

Most residents like quality of life in Clark County

Four out of five Clark County residents who responded to a survey conducted in January by the Clark County Auditor's office said they rated the quality of life in the county between good and excellent. Only 12 of 1,139 persons who answered the survey conducted by mail rated the quality of life in the county as poor.

Only 20 percent of those answering the survey expressed concern over the time it took them to drive to work. Twelve percent said they thought it took too long to drive to wherever they shop.

Two-thirds of those answering the survey rated the level of safety in the county as good or excellent.

Issues citizens were most concerned about were, in order of seriousness, crime, county taxes, growth and sprawl, employment and the economy, planning and zoning, infrastructure (including roads), local environment, property rights, health services, housing, social services and parks.

More than half of those responding to the survey had lived in the county for 11 years or more. Four out of five had some college education. Nearly one out of four said they worked in Oregon. One person out of three said they worked out of his or her home.

The survey was part of a rating process conducted by the auditor to determine the effectiveness of county government.

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Presents a "Magic Voyage"

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of music director **Salvador Brotons**, presents a "Magic Voyage" in weekend concerts in the concert hall at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th Street, at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

Guest violinist **Jennifer Choi** will perform Saint-Saens Violin Concerto #3. Guest vocalists for the concerts are soprano **Linda Appert**, counter-tenor **Ron Frasier** and baritone **Richard Lippold**.

Two of Vancouver's top choral groups also perform at both concerts. *Insider* readers who can correctly identify one of the groups and send their answers to **Kelly O'Neill**, thevso@vancouverSymphony.org, will be eligible to receive a pair of free tickets to either concert.

The Saturday concert will be preceded by a "Musical Conversation" about the music and composers at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$35, \$23 and \$15 for students. For further information, call **735-7278**.

Battle Ground Lake

Fish N' Fun is Saturday

The 4th annual Fish N' Fun, at Battle Ground Lake State Park is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the lake northeast of Battle Ground. Fishing activities are open for children 3 to 12. Family activities include games, raffles and free hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Registration is required. For further information, call the North County Family Resource Center, **687-7126**.

Law Enforcement Day

speaker is Brian Martinek

Vancouver Police Chief **Brian Martinek** is the keynote speaker for Law Enforcement Day ceremonies at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 19, in the plaza at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The public ceremony, sponsored by the Clark County Sheriff's Department, honors all law enforcement professionals who have died in the line of duty.

News briefs

Victoria Maxwell, nationally known performer and educator, performs her award-winning one-act play, *Crazy for Life*, for the Columbia River Mental Health Services community forum at 5:30 p.m. today in Club Green Meadows. Call **Nanette White**, **993-3048**, to register for the \$20 program. 🗳️ Clark County Auditor **Greg Kimsey** presents a town hall meeting on a proposal to provide county voters with only mail-in ballots at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Rose Besserman Community Room in the Fisher's Landing Transit Center.

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Wednesday on the air

City Minutes—4 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus—5 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Young Artists—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Yankees at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Telecommunications Commission (5/4)—7 p.m. CVTV

Mt. St. Helens Seminar, Part 3—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Spring Festival of Dance: Coppelia—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Dean Sutherland expecting an answer. 📖 **Steve McDonagh** lending an air of gentility. 📖 **Jessica Swanson** generating more news than fits. 📖 **Tena Wolski** taking an earned respite. 📖 **Wednesday**, showers and sunbreaks 65. **Thursday**, more showers, 61. **Friday**, showers and sunbreaks, 67.