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More than \$50 million in Clark County state highway projects to begin this summer

Wasting no time to get two of three of the state's early-start transportation safety improvement and congestion relief projects—to be funded through the recently passed five-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax—underway by this summer, state transportation secretary **Doug MacDonald** met with local officials this morning to give a green-light to the Highway 500-NE Gher Road-NE 112th Avenue interchange.

MacDonald toured the interchange area, which represents a \$23 million state investment and \$2 million of City of Vancouver money, and also announced that the \$34 million widening of I-5 between NE 99th Street and Salmon Creek is the other project in Clark County on which construction is scheduled to begin.

These two of the state's three early-start projects are in Clark County.

Referring to the \$4.1 billion ten-year transportation package, MacDonald said: "It's your nickel, watch it work."

Both projects are to be completed in 2006.

The question of what would happen if Seattle tax-activist **Tim Eyman** were successful with an anticipated referendum to kill the tax package was not answered.

Don Wagner, chief of the southern division of the state Highway Department, says that historically no project ever begun has been stopped.

Big-time country musicians coming to 2003 county fair

Phil Vassar, Top Male Vocalist in 2002, according to the Academy of Country Music Awards, ASCAP's Artist/Songwriter of the Year in 2001, and *Billboard* magazine's Top New Country Artist of the Year in 2000, is the first of three top country performers booked for the 2003 Clark County Fair.

Vassar will be followed the next day by **Gary Allan**, who, according to **Jill Yates**, spokesperson for the fair, "is one of country music's most distinctive artists. His sound is a unique honky-tonk style."

Following Allan will be **Trick Pony**. Trick Pony was named Best New Country Artist of the Year by American Music Awards. *R&R* magazine named Trick Pony Breakout Artist for 2001.

Individual reserved seating for each show is \$15, but the fair association is offering all three nights for \$30, according to Yates.

The 2003 ten-day fair runs from Friday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 10.

Clark College Theatre presents *Excursion Fare* in the Decker Theatre starting tonight

Excursion Fare, directed by **Steve Coker**, begins an eight-performance run at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Decker Theatre on the Clark College campus. The production continues Saturday through Sunday this weekend.

Tickets are \$7. For further information, call **992-2815**.

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FRIDAY

May 2, 2003

Former Clark College track and field athletes to get college hall of fame status Saturday

Eleven former Clark College track and field athletes will be inducted into the college Track and Field Hall of Fame at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, during the annual college pancake breakfast in Gaiser Hall.

The induction ceremony is followed by the Roy Burns Track and Field Invitational at the Husdon's Bay High School track at 11 a.m.

Inductees are: **Tom Buckner**, 1961, **Morgan Groth**, 1960, **Keith Kongsli**, 1970, **Steve Daiber**, 1972, **Scott Van Hoomison**, 1981, **Mary Archer**, 1989, **Brian Bea**, 1990, **Angela Borchardt**, 1991, **Tina Brockway**, 1992, **Abe Cambert**, 1992, and **Kelly Keist**, 1992.

News briefs

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) will deliver opening remarks at the 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3, Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. The walk, expected to raise \$13,000 for the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, begins at Klineline Park, 1112 NW 117th Street. ~~8:30~~ The Clark County Reuse Fair is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the county Operations Department, 4700 NE 78th Street. Workable household items, except refrigerators, tools, sports equipment, etc. will be accepted. Items dropped off are intended for free use and not for resale. People selecting items must provide transportation to remove them.

Friday electronic events

Mariners at Chicago White Sox (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KTOK

Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus—6 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes—6:30 p.m. CVTV

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

Animal Control Hearings (4/10)—7 p.m. CVTV

Dallas at Trail Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. ESPN2, KGW-TV, KXL

Telecommunications Commission (4/2)—9 p.m. CVTV

Capital Perspectives—10:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (PBT Exhibit Dedication)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, May 2, 2003

Alaska Air Group	19.77	+2.06	Linear Technology	35.49	+83
Alcoa	23.08	+29	Microsoft	26.13	+42
Amazon.com	29.43	+77	Nautilus	13.30	+28
Bank of America	74.91	+66	Nike	53.64	+93
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	16.90	-43
Bemis	46.15	+41	PepsiCo	43.76	+48
Boeing	28.62	+1.51	Precision Cast	27.70	+47
Boise Cascade	23.23	+69	RRLRN	19.01	+23
CenturyTel	31.33	+93	Starbucks	23.78	-22
Costco	34.82	+49	TSM	8.96	+35
Expeditors Intl.	36.31	-06	Tektronix	19.11	+36
Georgia Pacific	15.84	+69	US Bancorp	23.06	+60
HPQ	16.65	+15	Wash. Mutual	40.17	+58
Intel	19.05	+50	W. Coast Bancorp	15.50	-32
Kyocera	49.44	+89	Weyerhaeuser	49.17	+55

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Dave and Marilyn Casteel reporting warm European welcome. 88/72	Acapulco	88/72
Cheri Cole completing Boston Marathon. 81/65	Athens	81/65
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72/54	Los Angeles	72/54
56/41	London	56/41
87/68	New Orleans	87/68
67/58	New York	67/58
80/68	Orlando	80/68
58/43	Paris	58/43
87/62	Phoenix	87/62
79/61	Rome	79/61
64/44	Seattle	64/44
68/54	Sydney	68/54
62/51	Tokyo	62/51
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