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I-5 widening to six lanes from NE 99th Street to I-205 subject of today's open house

An open house at 6 p.m. today in the Salmon Creek Elementary School cafeteria, 1601 NE 129th Street, will preview the \$34 million project to widen to six lanes Interstate 5 from NE 99th Street to Interstate 205.

The project, long on the books, is the first go out for bids since the legislature approved a five-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax to support \$4.17 billion in bonds for this and other transportation projects across the state over the next ten years.

Vancouver's Highway 500-Gher Road/112th Avenue project is also at the top of the state list for funding.

Both projects are expected to begin this summer, according to **Don Wagner**, state Department of Transportation administrator for southern Washington.

Port of Kalama is number three on the west coast in bulk cargo

Primarily because of its grain shipments, the Port of Kalama is the third highest shipper of bulk cargo on the west coast, according to port manager **Lanny Cawley**.

Bulk cargo includes unpackaged shipments of such items as grain, coal and fertilizer.

The most recent figures produced by the Pacific Maritime Association put Port of Kalama shipments at 5,745,565 metric tons, below Portland's 8,993,185 metric tons and Long Beach, Calif., shipments of 7,250,539 metric tons.

The Port of Vancouver was sixth on the list with 4,861,091 metric tons.

The Port of Kalama ranks third in total tonnage in Washington, behind Tacoma and Seattle, and ahead of the Port of Vancouver.

Cawley says that 957 persons are employed in businesses located at the Port of Kalama.

Smoke-free dining guide available from county health department

A guide to smoke-free restaurants in southwest Washington has been produced by Community Choices 2010 and the Tobacco Free Coalitions of Clark and Skamania Counties and is available from the internet or from the Clark County Health Department.

Department spokesperson **Theresa Cross** reports that the number of smoke-free restaurants has doubled in the past two years, to 69 percent of Clark County restaurants and 75 percent of Skamania County restaurants.

For a direct link to the Internet version of the guide, go to the web version of the *Daily Insider*

Fourth of July Committee makes plea for support from fireworks buyers

Jim Larson, executive director of the Fourth of July Committee today made a plea to fireworks buyers to patronize the fireworks stands that support the annual display at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

Fireworks sales are the largest single contributor to the

cost of the annual celebration. In recent years the income has been diluted by sales from private stands, according to Larson.

This year's display has been cut from 42 to 30 minutes, and entertainment drastically reduced, in an effort to put the event into the black and help pay back debts from last year.

Larson says those attending the celebration are each urged to make a donation of \$4 in a further effort to cover costs.

Supporting fireworks stands will be identified, he says.

People

John Bishop, assistant professor of biological sciences at Washington State University Vancouver, is the recipient of the university's 2003 Research Excellence Award, for which he received \$500.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council, meeting in workshop session at 4 p.m. today, will discuss preliminary planning and design for widening and extending E 18th Street The council, meeting in regular session at 7 p.m., is expected to approve the sale of \$19.25 million in general obligation bonds, \$15 million of which would be used for construction of the Firstenburg Center in east Vancouver, and \$2.5 million for remodeling the downtown Marshall Center. ~~SES~~ The Woodland City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight in City Hall when it will take up a request for re-zoning a downtown piece of property that houses the Woodland Community Service Center. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20 in the Public Service Center.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Salt Lake City at Portland Beavers- (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Monday, May 19, 2003

Alaska Air Group	18.15	-.52	Linear Technology	33.19	-2.06
Alcoa	21.97	-.76	Microsoft	24.80	-.77
Amazon.com	31.56	-1.49	Nautilus	13.75	-1.10
Bank of America	72.47	-1.69	Nike	52.27	-.59
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	15.86	-.30
Bemis	45.32	-1.11	PepsiCo	42.98	-.32
Boeing	29.07	-1.35	Precision Cast	29.15	-.90
Boise Cascade	24.24	-.82	RLLRN	19.70	-.72
CenturyTel	32.47	-.53	Starbucks	22.90	-.61
Costco	34.20	-1.32	TSM	8.50	-.45
Expeditors Intl.	31.71	-.64	Tektronix	19.43	-.72
Georgia Pacific	18.14	-1.06	US Bancorp	22.70	-.63
HPQ	16.88	-1.07	Wash. Mutual	38.87	-1.31
Intel	18.67	-.83	W. Coast Bancorp	16.013	-.10
Kyocera	50.40	-2.10	Weyerhaeuser	00	-.96

DOW: 8493.39 -185.58 NASDAQ: 1492.77 -45.76 S&P: 920.77 -23.53

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Gail Spolar cap and gowning. SES	Acapulco	91/77
Bea McCulloch inadvertently shortchanged. SES	Athens	74/57
Andrew Burton taking white shirt and tie to new heights. SES	Chicago	73/56
Diane Liefke's weather has returned. SES	Dallas	92/62
Bruce Bosch abaft, abeam and alee. SES	Hong Kong	82/73
Hal Dengrink taking photography to another level. SES	Los Angeles	76/58
Monday, mostly sunshine, 72. Tuesday, mostly sunny, 75. Wednesday, warm and dry, 76.	London	59/40
	New Orleans	87/73
	New York	74/56
	Orlando	90/71
	Paris	59/42
	Phoenix	101/72
	Rome	78/59
	Seattle	66/44
	Sydney	79/56
	Tokyo	69/53
	Washington	70/52