

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Adult use of tobacco down in Clark County

Clark County, which in 1990 had the highest percentage of tobacco users in the state, has dropped to the statewide average.

While celebrating the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout today, **Theresa Cross**, spokesperson for the Clark County Health Department, said that just about four out of five county residents don't use tobacco, just about the average statewide. In 1990 nearly one-third of county residents used the drug.

This year, about half of the tobacco users has tried to quit at least once.

Cross says that one in ten adults is exposed to secondhand smoke while working outside the home. Most of those are working in the hospitality industry, she says. In Clark County, 70 percent of the restaurants are smoke free.

Evergreen physical education classes to make evening news in Taiwan

A television news crew from Taiwan will be shooting news footage in three Evergreen School District schools Friday, Nov. 21, the result of a parent bragging about physical education classes in Evergreen schools on a recent trip to her native Taiwan.

The crews will visit Wy'east Middle, Riverview Elementary and Image Elementary Schools.

Taiwanese students do not enjoy their physical education classes, according to **Alice Atha**, Riverview Elementary physical education teacher.

Flu season in Clark County underway, but it's not too late to get a shot

Influenza A virus has been identified in three people in Clark County this week, reports **Karen Steingart**, Clark County health officer.

Steingart says that the flu season here and elsewhere in the country has begun early, reports that three Clark County schools have reported more than 10 percent of the students absent with influenza symptoms.

Steingart adds that this may be a more severe flu season than in recent years and urges flu vaccinations.

Further information on influenza is available by clicking on www.cdc.gov.

Barrentine.Bates.Lee AIA getting awards for county Public Service Center

Architects Barrentine.Bates.Lee AIA, designers of the county Public Service Center completed this year, have been named winner of a second award for design of the \$42.5 million project.

Earlier this month the Vancouver firm was given a Clark County Community Pride Design Award for innovative design and construction strategies for the building.

Then the Masonry Institute of Washington followed up by presenting its 2003 Merit Award in Masonry Design to **Rob Barrentine**, who accepted on behalf of the firm.

THURSDAY

Nov. 20, 2003

People

Dan Mertz, physical education teacher at Harmony Elementary School, has been recognized as the K-12 Physical Education Teacher of the Year in the state of Washington by the state Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. ~~SES~~ **Andrea Nebel**, student assistance specialist at Burton Elementary School, recently was named state School Social Worker of the Year by the Washington State Social Worker Association.

News briefs

The 100 persons named over the years to the Clark County Hall of Fame for community achievement will be honored at the annual Hall of Fame banquet sponsored by the East Vancouver Rotary Club at 6 p.m. today in Royal Oaks Country Club. KGW-TV's **Carl Click** is master of ceremonies. ~~SES~~ The Clark County Planning Commission meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. today in the Public Service Center. ~~SES~~ "The Politics of Prescription Drugs," a panel discussion about the impact that consumers can have on the cost of prescription drugs, is being presented by the Forum at the Library at 7 p.m. tonight in the Vancouver Community Library Hall, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. ~~SES~~ The Vancouver School of Arts & Academics theater production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* concludes this week with presentations at 7 p.m. tonight, tomorrow and Saturday in the Royal Durst Theatre, 3101 Main Street. Adult tickets are \$4 at the door. ~~SES~~ The Friends of Hospice annual poinsettia sale is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, in the Southwest Washington Medical Center main campus and in the Memorial campus. Call **696-5056** for details.

Thursday on the Air

The Importance of a Strong Downtown—3:30 p.m. CVTV

TCU at Southern Mississippi (live)—4:30 p.m. ESPN

Growth Management Plan Update—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003

Alaska Air Group	26.66	+26	Linear Technology	40.63	-83
Alcoa	31.37	-70	Microsoft	25.10	-25
Amazon.com	48.85	-68	Nautilus	13.65	+07
Bank of America	74.00	-37	Nike	62.60	+141
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	31.82	+130
Bemis	44.74	-24	PepsiCo	47.27	-67
Boeing	39.35	-05	Precision Cast	40.05	-22
Boise Cascade	27.42	-32	RLRN	22.64	-03
CenturyTel	31.44	-46	Starbucks	30.46	-24
Costco	34.13	+32	TSM	10.52	-18
Expeditors Intl.	37.69	-01	Tektronix	25.70	-20
Georgia Pacific	25.22	-12	US Bancorp	27.14	-02
HPO	21.59	-62	Wash. Mutual	45.71	-15
Intel	31.83	-69	W. Coast Bancorp	21.08	-42
Kyocera	58.15	-70	Weyerhaeuser	56.01	-14

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Peggy Furno tidying up list. SES	Acapulco	93/73
Heather Allmain looking for volunteers to help with Salvation Army holiday baskets. SES	Athens	68/58
Larry Blaufus , Norm Martinson and Celeste Smith share birthdays on this date. SES	Chicago	64/40
Myk Heidt making the list. SES	Dallas	75/53
Thursday , snow changes to rain, 45. Friday , possible sunbreaks, some rain, 44. Saturday , colder, mostly sunny, 42.	Hong Kong	79/64
	Los Angeles	73/55
	London	53/41
	New Orleans	74/53
	New York	52/45
	Orlando	72/50
	Paris	54/41
	Phoenix	83/55
	Rome	68/53
	Seattle	44/34
	Sydney	75/64
	Tokyo	65/57
	Washington	56/42