

employee. If the attempt seems threatening, residents should call **9-1-1**.

Reservations for a public tour of the Port of Vancouver being accepted

Reservations are being accepted by the Port of Vancouver for the first in a series of monthly public tours of port facilities on the Columbia River Thursday, March 27. The noon-to-1:30 p.m. tours include light lunches.

Participants will be shown the largest mobile harbor crane in the country, the grain elevator through which 16 percent of all U.S. wheat exports pass, and the port's 160-acre wetland bank and eagle habitat, among other things.

Participants must sign up for the tour by Wednesday, March 19, by calling **Andrew Ness, 992-1137**.

Participants must be able to produce photo identification at the time of the tour and may not take photographs. There is no charge for the tours.

People

Patricia Spicer and **Tara Yanak** have joined Davidson Insurance, Vancouver, Spicer as a customer service agent, and Yanak as a business insurance sales associate. Spicer, a Vancouver native, is a licensed insurance agent with more than 30 years' experience. Yanak, also a licensed insurance agent, is a graduate of Columbia River High School and the University of Puget Sound.

News briefs

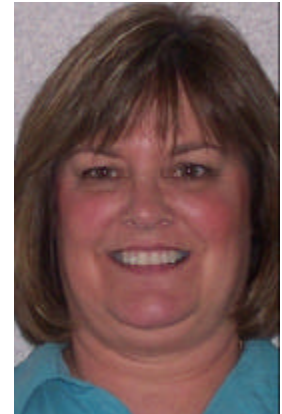
The Oregon chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will present a health and wellness resource fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the La Center Elementary School cafeteria, 700 E 4th Street, reports **Virginia Silvey**, Oregon MS Society president. Exhibitors include the following: La Center Police Department, Fire District 12, Southwest Washington Medical Center, Curves for Women, and It's All About You. There is no charge. <> The 13th annual benefit concert for the Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center is at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in Royal Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School for the Arts & Academics. Headliner is **Jim Fisher and Friends**. The center provides services for some 5,000 seafarers from throughout the world who accompany ships docking at the Port of Vancouver. Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained by calling **Barb Mills, 885-2914**.

Calendar

C-TRAN board of directors meet in regular session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 11.



Tara Yanak



Patricia Spicer

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Board of Health (2/27)—3:45 p.m. CVTV
 Community on the Cusp of Sustainability (2/21)—4:45 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at Minnesota (live)—5 p.m. CSN, KXL
 The University as an Urban Developer (3/7)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
 Vancouver Planning Commission (3/26)—8 p.m. CVTV
 Home is Where the Heart Is (3/7)—10 p.m. CVTV
Portland State vs. Idaho State (live)—10 p.m. CSN

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Warren Cook slaying dragons. <> **Katlin Smith** accommodating. <> **Angie Laughlin** ready to add up the numbers. <> **Ethan Jobe** unraveling spyware. <> **Carren Walker** going to market. <> **Barbara Kerr** helping with lost and found. <> **Phil Elrod** being taken to lunch. <> **Tuesday**, scattered showers, sunbreaks, 39-53. **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, 42-56. **Thursday**, showers, 43-50.



Irish descendant of Paddy Hough grand marshal for Saturday parade



Paddy Hough

Liam Horan, Tipperary, Ireland, a direct descendant of **Patrick Hough**, for whom the Vancouver neighborhood and elementary school take their names, is the grand marshal for the 13th annual Paddy Hough Parade Friday, March 14.

The hour-long parade of more than 200 participants begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Hough School, 1900 Daniels Street. The parade route is north to 24th Street, east to Main Street, south to McLoughlin Boulevard and back to the school.

The parade is sponsored by the Hough Foundation, founded in 1992 by Vancouver businessman and early resident of the historic Hough neighborhood, **Paul Christensen**. The Hough Foundation offers a number of school and neighborhood programs.

An awards ceremony follows in the school after the parade.

An Irish immigrant, Hough died in Vancouver in 1925, after having been principal of the Columbia School and later superintendent of Clark County Schools.

Ballots due today on three tax measures

Mail-in ballots must be delivered to the Clark County Elections Department by 8 p.m. today, if not postmarked earlier, for the March 11 special election involving two school districts and Fire District 10.

Woodland School District voters will determine whether the district will build a new high school at a cost of \$49,400,000. A 60 percent majority vote is required to pass the bond issue.

Green Mountain School District voters are being asked to pass a four-year replacement levy in the amount of \$1.36 million. Voters in Clark County Fire Protection District 10 are being asked to approve a tax levy of \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for operational expenses. The latter two measures can be approved by a simple majority.

Voters may drop off ballots at the county elections department, 1408 Franklin Street, until 8 p.m.

Innovative county felony drug court has 250 success stories

Next week the Clark County Felony Drug Court will “graduate” its 250th participant in its innovative program, which was begun in 1999. District Court-directed and -supervised treatment for drug abuse offenders has proved to be a successful substitute for jail terms, according to spokesperson for the court, **Bradley Finegood**.

Instead of incarceration, participants go through substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling and other supportive services programs in a highly accountable weekly process, according to Finegood.

The program, through the county district court system, offers treatment for juveniles, individuals and families. Finegood says two more therapeutic court programs are being developed and will include a substance abuse domestic violence court and a low-intensity substance abuse court.

City employees carry photo identification

City employees all have official photo identification badges and will show them whenever calling on homes or businesses in official capacity, reports city manager **Pat McDonnell**.

According to McDonnell, there have been reports recently of individuals falsely claiming to be employees of the city water department attempting to enter Vancouver homes. Last year similar attempts were made against small businesses.

Residents are asked to call City Hall if someone suspiciously tries to enter a home on pretext of being a city