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from Marine Park and bound for Hudson Bay, Canada.

County commissioners looking for two new members of solid waste advisory committee

Two vacancies on the nine-member Clark County Solid Waste Advisory Commission are to be filled in April. One member will represent southeast Clark County; the other, at-large will represent public interest groups.

To apply before the April 14 deadline, call **Anita Largent, 397-6118**, extension 4484.

News briefs

Bruce Carter, Clark Public Utilities' energy specialist, will explain how new homes can have much better air quality than older homes through controlled ventilation, at a free forum at 7 p.m. tonight in the utility's Electric Center community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. ■■■ Vancouver's portion of the Burnt Birdge Creek trail design will be discussed at a 7 p.m. meeting tonight in the Vancouver School District Center for Educational Leadership, 2921 Falk Road. For further information, call Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, **619-1118**. ■■■ A free Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust grant-writing seminar is at 6 p.m. today in the Water Resources Education Center. ■■■ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in conference room B of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ■■■ The Clark County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force presents a spaghetti dinner and silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in Hudson's Bay High School. Tickets are \$10 per family, \$3 per person. Call **397-6119**, extension 4125

Vancouver police will use "less lethal" Taser against violent, combative perps

Vancouver police, who have been training to use the "less lethal" Taser tool against violent and combative individuals, will demonstrate the use of the high-energy electrical device at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the Northwest Regional Training Center.

Tasers were developed in the 1970s as a tool to provide airline personnel with a way of combating potential hijackers.

The M26 Taser to be demonstrated by Vancouver officers will stop a person up to 21 feet away by firing a double pronged set of wires charged with up to 500,000 volts of electricity.

The electrical shock immobilizes the target but does no permanent harm.

The demonstration includes the opportunity for members of the news media to experience firsthand the affects of the Taser.

Locke says 3-cent a gallon gasoline tax proposal is a transportation 'start'

Gov. **Gary Locke** today said the 3-cent a gallon gasoline tax proposed by House Transportation Committee Chair **Ed Murray** (D-Seattle) is a "start" in delivering transportation improvements.

Locke said, however, "The state needs a gasoline tax increase of four or five cents a gallon to address long delayed transportation improvements that are needed to ensure a healthy economy for the state."

According to Locke, every one-cent-a-gallon increase would raise \$500 million over ten years for highway construction and would generate up to 3,000 family-wage jobs.

"A solution is within our reach," Locke said "We need to pass a transportation budget by the end of the month."

County growth appears to be slowing in 2003

A total of 460 new residential electric hookups were added to Clark Public Utilities customer base during the first two months this year, compared to 742 during January and February 2002.

The monthly residential customer growth rate for the first two months of last year was 3.63 percent. This year, for the same period the monthly growth rate was 1.87 percent.

Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust's telephone number messed up

Further information about the Boreal-Confluence expedition is available from the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust by calling **Garen Horgen, 992-1800**. The *Insider* Monday inadvertently listed the trust's fax instead of phone number. Members of the expedition will be in Vancouver through this week, departing in a 26-foot birch bark canoe at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 30, from Marine Park and bound for Hudson Bay, Canada.

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Tuesday electronic events

Behind the Scenes of the Editorial Pages—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Washington at Portland Trail Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL
City of Vancouver Student Government Day—7:30 p.m. CVTV
49th District Town Hall—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Alaska Air Group	17.05	+31	Linear Technology	33.50	+50
Alcoa	21.33	+50	Microsoft	25.49	+20
Amazon.com	26.90	+67	Nautilus	15.17	+21
Bank of America	69.31	+51	Nike	52.89	+78
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	17.88	+14
Bemis	43.99	+54	PepsiCo	40.10	+02
Boeing	27.37	+34	Precision Cast	24.94	+25
Boise Cascade	23.50	+26	RLRN	18.22	+35
CenturyTel	28.35	+34	Starbucks	26.00	+71
Costco	30.98	+88	TSM	8.09	+14
Expeditors Intl.	37.37	+1.15	Tektronix	17.64	+24
Georgia Pacific	14.85	+07	US Bancorp	20.65	+31
HPQ	16.51	-04	Wash. Mutual	35.91	+35
Intel	18.04	+21	W. Coast Bancorp	15.09	+41
Kyocera	51.88	+36	Weyerhaeuser	50.08	+03

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Joe Kortum making the scene at Linda and Corky Angelo's Palm Desert soiree. ■■■ Lee Hutton-Welch providing charm. ■■■ Tim Welch holding cup when sprinklers go on. ■■■ Kent Snyder clarifying further the Pinacaea family tree. ■■■ Tuesday , clouds may drop a little rain, 56. Wednesday , gray day, some showers, 54. Thursday , drying trend barely noticeable, 56.	Acapulco 86/68 Athens 55/48 Chicago 55/34 Dallas 64/48 Hong Kong 77/66 Los Angeles 74/54 London 60/45 New Orleans 78/60 New York 62/48 Orlando 82/58 Paris 62/46 Phoenix 84/58 Rome 65/45 Seattle 52/40 Sydney 76/59 Tokyo 60/45 Washington 72/52
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