

# The Daily Insider

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THURSDAY

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## Transportation Finance Task Force to try to help city find \$15 million-a-year for roads

Facing a \$15 million annual shortfall in transportation funding and the end of the its capital transportation program in 2004, Vancouver is turning to a new task force to identify and help implement strategies to replace that shortfall.

The task force is charged with finding a means of financing both transportation improvements and maintenance of the existing transportation system.

Says city transportation manager **Thayer Rorabaugh**, "Unlike other transportation initiatives that ask the question, 'What are the taxpayers willing to pay for?' this task force will attempt to answer the question, 'how?'"

The task force, represented by members from the city council, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, hospitals and citizens at-large, holds its first public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Water Resources Education Center. The task force is expected to continue its meetings over the next four to six months.

## Food facts: 4,400 tons collected in 7 years

In a matter-of-fact way, with no explanations added, **Dale Denny** president of Northwest Harvest South presents sobering statistics on poverty in Clark County.

Vancouver-headquartered Northwest Harvest South, which provides donated foot for local food banks, along with Walk and Knock and the Postal Workers annual collections, have provided needy families in the county with over 8.8 million pounds of food over the past seven years, according to Denny.

The 2002 poverty guideline for annual income was \$8,860 for a single person, \$11,940 for two persons and \$21,180 for a family of five.

Last year nearly one in ten Clark County residents, 31,027, had below poverty-level incomes. Food stamps were given to 22,094 persons. SHARE served 135,308 meals. St. Vincent de Paul helped 53,601 persons. The Salvation Army helped 17,968 families.

The Free Clinic treated 4,454 adults and 1,078 children. Clark County schools provided free or reduced price lunches for 22,087 students

## Sun power subject of Clark Public Utilities' energy specialist at night meeting Tuesday

Sun power, from photovoltaics to solar water heating collectors will be discussed by Clark Public Utilities' energy specialist **Bruce Carter** at a 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, presentation in the Electric Center community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Carter will detail how current sun power devices work and explain how to evaluate solar energy alternatives.

There is no charge for the program which is designed for home owners.

## Vancouver Pops gets city's Gems Award

The Vancouver Pops Orchestra will be awarded the Gems Award by the Vancouver Cultural Commission

during the commission's regular meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in City Hall.

The all-volunteer Vancouver Pops Orchestra has been providing music for thousands of youngsters and adults over the past 20 years.

## Lacamas Lake fishing derby is April 12

The annual Lacamas Lake Watershed Festival and Kid's Fishing Derby is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12,

Neighboring Round Lake is being stocked with 5,000 brown trout, for which children 14 years old and under may fish.

Other activities include group canoe tours, entertainment, self-guided hiking and entertainment. There is no charge for the festival, according to the Camas Parks and Recreation Department spokesperson, **Laura Bigby**.

## People

Columbia Credit Union's **Steve Salverstrin** has been appointed indirect lending manager for the 57,000-member financial organization. Salverstrin had previously been with WFS in Colorado.

## News briefs

A special and final Citizen Advisory Committee meeting on the Camas comprehensive plan update is at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Camas Fire Station No. 42, 4321 NW Parker Street. ~~Renewal~~ notices from the state Department of Licensing are being sent to boat owners reminding them that their annual vessel registration expires June 30.

### Thursday electronic events

Caring Heart Awards—1:30 p.m. CVTV  
Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—6 p.m. KKAD  
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Utah at Portland Trail Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL  
Denny Heck's Inside Olympia—7 and 11 p.m. TVW

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Thursday, April 3, 2003

Alaska Air Group	16.44	-.28	Linear Technology	33.65	-.12
Alcoa	19.91	-.19	Microsoft	25.73	+01
Amazon.com	26.65	+27	Nautilus	15.40	+11
Bank of America	69.19	-.63	Nike	52.17	-.13
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.47	+24
Bemis	43.81	-.18	PepsiCo	38.17	-1.53
Boeing	26.55	-.11	Precision Cast	25.12	+12
Boise Cascade	22.58	-.19	RLRN	18.82	-.15
CenturyTel	28.00	-.49	Starbucks	25.81	-.45
Costco	31.48	-.14	TSM	7.506	+04
Expeditors Intl.	35.26	-.39	Tektronix	17.91	-.22
Georgia Pacific	13.95	-.12	US Bancorp	19.49	-.31
HPQ	13.36	+37	Wash. Mutual	36.04	-.66
Intel	17.57	+05	W. Coast Bancorp	15.35	+05
Kvocera	49.61	-1.59	Weverhaeuser	48.91	-.43

DOW: 8240.38 -44.68 ~~NASDAQ: 1396.58 +.14~~ S&P: 876.45 -4.45

### Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>Maggie Huffman</b> understanding. <del></del>	Acapulco	88/72
<b>Dave Horsted</b> , getting and returning attaboys. <del></del>	Athens	60/46
<b>Scott and Heather Allmain</b> seeing double— <b>Jillian and Ethan</b> , twins, born March 25. <del></del>	Chicago	57/45
<b>Christina King, Bonnie Sant and Shirley Skidmore</b> taking names. <del></del>	Dallas	78/60
<b>Thursday</b> , some sun amid showers, 49.	Hong Kong	80/71
<b>Friday</b> . More April showers, 52.	Los Angeles	66/50
<b>Saturday</b> , still showery, but warming, 56.	London	51/35
	New Orleans	78/64
	New York	52/42
	Orlando	84/60
	Paris	46/30
	Phoenix	75/50
	Rome	56/42
	Seattle	48/36
	Sydney	67/52
	Tokyo	61/44
	Washington	78/55