

### **Vancouver For Peace vigil in Esther Short Park tonight**

Vancouver For Peace, an ad hoc group of Clark County citizens working for peace, is holding a 2000-Too-Many vigil at 7 p.m. this evening in Esther Short Park. The vigil, previously organized, comes just after the announcement of the 2,000th death of American military personnel in Iraq.

Vancouver for Peace is joining other groups nationwide in a vigil to remember all military personnel and civilians from whatever country who have died in the war in Iraq, according to spokesperson, **Mike Ellison**.

"Those wishing to join the vigil should bring flashlights, and if they wish, signs and appropriate readings to share," Ellison said.

For further information, call **Genny Kortez, 885-4793**, or go to [www.vancouverforpeace.org](http://www.vancouverforpeace.org).

### **Six Vancouver servicemen returning from Iraq to Ft. Lewis this weekend**

Six soldiers from Oregon National Guard cavalry units, following service in Iraq during the past year, are returning to Fort Lewis, beginning Saturday, Oct. 29.

They are as follows: SPC **Curtis Wayne Gowenlock II**, G Troop 82nd Cavalry; and SPC **Randy Leigh Bishop**, PFC **Matthew Reid Braddock**, SPC **Mathew Dale Kerr**, Sgt **Kevin Dale Safley** and PFC **Joshua Lee Smith**, all of the 3rd Battalion 116th Cavalry.

They are among 311 returning soldiers. Receptions are planned at Fort Lewis for Saturday, Oct. 29, and Wednesday, Nov. 2.

### **Clark Foundation Awards of Excellence go to Lindblads and Gaydena Thompson**

**Wally** and **Janet Lindblad** will receive Clark College Foundation Presidential Awards for philanthropy, and **Gaydena Thompson** will receive the president's award for service, during a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Gaiser Hall on the college campus.

The awards will be presented by Clark College president **R. Wayne Branch**.

With over \$60 million in assets, the Clark College Foundation is one of the largest community college foundations in the world.

Admission to the afternoon reception, which includes hors d'oeuvres from the Clark College Culinary Arts Program, champagne, wine and sparkling cider, is \$50. For ticket information, call **992-2301**.

### **Cowlitz casino-resort would support local tourism with a \$2-per-bed occupancy fee**

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe and the Southwest Washington Convention and Visitors Bureau have agreed that the tribe would pay a \$2-per-bed fee to enhance the local tourism and convention industry. The daily fee would provide the SWCVB with \$182,500 a year if all 250 beds in a planned hotel were occupied daily.

Existing hotels already pay daily per-bed fees to support convention and visitors bureau promotion of tourist-related activities.

The proposed Cowlitz Casino Resort would include a gambling floor, restaurant and retail facilities, convention and entertainment venues, a 250-room hotel, tribal cultural center, tribal government offices, parking and a recreational vehicle park.

The tribe is in the process with the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs to establish a casino resort on 152 acres at the La Center interchange on I-5. A draft environmental impact statement is expected to be completed within the next two months.

### **People**

**Jeff Woodford**, director of Volunteer Services at Southwest Washington Medical Center, has been elected vice president of the state Society of Directors of Volunteer Services. The organization represents 48 organizations in the health care field, including hospitals. Woodford and his staff oversee 450 volunteers at the medical center, who in the past year provided an estimated 82,000 hours of service, valued at \$1.4 million. Woodford has been the director of the department since 2002. He is a member of the American Society of Directors of Volunteer Services and the American Hospital Association.

## Calendar

Port of Ridgefield Commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. ☞ La Center planning for C-TRAN collector service will be discussed at a C-TRAN sponsored meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the La Center City Hall, 214 E 4th Street.

## Messing up again

The *Daily Insider* messed up several times in the last few days, and it was a world's distance record. We were reporting remotely from Redondo Beach, Calif. While not a total disaster, we did misplace numbers of subscribers for three issues, made a series of spelling mistakes, and erroneously reported yesterday that the Sgt. Maj. **Jack Tilley** and **Marty Evans**, president and CEO of the American Red Cross, would be on the reviewing stand for the 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, Veterans Day Parade. They will not. They, however, are past reviewers of the parade along Officers Row. Also, the weather in southern California was not much better than the Vancouver weather over the weekend.

## Wednesday headlines at home and abroad

[It took about 18 months from the start of the March 2003 invasion of Iraq to reach 1,000 U.S. deaths; it took less than 13 months to reach 1,000 more--Washington Post, \*\*John Ward Anderson, Steve Fainaru and Jonathan Finer.\*\*](#)

[Four soldiers with Clark County connections are included in the list of 2,000 who have died in Iraq--Columbian](#)

[City getting bum rap in political arena--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)

[Local schools honored by feds--Columbian, \*\*Margaret Ellis\*\*](#)

[Government believes electronic chips in passports will enhance security--Washington Post, \*\*Jonathan Krim\*\*](#)

[Breakthrough in laser technology promises faster communication speeds--New York Times, \*\*John Markoff\*\*](#)

## Wednesday on the air

The Art of Listening (10/17)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (10/14)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (10/19)—7 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (10/23)—8:38 p.m. CVTV

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Chart Your Course—11:04 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and the weather

**Carol Taylor** peddling small (16-hp) Ford tractor. ☞ **Wally Lindblad** looking for numbers. ☞ **Katlin Smith** lining up sponsors. ☞ **Peggy Hoff** joining the crowd. ☞ **Jim Rourk** has Christmas Madrigal tickets. ☞ **Jennifer Larson** going after auction items. ☞ **Lucas Green** looking for fishing buddies. ☞ **Wednesday**, sunbreaks, possible showers, 57. **Thursday**, partly sunny, 59. **Friday**, partly cloudy, showers likely, 58.