

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Comcast hiking cable television rates

Except for its limited basic \$12.50 package, Comcast is raising cable television rates for subscribers in southwest Washington and Oregon.

The rate for standard cable will go to \$41.55, from \$39.04. The cable company's most popular digital cable package will go up \$3 to \$67.99 a month.

The Vancouver-Clark County Cable Telecommunications Commission will review the rate increases at its January meeting but has no authority over cable fees beyond basic cable fees.

Arrival and departure schedules on table for next airport noise compatibility study meet

The focus of the 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, meeting of the Portland International Airport Noise Compatibility Study advisory committee will be the next set of jet flight management system alternatives.

The alternatives will have an impact on departure and arrival flight paths.

The meeting, billed as "enhancing committee understanding of these alternatives," is in the Port of Portland administration building, 121 NW Everett Street. Public comment will be accepted.

Volunteer Firefighters' annual food drive begins

Vancouver Fire Department and Fire District 5 volunteer firefighters have begun their annual John Kelly Needy Family Program food basket drive.

Canned and nonperishable food, in particular, protein foods such as canned tuna and peanut butter, are being sought, according to organizer **Vern Myers**.

Contributions can be dropped off at the main fire station, 7110 NE 63rd Street, or the downtown station at 900 W Evergreen between now and Friday, Dec. 12.

Myers gave the following analogy: the food basket drive is to the volunteers as the annual toy drive is to career firefighters.

Patty Murray luncheon set over to January. 7

The scheduled Monday, Nov. 24, luncheon with U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray** (D-Wash.) has been postponed to noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, reports **Addison Jacobs**, vice president of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon is being sponsored by the chamber. According to Jacobs, key votes on Medicare, prescription drugs, the Energy Bill and appropriations will keep the senator in Washington next week.

Cleve Thompson's drug abuse treatment program gets governor's attention

Clark County's drug and substance-abuse program was one of three honored by Gov. **Gary Locke** at a recent Quality and Performance Award ceremony in Olympia.

Headed by **Cleve Thompson**, alcohol and drug program manager for the county Department of Community Services, the program was one of three in the state cited for

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improved customer service and tax dollar savings.

According to state studies the local program, administered with Columbia River Mental Health Services, saved over \$2.5 million a year.

According to Thompson, "the program not only paid dividends in medical spending but also in public safety."

County Fair court selected

Three Clark County high school senior women have been selected for the 2004 Clark County fair court. All three are honor students equestrians.

Jessica Crouch, Skyview High School, is a member of the 4-H Thunderhooves and the state High School Rodeo Organization.

Nikki Lanphear, CAM High School, is a member of the 4-H Thunderhooves and the International Arabian Horse Association.

Lindsey Rice, CAM High School, is a member of the of the 4-H Thunderhooves and the American Appaloosa Horse Club.

The three will help promote the 2004 fair, which will be presented Aug. 6 through 15 next year.

People

Vancouver's **Ruth Bennett**, a thirty-year veteran of the Bonneville Power Administration and acting chief operating officer for the past year, has been named permanent COO by BPA administrator **Steve Wright**. Bennett hired on at BPA in 1973 as a personnel management specialist.

Friday on the Air

The Importance of a Strong Downtown—4 p.m. CVTV

Marshall Lecture: Marsha Evans—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (11/13)—7 p.m. CVTV

Houston at the Portland Trail Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. FSN, KXL

Telecommunications Commission (11/5)—9 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus—11 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 21, 2003

Alaska Air Group	27.44	+0.78	Linear Technolog	41.17	+0.54
Alcoa	31.36	-0.01	Microsoft	25.11	+0.01
Amazon.com	48.58	-0.27	Nautilus	13.60	-0.05
Bank of America	74.35	+0.35	Nike	63.31	+0.71
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	34.92	+3.10
Bemis	44.71	-0.03	PepsiCo	47.51	+0.24
Boeing	38.86	-0.49	Precision Cast	40.06	+0.01
Boise Cascade	27.78	+0.36	RLRN	22.22	-0.42
CenturyTel	32.03	+0.59	Starbucks	30.51	+0.05
Costco	34.11	-0.03	TSM	10.70	+0.18
Expeditors Intl.	37.77	+0.08	Tektronix	26.20	+0.50
Georgia Pacific	25.90	+0.68	US Bancorp	27.09	-0.05
HPQ	21.28	-0.31	Wash. Mutual	46.16	+0.45
Intel	32.32	+0.49	W. Coast Bancorp	21.15	+0.07
Kyocera	58.32	+0.27	Weyerhaeuser	56.48	+0.47

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Tom and Jeri Reis adding a touch of class. **Neal Heesacker** hanging up PIO boots. **Bob Bedrossian** helping make a pair. **Garry Lucas** making Kodak moment inescapable. **Val Joshua** taking on Handel again. **Friday**, possible sunbreaks, rain, non-stick snow 44. **Saturday**, colder, mostly sunny, 42. **Sunday**, a little warmer, possible showers, 48.

Acapulco	91/72
Athens	68/55
Chicago	50/40
Dallas	80/60
Hong Kong	77/68
Los Angeles	67/50
London	53/41
New Orleans	78/60
New York	60/51
Orlando	78/58
Paris	54/41
Phoenix	78/56
Rome	68/53
Seattle	40/30
Sydney	79/53
Tokyo	69/53
Washington	69/48