

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Local sex offender population increasing

Although it isn't a constant number, from 20 to 30 new sex offenders move into Clark County each month, according to **Dene Rogers**, Clark County Sheriff's officer in charge of monitoring sex offenders for the county.

When Rogers first came to the Sheriff's Department in 1996, about 500 sex offenders were registered in Clark County.

Today the number has grown to over 1,000. And the trend is continuing, according to Rogers.

Unless the terms of their probation say otherwise, sex offenders being release from prison may live anywhere they want.

The caveat is that they must register and they are monitored.

The most serious sex offenders, those with the most likelihood of repeating the offense are listed as Level III.

On Feb. 12, 42 were being monitored in the county. Level III offenders are monitored monthly by the sheriff's department. Level II offenders, of whom there are 389, are monitored every six months, and the county's 649 Level I offenders are monitored annually.

Whenever a Level III sex offender is released to or moves to Clark County from elsewhere, property owners within a one-block radius are notified, according to Rogers.

Information on all sex offenders is posted on the Sheriff's Department website, www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/community.

County wetlands inventory underway

Project scientists and Clark County staffers will present information on the county's Regional Inventory and Wetlands Restoration Strategy project at a public meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Jim Parsley Center, 2901 Falk Road.

The current county wetlands inventory was completed in 1980. The purpose of the current project is to verify wetlands locations, identify individual wetland functions, and develop a strategy for maintaining and enhancing wetlands, according to **Linda Small**, project manager.

For further information, call Small at **397-6118**, extension **4753**.

Airport noise compatibility study continues Tuesday

The Port of Portland Noise Compatibility Study Advisory Committee for Portland International Airport meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Port of Portland Administration Building, 121 NE Everett Street.

Under discussion are airspace and capacity issues as well as operational noise abatement alternatives. For further information, call **(800) 547-8411**, extension **4837**.

Dramatic changes in election process subject of Auditor's Office town hall meetings

New legislation having a dramatic impact on how Clark County citizens will cast their ballots and how the ballots will be counted are subject matter of three county Auditor's Office town hall meetings, the first of which is at 7 p.m.

MONDAY

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Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Elections Office.

According to auditor **Greg Kimsey**, optical readers will be replacing the current punch card process, and the state legislature will be fashioning a new primary system to replace Washington's blanket primary.

Additional town hall meetings are scheduled for mid-March.

People

Michelle Wynne, Clark College Penguin's women's basketball high scorer, has been named college Athlete of the Month, as has **Matt Frey**, the Penguin's men's basketball leading three-point scorer.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council workshop is at 4 p.m. today, followed by a regular session at 7 p.m. ~~ESSE~~ Deadline to register to vote for the March 9 library election is 5 p.m. today, in the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street. ~~ESSE~~ The Camas School District board meets at 7 p.m. tonight, at 1621 NE Garfield Street, to discuss changes in locations where elementary school students will be taught. ~~ESSE~~ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday. ~~ESSE~~ The public hearing on updates for the Clark County Comprehensive Plan continues before Clark County Commissioners at their 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, meeting in the Public Service Center. ~~ESSE~~ Answer correctly ten questions found on Clark County's new website, www.clark.wa.gov, and you will be eligible to win a new Hewlett-Packard computer, according to county spokeswoman **Lianne Forney**. Deadline is 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop—4 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at Miami (live)—4:30 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m.

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, Feb. 23, 2004

Alaska Air Group	26.13	-.47	Linear Technology	40.60	-.83
Alcoa	37.18	+.35	Microsoft	26.61	+.04
Amazon.com	43.97	-1.20	Nautilus	15.52	+.30
Bank of America	82.00	+.66	Nike	72.60	+.94
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	38.77	-.30
Bemis	50.87	-.14	PepsiCo	52.09	+.34
Boeing	43.62	-.72	Precision Cast	46.19	-1.45
Boise Cascade	33.25	+.06	RLRN	24.88	-.31
CenturyTel	29.08	-.27	Starbucks	37.79	+.02
Costco	38.15	-.03	TSM	10.30	-.11
Expeditors Intl.	37.76	-.42	Tektronix	31.89	-.86
Georgia Pacific	31.29	+.12	US Bancorp	27.85	-.18
HPQ	22.91	-.22	Wash. Mutual	44.80	+.10
Intel	29.00	-1.00	W. Coast Bancorp	21.36	+.08
Kyocera	72.30	unch0	Weyerhaeuser	65.02	+.06
DOW: 10,609.62 -9.41 NASDAQ: 2007.52 -30.41 S&P: 1140.99 -3.12					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Bev Hooten closer to objects than they seem. ~~ESSE~~ **Eurgel Martel** following his own sage advice. ~~ESSE~~ **Robert Driscoll** follows **Ron Driscoll's** stellar performance with a stellar performance of his own. ~~ESSE~~ **Vicki Gordon** deftly applying plaudits. ~~ESSE~~ **Monday**, rainy then sunny, 52. **Tuesday**, gray, light showers, breezy, 51. **Wednesday**, mostly gray light precipitation, 52.

Acapulco	90/71
Athens	57/51
Chicago	38/28
Dallas	62/49
Hong Kong	67/59
Las Vegas	57/41
Los Angeles	60/48
London	43/28
New York	42/28
Orlando	81/62
Paris	35/22
Phoenix	61/47
Rome	57/40
Seattle	50/38
Sydney	74/55
Tokyo	56/33
Washington	48/36