

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate improves, unadjusted rate worsens

Washington's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 6.8 percent in November, compared to 7 percent in October, according to the state Employment Security Department. But the non-adjusted rate rose by .2 percent to 6.8 percent for the same period.

Clark County's non-adjusted unemployment rate dropped 1.1 percent to 7.6 percent for November. The national non-adjusted unemployment rate remained the same, at 5.6 percent, for October and November.

Two thousand more people were employed in Clark County in November over the previous month. The total county employment level is at 169,100. There are 183,000 workers in the county.

## "Vancouver is open for business," His Honor will say at the 2004 State of the City address

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard's** 2004 State of the City address is on the theme "Vancouver is Open for Business."

Appropriately the annual address, which is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, will be in the Columbia Tech Center Plaza, the now vacant former headquarters of Consolidated Freightways, 16400 SE Tech Center Drive.

There is no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Call **696-8200** for required reservations.

## Rail bypass project includes overpass at 39th Street

An overpass at W 39th Street is included in the final plans for new rail bypass tracks through the Vancouver rail yard, according to the state Department of Transportation's *Rail Connection* newsletter.

Although the Federal Highway Administration has completed environmental documentation for the WSDOT project, construction is not to begin until 2007.

The additional rail trackage begins southwest of the Vancouver train depot and continues north to the Wye Junction near 78th Street and Lakeshore Avenue.

The Vancouver segment of improvements, part of WSDOT's 20-year improvement plan, will help increase passenger speed limits along Amtrack's Cascade corridor.

According to state transportation officials, seven of ten Washingtonians live within 15 miles of the Interstate 5-Amtrack Cascades corridor.

## Battle Ground School District board will hear music, school bond election recommendation

The Battle Ground School District board meeting is in two parts tonight, separated by an hour-long holiday concert.

The board convenes at 6 p.m. in Laurin Middle School, 13601 NE 97th Avenue, for the first hour of business and will adjourn for the district's holiday concert in the Glenwood Heights Primary School.

When the board reconvenes at 8 p.m. in the Laurin Middle School, it will hear a recommendation for a school

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bond issue election early next year.

## Camp Bonneville acquisition possible in 5 to 10 years, or maybe never

Acquisition of most of the 3,840-acre Camp Bonneville military reservation by Clark County for public use, including a major regional park, is not expected until 2009 to 2014, if ever, according to the county's *Camp Bonneville News & Information* newsletter.

County officials had hoped for transfer of the reservation from the Army to the county's Local Reuse Authority last September, through an early transfer.

The sticking point is the anticipated enormous cost of cleaning up unexploded ordnance and mitigating other environmental issues.

According to the newsletter, the Army tried to turn the camp over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which uses a small part of the complex for training, but the FBI decided against taking responsibility for what is an enormous environmental liability.

While there had been tacit agreement between the Army and the local community for the transfer, the Army says it cannot commit to turning the facility over to anyone.

## News briefs

Women in Action's annual raffle is at their noon luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Reservations are required. Call **418-6888** for further information. ~~See~~ Clark County Commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

### Tuesday on the Air

49th Legislative District Town Hall Meeting—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland State at Boise State (live)—6:30 p.m. KPOJ**  
**Milwaukee at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KKGT**  
**University of Portland at Weber State (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**  
Clark County Commissioners Growth Plan (12/9)—11 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003

Alaska Air Group	26.70	+77	Linear Technolog	39.94	+19
Alcoa	34.98	+04	Microsoft	27.06	+32
Amazon.com	49.50	-91	Nautilus	13.15	-12
Bank of America	77.50	+1.07	Nike	65.11	+89
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	31.94	-76
Bemis	48.70	+02	PepsiCo	47.40	+03
Boeing	39.93	+73	Precision Cast	44.20	-87
Boise Cascade	29.90	+05	RLRN	23.28	-27
CenturyTel	30.75	-65	Starbucks	32.00	+48
Costco	35.87	+44	TSM	9.80	-16
Expeditors Intl.	37.75	+15	Tektronix	27.26	-13
Georgia Pacific	28.60	-12	US Bancorp	28.12	+39
HPQ	22.11	+10	Wash. Mutual	39.59	+06
Intel	30.26	+02	W. Coast Bancorp	21.18	+34
Kvocera	64.90	+1.07	Weverhaeuser	60.42	-05

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

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