

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Larry Smith to announce Monday he is a candidate for Jeanne Lipton's council seat

Larry Smith, former Vancouver assistant city manager and, from 1996 until his retirement this year, director of Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, will announce Monday that he is a candidate for the Vancouver City Council Position 5 currently held by Jeanne Lipton.

Smith, who lives in Cascade Park, came to Vancouver in 1989, where as a colonel he was senior Army advisor to the 104th Army Reserve Division at Vancouver Barracks.

A veteran of two combat tours in Vietnam, Smith was decorated for valor twice and for meritorious service 14 times.

Smith, a graduate of Clemson University, also has masters degrees from Pepperdine University and the University of Missouri. He is a member of the SWIFT executive board, Vancouver-Clark Parks Foundation board, Red Cross of Clark County board, VanTech executive board, Rotary and the American Legion.

First Independent Mortgage gets \$50 million loan from First Independent for expansion

In what Ed Firstenburg, founder and chair of First Independent Bank, called the largest loan ever made in Clark County, the bank has approved a \$50 million loan to its wholly owned subsidiary, First Independent Mortgage.

Proceeds of the loan will be used to provide a wide variety of home loan programs to local area residents and to expand, according to First Independent Mortgage president Roger A. Jones.

In addition to opening a new centralized home lending center at 215 W 12th Street, First Independent Mortgage has acquired lending offices in Portland, Bellevue and Federal Way from Qfund Financial Inc.

Operation Green Lights taking off

Vancouver's Shell Solar Industries has become Clark Public Utilities' largest business partner in its Green Lights program, which promotes the development and use of renewable electric energy.

Shell Solar has agreed to buy 1,210 blocks of Green Lights power, which represents about 1.5 million kilowatt hours a year. The agreement follows a purchase earlier this month of 70 blocks of Green Power made by Sharp Microelectronics of the Americas, Camas.

"Shell and Sharp set good examples for the Green Lights program," says utility commission chair Carol



Larry Smith

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Curtis. "The commitment of large energy users helps encourage other customers to join the program, which will result in development of additional renewable energy resources in the Pacific Northwest."

Green Lights is a voluntary program offering 100 kilowatt-hour blocks of electricity for \$1.50 each.

The contributions are pooled through the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, which is developing renewable energy projects in the region.

Since the program began last year, 245 Clark Public Utilities customers have bought 3,417 blocks of Green Lights power. For further information, call 992-3238.

Home & Garden Idea Fair opens at 9 a.m.

The three-day Clark Public Utilities' Home & Garden Idea Fair opens at 9 a.m. Friday, April 25, in the Clark County Fairgrounds. The fair, featuring the largest plant sale in the northwest, is free. Parking is \$3.

Hours are until 8 p.m. Friday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

News briefs

Susan Webber-Brown, Butte County, Calif., district attorney, will discuss her county's Drug-Endangered Children Program at 4 p.m. in Hudson's Bay High School commons, 1206 E Reserve Street. The free forum is for the public as well as law-enforcement professionals. Drug-endangered children are those who have lived in clandestine methamphetamine labs and drug houses. ~~ESB~~
The Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the CASEE Building, 11104 NE 149th Street.

Thursday electronic events

Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Cleveland at the Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KTOK

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, April 24, 2003

Alaska Air Group	17.64	+32	Linear Technology	35.87	-44
Alcoa	22.01	-70	Microsoft	25.49	-23
Amazon.com	25.12	-31	Nautilus	12.39	-23
Bank of America	73.56	-99	Nike	53.06	-69
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	17.00	-20
Bemis	44.79	+30	PepsiCo	43.33	+33
Boeing	27.63	-51	Precision Cast	27.86	-56
Boise Cascade	22.89	-59	RRLRN	18.25	+25
CenturyTel	29.06	-55	Starbucks	25.23	+65
Costco	33.55	-29	TSM	7.74	-51
Expeditors Intl.	35.92	+10	Tektronix	18.81	-26
Georgia Pacific	15.36	+71	US Bancorp	22.40	-46
HPQ	15.80	-27	Wash. Mutual	38.52	-52
Intel	18.95	-53	W. Coast Bancorp	16.02	-23
Kyocera	48.01	-119	Weyerhaeuser	51.72	-97

DOW: 8440.44 -75.62 NASDAQ: 1457.23 -8.93 S&P: 9114.3 -7.59

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Royce Pollard blowing out all the candles. ~~ESB~~ **Bruce Cross** celebrating. ~~ESB~~ **Jeff Williams** taking care of details. ~~ESB~~ **Ellen Smith, Phil Wuest, Tina Picchioni and Brenda Randall** winning sports bottles. ~~ESB~~ **Susan Deen** winning duffle bag. ~~ESB~~
Thursday, rain, 58. Friday, a few showers, scattered sunbreaks, 56. Saturday, diminishing showers, sunbreaks, 56.

Acapulco	90/74
Athens	62/48
Chicago	58/44
Dallas	72/60
Hong Kong	82/57
Los Angeles	66/54
London	64/48
New Orleans	78/70
New York	63/47
Orlando	85/62
Paris	69/50
Phoenix	82/60
Rome	68/49
Seattle	56/44
Sydney	68/54
Tokyo	64/55
Washington	68/49