

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Library supporters approve special district but fail to pass bonds by supermajority

A strange turn of events was materializing as the polling results were being tallied from the two-issue Fort Vancouver Regional Library District election last night.

The vote to create a special library district (Greater Vancouver Area Capital Facility Area) in Vancouver and a large chunk of its urban growth area was within 150 votes of being a 60 percent majority.

But that part of the election only requires a majority.

The second issue, which requires a 60 percent "supermajority," a \$48 million bond issue that would have modernized the library buildings and services in the Vancouver area, was losing, getting only a 55.18 percent majority.

While the vote creating the new library district could go above the 60 percent majority as additional absentee ballots are counted, the bond issue is dead.

When all the votes are counted, likely by the first part of next week, it appears nearly a third of the district's 91,517 voters will have cast ballots.

The tally of votes today is:

Create the library district

Approved	17,348	59.77 percent
Rejected	11,678	40.23 percent

Fund the library district

Approved	16,003	55.18 percent
Rejected	12,998	44.82 percent

The library district's board of trustees will meet Monday, March 22, in the Three Creeks Library to assess the election results and decide whether to try again.

The directors had hoped to be able to double the size of the overcrowded downtown Vancouver Community Library, replace a small east Vancouver library with a 25,000-square-foot facility in the Firstenburg Center on NE 136th Avenue and modernize administrative and storage space with the proposed \$48 million bond issue.

Baird makes strategic move that may give Washingtonians the right to deduct sales tax

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd), along with other House members, has attached an amendment to the Democratic version of the Foreign Sales Corporation Bill that would allow Washington residents as well as residents of Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Nevada, Wyoming and South Dakota to deduct sales taxes paid from federal income taxes, in the manner that state income taxes are deductible.

Numerous failed attempts have been made in the past. Baird said today that the FCS Tax Reform Bill appears to be the best opportunity to get the tax relief measure through Congress.

The tax reform measure would provide Washingtonians with over \$500 million in federal tax relief annually.

Schwabe expanding in Washington

Vancouver resident **Steve Morasch**, a shareholder and real estate and land-use attorney for Schwabe, Williamson

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& Wyatt, has moved his practice from the firm's Portland office to Vancouver.

Morasch is a graduate of Camas High School, Clark College and Willamette University, and holds a juris doctor degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College.

Morasch joins **Brad Andersen** and **Lisa Lowe** in expanding the firm's 1111 Main Street Vancouver office.

Slovak State Orchestra director featured soloist at Clark College Orchestra concert

Julius Klein, general director of the Slovak State Orchestra, will be the featured soloist for the Mozart *Clarinet Concerto* during the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Clark College Orchestra benefit concert in Royal Durst Theater.

The concert, a benefit for the Southwest Washington Center for the Arts, is part of an exchange between the Clark Orchestra and the Slovak State Orchestra, which Clark's music director-conductor **Donald Appert** conducted last September.

General admission is \$5. For further information, call **992-2662** or **992-2195**.

News briefs

Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey's** Pre-St. Paddy's Day fundraiser is 5 to 7:30 p.m. today in Club Green Meadows, 7703 NE 72nd Avenue. ~~SES~~ Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. today in Port offices at 111 W Division Street. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners continue interviews with District Court Judge applicants at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

Wednesday on the air

Bravo! Vancouver: A Choral Kaleidoscope—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Red Cross Real Heroes Breakfast—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (3/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Minnesota at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ
Clark County Land Use Hearings (3/4)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Alaska Air Group	24.38	+0.06	Linear Technology	37.95	-0.23
Alcoa	34.20	-1.45	Microsoft	25.37	-0.35
Amazon.com	41.55	-1.16	Nautilus	15.83	-0.27
Bank of America	79.99	-1.78	Nike	76.65	-0.01
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	38.18	-0.70
Bemis	25.01	-0.75	PepsiCo	52.24	-0.35
Boeing	41.12	-0.56	Precision Cast	43.09	-0.75
Boise Cascade	32.67	-0.58	RLRN	26.20	-0.20
CenturyTel	28.29	-0.65	Starbucks	37.83	+0.30
Costco	37.47	-0.09	TSM	10.40	-0.27
Expeditors Intl.	36.09	-1.23	Tektronix	29.04	-0.91
Georgia Pacific	31.40	-1.98	US Bancorp	28.01	-0.40
HPQ	22.31	-0.03	Wash. Mutual	44.05	-0.24
Intel	27.31	-0.67	W. Coast Bancorp	21.55	-0.05
Kyocera	74.78	-1.52	Weyerhaeuser	62.99	-1.54
DOW: 10,296.89 -160.07 NASDAQ: 1964.15 -31.01 S&P: 1123.89 -16.69					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Narbara Saur making cover page.
~~SES~~ **Kim Capeloto** showing finesse in current events. ~~SES~~ **Becky Daley** gave up vacation time to help. ~~SES~~ **Mike Anderson** calling role. ~~SES~~ **Val Ogden** extending a perfect record. ~~SES~~ **Jennifer Crooks** making the list. ~~SES~~ **Wednesday**. Mostly sunny all day, 64. **Thursday**, likely sunny from dawn to dusk, 66. **Friday**, could cloud up but should be dry, 58.

Acapulco	92/72
Athens	54/39
Chicago	46/28
Dallas	66/42
Hong Kong	78/66
Las Vegas	82/54
Los Angeles	78/60
London	39/30
New York	48/36
Orlando	68/44
Paris	33/20
Phoenix	90/74
Rome	48/33
Seattle	57/38
Sydney	82/59
Tokyo	63/48
Washington	43/33