

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## Library begins push to improve the neighborhood with three new facilities

On March 2, 2004, voters in what is expected to become a new library sub district within the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, will vote on a \$48 million bond issue that would nearly double the size of the Vancouver Community Library and build a new library in the new Firstenburg Community Center in Cascade Park.

The election date had long been awaited. Originally to have been this year the library trustees deferred to the unsettling times following 9/11 and the economic uncertainty that hung on.

Voters at the same special election need, first, to authorize formation of the district of about 217,000 people in Vancouver and surrounding neighborhoods with a majority vote, then pass a bond issue by a 60 percent majority to build the new libraries and expand the library's district headquarters and book storage facilities.

The Vancouver Community Library would be expanded from 48,000 square feet to 92,000-square feet at its current Mill Plain, Fort Vancouver Way location. The headquarters now at that location would be moved to another as yet undesignated location.

The 25,000-square-foot proposed library in Cascade Park would be ten times the size of the current 2,500-square-foot facility near NE 136th Avenue and Mill Plain Boulevard.

Cost of the 20-year bond issue is expected to be about 17 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, about equal to \$35 a year for a \$150,000 home.

The trustees expect a big turnout for the vote since the other measure on the ballot will be Washington's first-ever March presidential primary.

## Political candidates to speak at League of Women Voters, Forum at the Library meet

Candidates for this fall's non-partisan elections will have their first collective outing at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 26, in the Fort Vancouver Regional Library community room, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

That forum, and a second at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the Camas Police Department community room, 2100 NE 3rd Avenue, are sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Forum at the Library.

Scheduled to make presentations at the Vancouver forum are **Timothy Leavitt**, **D. Michael Heywood**, **Paul L. Harris** and **Heather Crumbaker**, all candidates for the Vancouver City Council, Position 4; **Julie K. Young**, **Larry J. Smith** and **Mike Tefey**, candidates for Vancouver City Council Position 5; and **Tom Bradley**, **Robert Durgan** and **Nancy Baker**, candidates for Port of Vancouver commissioner, District 2.

Appearing in the Camas forum will be incumbent **Dean Dossett**, **Paul Dennis** and **Howard Belz**, candidates for the mayor of Camas; **David Gast**, **Liz Pike Erikson** and **Bruce Lindoff**, Camas councilmember at-large candidates; and **Jim Gray**, **Rich Gunderson**, **Zachariah A. Merritt**

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and **Paul Cannon**, all candidates for commissioner Position 2, Port of Camas-Washougal.

## County employment numbers improving

From 9.9 percent a month ago, the percentage of unemployed Clark County workers fell to 9.6 percent for July, reports the state Department of Employment Security.

Statewide, there were gains in employment, too. The unadjusted employment rate for Washington was 7.4 percent for July, down .2 percent from June. Nationally, the rate dropped from 6.4 percent to 6.3 percent.

"Although there are positive signs in the national economy, the labor market in Washington continues to send mixed signals," says Employment Security acting deputy commissioner **Thomas Bynum**.

"Washington's nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined by 21,500 jobs in July, due to seasonal layoffs in state and local education and educational services," Bynum said, adding, "The largest increases in jobs came in the construction industry and the leisure and hospitality sectors."

## News briefs

C-TRAN directors meet in regular session at 5:15 p.m. today in the Rose Besserman conference room at the Fisher's Landing Transit Center.—The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.—Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in workshop session at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13.

### Tuesday on the air

Archaeology of Pioneer Logging: Wind River—3:30 p.m. CVTV  
Real Excise Tax Proposal—5 p.m. CVTV  
Toronto at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KTOK  
Nashville at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD  
Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003

Alaska Air Group	24.38	+20	Linear Technology	36.56	+35
Alcoa	27.10	-09	Microsoft	25.73	+12
Amazon.com	39.85	+92	Nautilus	11.30	+34
Bank of America	81.43	+82	Nike	53.73	+95
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	22.98	+53
Bemis	44.68	+30	PepsiCo	45.60	+39
Boeing	32.61	+39	Precision Cast	31.57	+77
Boise Cascade	25.34	unch	RLRN	23.70	+17
CenturyTel	34.72	+24	Starbucks	26.65	+24
Costco	30.05	+60	TSM	9.68	+16
Expeditors Intl.	37.11	+83	Tektronix	20.64	+37
Georgia Pacific	21.88	+27	US Bancorp	24.25	+53
HPQ	20.95	+99	Wash. Mutual	39.48	+21
Intel	24.37	+47	W. Coast Bancorp	19.04	+08
Kvocera	57.45	+68	Weverhaeuser	56.55	+25

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

**Lauren Buhler** composing.—**Connor Buhler** reliving great moments in sports.—**Tom Hunt** helping keep cyber dogs at bay.—**Mike Anderson** making hard-to-turn-down offer.—**Brittany Gosselin** planning candlelight vigil.—**Beckey Pettigrew** calling for next meeting.—**Krista Glenn** handling chores.—**Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 77.  
**Wednesday**, sun overpowers clouds.  
**80. Thursday**, mixed bag, dry thunder, 80.

Acapulco	91/77
Athens	87/69
Chicago	80/63
Dallas	88/70
Hong Kong	90/81
Los Angeles	90/67
London	86/59
New Orleans	88/74
New York	85/75
Orlando	88/72
Paris	99/71
Phoenix	110/86
Rome	95/72
Seattle	76/54
Sydney	74/52
Tokyo	84/73
Washington	88/72