

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

County, cities received \$2,366,306 in liquor sales tax revenues in 2003 fiscal year

Liquor sales during fiscal 2003 generated \$2,366,306 in taxes for Clark County and its seven municipalities, according to the state Liquor Control Board.

In addition, the state general fund received \$224.4 million revenues from the sale, licensing, and taxation on wine, beer and distilled spirits.

Clark County's share of revenue was \$624,777. Vancouver received \$1,384,527, Camas, \$124,919, Battle Ground, \$99,981, Washougal, \$84,903, Ridgefield, \$20,299, La Center, \$16,678, and Yacolt, \$10,222.

Including sales tax and mark up, \$12.10 of every 750-milileter of booze goes to the state.

Skills Center grads beat unemployment rate

Clark County Skills Center graduate students unemployment rate of 4 percent is four times better than the statewide high school age unemployment rate of 16 percent, according to **Dennis Kampe**, director of the 800-student center in Vancouver.

According to Kampe, the 2002 employed Skills Center graduates earned an average of \$19,698.

County's Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment plant gets EPA award

The Clark County Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment plant has earned the Environmental Protection Agency's 2003 Clean Water Act Recognition Award for Region 10, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

The plant was recognized for its overall environmental benefits and its cost-saving techniques.

The award will be presented to **Kay Hust**, wastewater treatment plant manager, in a ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, just prior to the county commissioner's regular session at 10 a.m. in the 6th floor commissioner's hearing room of the Public Service Center.

49th District town hall meeting tonight

State Sen. **Don Carlson** (R-49th) and 49th District Democratic Reps. **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller** will discuss the 2004 short legislative session in a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in room 680, at the Public Service Center.

Vancouver consolidating environmental ordinances; sets open house for Wednesday

In order to provide a more consistent policy, the City of Vancouver is consolidating its existing ordinances that cover various aspects of environmental protection into a single document.

The proposed new ordinance will also contain changes in some existing regulations.

The first public presentation of the proposed ordinance is during an open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in City Hall.

For further information, call **Vicky Ridge-Cooney**, 619-0219, or visit the county website, www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/longrangeplanning/EPO/default.asp.

MONDAY

Dec. 15, 2003

People

Kara Klein, Mountain View High School student, is appearing in the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular in New York City. Klein is also in the new **Julia Roberts** film, *Mona Lisa Smile*, which opens Friday, Dec. 19. ~~SES~~ State Sen. **Don Benton** (R-17th, along with 75 state legislators and tribal leaders across the country, has been invited to an Americans for Tax Reform meeting at the White House with President **George W. Bush** and senior advisor **Karl Rove**.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today to discuss its 2004 legislative agenda and to hear an update on the financing proposal for the downtown conference center and hotel. ~~SES~~ The Vancouver City Council, meeting in regular session at 7 p.m., is expected to approve the downtown conference center financing plan. In addition, the council is expected to approve first readings of separate ordinances that would annex the 80-acre Vancouver Tech Center property at NE 1st Street and 192nd Avenue and the 218-acre Bircher Business Center property between NE 137th and 152nd Avenues, north of Burnt Bridge Creek. ~~SES~~ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in workshop session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, when they will discuss the utility's risk management policy. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners, meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, will discuss county participation in financing the Vancouver downtown conference center and hotel project. Following that, the commissioners will continue their public hearing, but without further oral testimony, on the proposed update of the county's 20-year Growth Management Plan.

Monday on the Air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Oregon State at Hawaii (live)—9 p.m. KEX

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, Dec. 15, 2003

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| Alaska Air Group | 25.93 | -.72 | Linear Technolog | 39.75 | -1.46 |
| Alcoa | 34.94 | +1.11 | Microsoft | 26.74 | +0.09 |
| Amazon.com | 50.41 | -.58 | Nautilus | 13.27 | -.22 |
| Bank of America | 76.43 | +5.8 | Nike | 64.22 | -.20 |
| Bank of Clark County | 15.00 | unch | Nordstrom | 32.70 | -1.11 |
| Bemis | 48.68 | -.50 | PepsiCo | 47.37 | +4.9 |
| Boeing | 39.20 | -.17 | Precision Cast | 45.07 | -.03 |
| Boise Cascade | 29.85 | -.27 | RLRN | 23.55 | -.64 |
| CenturyTel | 31.40 | -.15 | Starbucks | 31.52 | -.21 |
| Costco | 35.43 | -.48 | TSM | 9.96 | -.14 |
| Expeditors Intl. | 37.60 | -.63 | Tektronix | 27.39 | -.04 |
| Georgia Pacific | 28.72 | -.59 | US Bancorp | 27.73 | -.25 |
| HPQ | 22.02 | -.21 | Wash. Mutual | 39.53 | -.36 |
| Intel | 30.24 | -.62 | W. Coast Bancorp | 20.84 | -.90 |
| Kvocera | 63.83 | +5.8 | Weverhaeuser | 60.47 | -.38 |

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

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| Mary Clark taking aim at sub dividers. SES David Ballew sharpening corkscrew. SES Sue Hinz checking list twice. SES Wayne Nelson making milk run. SES Cheri Cole lending helping hand. SES Monday , mostly gray, mostly dry, sunbreaks, 46. Tuesday , cloudy, windy, and at times, rainy, 50. Wednesday , cloudy, possible showers, 50. | Acapulco 88/68 Athens 60/44 Chicago 43/35 Dallas 70/38 Hong Kong 66/54 Los Angeles 69/46 London 41/34 New Orleans 68/58 New York 43/35 Orlando 68/48 Paris 36/27 Phoenix 62/38 Rome 51/34 Seattle 46/42 Sydney 78/57 Tokyo 52/38 Washington 48/32 |
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