

Columbia River Crossing Task Force sets 4-hour meeting to pare alternatives

During a four-hour meeting in Vancouver next week, the Columbia River Crossing Task Force is expected to narrow its study to 12 preliminary alternative improvements to the I-5 corridor between Highway 500 in Vancouver to Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

Each of the preliminary alternatives combines a public transit and an I-5 bridge crossing of the Columbia River with elements to improve bicycle and pedestrian access, freight movement, and travel safety and efficiency between Vancouver and Portland.

Over the next several months, the alternatives will be tested to determine how each reduces congestion and improves safety.

With no changes, congestion on I-5 at the Interstate Bridge is expected to increase from the current 4 to 6 hours a day to 13 hours a day by 2020.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to provide comment before the task force begins its deliberations at the 4 p.m. meeting, Wednesday, July 12, in the southwest regional headquarters of the state Department of Transportation, 11018 NE 51st Circle.

Further information is available by going to the Columbia River Crossing website,

www.ColumbiaRiverCrossing.org.

Posner and Wheeler join

Duggan, Schlotfeldt & Welch

Quinn H. Posner and **Mark A. Wheeler** have joined the law firm of Duggan, Schlotfeldt & Welch PLLC.

Posner is a former Clark County deputy prosecuting attorney who served in both the criminal and the civil division. Posner founded the Clark County Bar Association Young Lawyers group. Posner earned his law degree at Willamette University.

Wheeler, who practiced law in Spokane before joining the Vancouver firm, earned his law degree at Gonzaga University.

Bank of Clark County best company to work for again

For the fourth consecutive year the Bank of Clark County has been judged one of the Best Companies to Work for in Washington State by *Washington CEO Magazine*.

Washington CEO rated Bank of Clark County 18th best in a list 33 small businesses in the state. The ratings were, in part, determined by a confidential survey of employees.

Last month the Bank of Clark County was named, for the fifth consecutive year, one of the top 100 fastest growing companies in the Portland region by *The Business Journal* of Portland.

Fort Vancouver Tapestry to leave Clark College

The Fort Vancouver Tapestry, which has been on display at Clark College since August 2005, will end its run on Sunday, July 9, with a celebration for the stitchers at 4 p.m.

The work, created to honor and celebrate the history of Clark County, Washington, is on display in the second floor of the Penguin Student Union, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday.

The tapestry, measuring 108 feet long and 28 inches high, is believed to be the only textile narrative of this scope ever created in the United States. It next will be on display in the state Capitol Building during the 2007 legislative session.

Calendar

The New Blue Parrot Theatre presents *Oklahoma!* at 7 p.m. this evening, Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m. in the Washburn Performing Arts Center in Washougal High School, 1201 39th Street, Washougal.

A 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled for Sunday. *∞ Downtown Vancouver & Uptown Village* come alive with Art Walk on the second Saturday of every month. Pairing art and entertainment, the event features boutiques, restaurants, and galleries that open their doors from noon until 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at various locations downtown and in Uptown Vancouver. *∞ Territorial Days*, Amboy's annual heritage celebration that includes a logging show, lawn mower races, live entertainment, and games for the kids, begins today and ends Sunday, July 9, in

Amboy Territorial Park, 214 NE 299th Street. ⚡ The Vancouver Youth Theatre and A Summer Olio present a musical variety show at the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street, at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 8. The Vancouver Community Concert Band will present an outdoor concert. ⚡ The Water Resources Education Center presents “Bubble Over with Amazement,” a program for youngsters at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 8, in the center at 4600 S.E. Columbia Way. There is no charge. The center is also open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. ⚡ Open House Ministries’ annual Bike & Car Show begins with registration between 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at Open House Ministries, 900 W. 12th Street. Judging is at noon, and trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested. There is no general admission charge, but donations will be accepted. ⚡ The annual GLBT Pride Celebration is in Esther Short Park from noon until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 8. No admission charge. The free event celebrates diversity and features live bands, food and a beer garden.

Oops

In a story this week about **Sheri Johnson**’s being promoted to assistant vice president in the sales and service department of Columbia Credit Union, the *Insider* mistakenly credited Johnson with being a member of the 2006 graduating class of Leadership Clark County. Johnson actually is enrolled in the 2006-2007 Leadership Clark County class.

Friday headlines

[Governor says if she had her way Washington would be casino-free--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[More than 400 gather to hear and question Gov. Gregoire--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Clark County joins 13-agency area gang task force--Columbian, **Don Hamilton**](#)

[Evergreen High School remodel going full bore--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)

[Proposed ethanol plant at the Port of Vancouver gets good marks--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Battle Ground driver to race his 1969 McLaren--Columbian, **Matt Wastradowski**](#)

[New York terrorist plot to set off explosives in tunnels beneath New York's Hudson River foiled--New York Times, **John O'Neil**](#)

[Dow sheds 134 points--Washington Post, AP, **Michael J. Martinez**](#)

[Bush sticking to diplomacy with North Korea--Washington Post, **William Branigin** and **Colum Lynch**](#)

[Climbing to resume on Mount St. Helens July 21--Oregonian](#)

Friday on the air

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner (6/16)—4 p.m. CVTV

Winning Ways to Run for Office (6/28)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Tacoma` (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Detroit at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (7/6)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Polly Jobe getting top billing. ⚡ **Ron Hart** re-upping. ⚡ **Deb Wallace** charming on second try. ⚡ **Troy Van Dinter** straightening up facts. ⚡ **Terry Klein** persevering. ⚡ **Audri Streif** selecting pertinent facts. ⚡ **Friday**, mostly sunny, 82. **Saturday** sunny, 86. **Sunday**, mostly sunny, 82.