

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

East wind blasts through Clark County, closing Fort Vancouver High School

A roaring east wind blew through the Pacific Northwest today, causing some school closures due to loss of electrical power. Fort Vancouver High School was closed at noon.

Gusts of 35 miles an hour were not unusual, and one gust in Clark County reportedly reached 80 miles an hour.

This storm will move through today, leaving rain in its wake, but meteorologists say a second, similar storm may follow.

Clark Public Utilities' spokesperson **Mick Shutt** said wind-related outages affected as many as 6,000 customers, mostly in outlying areas. By early afternoon fewer than 1,500 were without power.

Christmas Ships to begin Columbia River parading Sunday from Camas-Washougal

In its 49th year, the annual Portland Christmas Ships Inc. Christmas Parade's first night on the Columbia River begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, from the Camas-Washougal port area proceeds west to the I-5 bridge area and returns on the Washington side of the river.

The Columbia River fleet, about half of the total fleet of 60 boats (the other half parades along the Willamette River) parades on the Columbia River, most often departing Salty's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The Columbia River Schedule is as follows:

Monday, Dec. 8, I-5 Bridge area, Columbia Shores Complex, Hayden Bay.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, North Portland Harbor.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, I-205 Bridge to Steamboat Landing, parading along the Washington side of the river.

Thursday, Dec. 11, I-5 Bridge area, Columbia Shores Complex, Hayden Bay.

Monday, Dec. 15, I-5 Bridge area, Columbia Shores Complex, Hayden Bay.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, I-205 Bridge area to Steamboat Landing and return on the Washington side of the river.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, North Portland Harbor.

Thursday, Dec. 18, I-5 Bridge area, Columbia Shores Complex, Hayden Bay.

Friday Dec. 19, 42nd Street boat ramp area, including the Washington side of the river and the I-5 Bridge area.

For the complete schedule of parades on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, go to www.christmasships.org.

Gardner School, county's only independent school, holding open house Saturday

The Gardner School, 16413 NE 50th Avenue, just north of Washington State University Vancouver, is holding an open house from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6, to introduce potential students' parents to the concepts of multiple learning paths for youngsters.

According to the head of the school, **Jari Graves-Highsmith**, children learn in many different ways according to their own ways of receiving information.

The school is not affiliated with any religious group or

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any other organization, according to Graves-Highsmith. The school has about 100 students ranging from three years old to 8th graders.

Some financial aid is available, according to Graves-Highsmith. For further information, call **574-5752**.

Messiah opens Bravo! Vancouver season

Bravo! Vancouver opens its tenth season with its traditional Handel's *Messiah* in a 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, concert in St. Joseph Church, 400 Andresen Road.

The Bravo! Vancouver chorale is conducted by **Maria Manso**. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

People

Brian Fleetwood has been named vice president commercial loan officer at Columbia Credit Union, reports **Chuck Anderson**, the credit union's senior vice president of business banking. Most recently, Fleetwood was a vice president commercial loan officer with First Independent Bank. Raised in Clark County, Fleetwood is a graduate of Washington State University.

News briefs

Downtown Vancouver's Art Walk is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today. ~~SES~~ The Portland International Airport Noise Compatibility Study Advisory Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. today in the Port of Portland Administration Building, 121 NW Everett Street. ~~SES~~ The Sifton Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in Fire Station 88 at the corner of Fourth Plain Boulevard and Ward Road. ~~SES~~ ~~SES~~ The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce's 23rd annual Christmas Breakfast is from 7 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Admission is \$25.

Thursday on the Air

Port of Vancouver Columbia Gateway Project—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Everett at the Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KUPL

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

Alaska Air Group	26.40	+45	Linear Technolog	41.71	+23
Alcoa	35.45	+98	Microsoft	26.20	+53
Amazon.com	51.80	+29	Nautilus	13.53	-18
Bank of America	75.48	+03	Nike	65.26	-74
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	34.21	-29
Bemis	47.58	+71	PepsiCo	48.15	+45
Boeing	39.11	+59	Precision Cast	43.65	+171
Boise Cascade	30.85	-20	RLRN	24.03	+07
CenturyTel	32.08	+39	Starbucks	32.01	+06
Costco	36.17	+37	TSM	11.14	-06
Expeditors Intl.	38.93	-48	Tektronix	26.58	+22
Georgia Pacific	28.77	+06	US Bancorp	27.51	-15
HPQ	22.60	+19	Wash. Mutual	44.26	+04
Intel	33.54	+20	W. Coast Bancorp	21.16	+11
Kyocera	64.01	+1.26	Weyerhaeuser	59.37	-39

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Sam Jones yielding the floor. SES	Acapulco	91/73
Bill Hidden just having fun. SES	Athens	54/45
Martha Howe getting the deed done. SES	Chicago	38/29
SES Kevin and Annette Williams putting music back in 88 old black and whites. SES	Dallas	62/36
SES Bill Marshall selling a few cars. SES	Hong Kong	73/65
SES Ted Vanarsdol living history. SES	Los Angeles	74/52
Thursday , windeeee, scattered showers turn to rain, 52.	London	55/45
Friday , breezy, gray and rainy, 52.	New Orleans	66/46
Saturday , another drismal day, 50.	New York	41/34
	Orlando	78/58
	Paris	50/39
	Phoenix	77/50
	Rome	62/51
	Seattle	54/44
	Sydney	85/61
	Tokyo	50/33
	Washington	42/34