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Brad Lothspeich to retire from Fire District 6

Brad Lothspeich, a 29-year veteran of Fire District 6, and its chief for the past nine years, says he is retiring Sept. 1.

Lothspeich a native of Clark County, who grew up within the county's largest rural fire district, was a volunteer firefighter in Cheney as an undergraduate at Eastern Washington University before joining Fire District 6.

Now virtually an urban fire department, Fire District 6 protects 37 square miles of the Salmon Creek Hazel Dell area northwest of Vancouver. The department has 58 full-time officers and 42 volunteers.

Lothspeich, 51, a Republican, said he would not rule out politics after retirement.

Skills Center offering Mardi Gras dinner

Students in the Clark County Skills Center restaurant management program present their fourth theme dinner of the year with a Mardi Gras night at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the center's restaurant, 12200 NE 28th Street.

Selections include crawfish beignets, Cajun-fried shrimp, Bourbon Street chicken and New Orleans Treasure Cake.

Tickets are \$20 each, of which \$10 is tax deductible, according to Skills Center spokesperson **Patty Foco**. Diners are advised to make reservations early for what usually is a sell-out dinner; call **604-1050**, extension **2150**.

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Tips on doing business in Europe and Asia for local businesses to accompany luncheon

Representatives of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development will offer tips for local businesses seeking trading opportunities with European and Asian markets at a state Trade Week luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 27.

Washington maintains five overseas trade offices, according to Columbia River Economic Development Council president **Bart Phillips**, whose organization is one of the sponsors of the luncheon. Other sponsors are Cowlitz County Economic Development Council, the Port of Camas-Washougal, Port of Kalama and Port of Longview.

For further luncheon information, call **694-5006**.

Free workshops on negotiations offered at Hazel Dell Church of Christ include lunch

Two free workshops, "Improving Relationships Through Negotiation," are being offered at the Hazel Dell Church of Christ from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March

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28, and 9:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, reports presenter **Diana Cochran**.

The workshops are produced by Training Design and Development. To sign up, call Cochran at **263-4721**.

Chiefs advise putting together family disaster plan

Vancouver's police chief **Brian Martinek** and fire chief **Don Bivens** advise local families to be prepared for emergencies by having a communications plan among family members and by having a 72-hour kit for self-sufficiency.

The kit should contain at least the following: flashlight, batteries, portable radio, first aid kit, prescription medicines, cell phone, non-perishable food and can opener, one gallon of water per person per day, comfort items for children, duct tape, plastic sheeting, blankets and sturdy shoes.

The police and fire departments are working together on safety issues in response to the current "High Orange" alert.

People

Rich McConaghy, Vancouver Solid Waste Program manager, has been selected to exchange ideas for recycling and solid waste management with officials in Khabarovsk, Russia, next week. McConaghy has been with Vancouver's Solid Waste Program for the past 20 years. His trip is being financed by the Seattle-based Foundation for Russian-American Economic Cooperation. Khabarovsk is a Portland sister city.

Thursday electronic events

City Minutes—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—5 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Denny Heck's Inside Olympia—7 and 11 p.m. TVW

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, March 20, 2003

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| Alaska Air Group | 16.39 | -.03 | Linear Technology | 34.05 | -.56 |
| Alcoa | 21.20 | -.05 | Microsoft | 26.25 | -.07 |
| Amazon.com | 27.45 | +.91 | Nautilus | 15.22 | +.03 |
| Bank of America | 69.52 | +.02 | Nike | 52.85 | +2.77 |
| Bank of Clark County | 18.00 | unch | Nordstrom | 18.23 | +.08 |
| Bemis | 44.36 | +.22 | PepsiCo | 40.15 | -.31 |
| Boeing | 27.82 | -.13 | Precision Cast | 25.15 | +.13 |
| Boise Cascade | 23.50 | +.05 | RLRN | 17.76 | -.21 |
| CenturyTel | 28.13 | +.14 | Starbucks | 25.25 | +.26 |
| Costco | 30.77 | -.31 | TSM | 8.31 | +.12 |
| Expeditors Intl. | 37.10 | +1.16 | Tektronix | 16.95 | -.10 |
| Georgia Pacific | 14.79 | -.21 | US Bancorp | 20.68 | +.18 |
| HPQ | 17.17 | +.21 | Wash. Mutual | 35.32 | +.26 |
| Intel | 18.27 | +.29 | W. Coast Bancorp | 15.30 | +.23 |
| Kyocera | 51.16 | -.64 | Weyerhaeuser | 50.61 | -.51 |

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| Jim Laurenza aiming to please. ■■■■ | Acapulco | 90/66 |
| Judith Davis spelling Wednesday with only one W. ■■■■ | Athens | 53/41 |
| Barbara Crest by-line reappearing. ■■■■ | Chicago | 60/43 |
| Mike Anderson sticking with short coif. ■■■■ | Dallas | 63/44 |
| Hank Curtis selecting neutral location. ■■■■ | Hong Kong | 67/59 |
| Lee Coulthard carefully picking his mountains. ■■■■ | Los Angeles | 68/50 |
| Thursday , rainy, but a few sunbreaks, 58. | London | 59/43 |
| Friday , cloudy and rainy, 56. | New Orleans | 80/54 |
| Saturday , gray with mid-day | New York | 45/42 |
| | Orlando | 87/69 |
| | Paris | 56/41 |
| | Phoenix | 72/54 |
| | Rome | 58/41 |
| | Seattle | 54/42 |
| | Sydney | 82/57 |
| | Tokyo | 46/32 |
| | Washington | 48/47 |