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Absentee balloting strong for today's election

Absentee ballots have been received from 41,477 Clark County voters thus far for today's general election. Election officials predict well over 40 percent of the county's registered voters will vote by absentee ballot or at polling places by 8 p.m. today.

To be counted, absentee ballots must be postmarked today or turned into polling places or the county elections department by 8 p.m.

Countywide returns will be broadcast by CVTV beginning at 8 p.m. from the Firefly Café in the county Public Service Center.

Auditor's Office issues report card for Clark County services

The Clark County Auditor's Office has issued a Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report describing program goals and operational data for four county service areas. The work does not constitute an internal audit, county Auditor **Greg Kimsey** says. It is based on performance.

The complete report can be found on the auditor's webpage at www.clark.wa.gov/auditor.

Highlights are:

Sheriff's Office—Reversing the history of the past three years, response times for the most important calls show significant improvement. Reported crimes have remained fairly flat over the past four years.

Public Works Road Operations—The data that have been presented show that 73 percent of the county's roads are in good condition. The county has been successful in upgrading many existing graveled roads.

Parks Maintenance and Acquisition—There has been a 1,700-acre increase in parkland since 1998. Total urban park space remains above the standard stated in the county's Growth Management Plan. Urban open space substantially meets the overall goal.

Mental Health Services—The number of clients served, and the number of hours of service provided, have increased slightly. Client satisfaction, as indicated by client surveys, has improved over time. The new Mobile Children's Assessment Team resulted in an increase in crisis services provided to children.

Clark Public Utilities saves \$1.2 million by taking advantage of low interest rates

Taking advantage of low interest rates Clark Public Utilities' high credit rating, utility commissioners Tuesday rewrote the utility's loan portfolio and will realize a savings of \$1.2 million in interest.

Interest on some of the bonds came in as low as 3.5 percent. "We almost hit the U.S. Treasury Department level," said the utility's director of finance, **Rick Dyer**.

Clark's credit was rated A-1 by Moody's and A by Standard and Poor.

Commissioners also heard a cost of service analysis of its water and wastewater departments. As a result, water and sewer rate charges, now among the lowest in the region, may be adjusted upward next spring.

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Clark College Foundation's Presidential Award presented to John and Betty Walker

In recognition of their endowment for the Lewis D. Cannell Library on the Clark College campus, **John and Betty Walker** have been presented the Clark College Foundation's Presidential Excellence Award.

The couple also was recognized for their continuing support of the college's nursing scholarship award program.

People

Heather Bjorgan has been appointed academic counselor for the new Phoenix University learning center, which opened this month in Vancouver. Bjorgan, who has been with the university since 2000, holds a bachelors degree from the University of Minnesota and a masters degree from the University of British Columbia. **Dana Carpenter** and **Alan Yanda** each has been named admissions counselors at the university's Vancouver and Clackamas learning centers.

News briefs

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council directors meet in regular session at 4 p.m. today in the 6th floor training room of the Public Service Center.

~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. ~~SES~~ **Dean Oswald**, regional manager of Cisco Systems, is featured speaker at the 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, annual membership meeting of the Columbia River Economic Development Council in the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. Call **694-5006** for reservations for the \$30 per person lunch.

Tuesday on the Air

Camas-Washougal Candidates Forum—4 p.m. CVTV
Ridgefield Candidates Forum—6 p.m. CVTVB
General Election Night (live)—8 p.m. CVTV
2003 Clark County Election Results—10 p.m. CVTV

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

Alaska Air Group	28.15	-.24	Linear Technolog	43.45	-.35
Alcoa	32.03	-.16	Microsoft	26.07	-.61
Amazon.com	56.86	+1.12	Nautilus	15.46	-.44
Bank of America	75.54	-.45	Nike	63.55	-.36
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	30.60	-.30
Bemis	45.96	-.39	PepsiCo	47.75	-.07
Boeing	38.73	-.18	Precision Cast	40.64	-.68
Boise Cascade	28.39	-.02	RLRN	24.93	+2.25
CenturyTel	34.90	-.88	Starbucks	31.57	-.14
Costco	35.29	+1.11	TSM	11.42	-.05
Expeditors Intl.	39.63	+1.82	Tektronix	25.59	-.37
Georgia Pacific	27.21	+0.07	US Bancorp	26.82	-.19
HPQ	22.98	+0.28	Wash. Mutual	44.26	.07
Intel	33.68	-.36	W. Coast Bancorp	21.01	-.03
Kyocera	61.70	+1.10	Weyerhaeuser	59.55	-.44

DOW: 9838.83 -19.63 NASDAQ: 1957.96 -9.74 S&P: 1053.25 -5.77

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Terry Mundorf mind bending. SES	Acapulco	92/75
Dean Sutherland seizing triumphal moment. SES	Athens	70/55
Andy Huck aspiring to be succinct. SES	Chicago	70/43
Carol Curtis getting lunch break. SES	Dallas	80/60
Rachael Mortensen gathering steam. SES	Hong Kong	82/71
Hakan Gurocak getting cover-page treatment. SES	Los Angeles	66/48
Tuesday , still on cool side, nearly dry, 48. Wednesday , cool, but sunnier, 46. Thursday , sunny, 50.	London	57/49
	New Orleans	82/68
	New York	64/57
	Orlando	85/70
	Paris	52/42
	Phoenix	70/50
	Rome	65/50
	Seattle	46/32
	Sydney	78/57
	Tokyo	65/52
	Washington	84/60