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I said to my children, "I am going to work and do everything that I can do to see that you get a good education. I don't ever want you to forget that there are millions of God's children who will not and cannot get a good education, and I don't want you feeling that you are better than they are. For you will never be what you ought to be until they are what they ought to be."—Martin Luther King Jr., Jan. 6, 1968

Vancouver lawmakers support 'simple-majority' measure

The state House of Representatives last night approved by a "super majority vote, 68-28," a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment allowing voters to decide school district bond issues and special levies by a simple majority.

The 49th District Democratic Reps. **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller** joined other lawmakers in approving the legislation and sending it to the senate.

A similar measure was passed by the House last year but never made it out of committee in the Senate.

Should the proposed constitutional amendment make the ballot it would have to be approved by the same 60 percent majority now required of school districts for their money measures.

Vancouver to begin charter review process

Vancouver's newly appointed 15-member Charter Review Committee will begin its work within the next three weeks.

The committee, appointed by the city council, is expected to spend six months reviewing the charter.

Should the committee recommend revisions in the city's charter, those revisions would be placed before the voters.

The 15 members are **Sam Bovard, Norwood Brown, Donna Cantonwine-Wend, John Caton, Lisa Duerk, D. Michael Heywood, Matt Lewis, Mark Maggoria, Dennis Mathews, Gayle Rothrock, Ernie Schnabler, David C. Smith, Mike Teefy, Alex Veliko** and **Holly Williams**.

Five alternates were also selected: **Derek Chisholm, Harris Dusenbery, Scott Harris, Kathy Kiwala** and **William Nelson**.

Skills Center credit union branch opening

Clark County Skills Center's student-operated branch of the Clark County School Employees Credit Union will be open to CCSECU members at the credit union branch on the Skills Center campus, 12200 NE 28th Street.

The branch, which opens Wednesday, Jan. 21, will allow students to serve CCSECU members and perform customer service and technical skills learned in the program.

Two students from the program, both of whom also work for the credit union, act as "branch managers" and assist with operation of the branch during school hours. An ATM and deposit drop box are available to members at all other times.

The program prepares students to be successful at entry-level positions in any financial institution. Most students begin as customer service representatives. Approximately

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40 students complete the program each year. Up to 70% are employed locally. Supporting the program is an advisory board consisting of representatives from Riverview Community Bank, US Bank, Washington Mutual, First Independent Bank, Key Bank, LaCamas Credit Union, Columbia Credit Union, Hacienda Credit Union, Portland, and Clark County School Employees Credit Union

Block foam packing can be recycled at City Hall Saturday

A one-day-only free collection of block foam, which is used to protect merchandise during shipping and storage, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Vancouver City Hall parking structure, 210 E 13th Street.

Columbia Resource Company, Waste Management, Clark County Environmental Services and the City of Vancouver are the sponsors.

Block packing material, made of polystyrene or polypropylene, may be any color, but it must be clean and dry to be accepted at this special collection. It should be imprinted with the number 4, 5 or 6 inside chasing arrows. Meat trays or packing peanuts will not be accepted.

News briefs

The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the Clark County Public Works Community Center, 4700 NE 78th Street. ~~SSS~~ Washington State University Vancouver will host an information night Wednesday, Jan. 21, on bachelors and masters degree programs in history in the Multimedia B Building, Room 217. Information on bachelor degrees will be presented at 6 p.m. and on master degree programs at 7 p.m.

Tuesday on the Air

2004 Clark County Economic Forecast—4:30 p.m. CVTV

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

Portland Blazers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ

Portland Winter Hawks at Prince George (live)—7:30 p.m. KUPL

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004

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| Alaska Air Group | 27.82 | -35 | Linear Technology | 41.14 | -1.16 |
| Alcoa | 36.22 | +1.18 | Microsoft | 28.10 | +29 |
| Amazon.com | 56.61 | +89 | Nautilus | 15.81 | +4.1 |
| Bank of America | 80.07 | +1.05 | Nike | 69.86 | +5.0 |
| Bank of Clark County | 20.00 | unch | Nordstrom | 37.73 | -6.2 |
| Bemis | 48.52 | -67 | PepsiCo | 46.05 | +66 |
| Boeing | 43.18 | -83 | Precision Cast | 49.18 | +39 |
| Boise Cascade | 34.15 | +0.4 | RLRN | 28.04 | +3.7 |
| CenturyTel | 31.76 | +42 | Starbucks | 34.83 | +27 |
| Costco | 36.40 | -67 | TSM | 11.63 | +29 |
| Expeditors Intl. | 38.55 | +15 | Tektronix | 32.09 | +5.4 |
| Georgia Pacific | 29.79 | -16 | US Bancorp | 28.20 | -30 |
| HPQ | 25.07 | -45 | Wash. Mutual | 42.26 | -2.4 |
| Intel | 32.61 | -28 | W. Coast Bancorp | 21.80 | unch |
| Kvocera | 73.87 | -90 | Weverhaeuser | 66.02 | -0.8 |

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Hal and Judi Zimmerman reveling in the arts. ~~SSS~~ **Tina Redline** already thinking summer picnic. ~~SSS~~ **Bob Howard** looking for another shot at Harrods. ~~SSS~~ **Fred Post** picks up sheepskin. ~~SSS~~ **Kelly O'Neill** putting on real show. ~~SSS~~ **Peggy Wynne** noting Noel Coward rendition. ~~SSS~~ **Tuesday**, cloudy but sunbreaks expected. 48. **Wednesday**, sunny, 50. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, dry, 50.

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| Acapulco | 87/68 |
| Athens | 59/45 |
| Chicago | 18/10 |
| Dallas | 47/36 |
| Hong Kong | 57/45 |
| Los Angeles | 62/48 |
| London | 51/43 |
| New Orleans | 50/36 |
| New York | 26/17 |
| Orlando | 63/42 |
| Paris | 43/34 |
| Phoenix | 64/45 |
| Rome | 47/39 |
| Seattle | 46/34 |
| Sydney | 85/68 |
| Tokyo | 48/34 |
| Washington | 32/18 |