

Vancouver Symphony premieres Salvador Brotons' concerto

In his eighteenth season as music director and conductor of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, **Salvador Brotons** now faces another milestone: his fiftieth birthday. To celebrate this occasion, the orchestra will present the North American premiere of Brotons' *A Catalanish Concerto* at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, and again at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 24.

Both performances are preceded by "Opening Notes," wherein Brotons talks about the music and the composers included in the performance—at 2 on Saturday and 6 on Sunday. The performance opens with Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 1 (*Jeremiah*). This features mezzo soprano **Angela Niederloh**, a Portland native and a faculty member at Portland State University and Pacific University.

Joining Brotons for the premiere of his concerto will be, from Barcelona, the Cobla de Cambra de Catalunya, an eleven-member musical group dedicated to the playing and preservation of traditional folk music of Barcelona and the Catalan region of Spain. The cobla is led by its founder, tenora soloist **Jordi Molina**.

All performances are at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Tickets for performances are available by phone at **735-7278**, at local outlets and at the door. For more information, visit www.vancouversymphony.org.

Thursday career fair in Hilton Vancouver Washington is big

What has become the longest running job fair under one roof in southwest Washington is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

The annual Pathways to Your Future career information and job fair is co-sponsored by Clark College, Washington State University Vancouver and the *Columbian*.

Job seekers will be offered informal discussions with local industry professionals, including representatives from technology, software, land survey, health, environmental, banking, architecture, construction and cable television.

There is no charge. For further information, call **992-2902**.

Skills Center students earn WAVE scholarships

The Washington State Training and Education Coordinating Board has awarded four Clark County Skills Center students up to two years each of free tuition at a Washington public or private college or vocational school of their choice.

The four are **Brooke Cushwa**, a Ridgefield High School senior enrolled in the Skills Center Applied Medical Sciences program; **Elliott Deotsch**, a La Center High School senior from the Skills Center Restaurant Management class; **Colin Cejka**, a Camas High School senior, enrolled in the Skills Center Restaurant Management program; and Clark College student **Natalia Mendoza**, a student in the Skills Center Construction Technology course.

Children's bereavement seeking volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Stepping Stones, the Children's Bereavement Program for Hospice Southwest, Southwest Washington Medical Center. Stepping Stones provides support for children, teens, and their families, as they work through their grief process and find healing. Volunteers are trained to listen and reflect in a support group setting with families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

The volunteer facilitator training sessions will be Thursday, April 30, and Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. Attendance is required at all sessions.

There is no fee for the training; however, volunteers are asked to make a minimum commitment of one year to the program. To register for the training or for more information, call **696-5120**.



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**VEA Endorses Nelson Holmberg
candidacy for school board**

The Vancouver Education Association has endorsed the candidacy of **Nelson Holmberg** for the Vancouver Public Schools Board of Directors, position 3. The Vancouver Education Association represents the certificated staff of the Vancouver School district who work directly with children.

President **Ann Giles**, of the Vancouver Education Association, stated, "We endorsed Nelson because we believe that he will work to bring openness to the school board's decision-making process."

**Rick Melching Scholarship
Golf Tournament May 22**

The 8th annual **Rick Melching** Scholarship Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 22, at Camas Meadows Golf Course. The tournament provides resources for Evergreen High School graduates who attend Clark College or Washington State University Vancouver.

The entry fee is \$125 by May 1, \$150 after that date. The tournament is sponsored by the East Vancouver Business Association.

Calendar

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** opens his campaign for re-election this evening with a kick-off event from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Vancouver Market Place, at the corner of Evergreen Boulevard and Columbia Street. Gov. **Chris Gregoire's** husband, **Mike Gregoire**, will introduce the mayor. For further information, call **609-3527**. Pollard has served as mayor for the past 14 years. <> A Job Seekers Conference to help unemployed workers develop an aggressive strategy for their job search is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in the Firstenburg Center. Admission is \$39. For further information, contact **Ralph Stevens**, Ralph@creatingleadersllc.com.

Wednesday on the air

Islam 101 (3/25)—4:26 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council Workshop (4/20)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (4/5)—6:31 p.m. CVTV

Tampa Bay at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN KFX

Sacramento at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Clark County Commissioners' Work Session (3/17)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Commissioners' Work Session (3/24)—8:19 p.m. CVTV

Columbia River Crossing Project (3/4)—9:23 p.m. CVTV

State Economic and Revenue Outlook (3/27)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Caring Heart Awards (3/14)—10:45 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Lee Davis delivering international news. <> **Marina Parr** getting "A" in composition. <> **Tom Hunt** busier and busier. <> **Karina Shagren** offering signature news. <> **Lynn Degerstedt** looking for seqat mate. <> **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, unsettled, 42-60. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 39-58. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 39-63.