

### **City creates annexation advisory board**

An ad-hock annexation advisory board created by the City of Vancouver will review the city's proposed 800-acre Burnt Bridge Creek annexation at a 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, meeting in City Hall.

The five-member organization was created by the city to help maneuver through annexation regulations that in the past were reviewed by the State Boundary Review Board of Clark County, which was disbanded by Clark County commissioners in late January.

The five members of the board are as follows: **Royce Pollard**, mayor of Vancouver; **Marc Boldt**, chairman of the board of Clark County commissioners; **Ron Hart**, a resident of the area being considered for annexation, appointed by Pollard; **Bob Smith**, an annexation area resident, appointed by Boldt and **Nancy Ousley**, a member of the state trade and economic development board. Hart was chairman of the county boundary review board dismantled by the commissioners.

The former board could have recommended enlarging the proposed annexation.

The Vancouver City Council is expected to approve the Burnt Bridge Creek annexation in April.

### **Model airplanes to reign at Pearson Air Museum Saturday**

Plastic model airplanes will be displayed and judged during the 10 a.m.-to-3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, International Plastic Modelers Society 2006 Invitational Scale Model Show in Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E 5th Street. The show is sponsored by the Lt. Alexander Pearson Modelers Chapter.

Vendors will be selling hobby equipment and tools. Adult admission is \$6. For further information, call museum director **Kyle Kihs**, 694-7026. Information on plastic modeling can be obtained by going to [www.angelfire.com/wa3/ipmspearsonmodelers/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/wa3/ipmspearsonmodelers/index.html).

### **Selby Bridge gets contract to fix Lieser Road overpass**

Vancouver's Selby Bridge Co. has won a \$549,693 contract to repair the Lieser Road overpass on Highway 14 that was damaged last November when struck by a huge forklift truck on the bed of a truck trailer. The mishap tied up traffic for several hours on Highway 14, a major east-west arterial.

The trucking company whose truck load hit the overpass is being billed for the cost of repairs.

The overpass currently is open to two-lane traffic. Repairs are expected to begin in April. Only minor traffic delays are expected during the reconstruction.

### **Leadership Clark County applications being accepted**

Leadership Clark County, now in its 13th year, is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 class. The class year begins Thursday, Sept. 7.

The 10-month training program is limited to 35 participants. Students develop knowledge and skills to help them become more effective leaders in the community. For further information, call **Karyn Scott**, executive director, 567-1085. Additional information is available at the LCC website, [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com).

### **News brief**

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage is again listed as the nation's leading mortgage lender, according to national mortgage rating agency Inside Mortgage Finance. Wells Fargo has six mortgage offices, nine bank branches, one consumer finance store, one brokerage/investments office, an institutional trust office, and a finance customer call center in Clark County. The financial institution originated over \$208 billion in mortgage loans in 2005, for a 17.1 percent national market share. Bank of America and Washington Mutual were third and fourth on the national list of largest mortgage lenders respectively.

### **Calendar**

Port of Ridgefield commissioners will hold a brief regular meeting at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street, Ridgefield. ✂ The Clark College Orchestra presents "Czech Mate," a concert of Slovak music at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Royal Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main Street. Clarinetist **Julius Klein** solos, **Donald Appert** conducts. Admission is free, but donations to the college music scholarship fund will be accepted. ✂ The final meeting of the Lewis and Clark Expedition bi-centennial commemoration committee is at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 9, in City Hall.

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

[State budget includes money to complete Vancouver crime lab--Columbian, \*\*Kathie Durbin\*\*](#)  
[SEH America's parent hedges on upgrading Vancouver plant--Columbian, \*\*Courtney Sherwood\*\*](#)  
[Sea lion outfoxes Corps of Engineers at Bonneville dam--Columbian, \*\*Erik Robinson\*\*](#)  
[Third bridge idea again run up flagpole--Columbian, \*\*Thomas Ryll\*\*](#)  
[Land bridge finally gets go-ahead--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)  
[Golf technology shuts down PDX for a time Tuesday--Oregonian, \*\*Maxine Bernstein\*\*](#)  
[Blizzard warning issued for Cascades--KATU](#)  
[House committee votes to block ports deal--USA TODAY, AP](#)  
[Gunmen raid Baghdad security firm, abduct 50 employees--Washington Post, \*\*John Ward Anderson\*\*](#)  
[Iran warns of 'harm and pain' if U.S. pushes sanctions--New York Times, \*\*John O'Neil\*\*](#)

**Wednesday on the air**

Firstenburg Community Center Opening—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
GIS Training for Maps On Line—5:30 p.m. CVTV  
**Oregon State vs. Arizona State (live)—6 p.m. FSN, KEX**  
Telecommunications Commission (3/1)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Vancouver at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD**  
**Oregon vs. Washington State (live) FSN, KXL—7:30 p.m. FSN, KXL**  
Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Cowlitz Casino Forum (3/1)—10 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Chad Dillard** making work-around work. ☞ **Roger Qualman** making things happen. ☞ **Barb Getz** right on target. ☞ **Nancy Retsinas** closing in on Alexa Dyer Life Challenge goal. ☞ **Kathy Condon** lost in a crowd? ☞ **Seth Bennett** and **Kimberly Davis** putting exalting words together. ☞ **Herb Orange** creates 60 scintillating spring centerpieces. ☞ **Wednesday**, more showers likely, 49. **Thursday**, gray and gnarly, 48. **Friday**, scattered showers easing in the late afternoon, 47.