

The Daily Insider

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THURSDAY

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Absentee response to Tuesday's school levy elections is heavy

One of two absentee ballot recipients this morning had returned his or her vote on Tuesday's school district levy elections to the Clark County Elections office, according to elections supervisor **Tim Likness**.

Nearly 30 percent of the 163,586 registered voters in the eight school districts in which levy requests are made have already voted.

The elections department sent 95,996 absentee ballots, of which just over 50 percent, 48,083, have been returned.

Eight school districts are asking collectively for \$231 million in from three-year levies that replace existing levies.

For the most part, the requested levies are not for an increase in taxes and, in some cases, the levy requests represent a slight decrease from the expiring special levies.

The Vancouver School District's request for \$86.1 million over three years is only slightly larger than the Evergreen School District's \$83.1 million request.

Districts in which special levies are requested are Vancouver, Evergreen, Battle Ground Camas, Washougal, La Center, Woodland and Green Mountain.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, the official election day for eight school districts.

Click on president@whitehouse.gov to send your opinion to president on any matter

President **George W. Bush's** White House e-mail address is president@whitehouse.gov. That address is always available as a way to express one's opinion to the president.

Regarding the Iraq situation, there is another way, by calling **202-456-1111**, between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. That number has been set up to take yes or no responses on the president's position on Iraq. It's usually a busy line, however.

Green power open house tonight

An open house in Clark Public Utilities' Electric Center community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, will celebrate the first full year of the utility's Green Lights Program, which provides participating Clark customers with renewable energy sources.

The utility also will reveal a local solar power project during the open house.

The renewable energy program, which costs customers who sign up \$1.50 cents more per 100 kilowatt-hour segments, has earned the utility \$16,500 in the past year, all of which was spent on renewable power resources.

InterACT First Thursday forum eyes on Vancouver Community Library

The Vancouver Community Library is the focus of InterACT's First Thursday forum at noon, Thursday, Feb.

6, in My Sister and I Restaurant.

InterACT forums, in which the audience is the panel, are free, but there is a modest charge for lunch if ordered.

Reception honoring Val Ogden begins at 4:30 p.m. today in the YWCA office

A reception honoring **Val Ogden** for her service to the YWCA of Clark County and her 12 years in the state legislature begins at 4:30 p.m. today in the YWCA building, 3609 Main Street.

There is no charge for the reception, which is open to the public. A brief program is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Although retired, Ogden is a board member of the Council for the Homeless, Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board, Human Services Council, and Low-Income Housing Board. She is also a member of Women in Action, American Association of University Women, National Organization for Women, Women's National Political Caucus and the National Abortion Rights Action League.

News briefs

The Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association meets in regular session at 7 p.m. tonight in the CASEE Building, 11104 NE 149th Street. ■■■ The Vietnamese New Year celebration sponsored by Columbia River Mental Health Services is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the health agency's lobby, 6926 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard. It is the Year of the Goat, according to the traditional Vietnamese calendar.

Thursday electronic events

The Dangers of Chewing Tobacco—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland State at Weber State (live)—6 p.m. KFFX
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Denny Heck's Inside Olympia (live)—7 p.m. TVW, replay, 11 p.m.
Santa Clara at Portland Pilots (live)—7 p.m. KPAM
Oregon Ducks at UCLA (live)—7:30 p.m. FSN, KXL

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, Jan 30, 2002

Alaska Air Group	19.75	-.20	Microsoft	48.24	-1.67
Alcoa	19.87	-.47	Nautilus	12.74	-.67
Amazon.com	21.82	-.26	Nike	44.93	-.74
Bank of America	68.71	-.88	Nordstrom	17.99	-.22
Bemis	43.62	-.96	PepsiCo	38.71	-1.80
Boeing	30.66	+0.05	Precision Cast	24.65	-.25
Boise Cascade	23.93	-.83	RLRN	17.92	+1.41
CenturyTel	29.25	+0.63	Starbucks	22.49	-.34
Costco	28.98	-.34	TSM	6.85	-.35
Expeditors Intl.	30.22	-.97	Tektronix	16.09	-.78
Georgia Pacific	15.47	-.55	UPS	59.75	-.80
HPQ	18.20	-1.09	US Bancorp	20.70	-.16
Intel	15.79	-.87	Wash. Mutual	33.58	-.52
Kyocera	55.30	-1.48	W. Coast Bancorp	15.60	-.10
Linear Technology	25.95	-1.42	Weyerhaeuser	47.56	-1.43

DOW: 7945.13 -165.58 ■ NASDAQ: 1322.36 -35.7 ■ S&P: 844.62 -1974

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Tony Bump directing, Dale Beacock conducting musical comedy theater. ■■■ Margie Wilson ordering the cabbage. ■■■ Sam Kim calling meeting to order. ■■■ Maureen Keller really jazzing up notices. ■■■ Tom Cain getting January honors. ■■■ Thursday , cloudy, and showery, 54. Friday , gloomy and wet, 53. Saturday , clouds mixed with brief sunbreaks, 50.	Acapulco 95/70 Athens 59/44 Chicago 34/28 Dallas 58/43 Hong Kong 69/61 Los Angeles 82/56 London 33/22 New Orleans 61/43 New York 33/27 Orlando 76/54 Paris 27/17 Phoenix 80/52 Rome 46/28 Seattle 52/46 Sydney 100/78 Tokyo 44/30 Washington 37/27
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