

Bi-state forum about as high-powered as Washington and Oregon can get

Governors **Chris Gregoire**, Washington, and **Ted Kulongoski**, Oregon, are the headliners and the marquee also includes Mayors **Royce Pollard**, Vancouver, and **Tom Potter**, Portland, with *Columbian* publisher **Scott Campbell** moderating the mayors' section.

The Bi-State Forum, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom at Portland State University, is also populated by the following: **Hal Dengerink**, chancellor, Washington State University Vancouver, and **George Pernsteiner**, chancellor, Oregon State University System, in a panel on higher education and training, moderated by **Wayne Branch**, president of Clark College; **Doug MacDonald**, Washington State Secretary of Transportation, and **Mike Garrett**, director, Oregon Department of Transportation, in a panel on transportation, moderated by **Jay Waldron**, chairman of the Port of Portland commission; **Mark Sidran**, chairman of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and **Lee Beyer**, chairman of the Oregon Public Utilities Commission, in a panel titled "Smart Energy," moderated by **Margie Gardner**, executive director, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance; **Roger Qualman**, executive vice president, Norris Beggs and Simpson, and **Stuart Cohen**, director of Open Source Development Lab, Beaverton, in a panel on economic development, moderated by **Charlie Allcock**, director of economic development, PGE.

The luncheon keynote speaker is **Kip Bergstrom**, executive director of the Rhode Island Economic Policy Council.

The Bi-State Forum is sponsored by the Portland State University's Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning's Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies. The institute was formed in 1992, to consider key issues of metropolitan significance in the six-county Vancouver-Portland area.

The registration fee is \$50. For further information, call **(503) 725-5170**.

Construction of county's 56-acre Pacific Community Park to begin

Construction of the 56-acre Pacific Community Park, south of NE 18th Street between NE 164th and 172nd Avenues, will begin following ground-breaking ceremonies at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. The community park is supported by real estate excise taxes and park impact fees within unincorporated areas of Clark County.

When completed a year from now, the park will offer a 10,000-square-foot extreme sports area for skateboarders, BMX riders and in-line skaters, a fenced 8-acre area where dogs can run unleashed, play areas, ball fields, trails and picnic shelters.

The County Parks District property taxes will finance maintenance of 35 new parks, seven miles of trails, and 41 sports fields outside the city of Vancouver but inside the city's urban growth area.

Rotary Clubs renewing offer of scholarships for study abroad

Scholarships for study abroad, valued up to \$26,000, again are being offered by Rotary Clubs of Clark County and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Applicants, who must apply by Friday, March 24, must be outstanding students, technicians or teachers and potential ambassadors of goodwill, and must have completed two years of college or university studies when the scholarship begins.

The scholarships are available for more than 160 countries. For further information, call **George Middleton**, **694-2752**.

News brief

Battle Ground's new police department building, 507 SW 1st Street, will be dedicated by Mayor **John Id-signa** and police chief **James McDaniel** at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. Building tours will be conducted until 7 p.m.

People

Elizabeth Brown and **Jesse Magna** have been reappointed to the state Home Care Quality Authority by Gov. **Chris Gregoire**. Brown, a registered nurse, is a certified guardian ad litem with the Clark County Superior Court and a member of the state Agency on Aging advisory council. Magna, also a member of the state Agency on Aging advisory council, is a member of the Vancouver Disability Resource Center Board, and is a lobbyist on

aging issues before the state legislature.

Calendar

Vancouver/Clark Parks & Recreation public planning sessions continue at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the new Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue. Subject matter is the planning of open space for the next six years. ☞ InterACT Clark County will discuss the Cowlitz Casino Resort at its noon, Friday, March 3, meeting in My Friends and I Restaurant, 1010 Broadway. Call 695-2164 for reservations.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world

[Dr. Seuss and Jim Sork offer perfect excuse to read--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)

[Big salmon fishing cutbacks likely--Columbian, **Allen Thomas**](#)

[Proposed agreement between Cowlitz Indian Tribe and La Center ignites fireworks at council meeting--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Sheriff says he needs 500 new jail beds--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)

[Ed Barnes gets second term on the state Transportation Commission--Columbian](#)

[Local tourism bureau gets new website--Columbian](#)

[Mayor Tom Potter tells Paul Allen bankruptcy is not an option--Oregonian, **Anna Griffin and Helen Jung**](#)

[U.S., India seal nuclear deal--Washington Post, **Jim VandeHei, Muneeza Naqvi and Fred Barbash**](#)

[13 things you can't do in Seattle--Seattle P-I, **D. Parvaz**](#)

[More die in Baghdad, government bans private automobiles for a day--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Thursday on the air

Firstenburg Community Center Opening—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Washington at Arizona State (live)—6 p.m. KUIK

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Ed Barnes writing 43 thank-you letters. ☞ **Ken McCoy** fills in void. ☞ **Dollie Lynch** checking ties for spots. ☞ **Ron Thomas** showing architectural appreciation. ☞ **Bob Fielding** is the first to say hello. ☞ **Ralph Mower** offering friendly competition. ☞ **Terry Lee** keeping others in mind. ☞ **John Bala** making good company. ☞ **Thursday**, rain lets up, spotty sunbreaks, 50. **Friday**, should be dry, partly cloudy, 49. **Saturday**, mostly cloudy, possible light showers, 55.