

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

WEDNESDAY

March 26, 2003

p.m. A guided walk to Cathlapotle, the ancient Chinook town, is from 3 to 5 p.m.

For information on activities, call **Yvette Donovan, 887-4106.**

Commissioners ratify road plan as a prelude to building Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital

A deal calling for Legacy participation in \$4 to \$6 million in road improvements at the NE 134th Street corridor, accepted by Clark County commissioners and Legacy Health System yesterday, paves the way for construction of a 220-bed acute care hospital at the southeast corner of NE 139th Street and NE 20th Avenue.

A few more hoops remain, however. The county must reduce its 22-mile-an-hour standard for travel along the 134th Street corridor to 13 miles an hour. Commissioners will take this up at a regular meeting Tuesday, April 1.

A county hearings examiner, who heard Legacy's proposal earlier this month, has to approve current plans.

Provided the county does change the standard, a 16-month-old moratorium on development will be lifted, and additional housing and commercial buildings are expected.

Legacy construction would begin with a seven-story parking structure and a medical office building. If all goes according to plan, Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital would open in mid-2005, according to **Joe Kunkel**, who will be its administrator.

Legacy has agreed to widen the I-5 northbound exit to 134th Street to four lanes, build I-5 overpass on 139th Street and make other improvements on 134th, 139th Streets and 20th Avenue.

The county has agreed to working out a formula whereby new developments, which would benefit from improvements paid for by Legacy, could reimburse Legacy for some of its original costs.

Tips on doing business in the Europe and Asia, part of Washington Trade Week

Washington Trade Week is being celebrated in Vancouver at an 11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 27, lunch at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, sponsored by the Columbia River Economic Development Council.

Washington State Trade Week is a program of the state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. Other local sponsors are the Cowlitz County Economic Development Council, and the Ports of Vancouver, Camas-Washougal, Kalama and Longview.

For further information, call **694-5006.**

Ridgefield celebrates 100th anniversary of Wildlife Refuge System all day Saturday

The 100th anniversary of the national Wildlife refuge System is being celebrated with a variety of events in the Ridgefield area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge is one of the showcase refuges in the national system.

A half-day kayak tour begins at 9 a.m. A free centennial slide show is at 10 a.m. in the Ridgefield Community Center, where a second day of issue Wildlife Refuge System postage stamp will be issued. An auto tour begins at 11:30 a.m. Guided walks are scheduled between 3 and 5

Helpful hint: Orb not on city property

A notice on the City of Vancouver web site reports that recent clues in the *Columbian's* Quest 2003, a hunt for an Orb that will bring the finder as much as \$5,000, has led some to believe the Orb may be located at a city water or sewer facility. The Orb is not located on any city facilities, according to the notice. Clues are found daily in the *Columbian*.

City offering neighborhood association members training in urban forestry

Classes in tree pruning, preservation, identification and planting are being offered to neighborhood association members through Vancouver's Urban Forestry Program.

Deadline for applications is Friday, March 28. Call **Charles Ray** of the urban forestry program, **619-1128**, for further information

News briefs

The Public Access Cable Television Board meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today has been canceled. ■■■ Mardi Gras dinner prepared by students at the Clark County Skills Center is being served at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the center's restaurant, 12200 NE 28th Street. Tickets are \$20 each. Call **Patty Foco** for required reservations, **604-1040**, extension **2150**.

Wednesday electronic events

Vancouver Student Government Day—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV
Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz (live)—6 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL
Clark County Focus—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Winter Hawks at Spokane (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Telecommunications Commission (3/5)—7 p.m. CVTV
Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Alaska Air Group	16.82	-.23	Linear Technology	33.10	-.40
Alcoa	20.78	-.55	Microsoft	25.25	-.24
Amazon.com	27.76	+.86	Nautilus	15.00	-.17
Bank of America	68.55	+-.76	Nike	52.06	-.83
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	17.85	-.03
Bemis	43.45	-.54	PepsiCo	39.82	-.28
Boeing	26.40	-.97	Precision Cast	24.83	-.11
Boise Cascade	23.10	-.40	RLRN	18.02	-.20
CenturyTel	28.36	+.01	Starbucks	26.28	+.28
Costco	31.22	+.24	TSM	7.58	-.51
Expeditors Intl.	37.18	-.19	Tektronix	17.51	-.13
Georgia Pacific	14.40	-.45	US Bancorp	20.35	-.30
HPQ	16.58	+.07	Wash. Mutual	35.61	-.30
Intel	17.89	-.15	W. Coast Bancorp	14.67	-.42
Kyocera	51.60	-.28	Weyerhaeuser	49.07	-1.01

DOW: 8229.88 -50.35 ■ NASDAQ: 1387.45 -3.56 ■ S&P: 869.95 -4.79

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Mike Wilson generating excitement.	Acapulco	86/68
■■■ Gayle Mitten handling details	Athens	62/48
■■■ Dennis Kampe tasting crawfish.	Chicago	56/40
■■■ Craig Walker generating good news.	Dallas	72/48
■■■ Larry Smith getting encouraging words.	Hong Kong	76/67
■■■ Warren Cook knowing way cool when he sees it.	Los Angeles	74/54
■■■ Wednesday , gray day, some showers, 54.	London	60/45
■■■ Thursday , drying trend barely noticeable, 56.	New Orleans	72/62
■■■ Friday , showers resume, 58.	New York	60/40
	Orlando	82/64
	Paris	62/47
	Phoenix	87/61
	Rome	66/46
	Seattle	50/38
	Sydney	79/59
	Tokyo	60/47
	Washington	66/44