

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## People bought a record 8,698 Clark County homes during 2002

According to Benchmarks, real estate tracking service, buyers acquired 8,698 new and used homes in Clark County during the past year, an all-time record.

The sales exceeded last year by 361 homes and were 199 more than the previous record year, 1999.

Vancouver Realtor **Carol Curtis** says that the lowest mortgage interest rates in at least a decade contributed to increased sales.

According to Curtis, 2003 is starting out just as hot.

## Seven county school districts asking voters to approve replacement levies

Voters in seven Clark County school districts are being asked to approve replacement levies to maintain current levels of maintenance and operation at a special election Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Most of the special levies do not involve increased taxes, and in most cases the tax take may go down slightly.

About 70 percent of public school funding comes from the state and about 11 percent from federal sources. The remainder is almost always dependent on voter-approved special levies.

Absentee ballots are going into the mail today, according to county elections supervisor **Tim Likness**.

## Port of Kalama gets rights to 5 million gallons of water a day

The Port of Kalama has been awarded two separate ground water permits to allow the port to use up to five million gallons of water a day.

The water rights issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology are important in bringing in new industry to the port area, reports port commissioner **Fred Swanstrom**. In the past, the port has had to pass up large industrial clients who required water in excess of that currently available, according to port planning manager **Mark Wilson**.

## Ed Lynch reelected Identity Clark County chair

**Ed Lynch** has been reelected chair of Identity Clark County, the business organization active in promoting transportation issues and downtown Vancouver development.

Also reelected was vice chair **John McKibbin**. **David Doss** is secretary and **Tami Nesburg**, treasurer. Newly elected as a director is **David Growth**.

## Basketball is very big at Clark College Saturday and includes alumni challenge

There will be four basketball games Saturday in the O'Connell Sports Complex at Clark College. In addition to regularly scheduled men's and women's games between the Clark Penguins and the Lower Columbia Community College Red Devils—the women's game at 3 p.m. and the

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men's game at 7 p.m.—there are two challenge games between women alumni at 1 p.m. and men alumni at 7 p.m.

A free-throw challenge between Clark interim president **David Beyer** and Lower Columbia president **Jim McLaughlin** is during half time of the men's game.

For further information, call **Nancy Simmons, 992-2301**.

## People

Appointed to serve on United Way of the Columbia Willamette vision councils from Clark County are **Cassie Borys, Sue Kohlhepp, Donald Thieman, Joe Wilson, Carol Fenstermacher** and **Bob Williamson**. The vision councils are charged with helping determine United Way immediate and long-term goals.

## Kids to get glider building tips at Pearson

Pearson Air Museum is offering demonstrations on glider construction for kids during a 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, Winterfest.

Portland Area Sailplane Society members **Glenn Pyle** and **Jim Gibson** will build a glider and assist in a test flight. The air museum is at 1115 E 5th Street. Adult admission is \$5. Kids 12 and under are free.

## News brief

The *Daily Insider* along with the federal government, state offices, including state-owned liquor stores, schools, post offices, and city government will be closed Monday, honoring Martin Luther King Day.

### Friday electronic events

Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV

WSUV, Clark Blended Degree Program—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (1/9)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Pilots at San Francisco (live)—7 p.m. KPAM

Seattle at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. AT&T, KUPL

Telecommunications Commission (1/15)—9 p.m. CVTV

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

### Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Friday, Jan 17, 2002

|                   |       |       |                  |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Alaska Air Group  | 22.97 | -.45  | Microsoft        | 51.46 | -3.89 |
| Alcoa             | 22.15 | +.03  | Nautilus         | 13.11 | -.29  |
| Amazon.com        | 21.40 | -.40  | Nike             | 45.05 | -.47  |
| Bank of America   | 71.48 | +.48  | Nordstrom        | 18.78 | -.27  |
| Bemis             | 49.00 | -.40  | PepsiCo          | 43.65 | -.08  |
| Boeing            | 33.29 | -.17  | Precision Cast   | 27.00 | -.17  |
| Boise Cascade     | 27.51 | -.45  | RLRN             | 18.62 | -.43  |
| CenturyTel        | 30.46 | -.34  | Starbucks        | 20.09 | -.16  |
| Costco            | 30.07 | -.13  | TSM              | 7.59  | -.51  |
| Expeditors Intl.  | 31.31 | -.32  | Tektronix        | 17.60 | -.44  |
| Georgia Pacific   | 16.72 | -.06  | UPS              | 63.44 | -.08  |
| HPQ               | 19.23 | -.76  | US Bancorp       | 22.43 | -.15  |
| Intel             | 16.34 | -.86  | Wash. Mutual     | 35.90 | +.61  |
| Kyocera           | 57.91 | +.36  | W. Coast Bancorp | 15.54 | -.06  |
| Linear Technology | 26.64 | -1.72 | Weyerhaeuser     | 52.52 | -.79  |

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

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|---|-------------|-------|
| <b>Craig Pridemore</b> working up script for his turn at the microphone. ■■■■ | Acapulco    | 90/72 |
| <b>Charlie Deverieux</b> pens best lead. ■■■■                                 | Athens      | 55/41 |
| <b>Kevin Bruzzone</b> picking Jantzen Beach Krispy Kreme site. ■■■■           | Chicago     | 20/8  |
| <b>Casey O'Dell</b> posing as constituent. ■■■■                               | Dallas      | 44/27 |
| <b>Joe Evens</b> accepting advice. ■■■■                                       | Hong Kong   | 71/62 |
| <b>Kathy Condon</b> checking mail. ■■■■                                       | Los Angeles | 80/52 |
| <b>Friday</b> , partly cloudy, mostly sunny. 52.                              | London      | 51/36 |
| <b>Saturday</b> , mostly sunny, 54. <b>Sunday</b> , continued sunshine, 50.   | New Orleans | 45/26 |
|   | New York    | 32/15 |
|   | Orlando     | 57/32 |
|   | Paris       | 41/32 |
|   | Phoenix     | 75/49 |
|   | Rome        | 50/34 |
|   | Seattle     | 52/38 |
|   | Sydney      | 89/72 |
|   | Tokyo       | 54/36 |
|   | Washington  | 30/18 |