

Southwest named finalist in 2010 Security Awards

Southwest Washington Medical Center, the flagship provider in a network of health care services that make up Southwest Washington Health System, has been named a finalist in the 2010 SC Awards for outstanding achievement in information technology (IT) security. It's IT Security and Compliance Officer, **Christopher Paidhrin**, was recognized in the Professional Award category.

"This year's finalists in the SC Awards program represent individuals and teams that are at the heart of their company's security program and are creating innovative and cutting-edge policies," said *SC Magazine* Editor-in-Chief **Illena Armstrong**. "Congratulations to Christopher Paidhrin and Southwest Washington Medical Center."

"At Southwest Washington Medical Center we hold protecting our patient's personal information of the upmost importance," said Paidhrin, IT security and compliance officer. "The SC Awards program's recognition of us as a finalist for the Best Security Team category further validates our IT security approach, and is a tremendous honor."

Winners of this year's SC Awards will be announced at a gala dinner and award ceremony to be held in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.



Brandon Vick

Brandon Vick announces his candidacy for 18th District State Representative

Brandon Vick, a 25 year resident of Clark County, announced his candidacy for State Representative in the 18th Legislative District. Vick will be running for Position 1 as a Republican. Vick describes himself as a traditionalist and a conservative. "In short, I believe that the people know best how to run their lives, their businesses, and their communities. If elected I will do everything within my power to make sure that the policies of the State of Washington reflect those beliefs."

Vick is a graduate of Hudson's Bay High School, and holds an A.A. from Clark College. He attended Clark College on a scholarship as a result of his participation on the Speech and Debate team. He has also attended Washington State University and hopes to earn his degree from there as time allows. Currently, Vick works for Vick Landscaping in Sales & Marketing and has been there since 2003. Vick Landscaping is a family owned and operated business that was founded in Clark County by his grandfather in 1961.

Vick is no stranger to politics. He became involved in the Clark County Republican Party at age 18. Shortly thereafter, he founded the Clark College Republicans and was named to the Board of the CCRP. Vick also helped to found the WSU Vancouver Republicans. Throughout the years he has continued to serve on the Executive Board of the CCRP as Treasurer, and Currently as the 18th Legislative District Director. Vick has managed two campaigns for State Rep. in the 49th district.

Vick is an Eagle Scout, and continues to contribute time to the Boy Scouts as a merit badge counselor. He is also a member of the 2010 Leadership Clark County Program. His most recent volunteer activities include participation in Habitat for Humanity, and work with the Boys & Girls Club with which his LCC team is participating in an educational project. Vick is a board member for the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals where he serves as the organization's Treasurer. He is also a member of the Building Industry Association through his company.

Vick is married to his high school sweet heart, **Darci**. Together they own a home in the Felida area. They do not currently have any children, but it is definitely part of their life plan.

Murray secures federal funding for West Vancouver Freight Access

U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray** has helped secure the largest appropriation yet for the Port of Vancouver USA's West Vancouver Freight Access project. The \$2,922,000 appropriation was included in the final version of the FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, and will be used to build rail lines in and around the port facilities, including a loop at the port's new Terminal 5.

"This appropriation shows confidence and ongoing support for our project," said Port of Vancouver USA Commission president **Nancy Baker**. "This is much needed stimulus in a down economy. It's going to build infrastructure that will help the port be ready to provide jobs as the economy recovers."

It is just one part of the complete \$137 million West Vancouver Freight Access project, which is projected

to create a total of 1,900 construction-related jobs and will significantly increase the port's ability to provide expanded rail service to its current maritime customers and industrial tenants, as well as provide for the growth of the port bringing new businesses and new jobs to the region.

"Completion of the West Vancouver Freight Access project is critical to the future economic growth of the Southwest Washington region," said the port's Executive Director **Larry Paulson**. "Thousands of jobs, and substantial economic benefits, are associated with the project.

Upon its completion, which is expected in 2017, the West Vancouver Freight Access project will allow for reduced congestion and improved velocity through the convergence of BNSF Railway's north-south and east-west mainlines which are a major choke point in Vancouver.

County to reduce winter operating costs, access at major parks

Due to budget cuts related to a weak economy, Clark County will close parking lots and discontinue maintenance at 10 regional parks, trails and boat launches in January and February. Bicyclists and pedestrians will continue to have access to the parks.

Within the past year, the county has reduced its General Fund budget three times. Earlier this month, the Board of Clark County Commissioners approved a revised budget for 2010 that reduced the regional park maintenance and operations budget by \$1.6 million.

Restrooms will be closed and portable toilets will not be available. There will be no garbage or landscaping service, including mowing. The service changes will begin on Jan. 1. Maintenance will resume and gates will reopen on March 1. The seasonal cutbacks are expected to save about \$184,000 in 2010.

Parking will be limited. "We are asking drivers to please comply with all posted parking restrictions. We will need the public's cooperation to keep driveways and gates clear for emergency access during this time," says Clark County Public Works director **Pete Capell**. "We are also asking visitors to please pack out any garbage or recyclables they bring to the park. This will help save money for taxpayers in the long run."

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation and Clark County Public Works staff are talking with local drift boaters and anglers about ways to reduce impacts to winter steelhead fishing on the East Fork of the Lewis River resulting from boat launch closures.

Signs will be posted at the affected parks advising visitors of the changes. For more information or to see a list of affected parks, call Clark County Public Works at **397-2446**, or visit www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/budgetinfo.htm.

Calendar

A community shrub planting will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Leverich Park, near the picnic shelter. Those interested in helping should call **619-1108** to register. No experience is necessary, and tools will be provided.

Monday on the air

City Council Workshop (12-21)--4 p.m. CVTV
Mayor Royce E. Pollard Community Celebration (12-16)--5 p.m. CVTV
VPD All Access: Neighborhood Police Officers--6:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (12-21)--7 p.m. CVTV
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence in Our Community! (12-10)--10 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert (12-2)--11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and Weather

Linda Lawyer always on top of things. <> **Michelle Halfhill** sending along good news. <> **Monday**, partly cloudy, 42-31. **Tuesday**, showers, 41-37. **Wednesday**, showers, 44-35.