

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Vancouver is open for business is theme of mayor's State of City address Wednesday

"Vancouver is open for business," says Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard**, who will explain this during the State of the City address at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Columbia Tech Center Plaza SE Tech Center Drive just east of SE 164th Avenue.

There is no fee for the address. Registration, however, is required and today is the deadline. Call **696-8200** to register. Light refreshments will be served.

Betty Sue Morris delivers at noon Friday, Jan. 30, the State of the County address in the ballroom of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Morris, chair of the three-member board of county commissioners, will share her perspectives on the past year and discuss challenges that lie ahead for county government in 2004.

The county address is no-host luncheon. Tickets are \$30, and reservations may be made by calling **694-2588**.

Community foundation grows to \$36 million, gives back to the community \$3.2 million

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, which has grown to \$36 million in assets over the past 20 years, last year made grants and gifts to community services of \$3,246,945, according to foundation president **Nancy Sourek**.

Serving Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties, the foundation holds and manages assets of its own as well as assets of many other charitable organizations.

"We provide personal management service to charitable-minded individuals and organizations," Sourek says.

In 2003, the foundation distributed \$1,487,469 for community improvements and conservation, \$598,124 for scholarships and education, \$541,130 for health and human services, \$495,643 on children's issues, \$60,710 for arts, humanities and culture, and \$63,878 on behalf of other organizations.

For further information, call Sourek at **694-2550**, or click on www.cfsww.org.

Vancouver School District Foundation taking aim at high prom costs with dress exchange

For families of many teenagers, buying a dress for the prom is so far out of reach it would take a fairy godmother to make it happen, according to **Mary Sisson**, spokesperson for the Vancouver School District Foundation.

"So," says Sisson, "the foundation is stepping into the fairy godmother role with a prom dress exchange program." Prom dresses will be sold for \$10 each.

But, first, the foundation must acquire prom dresses, says Sisson.

Donations of prom dresses, shoes and accessories are being accepted for the sale scheduled for Saturday, March, 13, in the Jim Parsley Community Center. Donors will be given tax deduction forms or coupons for dress exchange.

In addition, local businesses are donating restaurant

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meals, manicures and hair styling, according to Sisson.

To participate, call **Jan Redding** at the foundation, **313-4722**.

PDX noise study alternatives to be heard

The final set of noise abatement alternatives will be discussed at a 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, meeting of the Portland International Airport Noise Compatibility Study Committee in the Port of Portland Administration Building, 121 NW Everett Street, Portland.

Further information is available, toll free, at **(800) 547-8411**, extension **4937**, and by clicking on www.flypdx.com.

Skills Center offers seven-course dinner for twenty bucks

The Clark County Skills Center Culinary Arts Program is presenting a seven-course dinner for \$20 at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in the Skills Center Restaurant, 12200 NE 28th Street.

In addition to yam soup, Great Barrier Reef shark, Mt. Everest ice sorbet and Grand Canyon chicken and three other courses, diners get a \$10 tax deduction. Call **Patty Foco**, **604-1050**, extension **2150**, for required reservations.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and then in regular session beginning at 7 p.m. ~~SES~~ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. ~~SES~~ Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, and will hold a public hearing on an ordinance generally prohibiting rural subdivisions.

Monday on the Air
Portland Blazers at Washington (live)—4 p.m. FSN,KXL, KRMZ
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, Jan. 26, 2004

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| Alaska Air Group | 28.74 | -.08 | Linear Technology | 42.07 | +1.22 | |
| Alcoa | 35.35 | -.05 | Microsoft | 28.80 | +3.32 | |
| Amazon.com | 57.03 | -.08 | Nautilus | 16.85 | -.10 | |
| Bank of America | 82.24 | +.97 | Nike | 69.90 | +3.32 | |
| Bank of Clark County | 20.00 | unch | Nordstrom | 40.36 | +7.2 | |
| Bemis | 47.10 | +.14 | PepsiCo | 46.79 | +2.4 | |
| Boeing | 42.44 | +.59 | Precision Cast | 48.75 | unch | |
| Boise Cascade | 33.70 | +.70 | RLRN | 27.91 | -.25 | |
| CenturyTel | 31.57 | -.06 | Starbucks | 36.34 | +4.6 | |
| Costco | 37.12 | -.23 | TSM | 11.45 | +4.5 | |
| Expeditors Intl. | 38.30 | -.22 | Tektronix | 30.50 | -.01 | |
| Georgia Pacific | 29.73 | +.58 | US Bancorp | 28.20 | +1.4 | |
| HPQ | 26.12 | +.82 | Wash. Mutual | 44.02 | +0.7 | |
| Intel | 32.43 | +.68 | W. Coast Bancorp | 22.00 | +2.9 | |
| Kvocera | 73.91 | +.61 | Weverhaeuser | 63.50 | +2.4 | |
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Town Tabloids and The Weather

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| Mary Myers eliciting introductions and then some. SES | Acapulco | 88/71 |
| Jerry Bodine jumpstarting java jamboree. SES | Athens | 42/32 |
| Barb Howard demonstrating real Internet acumen. SES | Chicago | 27/20 |
| Todd Schoenlein earning the best of two worlds. SES | Dallas | 52/26 |
| Sally Fisher makes debris disposal a breeze. SES | Hong Kong | 62/56 |
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