

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

BPA ends fiscal year in black, pays U.S. Treasury \$328 million for good measure

The Bonneville Power Administration ended fiscal 2003 in the black despite low water conditions.

The agency also sent the U.S. Treasury more than \$1 billion, meeting its debt obligation, and then threw in another \$328 million for good measure, according to BPA administrator **Steve Wright**.

The power agency, which supplies the Pacific Northwest with nearly half its electric power needs, had net revenues of \$555 million on sales of \$3.6 billion.

Evergreen School District speaks in 27 languages

The Evergreen School District, which provides documents in 27 different languages, is one of three districts in the state to earn the Washington State School Directors Diversity Award this year.

In addition to addressing the languages of all students, the district provides interpreters during parent conferences and on family nights, has bilingual staff assistances and provides dedicated telephone lines in Russian and Spanish.

"As we continue to grow and diversify as a school district, it is important that we take proactive steps to ensure equitable world-class education for all of our students."

Wells Fargo building new branch at SE 192nd Avenue and 34th Street

Wells Fargo has started construction on a \$2.2 million financial services store at 19100 SE 34th Street, according to **Robert Wareham**, Wells Fargo's Clark County Community Banking district manager.

When opened in 2004, the new branch will give Wells Fargo's Clark County customers nine banking stores, four mortgage stores, a business banking office, a brokerage office, a consumer finance store and two call centers.

Clark Public Utilities needs salmon habitat volunteers

Volunteers are being sought by Clark Public Utilities for a tree-planting work party Saturday, Dec. 6, along the banks of Salmon Creek.

Because some machinery will be used, volunteers must be at least 15 years old.

The annual event is part of the utility's Salmon Creek Enhancement program, begun in 1992 to improve and protect water quality in the Salmon Creek basin. The utility serves 26,000 water customers in the area. More than a half million trees have been planted since the program began, and nearly a half million steelhead and trout have been released in lakes and streams in the area.

For registration and directions to the event, which is from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., call **992-8510**.

Chamber's happiest event of the year Friday

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce's most enjoyable and fun event of the year, its 23rd annual

TUESDAY

Dec. 2, 2003

Christmas Breakfast, is from 7 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Chamber members are urged to bring employees, bosses and friends to the \$25 event. And, money or food to benefit local charities.

WSU Vancouver Biology Club to dissect West Nile Virus

The newly emerging disease, West Nile Virus, will be discussed by the WSU Vancouver Biology Club in a free public lecture at noon Friday, Dec. 5, in the Student Services Building, room 129.

Pamela Jen, Healing Star Veterinary Clinic, will share research on the cause, spread, symptoms and prevention of the disease that this year killed 199 persons in the United States and Canada.

InterACT taking on health care costs

InterACT First Thursday, the forum where the audience is the panel, will discuss health care costs at its noon, Thursday, Dec. 4 session in My Friends & I Catering, 1010 Broadway.

Reservations are not required. The forum is free. There is a modest charge for a light lunch if ordered. People

People

Lisa Bodner has been appointed to the Clark County Board of Equalization.

News brief

Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Tuesday on the Air

Columbia River Improvement Appreciation Day—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland State at Oregon (live)—7 p.m. Comcast 14. KPOJ. KXL
Clark County Public Facilities District (11/3)—7:30 p.m. CVTV
The Importance of a Strong Downtown—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003

Alaska Air Group	27.90	-1.15	Linear Technolog	42.39	-.76
Alcoa	34.15	+22	Microsoft	25.66	-.18
Amazon.com	53.93	-.72	Nautilus	13.88	-.313
Bank of America	76.61	+26	Nike	67.20	-.65
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	34.26	-.24
Bemis	46.45	-.03	PepsiCo	48.14	-.57
Boeing	37.83	-.19	Precision Cast	40.77	unch
Boise Cascade	30.60	-.18	RLRN	23.85	+10
CenturyTel	32.81	-.24	Starbucks	32.05	-.38
Costco	36.03	-.57	TSM	11.30	+22
Expeditors Intl.	38.98	-.45	Tektronix	27.74	-.05
Georgia Pacific	28.45	+69	US Bancorp	27.87	-.03
HPQ	22.45	+61	Wash. Mutual	44.66	-.71
Intel	33.85	-.19	W. Coast Bancorp	21.34	-.41
Kyocera	62.65	+25	Weyerhaeuser	59.32	+32

DOW: 9853.64 -45.41 NASDAQ: 1980.07 -9.75 S&P: 1066.62 -3.5

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Bryson Sleeper showing off flaming red locks. **Mike and Becky Goodrich** first to proclaim season. **Jim Justin** making a point for smoked salmon salad. **Marilyn Willis** getting to the point. **Larry Blaufus** resonating with customer service. **Tuesday**, continued rain, 56. **Wednesday**, mostly gray but some sun, too, 47. **Thursday**, more rain and less sun, 56.

Acapulco	93/75
Athens	58/43
Chicago	35/21
Dallas	60/50
Hong Kong	70/61
Los Angeles	70/52
London	49/42
New Orleans	62/49
New York	37/24
Orlando	70/50
Paris	45/36
Phoenix	75/50
Rome	60/50
Seattle	52/42
Sydney	76/53
Tokyo	61/46
Washington	48/24