

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Credit union members turn in petition for board meeting to halt conversion to bank

An organization headed by **Lloyd Marbet**, Portland, yesterday presented Columbia Credit Union with petitions signed by 3,593 members of the credit union calling for a special board meeting to rescind a plan to convert to a state-chartered mutual savings bank, to remove all nine credit union board members, including **David Doss**, president of the 59,000-member organization, and to elect interim directors.

At a special meeting Nov. 3, approximately 9,200 member-votes were counted and 52 percent were in favor of converting the credit union to Columbia First Bank.

The conversion was to have been effective this month, but federal regulators have been reviewing the process.

Columbia Credit Union's by-laws require petitions containing at least 2,000 valid signatures to call a special meeting.

The credit union is one of the largest financial institutions in Clark County and is the county's biggest lender of automobile loans.

Three-bedroom, home in Vancouver one of the best buys in the Northwest

The average sale price of a three-bedroom home in Vancouver last fall was \$184,000, according to Windemere Real Estate spokesperson **Ray Bachman**.

The same home in Portland except in North Portland ranges from \$186,000 to \$305,000. The average price of North Portland homes was \$173,000.

The most costly locations in Washington for three-bedroom homes were in the Puget Sound area, including islands. Topping the list was Friday Harbor, where the average sales price of a three-bedroom charmer was \$533,000.

The least costly place to buy a three-bedroom home in Washington was Centralia, the average, \$92,000.

Highest price housing on the west coast is Carmel, Calif., where it takes \$1,739,000 to buy a three-bedroom house. Closer to home, Ketchum, Idaho, three-bedroom homes are selling for \$1,146,000.

Bachman, formerly of Vancouver, sells for Windemere in Bend.

Vietnamese New Year celebration Friday

An annual event sponsored by Columbia River Mental Health Services, the Vietnamese New Year will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in the main CRMHS clinic, 6926 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard.

The Year of the Monkey will be ushered in by Vietnamese foods, folk dance performances, and a traditional dragon dance.

For further information about this free event, call **Kim Larson, 993-3139**.

Evergreen School District sets community forums on graduation requirements

A series of six public forums to discuss graduation requirements in the Evergreen School District begins with

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a 6:30 p.m. session today in Covington Middle School, 11200 NE Rosewood Road.

In addition to discussing increased high school graduation requirements, the district will make a presentation on the state requirement requiring that all students pass 10th grade reading, writing and math sections of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning in order to graduate.

People

Sabrina Willis, team captain who led the Clark College women's basketball to a second place finish in a December tournament, and **Evan Kimberley**, men's basketball, were both named Clark College/Les Schwab Student Athletes of the Month.

News briefs

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board members are meeting by conference call at 5 p.m. today. The call will be initiated from the Vancouver Community Library. The public may attend. ~~See~~ Annual Economic Forecast breakfast sponsored by the *Columbian*, First Independent Bank and the Columbia River Economic Development Council, and the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, is 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in the Centennial Center of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Admission is \$30. ~~See~~ 49th Legislative Legislators, Sen. **Don Carlson** and Reps. **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller**, are hosting a district day in Olympia, Wednesday, Feb. 4. A Capitol Campus tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a brown-bag lunch. For further information, call **(360) 786-7696**.

Thursday on the Air

Clark College Fall Concert—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Washington at Oregon (live)—6 p.m. FSN, KUPL
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Phoenix at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL, KRMZ
Portland State at Sacramento State (live)—7 p.m. KPOJ
Washington State at Oregon State (live)—8 p.m. FSN, KEX

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004

Alaska Air Group	27.73	-49	Linear Technology	42.58	+23
Alcoa	35.47	-49	Microsoft	27.54	-16
Amazon.com	56.18	+38	Nautilus	14.73	+1.14
Bank of America	78.68	-57	Nike	69.05	-13
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.69	+54
Bemis	49.14	-01	PepsiCo	45.50	-24
Boeing	43.04	-07	Precision Cast	48.55	+75
Boise Cascade	33.88	+13	RLRN	27.32	-67
CenturyTel	31.45	-20	Starbucks	33.94	+31
Costco	37.07	+03	TSM	11.00	+11
Expeditors Intl.	37.60	-67	Tektronix	30.93	+21
Georgia Pacific	29.71	-43	US Bancorp	28.48	+91
HPQ	25.30	+60	Wash. Mutual	41.81	+1.14
Intel	33.06	-33	W. Coast Bancorp	21.55	+32
Kyocera	72.37	-1.23	Weverhaeuser	65.76	-32
DOW: 10,553.85 +15.48 NASDAQ: 2109.08 -2.05 S&P: 1132.05 +1.53					

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