

Nfssz Disjtunbt

Nfssz Disjtunbt is the code word for *Merry Christmas*. I have had to create this particular code in order to get passed electronic censoring devices to let you know how Internet filters can affect the delivery of the *Insider*.

First a bit of background. The usual deadline for getting material in that day's *Insider* is 1 p.m. I can fudge that deadline if I know an important story will arrive or if there is breaking news that needs to be covered. Usually the *Insider* website is completed by 3 p.m., and the newsletter is sent to subscribers by email by 3:30 p.m. In nearly 15 years, the *Insider* has never missed a scheduled distribution day, although once, a couple of years ago, it was delivered to a partial list of subscribers after 5 p.m.

The reason I am relating this is that, as a subscriber, you should get the newsletter every day of scheduled publication, which is every workday in the week, with the exception of selected *special* holidays, for which you get adequate warning.

If you do not get a scheduled edition of the *Insider* it is because of something on your end of the Internet delivery service, most likely your **tqbn** filter

Now for the code. The code word for *help* is **ifmq**. To decode the code words, take each letter in the code word and back up one word. Thus **i** becomes **h**, **f** becomes **e**, **m** becomes **l**, and **q** becomes **p**. *help*.

Words that will be used in this letter:

qrso, the four-letter suffix, which when joined to ography which means to some people, dirty, smutty, steamy, etc., stuff.

tfy, a simple three-letter word that means defines a person as male or female.

npsuhbhf, a loan on a house.

tqbn, a filter on Internet email that is the same word for a wretched World War II meat-like ration.

All right, here we go. Hundreds of subscribers were denied an issue of the *Insider* a year ago when the word **npsuhbhf** was used in a display advertisement. I had to turn the word into a picture in order to get passed the Internet censors. From time to time I find the word **tfy** triggers filtering systems. Recently, in a story about the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, I used the word **qrso** and scores of subscribers were denied the *Insider*.

I have absolutely no quarrel over how you set your **tqbn** filters. I hope that you will understand that this newsletter will not be censored to accommodate **tqbn** filters.

Filters may affect the delivery of the *Insider* but never the content.

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Science website helps students

A newly designed U.S. House of Representatives Science Committee website has been linked to U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd)'s website, Baird announced this week. A former college professor, Baird is a member of the House Science Committee.

The website is a clearinghouse for science and math educational resources from governmental agencies such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Department of Energy. In addition to mainline science offerings, the website also offers scientific games for students of all ages.

The website can be accessed by going to Baird's website, www.house.gov/baird and clicking on *Resources*, then *Science Education*.

The website has also been added to the *Daily Insider* education links.

Holiday season brings laid back life

The 2005 holiday season may be a little more laid back than usual. Nearly every business and almost all governmental offices will be closed on the Mondays following Christmas and New Year's Day. In addition, watch for early closures on Christmas and New Year's Eves. About the only organization that will maintain structure is Waste Connections, which will provide garbage service on both Mondays. The *Daily Insider* will not be published on either Monday.

People

Bill Ray, after 27 years of service with the City of Vancouver, is retiring as city surveyor. Ray is being succeeded as city surveyor by **Weston Dorsynski**, formerly a construction services engineering specialist with the city. Ray will pursue the surveying practice as head of his own surveying firm in Camas.

News brief

Newly elected port and fire district commissioners will be sworn into office at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the Clark County Elections Department conference room, 1408 Franklin Street. An exception is the swearing in of Port of Vancouver commissioner **Brian Wolfe**. That ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, in port offices 3103 NW Lower River Road

Friday on the air

Clark College Orchestra: Fall Concert—4 p.m.

Portland Blazers at Minnesota (live)—5 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL KXMG

Lehigh at University of Washington (live)—5 p.m. FSN

Community Inspiration Celebration (12/20)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (12/14)—7 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver On Stage: Much Ado About Nothing—7 p.m. FVTV (Channel 11)

Bravo! Vancouver: Handel's The Messiah—10 p.m. CVTV

Friday headlines at home and from around the world

[Vancouver weighing bold annexation--Cumbrian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Vancouver man, Portland woman shared WW II hardships--Cumbrian, **Jose Paul Corona**](#)

[La Center woman gets new home--Cumbrian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[New Washougal mayor puts partnerships high on to-do list--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[West Hills landslide buries two cars, threatens house--KATU](#)

Town Tabloids and the weather

Marie Day calling for an audience. ✂ **Barbara Kerr** set to launch another successful year. ✂ **Darcy Rourk** giving concert band a boost. ✂ **Parker Cann** making the A list. ✂ **Kelly O'Neill** declaring, "Surf's up, dude!" ✂ **Bethany Strahan** joining brother **Tyler Strahan** in completing Disney World internship. ✂ **Friday**, rain off and on, 50. **Saturday**, a few showers, 45. **Sunday**, possible thunderstorms, 52.