

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## All mail primary balloting fairly brisk

By the time the mail was received at the Clark County Elections Department today, 23,468 voters had cast mail-in ballots for the Tuesday, Sept. 16, primary election.

Although 111,427 Clark County registered voters were eligible to cast ballots, the expected return of 25 percent for the off-year primary election isn't comparatively low.

More than half the mail-in ballots expected to be cast had been returned to the elections department in the first four days after they were put in the mail to voters.

To count in this year's September primary, ballots must be postmarked no later than Sept. 16. In the alternative, they may be returned to the Elections Department, 1408 Franklin Street, or at any one of 13 ballot drop locations before 8 p.m. Tuesday and still count.

For a ballot drop location, consult the voters' pamphlet or call the Elections Department, **397-2345**.

## "Life After Meth" is a community forum on methamphetamines, addiction and recovery

With an emphasis on recovery, the community forum, "Life After Meth," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, is a free program sponsored by the Clark County Substance Abuse Advisory Board and a host of community organizations fighting alcohol and substance abuse.

The keynote speaker is **Sheryl Smith**, intervention specialist with the Vancouver School District. Guest speaker, **Eileen Williamson**, will share a personal story of meth addiction and recovery.

Light refreshments will be provided, according to spokesperson **Barbara Gerrior**.

## Kathy Condon presenting her views to Women in Action

Vancouver's **Kathy Condon**, owner and president of KC Solutions, a nationally recognized expert on networking and connecting people, is the guest speaker at the 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Women In Action luncheon in Royal Oaks Country Club.

Condon will discuss getting the most out of organizational experiences and memberships.

For required reservations, call **418-6888**.

## Ghost Stories named best special event in the nation

Vancouver's Ghost Stories event has been named the best special event in the nation in the past year, for cities of its size, by the City County Communications and Marketing Association.

3CMA's annual Savvy Awards recognize municipal creative marketing and communications.

This year, Vancouver Ghost Stories will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, along Officers Row in Vancouver Barracks.

The event features live theater and other entertainment on porches, in parlors and on the grounds at the barracks. Food and beverage vendors are in attendance.

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## People

State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th) is the speaker at the East Chamber Council Straight Talk lunch forum at noon Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the Camas Meadows Golf Club, 4105 NE Camas Meadows Drive, Camas. For further information on the \$15 luncheon, call the greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, **694-2588**.

**Tedde McMillen**, founder of Oregon Chai Tea, is the featured speaker at the Women Entrepreneurs Organization meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Heathman Lodge. Call **263-8957** for required registration.

## News briefs

Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today, and at 5 p.m. will discuss the city's developing six-year transportation plan. At 7 p.m. the council, in regular session, is expected to give initial approval to an ordinance that would define the method of financing for the proposed downtown hotel and conference center. An open house presenting proposals to update the county comprehensive plan is at 6 p.m. today in the Battle Ground Senior Citizens' Center, 116 NE 3rd Avenue, Battle Ground. Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16. The county Board of Health, which consists of the county commissioners, meets immediately following the commissioners' meeting. A Woodland Chamber of Commerce forum presenting Mayor **Jim Graham** and his challenger, **Doug Monge**, is at noon Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the Oak Tree Restaurant.

### Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KOTK  
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes 20th Anniversary Special—11 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 15, 2003

Alaska Air Group	28.95	+24	Linear Technology	37.86	-.51
Alcoa	28.54	-.64	Microsoft	28.36	+02
Amazon.com	45.51	-.17	Nautilus	12.00	-.05
Bank of America	77.00	+1.17	Nike	56.35	+67
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	25.08	+19
Bemis	44.98	+04	PepsiCo	45.15	-.03
Boeing	35.50	-.16	Precision Cast	35.54	+46
Boise Cascade	28.65	+07	RLRN	24.71	+36
CenturyTel	33.81	-.67	Starbucks	28.87	-.29
Costco	30.91	-.48	TSM	11.30	-.75
Expeditors Intl.	37.11	+47	Tektronix	24.00	-.04
Georgia Pacific	24.52	+03	US Bancorp	23.71	-.14
HPQ	19.83	-.17	Wash. Mutual	37.29	+24
Intel	27.99	-.35	W. Coast Bancorp	20.40	+36
Kyocera	64.05	-.45	Weyerhaeuser	60.91	+01

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

Jane Jacobsen says "mangiamo."	Acapulco	90/75
Greg Damico scaling up.	Athens	70/54
Boren and Beverly Biswas stocking up on Euros.	Chicago	70/62
Dell Ann Dyer researching Jake's leg.	Dallas	82/65
Gary Miller making the best buyer list.	Hong Kong	84/76
Tim McCoy in loop again.	Los Angeles	82/64
Monday, cool marine air portending light rain, 66.	London	77/61
Tuesday, mostly gray, light showers, 62.	New Orleans	87/68
Wednesday, sun trying to make comeback, 68.	New York	78/68
	Orlando	90/72
	Paris	72/56
	Phoenix	104/79
	Rome	71/54
	Seattle	66/50
	Sydney	65/38
	Tokyo	79/66
	Washington	81/63