

City delays public hearings on B&O tax proposal

A public hearing on the proposed return of Vancouver's Business and Occupation Tax, which was scheduled for Monday, Aug. 21, has been delayed 60 days, city manager **Pat McDonnell** said this afternoon.

McDonnell says the delay will give the city more opportunity to keep open a dialogue with the business community.

"We have spent the past two weeks working with the community and large and small businesses, who have asked us to slow down to allow them time to offer alternatives. We are listening to them because this issue is too important to be rushed by the public hearing process.," McDonnell said.

Ray Korpi gets dean Clark College dean assignment



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Ray Korpi has been named dean of Basic Education, English, Communications & Humanities at Clark College. He has been a member of the English Department at Clark College since 1993 and has served as Interim Dean since 2003.

At Clark, Korpi has served as chair of the college's Instructional Planning Team and was chair of the college's benchmarking team on "Access to Education." He also served as a participant in the Washington Council of Basic Skills.

Korpi's educational experience also includes serving as acting registrar at Bassett College in Portland, as well as work in the English Department and the Intensive American Language Center at Washington State University. He served as an assistant for the Nebraska Writers' Project and the Willa Cather Scholarly Text Project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was a contributor to the Cather Edition Staff on Willa Cather (University of Nebraska Press).

After earning bachelors and masters degrees in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Korpi earned a doctorate in American Studies from Washington State University. He has experience as a tenured faculty member at Clark College as well as experience as an adjunct instructor and a credentials evaluator for the Art Institute of Portland.

A winner of the Mamie Campbell Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contribution to the Audubon Society of Portland, Korpi has also served as president of the board of directors of Oregon Field Ornithologists. He has edited and written

numerous articles on wildlife for publications including *Oregon Birds* and *The Nebraska Bird Review*.

Burglary suspect goes to hospital with dog bite; Insider has the link

The *Insider* does not present crime news on its front page, but what happened today at 9:30 a.m. today is an example of how breaking news can be found in the *Insider* 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Click on *Flash News* link just above the Daily Headlines link section. You'll be taken to **Craig Walker's** continuously updated regional emergency news site. Click on the news release tab, and there you will see the story of the burglar nabbed by a Clark County Sheriff's officer's police dog after the women inside a home in the 9200 block of NE 97th Circle called 9-1-1 reporting a strange man outside.

The woman locked herself inside her bedroom, the burglar attempted to enter the house, officers arrived with the K-9, and the dog pursued and caught the suspect, who was taken to Southwest Washington Medical Center for treatment of a wound inflicted by the dog.

Today has been busy for local law enforcement officials. Later this morning a woman was rescued from a car wreck near Chelatchie Prairie and transported to the medical center for treatment of broken bones and possible internal injuries. A racial assault was reported late last night.

Most of the emergency news isn't good news, but for the news junkies who want to know about mayhem and such before it makes the print media, it can be found through the *Daily Insider*. One more thing, the skyway for the OSHU tram goes up tomorrow, Walker reports.

News briefs

U.S. Sen. **Maria Cantwell** (D-Wash.) and U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) are special guests at the third annual 18th Legislative District Democratic fundraiser and ice cream social from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in Horse Shoe Lake Park, Woodland. For further information, call **Al Swindell**, (360) 225-4830. ☞ At 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, Cantwell will be honored by the City of Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield for her successful efforts in obtaining some of the federal financing for the \$35 million interchange reconstruction at the Ridgefield junction. A ceremony will take place adjacent to the Corwin Beverage factory, 219 Timm Road.

Calendar

Rain, presenting a tribute to The Beatles, headlines today's Taste of Vancouver, music, food and fun extravaganza in Esther Short Park, with concerts at 7:30 and 9 p.m. The Taste of Vancouver continues from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20. Adult admission is \$6. For further information, go to www.thetasteofvancouver.com. ☞ *Herringbone*, the one-man musical by Arts Equity Onstage is being presented at 7:30 p.m. this evening and Saturday, Aug. 19, in the air-conditioned Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Admission is \$8. ☞ The free, two-day block buster Uptown Festival is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, on Main Street between Fourth Plain and McLoughlin Boulevards. Kids fun abounds. ☞ Clark County employees annual picnic is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in Lewisville Park. ☞ A **Norman Leyden** oboe composition presented by **Victoria Racz** and **Humbert Lucarelli** headlines the Northwest Oboe Seminar concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in All Saint's Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Boulevard, Portland. Admission is \$5. For further information, call seminar director **Racz**, 696-4084, extension 3.

Friday headlines

[The incredible shrinking Ridgefield police department--Columbian, Paul Corona](#)
[Struggling Ridgefield digs deep for mayor's daughter's graduate degree--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)
[Port of Camas-Washougal taking heat on proposed waste transfer station site--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)
[Consultant hired to aid Clark hunt for interim chief--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)
[Groovin' in Uptown--Columbian, Matt Wastradowski](#)
[Washington home sales down 12.5 percent in second quarter--Columbian, Cami Joner](#)
[Seattle rowers win trans-Atlantic race--Seattle Times, Brad Wong](#)
[Bush defends NSA wiretaps--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[China central bank raises interest rates--New York Times, Keith Bradsher](#)

Friday on the air

Clark County Commissioner's Workshop (7/21)—6 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (8/6)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Las Vegas (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Addiction In The Home (8/10)—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Workshop (8/14)—8:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (8/7)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Marie Sullivan connecting dots. ☞ **Julie Kummer** touting lei and uke evening. **Judy Fuller** smiling in the sun. ☞ **Todd Martin** remembering Aaron Copeland days. ☞ **Paula Knight** finding symphonic relaxation. ☞ **Jim Justin** and **Bill Stauffacher** reflecting on the state of the alumni. ☞ **Tim Leavitt** putting on judicial robes for pastry pie do. ☞ **Friday** hot and sunny, 90. **Saturday**, continued sunny, 86. **Sunday**, sunny, hazy, 86.