

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## Bob Beck, former *Columbian* reporter and editor, died Saturday from traffic mishap

**Bob Beck**, Washougal, former *Columbian* reporter and editor, died Saturday in a Portland hospital after having been struck by a car while riding his bicycle in Camas on March 15.

A celebration of Mr. Beck's life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Homestead in Washougal.

Mr. Beck, who was 74, is survived by his wife, **Margie**; two daughters, Laurie Carley, Olympia and **Wendy Beck**, Camas; three sons, **Douglas**, San Jose, **Neil**, Woodland, **Andy**, Washougal; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Beck was an outdoorsman and local explorer, known for his sense of humor and exceptional writing skills. After retiring Mr. Beck drove a school bus—because he liked to.

## JD White Company selected to manage construction of major Lewis and Clark park

The JD White Company is being awarded a \$370,000 contract for permit management and construction supervision of the \$3.2 million Capt. William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach through the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.

The park, at Cottonwood Beach, is a partnership effort among Clark County, Camas, Washougal and the Port of Camas/Washougal. It is expected to become one of the principal tourist stops along the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial trail.

## Symphony bash raises \$24,000

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Spring Intrigue, a masked ball at Royal Oaks Country Club, earlier this month raised over \$24,000 for the symphony.

The dinner, auction and dance contributed to the symphony, commemorating the orchestra's 25th anniversary, the largest single donation ever received, according to event chair **Bergen Peterson**.

The 65-member professional orchestra is in the middle of its 2002-03 season.

## David Douglas's 1827 trek to Hudson Bay from Vancouver to be retraced

A five-month-long trans-Canadian expedition to Hudson Bay begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 30, for a crew of adventurers in a 26-foot-long birch bark canoe from Vancouver's Marine Park.

They will retrace an historic expedition led by botanist David Douglas from Fort Vancouver in 1827.

Douglas, a Scottish botanist, for whom the Douglas fir (actually a species of pine) was named, explored Washington and Oregon in the mid-1820s before making the successful expedition to Hudson's Bay and the northern limits of North American vegetation.

The crew—**Sylvain Cordeau**, expedition manager and forest technician; **Vincent Athias**, architect and painter; **Sebastian Pandolfi**, navigator; **Gilles La Niece**, biologist

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and botanist; **Samuel Duc**, botanist; and **Frank Bianchi**, cameraman—will make camp at the park later this week.

The crew's focus on history and education is meant to compare the evolution of flora along the route over the past 176 years. They also expect to make a film and publish a book about the adventure.

For further information' call the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust **992-1810**.

## SWIFT sets sessions to explain how to write winning grant applications

Two grant application writing sessions have been scheduled by Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust. SWIFT raises and gives away over \$100,000 a year.

The first session is 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Water Resources Education Center. The second is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, Longview.

## News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. ■■■ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 25. ■■■ The Port of Vancouver board of commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 25. ■■■ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25. ■■■ The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Clark County's Growth Management Plan update is now available for public review. A CD containing both the DEIS and the Comprehensive plan is available for \$5. Copies of the plan are \$21 and copies of the DEIS are \$94. For further information, call **397-2375**, extension **4958**.

### Monday electronic events

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver City Council (3-17)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Monday, March 24, 2003

Alaska Air Group	16.47	-1.17	Linear Technology	33.00	-1.91
Alcoa	20.83	-1.05	Microsoft	25.29	-1.28
Amazon.com	26.23	-1.70	Nautilus	14.96	-.62
Bank of America	68.80	-1.70	Nike	52.11	-1.19
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	17.74	-.72
Bemis	43.45	-2.20	PepsiCo	40.08	-1.42
Boeing	27.03	-1.07	Precision Cast	24.69	-1.40
Boise Cascade	23.24	-1.34	RLRN	17.87	-.07
CenturyTel	28.01	-1.21	Starbucks	25.29	-1.06
Costco	30.10	-1.13	TSM	7.95	-.54
Expeditors Intl.	36.22	-1.36	Tektronix	17.40	-.50
Georgia Pacific	14.78	-1.02	US Bancorp	20.34	-.75
HPQ	16.55	-.96	Wash. Mutual	35.56	-.90
Intel	17.83	-1.07	W. Coast Bancorp	14.68	-.61
Kyocera	51.52	-.63	Weyerhaeuser	50.05	-1.96

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## Town Tabloids and The Weather

**Denise Martino** looking for award winners. ■■■ **Pam Brokaw** duck hunting. ■■■ **Stefanie Fischer** offering honey dressing recipe. ■■■ **Bruce Carter** correcting quotes. ■■■ **Steve Burdick** playing hospitality roll to nth degree. ■■■ **Monday**, fog, clouds, sunbreak but no rain, 56. **Tuesday**, clouds may drop a little rain, 56. **Wednesday**, gray day, some showers, 54.

Acapulco	84/68
Athens	39/32
Chicago	66/44
Dallas	80/59
Hong Kong	68/62
Los Angeles	68/54
London	60/43
New Orleans	75/56
New York	56/46
Orlando	78/56
Paris	62/48
Phoenix	81/57
Rome	60/44
Seattle	52/40
Sydney	74/54
Tokyo	59/44
Washington	64/46