

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## All but Battle Ground ace levy elections

Seven out of eight isn't bad, and absentee ballots may yet pull it out for the Battle Ground School District, whose special levy request was failing to make the 60 percent test by 79 votes.

Early absentee ballot returns, and those who went to the polls Tuesday, resoundingly approved special levy requests for the Vancouver, Evergreen, Camas, Washougal, La Center, Woodland, and Green Mountain School Districts

While Battle Ground voters approved that district's special levy by a 6,955-to-4767 majority, the 59.33 percent won't cut it. Property tax measures in Washington must get a 60 percent majority to pass.

Several thousand absentee ballots yet to be counted could turn the election around for Battle Ground.

Very high majorities prevailed in Camas, where 70.5 percent of the voters approved a transportation vehicle fund levy, and 68.36 percent approved the maintenance and operations levy.

The Vancouver schools' levy passed by 69.66 percent, and the Evergreen district's levy was approved by 66.71 percent of the voters. The Washougal and Green Mountain School Districts' levies passed by 69-plus percent.

## Larry Smith, annexation architect and first city-county parks chief, to leave March 1

Larry Smith, who as assistant to then-city manager John Fischbach helped facilitate Vancouver's largest annexation ever, Cascade Park, and who became the first director of the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department, this week announced his resignation.

Smith will leave the city March 1. "It's time for me to pursue other opportunities in the community. I intend to remain active in the community," Smith said.

City manager Pat McDonnell says: "Larry has done so many wonderful things for the city and leaves an incredible legacy. He is well respected in the community and in our organization. I have the highest regard for him and deeply appreciate all he has done."

Prior to joining the city, Smith had served as the senior Army advisor to the 104th Army Reserve Division at Vancouver Barracks.

## Laura Hudson named city's long-range planner

Laura Hudson, currently vice president of professional services for David Evans and Associates, Portland, has been named long-range planning manager for the City of Vancouver. The job starts March 10.

Hudson, who has 25 years' experience in planning, is a graduate of Duke University and holds a masters degree in urban and regional planning from Queens University, Kingston, Ont.

## Ron Kawamoto appointed to VHA board

Ron Kawamoto, a commercial and industrial real estate consultant with Norris Beggs & Simpson, has been

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appointed to the Vancouver Housing Authority board of commissioners.

The VHA, established in 1942, provides housing opportunities for low-income families, seniors and disabled people.

## Mitzy Hagensen memorial service is Monday

A memorial service for Miriam "Mitzy" Hagensen, who died at home Saturday after a valiant battle with cancer, is at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road. A reception follows in the parish hall.

Mrs. Hagensen's husband, Bruce, says, "It was Mitzy's wish that, in lieu of flowers, any remembrances be directed in her name to The American Cancer Society, 2011 Main Street, Vancouver, WA, 98660, or The Celebrate Freedom Endowment Fund, in care of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, 750 Anderson Street, Vancouver, WA, 98661."

## News briefs

The Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. today in City Hall. ■■■ InterACT's Transportation Priorities report to the community is at 7 p.m. tonight in the Library Hall at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Boulevard. ■■■ InterACT's First Thursday forum, a discussion of the community library, is at noon Thursday, Feb. 6, in My Sister & I Restaurant.

### Wednesday electronic events

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Mexican Traditions—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Portland Trail Blazers at Miami Heat (live)—4:30 p.m. FSN, KXL  
Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Gonzaga at Pepperdine (live)—9 p.m. ESPN  
Port of Vancouver Port Report—9:30 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes—11 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Close Up—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2002

Alaska Air Group	19.44	+22	Microsoft	46.96	-.36
Alcoa	19.84	+52	Nautilus	13.62	-.27
Amazon.com	22.17	+12	Nike	43.29	-.39
Bank of America	68.50	-.14	Nordstrom	17.55	-.20
Bemis	44.24	+12	PepsiCo	41.08	-.12
Boeing	30.67	-.57	Precision Cast	25.02	-.42
Boise Cascade	25.18	+61	RLRN	18.04	+40
CenturyTel	28.45	-.47	Starbucks	22.19	-.16
Costco	28.70	+14	TSM	7.12	+32
Expeditors Intl.	31.24	+08	Tektronix	16.85	+37
Georgia Pacific	15.89	-.08	UPS	60.09	+14
HPQ	17.11	-.39	US Bancorp	20.60	-.50
Intel	15.58	-.06	Wash. Mutual	34.55	+25
Kyocera	55.92	+51	W. Coast Bancorp	15.60	-.15
Linear Technology	26.22	-.08	Weyerhaeuser	50.36	+11

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

Jan Johnson and Analese Vander Sluis having friends in high places. ■■■ Steve Forster winning the Valentine on Feb. 16. ■■■ John McVeety remembering great parties of yore. ■■■ Hal Dengerink reporting on destination status. ■■■	Acapulco	93/72
Wednesday, cold morning, sunny day, 52. Thursday, after frosty morning, sunshine, 52. Friday, breezy, cool, dry, 48.	Athens	56/39
	Chicago	22/16
	Dallas	49/39
	Hong Kong	61/51
	Los Angeles	69/44
	London	55/45
	New Orleans	56/49
	New York	36/22
	Orlando	68/52
	Paris	31/22
	Phoenix	64/40
	Rome	45/28
	Seattle	50/34
	Sydney	81/61
	Tokyo	41/29
	Washington	42/24