, the *Oregonian*, **Erick Anderson**, publisher and editor, *Vanguard*, and **Lisa Loving**, KBOO Community Radio.

For further information about the free forum, call **Mary Faith Bonney, 513-1404**.

Editor needs head examined

Friday the *Insider* referred to **Robert Djergaian**, newly appointed to the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation board of directors, as a psychiatrist. The medical community has been particularly forthcoming in correcting us.

The term *physiatrist* refers to the specialty of Physical Medicine. Practitioners of this field generally deal with rehabilitation, from injuries such as fractures, strokes, etc. Dr. Djergaian is the head of the rehab unit (inpatient unit) at SWMC, **Richard Dobrow**, a valued critic of these pages, reported. **Larry Cohen**, director, planning, Southwest Washington Medical Center, corroborated this information.

People

Jane McCullough-Halcomb participated in the dedication of a 562-foot mural in Vista, Calif., last week. The mural took two and a half years to complete. One segment features the four Vista High School cheerleaders of 1953, including Holcomb. ✂ **Patrick White** has been reappointed to the Clark County Board of Equalization. ✂ **Sondra Dudley** has been reappointed to the Clark County Community Action Advisory Board.

Calendar

Following a 4-to-6 p.m. tour of the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway Restoration Project, the Vancouver City Council will convene at City Hall to consider a short consent agenda. ✂ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners, meeting in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, are expected to adopt ordinances increasing industrial and commercial electric rates, effective October 1. An increase in residential electric rates, expected to be offset by Bonneville Power Administration residential exchange rebates, is also under consideration. ✂ Clark County commissioners meeting in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, are expected to approve memoranda of agreement among the county, the Columbia Basin Railroad and the Battle Ground, Yacolt and Chelatchie Prairie

Railroad Association, that paving the way for renewed operation of the BYCY excursion trains in Northern Clark County, perhaps in time for the Christmas Season. Clark County commissioners are holding a work session on proposed growth management plan changes as they relate to expanded urban growth areas, at a special work session at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Monday headlines at home and abroad

[Cindy Sheehan arrested on Pennsylvania Avenue today continuing a protest of the Iraq war that drew 100,000 protestors over the weekend--Washington Post, Daniela Deane and Petula Dvorak](#)

[Machinists, Boeing nail down contract--Seattle Times, Dominic Gates](#)

["Get Smart's" Don Adams dead at 82--Washington Post, AP, Bob Thomas](#)

[Team of Russian businesspersons visiting Clark County this week--Vancouver Business Journal, Shane Cleveland](#)

[Dozens of historic buildings in Columbia River Gorge could be converted to restaurants, inns, etc., under proposal before the gorge commission--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)

[C-TRAN riders pleased that service continues--Columbian, Justin Carinci](#)

[Indoor Farmers Market lays claim to fresh and local seven days a week--Vancouver Business Journal, Teddy Karis and Shane Cleveland](#)

[Vancouver Symphony explores the world in season that begins October 8--Vancouver Business Journal, Teddy Karis](#)

Monday on the air

Hilton Grand Opening Gala (9/17)--3:30 p.m. CVTV

Council for the Homeless Annual Recognition Ceremony (9/23)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council (9/19)—7 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Under the Stars—9 p.m. CVTV

Gen. George C. Marshall Lecture (8/28)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Lucas Green seeing the world through Clark County. † **Mary Branze's** succulent party favors include salmon, and peas and horseradish. † **Julie Kummer** bragging on a Camembert Black Butte Porter & potato soup. † **Bill Alderidge** making new connections. † **Dan Marsh** picking November winners. † **Monday**, sunny fall day, 72. **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 70. **Wednesday**, still mostly sunny, 71.