

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Telecommunications Commission accepting call-in comments tonight on Comcast review

The City/County Telecommunications Commission, meeting in regular session at 7 p.m. tonight, will review Comcast's past year as Clark County's cable television supplier.

Citizens may make official comments by mail, in person at the meeting or by calling in between 7:20 and 8 p.m. during the commission meeting.

The telephone number to call is **696-8233**. The public meeting will be telecast live on CVTV beginning at 7 p.m.

Comcast is in the seventh year of a 15-year non-exclusive franchise to provide cable television for Clark County.

Fourteen from Clark County returning from mid-east with the 162nd Infantry

Of the four hundred national guard soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 162nd Infantry, returning this week from a tour of duty in the middle east and Iraq, 14 are from Clark County.

The Oregon National Guard unit is expected to arrive at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Columbia Hall in Salem at about 5 p.m. Thursday, April 8.

Those from Vancouver are **Thomas Carella, George Blalack, Jeramy Bracken, Buck Wesley, Joshua Chester, Michael Hoffman, Bradley Hupponen, George Johnson, Matthew Kuhnel, James Nass, Scott Shobert and Derek Soanka**. Also with the group are **James Smith, Camas, and Henry McDonald, La Center**.

The 162nd Infantry provided convoy escort in Baghdad and provided base security in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

A formal demobilization ceremony of the unit will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in Columbia Hall.

By age three, 70 percent of the human brain is formed, experts say at Tuesday seminar

Research indicates that 70 percent of the human brain is developed by age three and by age 6 the brain is 90 percent formed, according to the Support for Early Learning and Families, presenting a four-hour seminar Tuesday, April 13, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Children, including the youngest children, are capable of learning more, and more complex language concepts and skills, than has been previously thought, according to SELF.

SELF, a local organization formed in 2001, works to ensure that all Clark County's youngest children are safe, healthy, eager to learn and ready to succeed by the time they enter school.

Keynote speakers are Vancouver Clinic pediatrician **John Stirling**, and **David W. William**, behavioral pediatrician in private practice at Legacy Emanuel's Children's Hospital.

Among sponsors of the seminar are Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation, Legacy Health System, ESD 112, The Vancouver Housing Authority, Clark College and Washington State University

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WEDNESDAY

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Vancouver.

Registration is at 6:45 a.m. Breakfast is served at 7 a.m., and the seminar concludes at 11 a.m. Advance registration can be arranged by calling **Teresa Mendenhall, 750-7500**, extension **229**. The cost is \$25.

River Road generator sets record but may be shut down to take advantage of cheap power

Clark Public Utilities' River Road Generating Plant has been running continuously for the past 160 days, which by a week surpasses the former record, set last Marc, of 153 days of continuous power generation.

The plant is scheduled for an annual maintenance shutdown in May, but, if cheaper power materializes the plant could be turned off sooner, reports utility spokesperson **Mick Shutt**.

Shutt says that cheaper surplus hydro power often becomes available in the spring, when reservoirs are full and the snow pack is melting.

The flexibility built into Clark's power resource mix allowed it to save \$2 million in 2002 by not operating the plant for 102 days.

The natural gas-fired steam generator provides the utility with about half its power requirements.

People

Kirstin Murphy has become the first high school student to be appointed to the Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board. Murphy is a junior at Prairie High School. She succeeds **Milt McDermitt**. Also appointed to the advisory board was State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th, who succeeds **Val Ogden**, former 49th District legislator.

Wednesday on the air

Sacred Ground—The Vote—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Anaheim at the Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXH
Golden State at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. ESPN, KXL, KRMZ
Vancouver City Charter Review Committee (4/1)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Alaska Air Group	26.47	-.54	Linear Technology	38.54	+.45
Alcoa	34.65	-1.85	Microsoft	25.59	-.21
Amazon.com	45.85	-.59	Nautilus	17.58	+.48
Bank of America	81.45	-.55	Nike	76.75	-.64
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	39.99	-.08
Bemis	26.46	+.06	PepsiCo	54.84	+.13
Boeing	41.76	-.60	Precision Cast	45.47	-.37
Boise Cascade	35.42	-.13	RLRN	26.22	+.42
CenturyTel	26.59	-.44	Starbucks	39.23	-.47
Costco	38.15	+.08	TSM	10.63	-.13
Expeditors Intl.	41.45	+.19	Tektronix	33.95	-.21
Georgia Pacific	34.00	unch	US Bancorp	26.81	-.10
HPQ	23.12	-.23	Wash. Mutual	41.61	-.03
Intel	27.62	-.65	W. Coast Bancorp	22.84	+.33
Kyocera	87.21	-1.01	Weyerhaeuser	65.16	-.90

DOW: 10,480.37 -90.44 NASDAQ: 2050.24 -9.66 S&P: 1140.50 -7.66

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Joe and Lynn Blair seen power walking up Pineapple Hill. del	Acapulco	92/73
Tracie Looney has the answers. del	Athens	65/51
Kay Fristad spelling out the news. del	Chicago	60/42
del Jim Sanders and Patrick McGary taking cat-bird seats. del	Dallas	74/56
Brad Upton laying down mellow jazz groove. del Wednesday , cloudy, sunbreaks, warming, 60. Thursday , mostly gray, but dry, 64. Friday , sun returns, 72.	Hong Kong	76/64
	Las Vegas	78/57
	Los Angeles	70/56
	London	48/36
	New York	59/43
	Orlando	82/63
	Paris	46/26
	Phoenix	84/61
	Rome	60/43
	Seattle	66/42
	Sydney	71/52
	Tokyo	67/49
	Washington	68/46