

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## Bring on the t(r)olls Mayor Royce Pollard says during SRO state-of-the-city speech

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** told a sold-out audience in the Jim Parsley Center Tuesday that he would welcome tolls on the I-205 and I-5 bridges as a way to help finance a restructured Interstate Bridge as well as a light-rail-through system that "would loop across the county to serve the entire region with connections at I-5 and I-205."

"Light rail is at our doorstep," the mayor said, referencing the completed MAX line to Portland International Airport and the about-to-be-completed Max line to the Portland Expo Center just off I-5 at Marine Drive, adding, "and a great portion of funding for bringing light rail to Vancouver is already available."

The upbeat theme of the mayor's sixth state-of-the-city address was "The best is yet to come."

After first praising City Manager **Pat McDonnell** and the city staff for their achievements during the past year, including presenting a no-new-taxes budget without compromising core services for 2003, Pollard listed some of the city's 2003 goals:

- The city will push ahead with partnership efforts to develop the new eastside community center, for which an architect has been hired, a project manager selected. Completion is expected in early 2005.
- We will develop a seamless one-stop access by the Internet for all local government services: "Soon we will have video streaming, enabling citizens who can access the Web to watch city and county meetings on their personal computers. By year's end our citizens will be able to pay their utility bills on line."
- Next month city and county transportation and solid waste programs will be consolidated in the new county public service building.
- Public safety funding has been increased \$1.5 million. Public safety technicians will go back into the field with four new police investigators, two new traffic officers and four new support staff. Smaller, more efficient rescue vehicles at the Devine Road and Mill Plain Boulevard fire station will replace fire trucks for medical emergencies.
- Ground breaking for the downtown regional convention center is expected this summer, with completion due in early 2005.
- The multi-million West Barracks project will kick into high gear this year. Plans are underway to produce an action plan to enhance marketing, transportation, retailing and security in downtown Vancouver.

## News briefs

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at port offices, 111 W Division Street at 6 p.m. today. ■■■ The Sifton Neighborhood Association meets at 7

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p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in Clark Public Utilities' community center, 8600 NE 117th Avenue. ■■■ The 104th "Timberwolf" Division, looking for former service members for duty, is holding an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Tonight at Headquarters Building, 987 McClellan Road in Vancouver Barracks.

## Mea Culpa

Hardly seven days into the new year and the now venerable (12 years) *Insider* produced its first major news messup, and it was a classic

For the record, the members of the Vancouver Public Facilities District are: **Byron Hanke**, chair, **Debi Ewing**, **Dick Porkonowski**, **Edward Barnes** and **Kathy Segó**.

Members of the Clark County Facilities District, now being formed, are **Paul Winters** and **Philip Parker**, both appointed by the City of Vancouver Monday. Members of the county group, appointed by the county, are **Deborah Abraham** and **Gerald Kolke**. When those four meet they will select a fifth member to complete the roster.

The only thing correct in yesterday's attempt to report changes in membership in the local public facilities districts was that Vancouver PFD member **David Nierenberg** had resigned earlier to devote more time to activities in the Evergreen School District. He was succeeded by **Segó**.

Public facilities districts are empowered to participate in the financing and ownership of such public facilities as convention centers and sports arenas.

## Wednesday electronic events

City Minutes—3:30 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver Planning Commission: "Sustainability"—4 p.m. CVTV  
State of the City Address (replay)—6 p.m. CVTV  
Animal Control Hearings (12/12)—7:30 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (12/4)—CVTV  
Clark County Close Up—11 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus—11:30 p.m. CVTV

## Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Wednesday, Jan 8, 2002

Alaska Air Group	23.56	-.09	Microsoft	54.24	-1.56
Alcoa	21.85	-2.53	Nautilus	16.07	+.81
Amazon.com	21.02	-.53	Nike	46.02	+.36
Bank of America	71.07	-.21	Nordstrom	18.80	-.30
Bemis	49.29	-.99	PepsiCo	42.70	+.52
Boeing	33.50	+.20	Precision Cast	26.04	-.19
Boise Cascade	25.37	-1.13	RLRN	19.33	-.17
CenturyTel	30.82	-.22	Starbucks	20.79	-.45
Costco	29.30	+.25	TSM	7.35	-.33
Expeditors Intl.	32.55	-.91	Tektronix	18.41	-.56
Georgia Pacific	16.39	-.19	UPS	63.55	-.45
HPQ	19.50	-.45	US Bancorp	22.35	-.13
Intel	16.68	-.68	Wash. Mutual	35.90	-.40
Kyocera	57.11	-.89	W. Coast Bancorp	15.67	-.07
Linear Technology	28.74	-.60	Weyerhaeuser	50.92	-1.07

DOW: 8595.31 -145.28 ■ NASDAQ: 1401.07 -30.5 ■ S&P: 909.93 -13

## Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>Allan Brettmann</b> explaining tabulation process. ■■■ <b>Mark Brown</b> monitoring halls, aisles and pathways. ■■■ <b>Mitch Bower's</b> persiflage growing better with age. ■■■ <b>Mary Legry</b> making news hound's day. ■■■ <b>Bob Bernhardt</b> shaking, <b>Jim Justin</b> moving. ■■■ <b>Wednesday</b> , mostly sunshine, 52. <b>Thursday</b> , patchy clouds, but no precipitation, 50. <b>Friday</b> , mostly cloudy, 48.	Acapulco 86/70 Athens 55/46 Chicago 50/30 Dallas 70/50 Hong Kong 64/55 Los Angeles 74/52 London 32/24 New Orleans 61/51 New York 42/38 Orlando 65/43 Paris 20/11 Phoenix 71/50 Rome 48/35 Seattle 50/36 Sydney 90/61 Tokyo 44/29 Washington 48/36
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