

### Polls will be open Tuesday for school and fire district elections

Voters in the Battle Ground, Camas, Washougal and Woodland School Districts, and Fire District 13, are being asked to approve special levies and bond issues in tomorrow's elections.

Polling places will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

Battle Ground voters are being presented a \$54,980,000 bond issue that would enable the district to build two new kindergarten-through-eighth grade school buildings, replace three existing schools, and make additions and modifications to other schools.

Camas School District voters are being asked to approve a three-year levy that would raise \$750,000 each year to be used for improvements in technology and instructional computers.

The Washougal School District issue is a six-year levy that would raise almost \$1.5 for acquisition of technology equipment and classroom computers.

Woodland School District voters, most of whom live in Cowlitz County, are being asked to approve a nearly \$34 million bond issue to pay for a new high school and to convert the district's middle-high schools to a middle school and district administration facility. Bonds would also pay for upgrading the school athletic stadium and increase parking.

Fire District 13 commissioners are asking for voters to establish a set property tax levy not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The levy would not be in addition to current levy rates.

### Vancouver Chamber hosting networking seminar

**Kathy Condon**, a nationally recognized expert speaker and trainer on career transitions, business networking and business communication will present a networking seminar Friday, May 21, at the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce office, 8 to 10 a.m., 1101 Broadway, Suite 120, Vancouver. The fee is \$40 per person. Call 360-694-2588 to register.

### News briefs

Liquid sunshine didn't dampen the spirit of the Evergreen Community Festival held a couple of weeks ago. **Julie A. Dawson**, festival president, reports that more than 6,000 people attended and/or participated in the event. 275 volunteers worked more than 800 hours to bring the festival to life. Next year's shin-dig will take place on May 14. ~~SES~~ Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce **Business After Hours** tomorrow, Doubletree Hotel Jantzen Beach (east side of the bridge) 5 to 7 p.m., Hayden Island Steakhouse inside the hotel, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, \$10. Call the Chamber's registration line to sign up or go to [www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com). ~~SES~~ The Ray Hickey Hospice House open house will take place May 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., 2112 E. Mill Plain Blvd. The

facility is Vancouver's first in-patient hospice center.

### Ridgefield to close launch for sprucing up

The Ridgefield Boat Launch will close for about a week beginning May 24 during a project to upgrade the launch.

"When we began operating the boat launch in 2001 we committed to making some improvements and repairs and reinvesting the park fee revenues back into the launch area, and now we're simply following through," said **Brent Grening**, Port of Ridgefield executive director.

The \$300,000 improvement project is being paid for by the Port and through a grant from the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. Upon completion, the launch area will sport new launch floats, a new day-use dock, a paved parking lot, improved picnic area, new landscaping, and new lighting and signage.

### Free training set to help Gorge communities roll out Lewis & Clark welcome

The Columbia Gorge Visitors Association is sponsoring a series of 12 trainings for guest service workers, retail workers and anyone else interested in helping visitors during the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, which runs through 2006.

Instructors are Hood River residents **Stu** and **Kathy Watson**, authors of *The Lewis & Clark Expedition: A Traveler's Companion for Oregon and Washington*.

In Clark County, two free 90-minute training sessions will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 27, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the JDZ School Cafeteria, 841 NE 22nd Ave., Camas. Advance registration is required. Call **541-386-8870** or **541-386-8860**, or send email to [kwatson@gorge.net](mailto:kwatson@gorge.net) or [swatson@gorge.net](mailto:swatson@gorge.net).

**Monday on the air**  
**City Council Workshops: Retreat Session (LIVE)—4 p.m., CVTV**  
Vancouver City Council (5/17) — 8:30 p.m., CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Monday, May 17, 2004					
Alaska Air Group	19.55	-.32	Linear Technology	36.67	-.85
Alcoa	28.70	-1.08	Microsoft	25.54	-0.32
Amazon.com	42.08	-.64	Nautilus	14.50	-.10
Bank of America	77.92	-.97	Nike	66.05	-1.64
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	35.50	-.77
Bemis	25.79	-.48	PepsiCo	53.52	-.23
Boeing	42.73	-.71	Precision Cast	42.70	-1.45
Boise Cascade	32.48	-.69	RLRN	21.30	-.71
CenturyTel	29.84	-.27	Starbucks	37.58	-.46
Costco	35.54	-.31	TSM	8.98	-.44
Expeditors Intl.	42.80	-.38	Tektronix	28.75	-.38
Georgia Pacific	32.95	-.94	US Bancorp	25.98	-.43
HPQ	19.50	-.11	Wash. Mutual	38.78	-.35
Intel	26.84	-.20	W. Coast Bancorp	20.74	-.26
Kyocera	71.29	-1.06	Weyerhaeuser	57.10	-1.14
<b>DOW: 9906.91 -105.96 NASDAQ: 1876.64 -27.61 S&amp;P: 1084.81 -11.60</b>					

Town Tabloids and The Weather	
<b>Jeff Williams</b> keeping his eye on the x-s.	Acapulco 93/75
<del>SES</del> <b>David DiCesare</b> dreaming the possible dream.	Athens 63/45
<del>SES</del> <b>Tauf Charneski</b> stumping for the strip	Chicago 78/57
<del>SES</del> <b>Antonio Pesto</b> lamenting.	Dallas 83/67
<del>SES</del> <b>Monday</b> , big fat rain drops a-falling from big fat black thunderous clouds, but staying humid and warm,	Hong Kong 81/75
<b>74.Tuesday</b> , More Midwestern weather, thunder showers possible, <b>72.Wednesday</b> , partly cloudy, dry, <b>74.</b>	Las Vegas 92/70
	Los Angeles 73/60
	London 64/50
	New York 76/65
	Orlando 88/66
	Paris 59/46
	Phoenix 99/71
	Rome 66/49
	Seattle 64/48
	Sydney 66/44
	Tokyo 72/62
	Washington 80/65