

## **Elizabeth Holmes gets MacKay & Sposito client development coordinator post**



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**Elizabeth Holmes** has been appointed client development coordinator for MacKay & Sposito.

Holmes, who has extensive project management experience in both the private and public sector, was a planner for the Amphitheater at Clark County project and the Jantzen Beach property redevelopment project, and was a member of the “blue ribbon” committee that conducted Vancouver’s first comprehensive plan update in 2000.

Holmes is a board member of the Columbia Land Trust and a member of the Planning Association, Washington State and Southwest Washington chapters. She is a past member of the Vancouver Planning Commission and the Vancouver Plan Oversight Committee for Comprehensive Plan Update.

MacKay & Sposito is a Vancouver-based firm of engineers, surveyors and planners, with additional offices in Kennewick, Wilsonville and Sherwood.

## **State rail capacity study begins in Vancouver**

The state Department of Transportation has scheduled four public meetings to open discussion on its Rail Capacity and System Needs Study, the first of which is in Vancouver beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, in Port of Vancouver offices at 3103 NW Lower River Road.

Meetings will continue later in the month in Seattle, Spokane and Tri-Cities.

The Vancouver meeting is sponsored by the ports of Vancouver and Ridgefield and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

For further information on the meeting, call **Tralee McGinness**, (206) 324-8760. For further information on the rail study, go to [www.wstc.wa.gov/rail](http://www.wstc.wa.gov/rail).

## **Stuart calling for more input on environmental issues**

Calling for more public input on environmental issues, Clark County commissioner **Steve Stuart** has scheduled a community forum for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the sixth-floor training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

“We’ll start by exchanging ideas and information about what is happening and what needs to happen on the environmental front, to tackle the challenges we see with wetlands, habitat, parks and other precious resources, Stuart said. For further information, call Stuart at 397-2232.

## **Seafarers set benefit concert**

The 2006 benefit concert for the Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center, presented by Vancouver pianist **Jim Fisher**, is at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, in the Royal Durst Theatre, in the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3201 Main Street.

Sharing the stage with Fisher are the following musicians: **Kyra Smith, Ron Barnes, Rob Sample, The Stellar Fellars, Ian Gurhrie, Letha Brandenburg, Laini Risto, Sasha Gokman, Riley Crabtree and Fred Lu.**

A donation of \$15 per person attending is suggested. For further information, **Barbara Mills, 694-9300.t**

## **News brief**

**John Cameron** has been named partner and portfolio manager for the Vancouver office of Bellevue-based Harvest Capital Advisors Inc. The new office for Harvest Capital Advisors is at 805 Broadway, Suite 1005.

## **Epidemic fighters**



**Barbe West**, executive director of Community Choices 2010, and **Arlene Johnson**, foreground, executive director of the Vancouver/Clark Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, right, spoke today at the presentation of Vancouver-Clark Trail and Bikeway System Plan. System of 25 trails and bikeways is part of Lewis and Clark Bicentennial legacy. Health advocate Community Choices’ West said the trail system helps ensure healthy community choices. Obesity in Clark County is reaching epidemic proportions, according to health officials.

**Calendar**

A reception concluding the Vancouver/Clark County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial is at 5 p.m. today in the Marshall House on Officers Row. **Robert Archibald**, president of the Lewis and Clark National Bicentennial Council, will discuss lessons learned from the bicentennial commemorations. ✂ A free poetry workshop, led by **Rivkah Loewus**, is at 7 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Boulevard. ✂ The First Thursday free program this evening, at 7 p.m. in the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street, features fiber artist and lecturer **Pat Courtney Gold**, who will discuss her Wasco-Wishram basket weaving art in a presentation titled "A Wasco Basket Weaver's Tie to Lewis and Clark." Gold's work is part of the museum's huge display of western American baskets, "Native Perspectives on the Trail." Some baskets are on sale in the museum gift shop. ✂ Affordable housing is the discussion point for the noon Friday, April 7, InterACT forum in My Friends and I, 1010 Broadway. There is no charge for the forum, where the audience is the panel. However, lunch is available at a modest price.

**Thursday headlines from at home and around the world**

[Bruce Hagensen to go for county commissioner post as a Republican--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)  
[GOP candidate rules questioned--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)  
[Columbia Non-Profit Housing may split from Vancouver Housing Authority--Columbian, Cami Joner](#)  
[WaferTech's Joe Kalinowski retiring--Columbian, Courtney Sherwood](#)  
[Young musicians rise to the top--Columbian, Bret Oppegaard](#)  
[Clark County looking for transit consultant to do \\$1.9 million study--Oregonian, Bill Stewart](#)  
[Cheney aid says Bush approved leak--New York Times, David Johnston and David E. Sanger](#)

**Thursday on the air**

Clark County Focus (3/2)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Close Up (4/2)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes (4/2)—5 p.m. CVTV  
**Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV**  
**Oakland at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
**Sacramento at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Rick Dyer** cooking candles. ✂ **Norm Willinger** having a really good day. ✂ **Joe Pinzone** observing. ✂ **Susan Tissot** preparing for another large crowd. ✂ **Ray Bachman** recommending restaurants. ✂ **Scott Barbour** doing good work. ✂ **Kelly Puntney's** big day filled with sunshine. ✂ **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, April showers possible, 61. **Friday**, warmer but chance of rain, 67. **Saturday**, fairly good chance of light rain, 60.