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### MacKay & Sposito adds to staff





**Ryan Billen** 

John Davis

**Ryan Billen** and **John Davis** have joined the Vancouver office of the engineering, land use and surveying firm Mac-Kay & Sposito, reports president **Al Schauer**.

Billen holds a masters degree in civil engineering from Brigham Young University and is a certified engineer-intraining.

Davis earned a bachelors degree from the Oregon Institute of Technology. He is a certified land surveyor.

The company also has offices in Kennewick, Wilsonville and Sherwood, and has over 75 employees.

#### Amtrak adding new Portland-Seattle roundtrip

A fourth Portland-Seattle round-trip passenger train is being added to the Amtrak schedule, effective Saturday, July 1, reports **Theresa Gren**, Washington Department of Transportation rail communications spokesperson.

The new three-and-a-half-hour service leaves Portland daily at 2:50 p.m. and arrives in Seattle at 6:20 p.m. The new daily service from Seattle leaves at 11:20 a.m. and arrives in Portland at 3 p.m.

To accommodate the new mid-day service, other Amtrak schedules will be changed, according to Gren. Seattle layovers between Bellingham and Portland will be reduced from 60 to 25 minutes for southbound passengers and from 90 to 20 minutes for northbound travelers.

The new Portland-Seattle service is funded by WSDOT. Amtrak Cascades trains are supported and funded by ticket-buying customers, the states of Washington and Oregon and Amtrak. The Amtrak Cascades service has experienced 11 consecutive years of record ridership.

# 3,847 trucks in and out of Port of Vancouver every week

More than 200,000 trucks, moving everything from scrap steel to Subaru automobiles, go in and out of the Port of Vancouver annually, and that number is growing, according to port officials who are seeking public input on extending W 26th Avenue to accommodate future port expansion.

The port expects expansion projects to greatly increase truck traffic and to add 5,000 new jobs over the next 20 years.

The proposed W 26th Avenue expansion would provide a new connection between the Lower River Road and northwest Vancouver.

The port is conducting a public transportation forum from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22, in the Fruit Valley Community Learning Center, 3410 NW Fruit Valley Road. Further information is available by calling **693-3611**.

# Historic walks along

#### Officers Row resume

Every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., a costumed re-enactor taking a stroll down Officers Row will explain to participants the history and lore of the main thoroughfare through Vancouver Barracks.

The first of the Thursday evening tours begins at 6:30 p.m. June 22 and lasts approximately one hour.

Admission is \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 11 through 16. Children 10 and under may be admitted free. Tours depart from the O. O. Hoard House, 570 Anderson Street. For further information, call **992-1800**. Reservations are not needed except for groups of over ten people.

# Legacy offers mothers-to-be pickles and ice cream social

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital is offering a "pickles and ice cream social," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the second-floor atrium of the hospital at 2211 NE 139th Street.

This free event offers participants a chance to speak to experts on pregnancy, childbirth, lactation, and car seat safety. Demonstrations and sample products will be available from a variety of businesses, ranging from Babies R Us and J.C. Penney, to Clark Public Utilities, Burgerville USA and Three Creeks Community Library.

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For further information, call 487-4840.

#### Calendar

The Clark County Animal Protection & Control Board meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the 6th floor training room in the Public Service Center. A free seminar on fraud prevention is being presented to the public by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 22, in Chamber offices at 1101 Broadway. Linda Kisanger, fraud and ID theft expert with US Bank, is the presenter. Call 694-2588 for reservations. A free computer class to help patrons learn how to use the library catalog effectively, put items on hold, renew materials and check personal accounts is at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

# Wednesday headlines

Highway tolls don't elicit much excitement--Columbian, Justin Carinci

Pedal-power parking--Columbian, Thomas Ryll

Developers Rick Bowler and Marilee Tompson invite comments on RiverWalk on the Columbia

project--Columbian, Cami Joner

Monthly gains in PDX air traffic down in May--Columbian. Jonathan Nelson

Wing dams threaten canoe paddlers as they retrace Lewis and Clark route--Columbian,

### **Tom Koenninger**

Ex-chief Foxworth gets promotion to commander--Oregonian, Maxine Bernstein

A family grieves, town remembers a hero--KATU, AP, Brad Cain

New state law prohibits physicians from cursive writing for prescriptions--Seattle P-I, Susan Phinney

Stocks surge on strong earnings reports--USA TODAY, AP

Bush's visit to Vienna is market by tension--New York Times, Sheryl Gay Stolberg

Target launches high-end line--Washington Post, Yian Q. Mui

### Wednesday on the air

Sixth Annual Sammy Awards (6/15)—4 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (6/11)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
CWS: Rice vs. Oregon State (live)—6 p.m. ESPN2, KUIK
Clark County Close Up—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Dodgers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, ESPN, KFXX
Portland Beavers at Tacoma (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

#### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

Phyllis Hess setting clipping time. ∠Jan Bader making corrections—twice. ∠Elson Strahan is hosting this afternoon. ∠Izad Khormaee filling up calendar.∠Linda Lawyer, Kathy Pingo, Linda Clark and Connie Clark ODing on Ringside onion rings. ∠Wednesday, mostly sunny, 75. Thursday, warmer and sunnier, 78. Friday, sunny, 78.