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Southern Washington Edition

Local GOP considers Clark County as "ground zero" for close state races

Looking at their slim majorities in the state House and Senate, Clark County Republicans are putting a "ground zero" label on the county for the 2004 political campaign.

Local GOP leaders **Mike Gaston** and county party chair **Brent Boger** say the county will be pivotal this fall and, as a consequence, predict a large turnout at the county Republican convention 9 a.m. Saturday, April 17, in Prairie High School.

According to Gaston, most local and state Republican office holders and candidates will make presentations during the morning of the nearly day-long convention.

Also during the morning, 81 delegates and alternatives from local legislative districts will be elected to attend the state Republican Party Convention in Bellevue May 28 and 29.

After lunch, the party will consider a Clark County platform. Adjournment is expected after 4 p.m.

Registration for the Saturday session begins at 8 a.m. and is \$10. For further information, call Boger at **910-5065**.

Marge Makinster, C-TRAN bus driver, spots fugitive, police make the arrest

Marge Makinster, C-TRAN coach operator, picked up a passenger at 9:18 a.m. Monday morning on her route on Mill Plain Boulevard and recognized him from a photo as a wanted sex offender. She called the C-TRAN dispatcher, who in turn called 9-1-1.

Thirteen minutes later, at a stop on NE 104th Street, police boarded the bus and took the suspect away.

"All in a day's work," Makinster is reported to have said. The 23-year C-TRAN veteran and C-TRAN are part of Clark County's Safewatch Program.

Other Safewatch participants are Clark Public Utilities, Clark County Public Works, the county Sheriff's Office and county fire districts.

Operating a combined fleet of over 1,000 vehicles equipped with radios, drivers are part of a countywide security network prepared to assist and respond to emergencies that range from looking for lost children to calling for medical and police assistance.

Symphony puts spotlight on young artists

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's tenth annual Young Artists concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in Skyview High School Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, features the three winners of the orchestra's young artists competition.

Andrew Helmsworth, 15, Beaverton, **Andrea Johnson**, 14, Milwaukie, and **Karine Kasparyan**, 16, Oregon City, each will be showcased in solo performances.

Symphony artistic director **Salvador Brotons** will conduct.

At 2 p.m. preceding the Saturday concert, **Lawson Hull** will discuss composers and music with the audience, and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday a pre-concert by "Susuki Method" students is being offered.

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WEDNESDAY

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River City Music will present a display of musical instruments at each concert.

For these two concerts, student tickets have been reduced to \$5 each and students will be admitted free with each paid admission. For further information, call **735-7278**.

News briefs

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. today in port offices at 111 W Division Street. ~~ZZZ~~ YWCA free program on the impact of sexual violence on the community is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in the YWCA community room, 3609 Main Street. Bring your own lunch, or call **696-0167**, to order a \$7 box lunch. ~~ZZZ~~ Fort Vancouver Library District board of trustees begin a two-day retreat at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in the White Salmon Library. A public meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the library Thursday.

River Road generating plant earns top award

Clark Public Utilities' River Road Generating Plant has won the western region's top award for environmental health and safety from General Electric, which operates the plant for the electric utility.

Singled out for their role in operations for 2003 were plant operator **Terry Toland** and **Margie Brice**, environmental health and safety manager.

The River Road plant, which won safety awards during three previous years, won the top award in competition with 12 other natural gas-fired generating plants.

The plant provides about half the utility's power needs, according to plant manager **Jack Anderson**.

Wednesday on the air

The DUI Victim Panel—5 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (4/7)—7 p.m. CVTV
Lakers at the Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ
Seattle Mariners at Anaheim (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXS
Vancouver Planning Commission (4/12)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest as of 4 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, April 14, 2004

Alaska Air Group	25.51	+18	Linear Technology	39.35	+11
Alcoa	33.02	-41	Microsoft	25.51	+06
Amazon.com	46.79	+21	Nautilus	16.89	-15
Bank of America	80.09	-41	Nike	75.81	-57
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.20	-74
Bemis	25.79	-04	PepsiCo	54.91	+16
Boeing	41.57	-21	Precision Cast	44.80	+59
Boise Cascade	35.17	-06	RLRN	25.02	-24
CenturyTel	27.51	-08	Starbucks	38.24	-24
Costco	37.70	+54	TSM	10.75	+14
Expeditors Intl.	40.82	-41	Tektronix	32.13	-17
Georgia Pacific	34.25	+13	US Bancorp	25.80	-64
HPO	21.99	-26	Wash. Mutual	39.50	-72
Intel	27.37	-30	W. Coast Bancorp	21.17	-84
Kvocera	84.13	-245	Weverhaeuser	66.52	-04

DOW: 10,377.97 -3.33 NASDAQ: 2024.85 -5.23 S&P: 1128.18 -1.27

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Sherrie Stagenborg outsmarts website, wins computer. ~~ZZZ~~ **Bud Passmore** reviewing marshal duties. ~~ZZZ~~ **Oral Thompson** updating 2,550-name Seafarers data base. ~~ZZZ~~ **Kate Keck** and **Lisa DeGrace** Columbia Land Trusting. ~~ZZZ~~ **Wednesday**, showers, possible sunbreaks, 56. **Thursday**, wet clouds, sunbreaks, 57. **Friday**, should be drying out, but cloudy, 58.

Acapulco	90/72
Athens	66/48
Chicago	63/42
Dallas	74/54
Hong Kong	79/67
Las Vegas	81/60
Los Angeles	69/54
London	60/45
New York	61/44
Orlando	69/48
Paris	59/42
Phoenix	89/63
Rome	59/44
Seattle	54/44
Sydney	79/61
Tokyo	64/51
Washington	65/41