

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Vancouver library overdue!!! Absentee ballots are in the mail

How busy is the Vancouver Community Library?

The Vancouver Community Library checks out more books than the main libraries in Seattle, Chicago or Minneapolis.

How small is the Cascade Park Library?

The Cascade Park Library is so small that the children's summer reading programs have to be held outdoors.

Where does the library keep the books?

The librarians want to keep them on the library shelves so the patrons can find what they want but currently over 70,000 books are in storage. There are at least another 100,000 volumes the library should have for patrons, but doesn't have room for.

What happened?

Vancouver's population and demands for library services have increased 400 percent since the downtown library was completed 40 years ago.

What's the solution?

Remodel and expand the 48,000 square-foot downtown library to 92,000 square feet at its current site. Build a new 25,000 square-foot Cascade Park Library next to the Firstenburg Community Center. Consolidate library district processing and administrative functions in a low-cost warehouse facility.

How?

Form a special library district similar to the Three Creeks capital facility area. Do this by voting to form the area at the Tuesday, March 9, special election. This takes a majority vote.

At the same time, approve a \$48 million, 20-year bond issue. This takes a 60 percent majority vote.

What's that going to cost?

The estimated cost is 17 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation per year. Owners of a \$175,000 home would pay about \$2.48 per month.

Why?

Public libraries are a vast, nearly unlimited free source of information, enlightenment, education and entertainment for businesses, educators, students—for every citizen in the community.

—Tauf Charneski

People

Johnie Tucker, director of Teen Services for Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, has been named recipient of the 2004 Diversity Leadership Award by the

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Vancouver Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The award is being presented during the annual Black History Month Banquet at 6 p.m. tonight in the Water Resource Education Center.

News briefs

Clark College dinner shows for **Stephen Schwartz** and **Nina Faso's Working** are at 6 p.m. tonight and Saturday, Feb. 21, in Gaiser Hall on the main campus. Call ahead for reservations, **992-2815**. ~~SES~~ A Clark Public Utilities' volunteer tree- and shrub- planting work party will be in the Salmon Creek basin from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Prospective volunteers should call **992-8510** for further information. ~~SES~~ Bravo! Vancouver 70-voice Chorale presents a special concert of all-choral music at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road. General admission is \$12 at the door. ~~SE~~ ~~SE~~ The Oregon Chamber Players' Children's Concert is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, in All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Boulevard, Portland. Admission at the door is \$14, children 10 and under, \$3. ~~SE~~ ~~SE~~ Deadline for voter registration for the Tuesday March 9 library election is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in the Clark County Elections Department, 1408 Franklin Street. ~~SES~~ Women In Action is sponsoring an advancement series presentation by **Jeanne Harris**, at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in the Hudson's Bay High School commons. Call **Anissa Russell, 695-1224**, for reservations. ~~SES~~ Workshops for Vancouver cultural grants are at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, and at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the first floor conference room at City Hall.

Friday on the air

Green Building—5 p.m. CVTV
Animal Control Hearings (2/12)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Winter Hawks at Everett (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Portland Blazers at Golden State (live)—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL
Telecommunications Commission (1/21)—9 p.m. CVTV
State of the County Address—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 2004

Alaska Air Group	26.60	+09	Linear Technology	41.43	-43
Alcoa	36.83	-91	Microsoft	26.57	+11
Amazon.com	45.17	+52	Nautilus	15.22	-18
Bank of America	81.34	-03	Nike	71.66	-74
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	39.07	-71
Bemis	51.01	-03	PepsiCo	51.75	+42
Boeing	44.34	-18	Precision Cast	47.64	-40
Boise Cascade	33.19	-43	RLRN	25.19	-45
CenturyTel	29.35	+35	Starbucks	37.77	-28
Costco	38.18	+70	TSM	10.41	-12
Expeditors Intl.	38.18	+12	Tektronix	32.75	-58
Georgia Pacific	31.17	+32	US Bancorp	28.03	+38
HPQ	23.13	-73	Wash. Mutual	44.70	-10
Intel	30.00	+11	W. Coast Bancorp	21.28	-02
Kyocera	72.30	-40	Weyerhaeuser	64.96	-69
DOW: 10,619.03 -47.63 NASDAQ: 2037.93 -8.03 S&P: 144.11 -2.95					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Jessica Stalberger giving all the right answers. SES	Acapulco	90/70
Flossy Wager sylphing. SES	Athens	52/41
Eric Fuller proclaiming 1910 a good year. SES	Chicago	44/40
John White demonstrating radness of hirsute. SES	Dallas	70/51
Kelly O'Neill spotting b-blunder SES	Hong Kong	71/61
Friday , mostly cloudy, possible showers, 51.	Las Vegas	65/41
Saturday , partly sunny, should be dry, 53.	Los Angeles	66/49
Sunday , mostly gray possible light precipitation, 52.	London	45/32
	New York	45/32
	Orlando	70/48
	Paris	33/17
	Phoenix	68/48
	Rome	49/37
	Seattle	50/37
	Sydney	90/62
	Tokyo	55/43
	Washington	53/36