

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## Elson Strahan to lead Historic Reserve Trust



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**Elson Strahan**, who put the Clark College Foundation into the upper echelon of North American college foundations, has been named president of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust.

"The trust is delighted to have Strahan join us in this important effort to establish Vancouver's Historic Reserve as a premier destination for visitors seeking cultural experiences related to Pacific Northwest history," says **Ed Lynch**, chair of the reserve trust.

Strahan says the community's 366-acre historic reserve, which includes the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Vancouver Barracks, Officers Row, Pearson Field, the Water Resources Education Center, a marine park and portions of the Columbia River waterfront, is going to become an international destination for visitors seeking hands-on, cultural and educational experiences of the history of the western expansion of the United States and the Pacific Northwest.

The reserve is administered by the National Park Service, the Department of the Army, the Office of Historic Preservation and Archaeology of Washington and the City of Vancouver.

The Vancouver National Reserve Trust was formed in 1998 to provide funding, stewardship, education and advocacy for the historic reserve. The trust assisted in the preservation efforts of the Jack Murdock Aviation Center and the O.O. Howard House.

The trust's current goals include restoration and redevelopment of Vancouver Barracks for public use, and the Maya Lin pedestrian bridge over Highway 14, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad line connecting the Columbia River waterfront to the rest of the reserve site.

Strahan, a Eugene native and graduate of the University of Wisconsin, had been with the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette in 1984 when he was named president of the \$1 million Clark College Foundation.

Since then the foundation reached a benchmark of \$63 million, making it the largest community college foundation of its kind in the nation.

Says Strahan, "Not only is this a tremendous opportunity, but it's a great chance to continue to work in the community."

## Service for hotel-builder Tod McClaskey is Friday

A memorial service for hotel-builder and co-founder of Red Lion Inns, **Tod McClaskey**, is at noon Friday, Feb.

Wednesday

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28, in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. McClaskey, who was 91, died Saturday in his winter home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

His legacy includes hotels across the western part of the United States, which he sold in 1984. The Red Lion chain began in 1959 when McClaskey and partner **Ed Pietz**, Ridgefield, bought the Thunderbird Inn on the Willamette River, near what is now Portland's Rose Garden sports complex.

At his death Mr. McClaskey was building yet another hotel in the southwest.

"He just liked to build hotels," said **Joe Van Lom**, Portland architect who worked on many of McClaskey's projects.

Mr. McClaskey was more than a hotel-builder. One of eight children of a The Dalles family, McClaskey had been a professional boxer. In Vancouver, with a partner, **Don Buss**, Mr. McClaskey operated the Frontier Room on Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets. It was in the 1950s Vancouver's premier dining and dancing establishment. In addition to the hotel chain, Mr. McClaskey owned Nevada casinos and his own airline that transported customers to the properties.

Survivors include his wife, **Maxine**; three sons, **Rod**, Seattle, **Tod Jr.** and **Jim**, both of Vancouver; a daughter, **Diana McClaskey**, Bend; and two brothers, **Glenn**, Goldendale and **Don**, Tillamook.

## People

**James Youde**, Vancouver businessman, has been elected chair of the board of the Oregon Food Bank.

### Wednesday electronic events

**Portland Trail Blazers at Denver (live)—6 p.m. FSN, KXL**  
Telecommunications Commission (2-5)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Tri-City at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KUPL**  
Lincoln Day Dinner—9 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes—11 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003

Alaska Air Group	18.01	-.07	Linear Technology	28.69	-.80
Alcoa	20.28	-.06	Microsoft	23.60	-.59
Amazon.com	21.63	-.25	Nautilus	14.70	unch
Bank of America	68.33	-.74	Nike	45.07	-.34
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.56	-.34
Bemis	41.85	-.12	PepsiCo	38.24	-.60
Boeing	27.84	-.35	Precision Cast	22.89	-.57
Boise Cascade	24.07	+.29	RLRN	16.71	-.28
CenturyTel	27.10	-.47	Starbucks	22.20	-.62
Costco	30.00	-.04	TSM	7.06	-.14
Expeditors Intl.	33.67	-.31	Tektronix	16.10	-.23
Georgia Pacific	14.70	-.08	US Bancorp	20.25	-.35
HPQ	15.37	-2.81	Wash. Mutual	33.68	-.84
Intel	16.24	-.49	W. Coast Bancorp	15.22	+.13
Kyocera	53.21	-.51	Weyerhaeuser	49.47	-.45

DOW: 7806.98 -102.52 ■ NASDAQ: 1303.68 25.3 ■ S&P: 827.55 -11.02

## Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>Jack Parker</b> moving back into 3-D world. ■■■■ <b>John Cummings</b> trying old post office trick. <b>Helen Erickson</b> smoothing fax ripples. ■■■■ <b>Amy Nguyen</b> doing Wanda trick. ■■■■ <b>Louie Pedrosa</b> taking tacos to new heights. ■■■■ <b>Susan Garcia</b> closing out game with four dealt aces. ■■■■ <b>Wednesday</b> , dry, cloudy, cool, 44. <b>Thursday</b> , dry, mostly cloudy, some sun, 52. <b>Friday</b> , gray but dry, 52.	Acapulco 88/68 Athens 45/33 Chicago 28/13 Dallas 36/32 Hong Kong 71/66 Los Angeles 60/48 London 52/41 New Orleans 59/48 New York 24/18 Orlando 80/63 Paris 48/36 Phoenix 61/46 Rome 55/36 Seattle 46/36 Sydney 77/61 Tokyo 54/40 Washington 29/26
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