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Confluence Project bridge will connect historic waterfront, Hudson's Bay fort



Jones+Jones model of Maya Lin's conception of commemorative bridge across Lewis and Clark Highway connecting Fort Vancouver, upper right, with Apple Tree Park. Entrance to park is by underpass, far left, Trail from fort to historic waterfront is beneath railroad berm, opening onto Columbia Way Who Song & Larrys

Twenty years after Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery traversed what is now Clark County in 1805-06, the Hudson's Bay Company established a trading post at the end of the Klickitat Trail at what is now the recreated stockade of Fort Vancouver south of E 5th Street.

By 1849 the Hudson's Bay Company had decamped, leaving the fort behind to the U.S. Army, which took over on behalf of the United States of America.

The fort burned to the ground shortly thereafter. The Army has remained there ever since, the home base for a time of such illustrious soldiers as Ulysses S. Grant, O. O. Howard, James W. Forsyth and George Catlin Marshall.

By 1910, a scant 61 years after the British left, Pearson Field, just up 5th Street from the reconstructed Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, became an aerodrome and is now probably the oldest continuously operated airfield in the world.

Vancouver's abundance of Northwest history doesn't start or stop there. The Columbia River waterfront to the south has been water terminal for commerce for thousands of years, although now bisected by a transcontinental railway line and a freeway aptly named the Lewis and Clark Highway.

During the Hudson's Bay era, "more than 600 people from 35 cultures lived at that end of the Klickitat Trail and the Kanaka Village on the Columbia River," according to **Jane Jacobsen**, executive director of the Confluence Project

Because of the Confluence Project and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration, the two historic sections of old Vancouver will be connected with a bridge of artistic proportions.

Proposed designs of the bridge were unveiled yesterday to contributors of the project and the general public in the Fort Vancouver Stockade.

At a cost roughly in the \$6 million range, a pedestrian bridge designed by Jones+Jones, Seattle architects, with artistic embellishments from **Maya Lin**, will swoop over the Lewis and Clark Highway from the old fort site, and will coast down along the north side of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad berm to Apple Tree Park.

The trail over the 40-foot wide bridge will continue under the railroad berm, where it opens to Columbia Way, Vancouver's Waterfront Park, and Who Song & Larry's and the Crab Shack restaurants.

Build it and the money will come, backers of the

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Confluence Project, headed by Vancouver's Jacobsen contend—and also a total upwards of \$16 million for other confluence projects being designed by Lin to commemorate the Lewis and Clark trek from Clarkston to Fort Clatsop.

Likely to become a nationally acclaimed series pieces interpreting and artfully rendering the region's rich history, the bridge could be the match needed to set Clark County's fledgling tourist industry on fire.

Neither the model provided by Jones+Jones nor drawings so far displayed do the bridge justice. Picture it as an enormous Nike swoosh circling over the Lewis and Clark Highway, the tail of which ends at the railroad underpass.

"What happened to your face?": humorist David Roche's free presentation is Friday



David Roche, who transformed his facial disfigurement into a compelling message, leaving audiences entertained and encouraged to face their own personal challenges, speaks at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Water Resources Education Center.

The free program, sponsored by the state Arts Commission, focuses on careers in the arts for people with disabilities.

Registration is required. Call **Betsy Bidwell**, (360) 586-2421, for further information.

Thursday on the air

Portland City Club: Craig Pridemore (live)—12:15 p.m. CVTV
Women's World Cup Soccer: Nigeria vs. U.S. (live) 4:25 p.m. ESPN2
Clark County Comprehensive Growth Plan Update—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Seattle at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KUPL

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003

Alaska Air Group	28.20	-.70	Linear Technology	36.00	-.01
Alcoa	27.16	-.29	Microsoft	28.24	-.22
Amazon.com	50.05	+.44	Nautilus	12.55	-.34
Bank of America	78.50	+.10	Nike	60.40	-.45
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	25.51	-.10
Bemis	44.06	-.49	PepsiCo	45.51	+.22
Boeing	33.76	-.44	Precision Cast	34.96	+.23
Boise Cascade	27.94	-.23	RLRN	22.91	-.04
Century/Tel	33.92	-.11	Starbucks	29.98	-.12
Costco	31.80	-.20	TSM	10.84	-.11
Expeditors Intl.	35.20	-.78	Tektronix	25.01	+.22
Georgia Pacific	23.40	-.80	US Bancorp	24.38	unch
HPO	19.26	-.70	Wash. Mutual	38.58	-.28
Intel	27.45	-.33	W. Coast Bancorp	19.75	-.30
Kyocera	60.85	+.29	Weyerhaeuser	58.90	-.28

DOW: 9343.96 -81.55 NASDAQ: 1817.2 -26.5 S&P: 1003.26 -6.12

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Jane Halcomb born to play fairy godmother part. ZZZ	Acapulco	91/75
David Ballew lighting a candle for a Cougar. ZZZ	Athens	79/61
Eric Fuller swayed by logic. ZZZ	Chicago	62/44
David Nierenberg pausing to say howdy. ZZZ	Dallas	85/68
Joe Palena advancing uptown. ZZZ	Hong Kong	83/75
Dean Baker first on the scene. ZZZ	Los Angeles	78/62
Thursday , after clouds, another day of bright sunshine, 80.	London	63/48
Friday , UV rays prevail, 82.	New Orleans	87/73
Saturday , practically a scorcher, 88.	New York	76/63
	Orlando	89/72
	Paris	64/49
	Phoenix	97/76
	Rome	69/51
	Seattle	71/52
	Sydney	87/62
	Tokyo	80/78
	Washington	80/60