

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Eric Merrill named chair of the newly merged Red Cross Southwest Washington chapter

Eric Merrill, regional vice president of Waste Connections, has been elected chair of the newly merged Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The new chapter is a result of a merger this month of the Clark County Chapter and the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum-Pacific Counties Chapter, based in Longview.

The new chapter will maintain offices in Vancouver, Longview, Ilwaco and Raymond, according to executive director **Sheryl Beauchaine**.

Beauchaine said that the local chapter is following the lead of other Red Cross chapters, which are merging in an effort to save administrative and overhead costs.

Staffing will remain at the current level, but operations will be managed by a single executive director.

Other officers of the new chapter are **Bob Ryan**, first vice chair, **Tom Griffith**, second vice chair, **Mel Love**, secretary, and **Brent Ditton**, treasurer.

Library trustees not expected to discuss bond issue election at next meeting

Although an analysis of the \$48 million dollar bond issue, which failed at the polls March 9, is on its agenda at the 6 p.m. Monday, March 22, in Three Creeks Library, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of trustees are not expected to make a decision on whether to resubmit the issue at that time.

Indications are that the trustees will discuss the failed March 9 bond election in greater detail during a board of trustees retreat Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, in the White Salmon Valley Community Library.

The bond issue failed for lack of a 60 percent majority vote, but the Greater Vancouver Capital Facilities Area, which only required a simple majority, was approved by a 60 percent-plus majority.

Clark College alumni-student dinner is Thursday, April 15

Clark College alumni are invited to share a buffet dinner with students at the college at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the student center in Gaiser Hall.

The dinner, designed to offer students insights into alumni success stories, is sponsored by the Associated Students of Clark College and the college Alumni Association.

For further information on the \$20 dinner, call **Cheri Cole**, 992-2301.

Sunday Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes event headlines Patrick Lamb and Dan Dickau

Patrick Lamb, jazz saxophonist, performing with a Vancouver Symphony string quartet, and Portland Trail Blazers' **Dan Dickau** headline the 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, kickoff for the 2004 Passport to Wellness series of walking events in Westfield Shoppingtown.

Dickau is a Prairie High School High School graduate,

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who was a basketball star for Gonzaga University and this year joined the Trail Blazers.

The Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes event includes features viands and libations from 25 local restaurants and wineries, and a silent auction, according to spokesperson **Ken Cole**.

Cole says the \$10 program, sponsored by Southwest Washington Medical Center, inaugurates this year's schedule of waking events and health programs.

Tickets are available at the Westfield Shoppingtown customer service center or tickets. Call **514-3105** or **892-6255**, for further information.

Time to retire

The last day to legally use studded tires is Wednesday, March 31, reports **Chris Christopher**, state Department of Transportation maintenance engineer.

Studded tires are legal in Washington between Nov.1 through March 31 each year. The fine for using studded tires after March 31 is \$86.

News briefs

Celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** at Dulin's, corner of Main Street and McLoughlin Boulevard. Dinner and live Irish music begins at 5:30 p.m. today. For further information, call **737-9907**. ~~Gov.~~ **Gary Locke** is keynote speaker for a combined Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Identity Clark County and Columbia River Economic Development Council presentation, "A Community Report" at 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 22, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay Ballroom. Tables of 10 are available. Event registration is \$35 per person. For further information, call **694-2588**.

Wednesday on the air

Advocacy Forum: Sen. Patty Murray (3/16)—4 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at Indiana (live)—4 p.m. ESPN, KXL, KRMZ
Integrity of Leaders in the Public Sector—6 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (3/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (3/16)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Alaska Air Group	24.41	+1.34	Linear Technology	37.49	+51
Alcoa	34.87	+50	Microsoft	25.13	-05
Amazon.com	42.80	+67	Nautilus	15.81	+17
Bank of America	80.45	+34	Nike	76.15	+104
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.70	+22
Bemis	25.55	+35	PepsiCo	51.42	+22
Boeing	39.80	+39	Precision Cast	43.64	+76
Boise Cascade	32.10	+1.08	RLRN	26.10	+72
CenturyTel	29.05	+12	Starbucks	37.36	-02
Costco	37.31	+27	TSM	10.28	+06
Expeditors Intl.	37.29	+1.00	Tektronix	28.94	+26
Georgia Pacific	31.80	+82	US Bancorp	28.30	+24
HPQ	22.12	+33	Wash. Mutual	43.95	+20
Intel	27.79	+63	W. Coast Bancorp	22.00	+36
Kyocera	79.75	+4.09	Weyerhaeuser	64.21	+183
DOW: 10,300.3 +115.63 NASDAQ: 1976.76 +33.67 S&P: 1123.75 +13.05					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

John McDonagh's shamrocks turning long green. ~~Gov.~~ **Lynn Lunde** taking up cause. ~~Gov.~~ **Tom Hagley Jr.** and **Juliet Laycoe** trothplighted ~~Gov.~~ **Matt Schoolfield** adding tennis shoe numbers. ~~Gov.~~ **Glenda Stamps's** 5th-wheeler getting more valuable. ~~Gov.~~ **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 61. **Thursday**, clouding up, probable precipitation, 58. **Friday**, clouds and sunbreaks, 60.

Acapulco	90/73
Athens	59/47
Chicago	38/28
Dallas	80/58
Hong Kong	84/65
Las Vegas	84/53
Los Angeles	77/58
London	63/49
New York	35/30
Orlando	78/51
Paris	65/49
Phoenix	91/62
Rome	67/53
Seattle	52/42
Sydney	78/58
Tokyo	69/56
Washington	44/34