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THURSDAY

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A public hearing on the three bills is at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in House Hearing Room B.

Clark College workshop to help students gain access to \$350,000 in scholarships

College-bound students from southwest Washington can learn how to earn their share of nearly \$350,000 in scholarships available through Clark College at an informational workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the Clark College Gaiser Hall Center.

Sponsored by the Clark College Foundation, the workshop is designed for current and prospective students and their parents.

Available scholarships including academic transfer and technical scholarships, talent awards and athletic grants-in-aid, range from \$500 to \$2,500 a year.

Local industries and private donors contribute a majority of the funding through the Clark College Foundation.

For further information, call **Karen Grey, 992-2301**.

News briefs

The Cedars Area Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the Cedars Golf Club clubhouse, 15001 NE 181st Street. ■■■ The YWCA of Clark County's 11th annual auction is at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 31, in the Oregon Convention Center. For reservations at \$60 each, call **906-9121**. ■■■ The joining fee for membership in the Clark County Family YMCA is currently reduced by 75 percent. For further information, including information on financial assistance for membership and programs, call **885-9622**.

Vancouver's legislative priorities—money

Vancouver's 2003 state legislative wish list is heavily weighted toward money, reports the city's governmental affairs consultant, **Mark O. Brown**.

The priorities are:

- A \$17.7 million state appropriation for Columbia River channel deepening.
- \$12 million from the capital budget to finance a Vancouver crime lab, as requested by the state patrol.
- A \$4 million capital budget expenditure for the **Maya Lin** Confluence Project, which includes two interpretive art projects in the Vancouver area.
- \$18 million from the capital budget for construction of a Clark College building at the Washington State University Vancouver campus.
- A \$30 billion statewide appropriation, as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission, with 85 percent of the new revenue returned to the county of origin.
- \$200-to-\$250 million in annual state revenues given to cities and counties as partial replacement of lost local revenues.

FERC delaying standard market design rate after getting heat from public utilities

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is delaying its process to implement a standard electricity market design nationwide, according to Clark Public Utilities spokesperson **Mick Shutt**.

Shutt says FERC chairman **Pat Wood III** reported that the plan has been under heavy criticism from public power systems, consumer advocates, members of Congress and state regulators, among others.

Northwest Power Works, representing Clark Public Utilities and other public power systems, has said that the SMD design is fatally flawed and would cost the Pacific Northwest region as much as \$500 million a year in increased power rates.

According to Shutt, FERC's delay will allow Congress to review the proposal further.

Deb Wallace bill would increase state transportation system accountability

The Washington State House Democrats released their transportation accountability plan Wednesday, and one of three bills that would implement the plan is House Bill 1121, sponsored by Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th). This bill would require ongoing performance audits of the state Department of Transportation.

A bill introduced by Rep. **Jeff Morris** (D-Anacortes) would abolish the state Transportation Commission and make a state transportation secretary a gubernatorial appointee. Another bill introduced by Rep. **Sandra Romero** (D-Olympia) would create a citizen oversight panel to measure the performance of the transportation system.

Thursday electronic events

State of the City Address—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—5 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Public Facilities District (12/19)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, Jan 16, 2002

Alaska Air Group	23.42	-.50	Microsoft	55.35	-.92
Alcoa	22.12	-.08	Nautilus	13.40	+3.33
Amazon.com	21.80	-.47	Nike	45.52	-.43
Bank of America	71.00	-.45	Nordstrom	19.05	-.13
Bemis	49.40	+1.10	PepsiCo	43.73	+7.79
Boeing	33.46	+1.11	Precision Cast	27.17	+1.15
Boise Cascade	27.96	+5.56	RLRN	19.05	-.61
CenturyTel	30.80	-.58	Starbucks	20.25	-.10
Costco	30.20	-.25	TSM	8.10	-.46
Expeditors Intl.	31.63	+1.10	Tektronix	18.04	-.37
Georgia Pacific	16.78	+1.17	UPS	63.52	+1.14
HPQ	19.99	-.26	US Bancorp	22.58	-.34
Intel	17.20	-.15	Wash. Mutual	35.29	-.05
Kyocera	57.55	+1.15	W. Coast Bancorp	15.60	-.01
Linear Technology	28.36	-1.01	Weyerhaeuser	53.31	+6.4

DOW: 8697.87 -25.31 ■ NASDAQ: 1423.75 -15.05 ■ S&P: 914.6 -3.62

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Arch Miller finding the time. ■■■■	Acapulco	90/73
Donald Davies doing thank you letters. ■■■■	Athens	58/46
Adam Vogt helping make news. ■■■■	Chicago	26/10
Cathy Steiger giving directions. ■■■■	Dallas	42/22
Judy Weik reporting all's well and phone numbers won't change. ■■■■	Hong Kong	70/61
Warren Cook discovering new pathways. ■■■■	Los Angeles	78/50
Thursday , gray gradually turns blue, 48. Friday , partly cloudy, mostly sunny, 52. Saturday , mostly sunny, 50.	London	50/44
	New Orleans	66/33
	New York	30/25
	Orlando	72/50
	Paris	40/34
	Phoenix	77/49
	Rome	52/37
	Seattle	48/36
	Sydney	82/63
	Tokyo	45/33
	Washington	34/22