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Department of Highways hires project director for Columbia River crossing

Increased transportation capacity across the Columbia River between Vancouver and Portland got a boost this week when the state Department of Transportation hired a project director to begin planning.

Don Wagner, administrator for the state's southwest region, announced that **Dale Himes**, a former regional planner in Clark County who for the past 18 years has been with the private planning and consulting firm, David Evans and Associates, has been hired as the project director for the Columbia River Crossing Project.

Himes's job will be to take the results of two recent bi-state studies to the environmental impact study stage, according to Wagner.

Both studies concluded that increased capacity over the Columbia River must come from a replacement bridge for the I-5 bridge or in some other way supplementing the capacity of the I-5 and I-205 bridges.

Initially the EIS will focus on the I-5 Columbia River bridge crossing between Highway 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

In Clark County Himes had worked on transportation issues with Battle Ground, Ridgefield, Camas, La Center and Yacolt. With David Evans, Himes worked on projects across the United States and in Mexico City.

Evans earned a bachelors degree and a masters degree in urban planning from the University of Oregon.

Let your hair down, take the bus

Today and Friday have been declared Clean Air Action Days in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area by the Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

That means that fares on C-TRAN, but not Tri-Met, are free on each day—a way of encouraging people to pollute less by eschewing automobile transportation. Tri Met does not get the federal clean air support C-TRAN does.

But local clean air police go even further, recommending that people not use gasoline powered lawn mowers and refrain from using hair spray.

Reception and walking tour to show off downtown Vancouver retail hot spots

The downtown Vancouver revitalization organization, beating the drums for expanded retail activity in city's core, is inviting prospective retailers to a 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, reception, followed by a walking tour of downtown retail hot spots.

An awards package of up to \$20,000 is available for a new retailer who best shows why his or her commercial business would prosper downtown.

Sponsors are the Call to Action Retail Committee, in partnership with the City of Vancouver. The committee in turn is a Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce project. The reception is in the West Coast Bank Building, 500 Broadway.

For further information, call chamber president **John**

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McKibbin, 694-2588, or **Gerald Baugh**, manager of business development at the city, **753-8805**.

Leadership Clark County seeking ideas for community based projects

With a new class of 30 participants getting underway, Leadership Clark County is seeking ideas for a community-based project the class can begin working on.

Projects undertaken by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce-based organization have included the vote on writing a new Clark County Charter and, most recently by the class of 2003, developing a permanent locally based performing arts center.

Project ideas, according to acting LCC director **Gail Spolar**, should relate to the following areas: valuing community assets, partnerships across community segments, public policy, engaging the community, and supporting the community.

Deadline for suggestions is Monday, Sept. 15. Call Spolar at **567-1085**, for further information.

The Pollard and Pridemore show debuts at the Portland City Club

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard**, and chair of the Clark County board of commissioners, **Craig Pridemore**, will jointly address the Portland City Club at the venerable club's 12:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, meeting in the Multnomah Athletic Club.

It's believed that their appearance before the club is a first for southern Washington elected officials.

The public is invited. Luncheon tickets are \$18. For reservations, call **(503) 228-7231**.

Thursday on the air

Camas City Council and Port Primary Candidates—4 p.m. CFVTV
Seattle Mariners at Tampa Bay (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KOTK
City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV
Texas A&M-Kingsville at Portland State (live)—7 p.m. KPOJ
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

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

Alaska Air Group	29.01	+06	Linear Technology	40.07	+53
Alcoa	28.09	-20	Microsoft	28.43	+13
Amazon.com	47.29	+1.10	Nautilus	12.27	-17
Bank of America	76.24	-1.76	Nike	56.80	-44
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	25.65	-55
Bemis	46.11	-23	PepsiCo	44.77	-19
Boeing	37.89	-48	Precision Cast	36.10	-36
Boise Cascade	27.53	-30	RLRN	26.77	-13
CenturyTel	35.60	+33	Starbucks	29.19	+23
Costco	32.82	-44	TSM	11.90	+14
Expeditors Intl.	38.00	-31	Tektronix	24.27	-18
Georgia Pacific	23.87	-18	US Bancorp	24.06	-04
HPQ	20.78	+14	Wash. Mutual	39.18	-41
Intel	28.60	+38	W. Coast Bancorp	19.55	+22
Kvocera	67.50	-1.07	Weverhaeuser	60.61	-17
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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Samantha Sullivan matriculating to the big K. ZZZ Greg Johnson taking ads. ZZZ Niki Clark drumming up City Club support. ZZZ Korey MacKenzie beginning senior year. ZZZ Mike MacKenzie not far behind. Thursday , marine air expected to bring some relief, 86. Friday , some clouds move in, 84. Saturday , look for some precipitation after nightfall, 76.	Acapulco 91/77 Athens 73/56 Chicago 70/52 Dallas 88/67 Hong Kong 84/76 Los Angeles 84/64 London 75/57 New Orleans 90/75 New York 78/67 Orlando 86/74 Paris 71/52 Phoenix 108/85 Rome 74/57 Seattle 82/56 Sydney 70/51 Tokyo 80/70 Washington 86/66
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