

Graffiti cleaned up at Henry J. Kaiser Shipyard Memorial near Marine Park



Photo of Marina Kalachik and Kirestin Arnold.

Summer interns **Marina Kalachik**, 18, a spring graduate from Battle Ground High School, and **Kirestin Arnold**, 18, a spring graduate from Hockinson High School, have been working this summer at Fort Vancouver National Trust through ESD 112's youth workforce program. Kalachik worked in the Fort Vancouver Bookstore and Arnold worked in the Trust office in the General O.O. Howard House.

When the interns began their job assignment at the Fort Vancouver National Trust, they were given a tour of the site, including the Henry J. Kaiser Shipyard Memorial, which is part of the Fort Vancouver National Site. When they climbed up to the tower, the students were dismayed by the extensive graffiti on the Memorial. The students alerted the Fort Vancouver National Trust and City of Vancouver officials and worked side-by-side with a City of Vancouver Operations crew to clean up the graffiti.

Students urged to leave no stone unturned in hunting for financial aid

State Representative **Tim Probst** is urging young people who plan on going on to postsecondary schooling a year from now, as well as and parents who plan on surviving the financial hit, to always keep an eye on financial assistance for college.

For instance, Probst noted last Monday, next year's college students can save up to \$2,500 off their tuition and related expenses in the American Opportunity Tax Credit.

"The federal government is offering this temporary tax credit for students or parents to claim on their 2010 income-tax return," Probst said. "This means that the credit can help pay tuition next year."

"Students who don't make enough money to file an income-tax return should go ahead and file a return, anyway," Probst explained, "because they might receive up to \$1,000 in credit to help pay their college tuition."

Students who have a Section 529 college-savings plan can also spend those funds on a computer that is used for college.

Probst, who is vice chair of the House Education Committee and a member of the House Education Appropriations Committee, said that students should talk to their school's financial-aid counselor for more information. Students, parents, and other interested folks can also visit <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=205674,00.html> to get more information.

Probst also noted two other programs that can help Washington's young citizens and their families negotiate financial hurdles for postsecondary schooling. [Running Start](#) allows high-school juniors and seniors to attend college classes tuition-free and earn credits both for high school and for college. [Running Start for the Trades](#), which is similar to the first program, allows high-school juniors and seniors to take classes that prepare them to enter a full-time apprenticeship upon graduation. They can also enter a two-year program leading to an apprenticeship.

Ambulation Celebration, a walk to honor total joint replacement patients

Rebound Orthopedics is hosting Ambulation Celebration, a walk to applaud our total joint replacement patients. The walk will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Pearson Air Museum in Vancouver. Registration for the event starts at 2 p.m., with festivities beginning at 2:30 p.m. There will be two walking routes, ranging in distance from ½ to 2 miles. This walk is the first of its kind in the Vancouver and Portland area and celebrates our patients' return to an active lifestyle. It is free and open to the general public. For further

information, call **Michelle Braunsten** at 449-1128 or email mbraunsten@reboundmd.com.

News Briefs

Vancouver's Downtown Association hosts Bob Farrell's *Give 'Em the Pickle*, 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Admission is free. Space is limited. Please RSVP to **Rebecca Ocken**, executive director at director@vdausa.org, or phone 258-1129. <> Metropolitan Performing Arts Academy is holding auditions and rehearsals for kids ages 6 to 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Alki Middle School, 1800 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver. For more information, visit www.metropaa.org or call **Noah Scott** at 503-724-9462.

Calendar

Loaves and Fishes will provide a hot meal to senior citizens from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street, La Center.

Wednesday on the air

Clark County Board of Commissioners (9-1)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Colorado (live)—5 p.m. KKAD

LA Angels at Seattle (live)—7 p.m. 710 FSN

Breaking Ground on New Jobs (8-13)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes—New Humane Society Tour (8-9)—8:20 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (8-6)—9 p.m. CVTV

Humane Society for Southwest Washington Public Preview (7-19)—10:10 p.m. CVTV

Senator Patty Murray Southwest Washington Update (8-13)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Health (8-26)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Lisa Jobe giving thanks. <> **Becky Archibald** informing those around. <> **Kathryn Scott** sending updates. <> **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, p.m. sun, 59-82. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 57-77. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 59-78.