

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Evergreen School District board ratifies two-year teacher contract

A two-year contract with Evergreen School District teachers was unanimously approved by the district's board yesterday, providing for improvements in compensation for about 1,400 teachers.

The new package will have an impact on the district of about \$1.7 million over the next two years.

Teachers will be reimbursed for some costs not now compensable and will be paid for additional amounts of time they devote to work performed beyond contract requirements.

Both district superintendent **Rick Melching**, and the Evergreen Education Association president **Jim Schaefer** agreed the new contract, supported by over 97 percent of the teachers, is a good one.

Home builders niche—upper \$300,000 to mid \$500,000—being shown off in Washougal

The 2003 Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Clark County opens an 18-day run in Washougal Friday, July 11.

"The 11 homes are in the upper \$300,000 to mid \$500,000 price range," says **John Girod**, president of Quail Homes and chair of the 2003 event. "It's who we are, our niche. Not everyone can afford a million or two for a home. We need our own identity. We want to make our show stand out from anything else in the metropolitan area."

The Parade of Homes, 1.8 miles north of Highway 14 on Washougal's 34th Street, is open from noon until 9 p.m. daily through Sunday, July 27. Adult admission is \$10.

John Mayer/Counting Crows open the Amphitheater in Clark County Thursday

The opening concert in the \$20 million Amphitheater in Clark County is **John Mayer/Counting Crows**, at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at the Clark County fairgrounds.

Tickets, available through Fred Meyer and GI Joe's Ticketmaster outlets, are \$32.50 for lawn seating and \$45.50 for reserved, under-cover seating.

Eight concerts have been scheduled through Sept. 28.

Top draw is expected to be **Jimmy Buffett**, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Tickets for that concert are \$37 on the lawn and \$78 for reserved under-cover seats.

Wells Fargo Financial opens regional collection center

Wells Fargo Financial, an \$18 billion consumer installment lending company, Tuesday opened a 22,500-square-foot collection center in Vancouver at 521 Chkalov Drive.

The center, re-located from Portland, currently employs 100 persons but is expected to expand to 200 employees and an annual payroll of \$6 million in the next few months, according to manager **Mike Hiber**.

The center serve 250 Wells Fargo Financial stores in ten states.

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Wells Fargo Financial is a subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Co.,

Volunteers for four-and-a half-hour shifts at visitors information center sought

Volunteers to work four-and-a-half-hour shifts at the new visitor and information center operated by the Southwest Washington Convention and Visitor's Bureau are being sought.

The bureau has opened a center in the Slocum House in Esther Short Park. Shifts are from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call **750-1553**.

Rally for Royce Pollard is Thursday

A fund raising event for **Royce Pollard's** bid for a fifth consecutive term as mayor of America's Vancouver is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, in the new Smith Reynolds Post #14, American Legion, 4607 NE St. James Road.

News briefs

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. today. The agenda includes a presentation on C-TRAN's 20-year transit development plan. ~~SES~~ A free orientation program on quitting tobacco is at 6 p.m. today in the Health Connection Library of the Memorial Health Center, 33rd and Main Streets. ~~SES~~ The Vancouver Parking Advisory Committee will meet in a special session at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10, in City Hall, to discuss the Vancouvercenter garage grand opening.

Wednesday on the air

Vancouver Community Events Roundtable—4 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (7/2)—7 p.m. CVTV

Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Tacoma at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Vancouver Planning Commission (7/8)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Alaska Air Group	22.79	+ .83	Linear Technology	35.96	-.18
Alcoa	25.47	-.34	Microsoft	27.47	-.23
Amazon.com	40.50	-.01	Nautilus	13.04	+ .43
Bank of America	81.85	+ .37	Nike	53.00	-.71
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	20.40	-.06
Bemis	45.18	-.73	PepsiCo	44.55	-.47
Boeing	35.23	+ .24	Precision Cast	32.55	-.08
Boise Cascade	23.98	-.68	RLRN	21.19	-.52
CenturyTel	35.08	-.22	Starbucks	27.13	-.19
Costco	36.71	-.18	TSM	10.62	+ .15
Expeditors Intl.	36.87	-.16	Tektronix	22.43	+ .12
Georgia Pacific	20.07	-.65	US Bancorp	24.86	-.06
HPQ	22.93	+ .82	Wash. Mutual	41.94	-.10
Intel	23.48	+ .33	W. Coast Bancorp	18.58	-.12
Kyocera	65.00	-2.00	Weyerhaeuser	53.96	+ .24

DOW: 9156.21 -66.88 ~~SES~~ NASDAQ: 1747.52 +1.06 ~~SES~~ S&P: 1002.22 -5.62

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Chris Crowley in the audience. SES	Acapulco	90/73
Tom Unger celebrating at ribbon cutting. SES	Athens	84/67
Holly Newton advancing career hopes at Free Clinic. SES	Chicago	78/65
Jennifer Prouse organizing classes. SES	Dallas	92/76
Agusto Proano opening hotel in Quito. SES	Hong Kong	91/79
Wednesday , morning clouds a little more sun, 80. Thursday sunny and hot, 90. Friday , continued hot, late clouds, 86.	Los Angeles	86/64
	London	75/61
	New Orleans	90/76
	New York	86/66
	Orlando	95/74
	Paris	75/58
	Phoenix	113/86
	Rome	87/64
	Seattle	77/56
	Sydney	63/48
	Tokyo	77/66
	Washington	92/72