

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Port OKs Columbia Gateway concept

A preferred alternative, development of 534 acres of Columbia Gateway, was approved by Port of Vancouver commissioners Tuesday, following a packed public hearing.

Approved for industrial development was just slightly less than half of Columbia Gateway, extending along the Columbia River west of Vancouver Lake. The northernmost half, 541 acres, will be set aside for mitigation and environmental habitat, according to the plan.

Although a final Environmental Impact Statement is not to be completed until mid-2004, and construction later than that, port executive director **Larry Paulson** said "today's approval is a big step in the development process that will increase the number of jobs in our community."

The plan calls for a riparian buffer along the shore and a buffer area around an eagle's nest. Docks will extend offshore to bypass shallow water habitats.

Further information on the project can be found at www.portvanusa.com/property/columbiagateway.html.

Clark Public Utilities customer reps given state public utility Good Samaritan Award

Kathy Weston, field service representative, and **Jan Ralston** and **Mike McClean**, customer care representatives, for Clark Public Utilities last week were presented Good Samaritan Awards by the Washington State Public Utility Districts Association.

According to the citation, Weston had been assigned to disconnect or collect from an electric utility customer. On arriving at the residence she found the house in disarray and the elderly woman who lived there was in poor health. Weston chose not to disconnect the power. She called the utility's customer care department.

Ralston and McClean went to the residence and discovered that the water had been disconnected two weeks earlier and that the woman had no one to get medication for her.

Ralston and McClean bought medicine and informed the woman's son of her plight. On a follow up visit, they found the woman had moved to her son's home.

The citation concluded: "If Weston had 'gone by the book, and disconnected the power, a very different result might have occurred. With Weston's compassion and willingness to go the extra mile, as well as Ralston's and McClean's comprehensive follow through, a life-threatening situation was avoided."

SimMan adds nursing capacity at Clark

SimMan, a human body simulator that will allow the Clark College nursing school to increase student capacity, will be demonstrated for the public at 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 12, in the Nursing Skills laboratory.

Working with Oregon Health Sciences University, Clark has adapted SimMan, until now used as virtual patient training environment for physicians, to be used in a

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nurses training environment.

"We will be able to increase our nursing training capacity," says Clark's nursing director **Shelly Quint**. Last year 160 qualified students had to be turned away.

First Indy gets 59th consecutive 5-Star rating; keeps Exceptional Performance Bank status

First Independent Bank has earned its 59th consecutive 5-Star rating from BAUERFINANCIAL Inc., Coral Gables, Fla., the nation's leading independent bank rating company.

Ratings are made quarterly. First Independent, having won the rating in each quarter for the past ten years, is also designated by BAUERFINANCIAL as an Exceptional Performance Bank.

Red Cross hires two

The Red Cross of Clark County has added two new persons to its staff, **Michelle Kaylor**, as financial development director, and **Beth Pascall** as youth and community services coordinator, reports Red Cross executive director **Sheryl Beauchaine**.

Kaylor, a Vancouver native, most recently was development coordinator for the Vancouver YWCA. Pascall formerly worked as an instructor and volunteer coordinator for the Grants Pass School District.

News briefs

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. today. ~~ZZZ~~ The Washington State University Vancouver Community Choir performs noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Student Services Building auditorium.

Wednesday on the Air

The Nutcracker—4 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Blazers at San Antonio (live)—5:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KKGT

Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003

Alaska Air Group	24.95	-.55	Linear Technolog	40.82	+1.02
Alcoa	33.73	-1.23	Microsoft	26.59	+2.21
Amazon.com	49.20	-.14	Nautilus	12.75	-.26
Bank of America	75.59	+1.18	Nike	64.06	-.83
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	33.68	-.27
Bemis	48.26	-.61	PepsiCo	46.90	-.34
Boeing	38.87	+2.29	Precision Cast	44.98	-.27
Boise Cascade	30.17	-.50	RLRN	24.21	+0.06
CenturyTel	30.70	+5.53	Starbucks	31.71	+0.05
Costco	36.10	+1.10	TSM	9.85	-.27
Expeditors Intl.	38.00	+2.25	Tektronix	26.52	-.09
Georgia Pacific	28.85	-.03	US Bancorp	27.78	-.07
HPO	22.00	+0.04	Wash. Mutual	38.57	-1.40
Intel	30.42	+1.17	W. Coast Bancorp	21.05	unch
Kyocera	60.70	-2.00	Weverhaeuser	59.70	-.52

DOW: 9921.86 -1.56 NASDAQ: 1904.65 -3.67 S&P: 1059.05. -1.13

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Mike Anderson distributing early Christmas gifts. ~~ZZZ~~ **Dennis Kampe** putting stamp on envelope. ~~ZZZ~~ **Rodie Lasher** beating the season by 15 days. **Val Ogden** suggesting big decimal move. **Katie Foehl** getting high marks. ~~ZZZ~~ **Wednesday**, dreary day with showers, 46. **Thursday**, mostly gray, possible shower or two, some sun, 48. **Friday**, mostly gray and rainy, 48.

Acapulco	88/72
Athens	53/46
Chicago	40/22
Dallas	54/30
Hong Kong	71/60
Los Angeles	63/51
London	49/39
New Orleans	58/39
New York	47/45
Orlando	76/52
Paris	39/32
Phoenix	68/44
Rome	51/45
Seattle	46/34
Sydney	86/68
Tokyo	44/32
Washington	50/44