

Brian Baird announces \$6 million in defense contracts for Vancouver companies

Three Vancouver companies will share \$6 million approved today by the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee, U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) announced this afternoon.

Armor Systems International will receive \$1 million for the development of its advanced vehicle protection system. Oregon Ironworks will receive \$3 million to partially construct unmanned aerial vehicles. nLight Photonics will get \$2 million to conduct research and development of high power semiconductor lasers for the U.S. Air Force.

Rapidly growing Vancouver Symphony Orchestra gets \$140,000 Meyer grant, hires marketing manager

The rapidly growing and regionally acclaimed Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has been awarded a three-year, \$140,000 Meyer Memorial Trust grant aimed at increasing the size of concert audiences, according to **Jennifer Teisinger**, executive director of the professional orchestra.

Kelly O'Neill, executive assistant for the orchestra, has been promoted to marketing manager. The orchestra also intends to hire a full-time development director.

According to Teisinger, the 70-member orchestra has added additional musicians and given raises to others.

Symphony audiences have doubled in size in the past five years, according to O'Neill. The orchestra performs in the concert hall of Skyview High School, to audiences of up to 1,500 people.

In addition to six paid concerts a year, the symphony orchestra performs outdoor and school concerts at no charge.

C-TRAN to talk sales tax support

Clark County's transit agency, C-TRAN, will review a new service plan that supports its newly reduced service and taxing boundary at meetings Tuesday, June 14.

The agency will also discuss a potential sales tax ballot measure necessary to finance the new service plan.

Both meetings are in the Conference and Institute Center of Education Service District 112, 2500 NE 65th Avenue, across the street from C-TRAN offices. The first is a work session at 4:30 p.m. The second meeting, a regular board meeting, begins at 5:15 p.m.

Styx to open Clark County Fair

The rock band **Styx** will be the opening *Columbian* Concert Stage act for the ten-day Clark County Fair, opening Friday, Aug. 5. Styx, which became one of the first rock acts to have four consecutive triple platinum albums, is now entertaining second-generation fans.

Grandstand seating for all events at the fair is free with fair admission. Reserved seats for Styx are \$20.

Discount fair tickets are available by going to www.clarkcofair.com. Reserved tickets for fair concerts go on sale Saturday, June 18, and may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Other fair entertainers so far announced are as follows: **Mark Chestnut & Miranda Lambert**, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, **Joe Nichols**, Sunday, Aug. 7, **Trace Adkins**, Monday, Aug. 8; and **Ted Nugent**, rock guitarist, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Community Pride Design nominations being accepted

Nominations for the 10th annual Community Pride Design Awards are being accepted by the Clark County Community Development Department through Friday, Aug. 5.

Established in 1996, the annual program recognizes outstanding and innovative efforts to create buildings, developments, public facilities and environmentally sensitive design projects.

The awards will be made in October. For further information, call **Kathi Curtis**, 397-2375, extension 4382.

People

Tessa Langford, new curator at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, has been accepted as one of 30 people from across the country to begin a one-year certification course in the George Washington University Museum Studies Program. The pilot distance-learning program is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Fort Vancouver has been designated the premier historical archaeological site in the Pacific Northwest. Over 50 years of excavations have resulted in a collection of 1.2 million artifacts spanning the Native

American, Hudson's Bay Company and U.S. Army occupations of the site.

Calendar

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. 🏠 **Gregg Hammann**, chair, president and CEO of Nautilus, is the headliner at the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce second annual Excellence in Enterprise Luncheon at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Call **694-2588** for reservations for \$40 function.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Amphitheater season opens Saturday with Reba McEntire, Brad Paisley and Terri Clark--Columbian, **Brett Opegaard**](#)
[State Secretary of State comes out in favor of allowing freed felons vote to make ballot counting easier--Columbian, **Don Jenkins**](#)
[1,500 Clark College students to graduate Thursday--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)
[Alaska offers lessons on tourism for Clark County--Columbian, **Tom Koeninger**](#)
[Plans for C-TRAN park-and-ride in Hazel Dell back on track--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
[Governor election now all over except the sniping--Seattle Times, **David Postman** and **Ralph Thomas**](#)
[Boeing back in stride with boom in jet orders--Seattle P-I, **Elizabeth M. Gillsepie**](#)
[Tobacco escapes huge penalty; government backs off from \\$130 billion to \\$10 billion in lengthy suit--Washington Post, **Carol Di Leonnig**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Florida (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX
City Minutes—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—4:30 p.m. CVTV
T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation Banquet—5 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (6/1)—7 p.m. CVTV
Low Impact Development—9 p.m. CVTV
Memorial Day Ceremony—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Arch Miller looking ahead, way ahead. 🏠 **Lee Davis** surprised. 🏠 **Ann Rivers** putting picture together. 🏠 **Nicole Reid** trying on cap and gown. 🏠 **Alex Meinig** also getting degree. 🏠 **Wednesday**, sun emerges in supporting role, 70. **Thursday**, partly sunny, 72. **Friday**, a little grayer, possible precip, 64.