

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## City council expected to hire architect for Firstenburg Community Center Monday

At its Monday meeting the Vancouver City Council is expected to award a \$1.8 million professional services contract to Opsis Architecture, Portland, for design and permitting services for the \$18 million Firstenburg Community Center.

The center to be on NE 136th Avenue, north of Mill Plain Boulevard, is being financed by a \$15 million bond issue supported by real estate excise taxes and a recent \$3 million contribution from **Ed and Mary Firstenburg**.

When completed in 2005, the center will provide east Vancouver with recreational, cultural, educational and meeting facilities.

## Pow Wow at Covington Middle School, Saturday, colorful event for kids, parents

The Native American Education Pow Wow from noon until 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the Covington School, 11200 Rosewood Road, offers free entertainment for all ages, according to **Becky Archibald**, one of the organizers.

The Pow Wow is sponsored by the Title VII Native American Education program in the Vancouver, Evergreen and Battle Ground School Districts, where more than 200 Native American students attend school.

Saturday's program showcases Native American dancing, music and artwork, features a drum group and the Black Lodge Singers.

## Hough Pool re-opens to the public Saturday

The Hough swimming pool, in the Hough Elementary School, 1900 Daniels Street, re-opens to the public this weekend.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Fees are \$2.25 to \$3.25, depending on age.

Title to the \$1.6 million pool, financed by the Hough Foundation and turned over to the City of Vancouver, will revert to the foundation March 28. Public swimming hours are expected to be expanded after that.

Budget tightening at City Hall has reduced the amount of city support for the facility. However, the city council has agreed to provide \$75,000 for 2003 and \$50,000 for 2004.

## Clark Public Utilities ends year in the black

Clark Public Utilities ended 2002 with a net income of \$1.5 million, although that was below the \$9.8 million revenue figure estimated at the beginning of the year.

The reason is lower than expected power sales despite an increase of 4,400 customers during the year. The electric utility ended the year with 160,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers.

The culprit in Clark's sales decline was warmer than usual weather, according to finance director **Rick Dyer**.

Clark is expected to increase electric rates in April when a forecasted 8 percent wholesale hike from Bonneville Power Administration becomes effective.

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FRIDAY

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## Millard Filmore created Washington the Territory 150 years ago Sunday

President **Millard Filmore** signed federal legislation creating the territory of Washington on March 2, 1853. On Feb. 28, 2003, Gov. **Gary Locke** asked that Washingtonians remember the settlers and native Americans on the sesquicentennial date Sunday.

## Congressional delegation puts heat on BPA to avoid October rate increase

All members of the Washington congressional delegation have been pressuring Bonneville Power Administration to "find creative ways" of avoiding another wholesale power increase in October.

BPA is expected to raise rates 8 percent in April. A second increase being considered in the fall could be as high as 20 percent.

BPA contracts with its customers allow it to make rate corrections depending on a variety of factors affecting its ability to maintain solvency and make regular loan payments to the federal government.

## News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. and in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday, March 3. ■■■■ The deadline for applying to fill two vacancies on the Vancouver Parking Advisory Committee has been extended to Monday, March 24. Applicants must be either residents of the city, property owners or business owners or officers. Call **696-8001** for further information.

### Friday electronic events

The Future of Russian American & Relations—6 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (2/13)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Winter Hawks at Spokane (live)—7 p.m. KUPL

L.A. Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. ESPN, KXL

Telecommunications Commission (2-5)—9 p.m. CVTV

State of the County Address—11 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Friday, Feb. 28, 2003

Alaska Air Group	18.15	+50	Linear Technology	30.67	+1.02
Alcoa	20.50	+03	Microsoft	23.70	+1.12
Amazon.com	22.01	+39	Nautilus	14.48	-1.15
Bank of America	69.24	+04	Nike	46.37	+1.14
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	17.01	+1.18
Bemis	41.86	-42	PepsiCo	38.32	+1.10
Boeing	27.56	-39	Precision Cast	23.60	-0.03
Boise Cascade	24.12	-24	RLRN	16.95	-1.17
CenturyTel	27.40	+20	Starbucks	23.45	+3.36
Costco	30.52	+12	TSM	7.09	+1.10
Expeditors Intl.	34.19	+14	Tektronix	16.52	+1.16
Georgia Pacific	15.01	-04	US Bancorp	20.92	+1.13
HPQ	15.85	+31	Wash. Mutual	34.53	+1.13
Intel	16.26	+56	W. Coast Bancorp	15.75	+1.07
Kyocera	52.60	-30	Weyerhaeuser	49.85	-1.07

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

**Vinton Erickson** flying to Washington sans stitches. ■■■■ **Theresa Baker** publishing a gem. ■■■■ **Kim Capeloto** faster than a speeding bullet. ■■■■ **Sharon Thornberry** gleaning. ■■■■ **Eric Giacchino** sending back refueling pictures. ■■■■ **Troy Van Dinter** dialing wrong number. ■■■■ **Friday**, gray, a few sprinkles. 52. **Saturday**, sun to get through most of the clouds, 54. **Sunday**, mostly sunny, 54.

Acapulco	86/68
Athens	53/39
Chicago	34/27
Dallas	54/42
Hong Kong	79/67
Los Angeles	64/48
London	53/42
New Orleans	64/50
New York	34/29
Orlando	76/62
Paris	47/37
Phoenix	62/46
Rome	54/38
Seattle	48/38
Sydney	84/63
Tokyo	47/37
Washington	35/30