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City council to review specific contractual agreements for convention center Monday

The Vancouver city council's 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, workshop session is expected to be occupied with presentations of specific agreements necessary to proceed with the proposed \$60 plus million downtown convention center and hotel.

Detailed agreements involving finance, land use development, purchase, and sale will be reviewed. The workshop session will be telecast live on CVTV, Channel 23.

Meanwhile, Hilton Hotels is still considering whether it will lend its name to, and operate, the proposed hotel. Hilton has advised the city it will reach a decision Sept. 8.

Clark County commissioners are expected to decide whether they will help finance the project the following day.

Construction on the project must be underway by Dec. 31, in order for the city to continue to qualify for state tax rebates.

At issue is a 30,000-square-foot conference center, a 226-room "four-star" hotel with a grand ballroom that would seat 933, and a junior ballroom that would seat 469.

Highway officials celebrating \$65 million worth of nickel gas tax projects Tuesday

Two of the state's priority transportation improvement projects that are being financed by the five-cent a gallon gasoline tax are on such a fast pace that there hasn't been time for ceremony.

That will be corrected at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug., 19, in Salmon Creek Park, west of Interstate 5 near NE 117th Street, when state and local officials gather to take note that two of the three fast-track transportation projects in the state are already underway.

By the time Gov. Gary Locke signed the transportation bill into law, Don Wagner, state Department of Transportation Southwest Region Administrator, was calling for bids for construction of a freeway-style interchange at the signal controlled intersection of NE 112th Avenue and Gher Road, \$18,162,105, and widening I-5 from NE 99th Street to NE 134th Street, \$25,920,956.

Construction on a third priority transportation project, widening of Interstate-90 in the Spokane valley is also slated to begin this month.

Traffic cameras will set up at strategic construction locations, reports Wagner. These will be linked to the WSDOT web site to help motorists make route decisions during construction.

Marshall Leadership Award nominations sought

Marshall Leadership Award nominations for Celebrate Freedom's annual General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award are being accepted through Friday, Aug. 29.

Candidates must be Clark County residents, 35 years of age or under, and have completed a four-year degree.

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Selection is based on demonstrated leadership, public service, and academic achievement.

For further information call 992-1810.

Democratic presidential candidates have local support in place

Five Democratic presidential candidates have local contacts in place in Clark County.

Michele Cotner, 573-0822, is the contact for Howard Dean. Carol Trisko, 573-0913, is the contact person for John Edwards. John Aschim, 693-4553, is the point person for Dick Gephardt. Dan Ogden, 254-8886, is the John Kerry contact person. Rosalie Gotlieb, 750-1564, is Joe Lieberman's local representative.

People

State Rep. Deb Wallace (D-17th) meets with constituents from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 16, at The Bedford retirement center, 13303 SE McGillivray Boulevard.

News briefs

The nine-piece band Soul Vaccination brings dance classics from the '70s and '80s to Esther Short Park at the last Six-to-Sunset concert of the summer at 6 p.m. tonight in Esther Short Park. Audience is advised to bring low-back beach chairs or blankets. Picnic dinners are welcome, but no alcohol is allowed. Food vendors will be in attendance.—County commissioner Judie Stanton is the featured speaker tonight at the 7 p.m. meeting of the Sifton Neighborhood Association in Fire Station 88 at Fourth Plain Boulevard and Ward Road.

Thursday on the air	
Animal Control Hearings (live)—3:30 p.m. CVTVF	State Department of Labor and Industries Forum—5 p.m. CVTV
Toronto at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KTKO	
Nashville at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD	
Clark County Land Use Hearing (live)—7 p.m. CVTV	

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003				
Alaska Air Group	24.60	+43	Linear Technology	37.65 +.98
Alcoa	27.80	+78	Microsoft	25.63 +0.03
Amazon.com	40.30	+09	Nautilus	11.18 -.13
Bank of America	81.42	+63	Nike	54.80 +4.42
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	23.30 +.33
Bemis	44.89	+53	PepsiCo	45.00 +.03
Boeing	32.98	+60	Precision Cast	32.61 +.78
Boise Cascade	26.00	+66	RLRN	24.41 +.55
CenturyTel	33.90	+05	Starbucks	26.94 +.44
Costco	30.85	+55	TSM	10.16 +.15
Expeditors Intl.	37.23	+46	Tektronix	20.86 +.16
Georgia Pacific	22.20	+27	US Bancorp	24.00 +.18
HPQ	21.15	+10	Wash. Mutual	39.61 +.76
Intel	25.14	+43	W. Coast Bancorp	19.00 +.24
Kyocera	58.42	+97	Weverhaeuser	57.80 +1.42
DOW: 9310.56 +38.8 NASDAQ: 1700.34 +13.73 S&P: 990.51 +6.48				

Town Tabloids and The Weather	
Bruce Bosch offering steady hand.—	Acapulco 88/75
John Clapp and Robert Johnson	Athens 89/73
accepting speaking parts.— Walt	Chicago 86/68
Evans setting goal.— Arch Miller	Dallas 90/72
and Bob Moser among the crowd at	Hong Kong 87/79
Fort Vancouver.— Martha Olsen	Los Angeles 88/67
sending out thank you's.— Sue Groth	London 73/52
showing off funk power.— Ginger	New Orleans 92/79
Metcalf surviving sausage attack.—	New York 90/76
Thursday , mostly sunny, dry thunder,	Orlando 88/74
86. Friday , sunny again, 88.	Paris 82/53
Saturday , sunny and hot, 90.	Phoenix 100/82
	Rome 94/71
	Seattle 80/56
	Sydney 67/41
	Tokyo 77/68
	Washington 94/76