

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Hospice House gets name—Ray Hickey's

Southwest Washington Medical Center's Hospice Southwest inpatient hospice center has been named the **Ray Hickey Hospice house**.

Hickey, who is lending his name to the facility, also donated \$1.5 million toward construction of the facility on E. Mill Plain Boulevard. He was one of 1,100 people whose donations to the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation came to more than \$3.1 million for the 20-room facility that's to be completed next April.



Ray Hickey

Hickey is the former owner of Tidewater Barge Lines. His list of gifts includes a \$1 million piece of land to the city of Vancouver for the nearly mile-long Renaissance Trail along the Columbia River Waterfront, \$500,000 to Celebrate Freedom Forums, and \$300,000 to the Jack, Will and Rob Kids Foundation youth center in Camas.

The Ray Hickey Hospice House will provide end-of-life care in a homelike environment, says **Robert Ellis**, physician director for Hospice Southwest. According to Ellis, in addition to private rooms for patients there will be some overnight accommodations for family members.

The medical center foundation continues to raise funds for operations of the facility.

Clark Public Utilities repair service to continue for the time being

Clark Public Utilities' extremely popular appliance repair service, under attack in state courts, will continue at least until the utility decides whether to appeal the most recent legal setback.

Tuesday, the state appeals court ruled that appliance repair is beyond the scope of public utility districts in the state of Washington. A Clark County Superior Court judge ruled in 2002 that the law did not provide for the repair service. Earlier, a state auditor issued an opinion that the service was not permissible. A proposed bill that would have specified that the service was legal failed in the last state legislative session.

"We're reviewing the case and will consider an appeal to the state Supreme Court," utility spokesperson **Mick Shutt** said.

The service has been available to Clark's customers since the utility signed on its first customers in 1946.

Framed "maps as art" available from county

The Clark County Assessment and GIS Services is offering framed maps and aerial photos of Clark County locations for up to \$200 each. The maps, customized to the

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buyer's requirements, come with gunmetal gray frames and anti-glare Plexiglas cover. Unframed maps are \$50.

The county's 2004 road atlas is available for \$22.

Maps are available from the GIS Store, second floor of the Public Service Building. For further information, call **397-2391**.

Instructional Materials Committee forming

An Instructional Materials Committee is being formed by the Evergreen School District to provide review of the curriculum adoption process and to address instructional materials issues.

Applications for two-year terms on the committee are being accepted through Monday, Jan. 5.

For further information, call **Pat Norby, 604-4001**.

News briefs

Information about Vancouver's proposed new environmental ordinance is being presented today during a 5-to-7:30 p.m. open house in City Hall. The proposed ordinance would consolidate all of several city ordinances focusing on the environment and is being financed through the state Department of Community Trade and Economic Development. Presentations are at 5:15, 6 and 7 p.m. ~~###~~ The Clark County Planning Commission is holding a hearing on a new home occupation ordinance at 6:30 p.m. today in the sixth floor hearing room of the Public Service Building. ~~###~~ The Puget Sound Blood Center is holding a blood drive from noon until 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, in the International Air Academy, 2901 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

Wednesday on the Air

The Nutcracker—4 p.m. CVTV
Port of Vancouver Columbia Gateway Project—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Santa Clara at Oregon (live)—6 p.m. Comcast 14
Portland Winter Hawks at Spokane (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Vancouver Planning Commission—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003

Alaska Air Group	26.49	-.21	Linear Technology	39.40	-.54
Alcoa	35.61	+.63	Microsoft	27.04	-.02
Amazon.com	47.58	-1.92	Nautilus	13.25	+.10
Bank of America	77.88	+.38	Nike	66.01	+.90
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	32.19	+.25
Bemis	40.52	-.18	PepsiCo	47.15	+.25
Boeing	40.86	+.93	Precision Cast	44.62	+.42
Boise Cascade	30.18	+.28	RLRN	22.61	-.67
CenturyTel	31.03	+.28	Starbucks	31.77	-.23
Costco	35.99	+.12	TSM	9.45	-.35
Expeditors Intl.	37.46	-.29	Tektronix	27.07	-.19
Georgia Pacific	29.43	+.83	US Bancorp	28.36	+.24
HPQ	21.96	-.15	Wash. Mutual	39.82	+.23
Intel	30.17	-.09	W. Coast Bancorp	21.14	-.04
Kyocera	63.90	-1.00	Weyerhaeuser	60.90	+.48

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Linda Hickey providing directions. ~~###~~ **Ken Cole** coming through before the holidays. ~~###~~ **Anna Kim-Williams** working on story that won't quit. ~~###~~ **Bob Pool** offering last minute gift suggestions. ~~###~~ **Kelly Sills** preparing for roll call. ~~###~~
Wednesday, gray, fog, showers, sunbreaks, too, 50. **Thursday**, partly sunny, 54. **Friday**, sunbreaks and showers, 50.

Acapulco	93/75
Athens	65/54
Chicago	54/37
Dallas	70/47
Hong Kong	81/73
Los Angeles	77/55
London	59/49
New Orleans	70/50
New York	59/48
Orlando	76/52
Paris	55/43
Phoenix	80/54
Rome	67/55
Seattle	47/38
Sydney	84/64
Tokyo	60/52
Washington	64/48