

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

County chamber of commerce forming

Although related in name only, a new chamber of commerce is being formed in Clark County

Called the Clark County Chamber of Commerce, the organization has been active since last November, according to its founder and interim executive director, **Izad Khormae**.

Board members, in addition to Khormae, who is president of E1 Solutions Inc., an information technology solution provider, are **Dee Metro**, president of Excalibur Limo; **Denise Pearce**, Opsahl, Shepp & Company; **Terry Phillips**, president, The Phillips Group; **Michael Polvay**, general manager, Bill Copps Inc.; and **Shane Wilcox**, general manager, the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

According to Khormae, "Although we have excellent chambers and business associations focused on city cores, Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, no one business advocacy organization existed to provide leadership and coverage for the whole of Clark County."

"Our goal," Khormae continues, "is to ensure that the more than 370,000 residents and over 10,000 businesses in Clark County receive the appropriate level of recognition and influence at [the] metro, state and national level."

For further information, go to the website www.searchclark.com.

Successful treatment program for youthful offenders gets SWMC Foundation help

Southwest Washington Advocates for Youth, a local interactive education program with immense success in educating youthful offenders about the consequences of drinking and drug use, has gotten a \$10,000 boost from the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation.

According to **Lynn Bohart**, executive director of the medical center's foundation, the local SWAY program has cut the rate of repeat offenses involving drugs, drinking and driving to 7 percent, compared to the national rate of 25-40 percent.

Participants in the program tour the Clark County Morgue, spend four hours of nighttime observation in the Southwest Washington Medical Center trauma department, and attend a workshop where people describe how alcohol or drugs led to injury or death of loved ones.

The foundation grant will cover the cost of about 100 participants. For further information, call **684-2588**.

State the County address is at noon Friday

Chair of the board of Clark County commissioners, **Betty Sue Morris**, delivers the 2004 State of the County address at noon Friday, Jan. 30, in the ballroom of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

The address is co-sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Call **694-2588** for further information.

Parks and Rec offering private piano lessons

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department is offering private piano lessons for students from 6 years

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of age through adulthood.

Half-hour lessons include basic music theory, piano technique, and an introduction to the world's favorite pianists and piano music.

For further information on the \$59, 30-minute sessions, call **Becky Anderson, 696-8065**, extension 3.

Planning Commission to talk city finances

The Vancouver Planning Commission's informal First Thursday discussion at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in City Hall will take up city financing. The presenter will be **Paul Lewis**, manager of city financial management services.

People

Erin Hall, daughter of **Diana Shaw** and **Ed Hall** and a Heritage High School sophomore, this month served as a page in the Washington State House of Representatives. Hall was sponsored by Rep. **Bill Fromhold** (D-49th). Pages perform ceremonial duties as well as take messages to and from legislators.

News briefs

Award-winning Portland author **Molly Gloss** is the featured speaker in this year's first Washington State University Vancouver's professional writing series. There is no charge for the 7 p.m. tonight program in the multi-medium lecture hall at the Salmon Creek Campus. ~~See~~ A continuation of a series of meetings discussing graduation requirements in the Evergreen School District is at 6:30 p.m. today in the Frontier Middle School, 7600 NE 166th Avenue.

Thursday on the Air

Portland Blazers at Atlanta (live)—4:30 p.m. KXL

City Minutes—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—5 p.m. CVTV

Mayor Royce Pollard's State of the City Address—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Weber State at Portland State (live)—7 p.m. KPOJ

University of Portland at Santa Clara (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Stanford at Oregon State (live)—7 p.m. KEX

California at Oregon (live)—7:30 p.m. FSN

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004

Alaska Air Group	28.62	+2.01	Linear Technology	40.57	+5.4
Alcoa	33.30	-4.8	Microsoft	27.91	+2.0
Amazon.com	49.22	-2.74	Nautilus	13.37	-2.46
Bank of America	80.92	+4.2	Nike	68.53	-1.0
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	39.39	+7.5
Bemis	47.34	+0.04	PepsiCo	47.02	+7.7
Boeing	42.30	+7.6	Precision Cast	46.70	-9.9
Boise Cascade	32.37	-0.6	RLRN	31.00	+4.47
CenturyTel	28.00	-3.30	Starbucks	36.48	+1.02
Costco	36.90	+8.2	TSM	10.94	-2.4
Expeditors Intl.	37.99	+3.4	Tektronix	30.21	+2.4
Georgia Pacific	28.45	-4.7	US Bancorp	28.34	-1.8
HPQ	24.28	unch	Wash. Mutual	43.60	-2.5
Intel	30.89	-4.9	W. Coast Bancorp	22.00	+1.8
Kvocera	74.05	+7.5	Weverhaeuser	60.42	-5.3
DOW: 10,510.29 +41.92 NASDAQ: 2068.23 -9.14 S&P: 1134.11 +5.63					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Clint Robbins taking care of details.

~~See~~ **Michael McCabe** tuning up for

concert. ~~See~~ **Kelly Cooke** looking

for four Blazer tickets. ~~See~~ **Kevin**

Walker in the running for Mr.

Hudson's Bay title. ~~See~~ **Jim Jacks**

getting Port of Portland recognition.

~~See~~ **Thursday**, heavy rain mixed

with light rain, 52. **Friday**, dismal and

wet, 48. **Saturday**, gray, possible

showers, 46.

Acapulco 86/68

Athens 54/38

Chicago 9/-3

Dallas 54/26

Hong Kong 65/57

Los Angeles 70/48

London 39/31

New Orleans 61/49

New York 27/17

Orlando 64/49

Paris 30/24

Phoenix 64/46

Rome 43/28

Seattle 50/44

Sydney 88/66

Tokyo 48/33

Washington 36/22