

Mary Legry retires following successful public career



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Mary Legry, Vancouver City council member from 1984 through 1988 and formerly with what is now the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council for ten years, has announced her retirement from the state Department of Transportation as a planning manager for the southern district.

Legry's long history of public service includes her work as district director for the late U.S. congresswoman from the 3rd District, Jolene Unsoeld. She joined Unsoeld's staff in 1988. Legry joined WSDOT in 1993 as a light-rail planner.

At WSDOT, Legry worked on Highway 500 projects, including the interchange now under construction at NE 112th Avenue and Gher Road, the Highway 14 projects in the Columbia Gorge, and planning for the proposed NE 219th Street interchange with I-5.

Although retired and intending to kick back and relax a bit, Legry is not apt to be away from community projects for long. "I'd like to help out on the C-TRAN campaign because that is really important and I'm afraid we are going to lose our transit system," Legry says of the .3 percent sales tax proposal to restore C-TRAN's financial security.

Columbia Credit Union voting by mail underway as county's largest prepares for annual meeting

Members of Columbia Credit Union are voting for four positions open on the eight-member board of directors and three positions open on the six-member supervisory committee. The largest in southern Washington, with over \$600 million in assets, the credit union serves some 60,000 members.

Mail-in voting should be wrapped up by the end of next week since ballots must be *received* by Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Integrity Voting Systems, Everett, to qualify. However, members who wish to vote in person at the Wednesday, Sept. 15, annual meeting at Sky-view High School may do so between 5:30 and 7 p.m. The meeting officially begins at 7 p.m.

Last year the credit union's board adopted a proposal that would have turned Columbia Credit Union into a bank. A dissident group quickly formed and their opposition led to a rescission of the proposal. Balloting is expected to be heavy since the dissidents have presented voters with four candidates for board membership and three for supervisory committee positions.

Incumbents **Ed Bell**, **Bill Byrd**, **Bruce Davidson** and **Dennis McLachlan** are each on the ballot for board positions. Endorsed by the dissident group Save Columbia Credit Union are candidates **Duane Bequette**, **Ralph Erdman**, **Steve Straub**, who is a former Columbia Credit Union president, and **Emmy Winterburn**.

Additional board candidates are **Randy Ferguson**, **Milton Johnson**, **Steve Sechrist**, and **Donald Yingling**.

Endorsed by Save Columbia Credit Union for positions on the supervisory committee are **John Cheek**, **Lloyd Marbet** and **LeRoy Wilkerson**. Current supervisory committee members **DeAnn Miller**, **Gerry Miller** and **Keith Upkes** are also on the ballots.

Keith Cupp leaves Leadership Clark County for private sector, board seeking successor

Keith Cupp, executive director of Leadership Clark County for the past year, has resigned effective this month, reports LCC board chair **Gail Spolar**. "Keith is a valued LCC alum and has served us well," says Spolar. She adds that, although Cupp will continue to be involved with it, the organization it has to find a new director soon, since coursework for the coming year begins this month.

The job, according to Spolar, is part-time, approximately 25 hours a month. The annual salary is \$30,000.

Among the qualifications for the job are experience in leading a nonprofit, volunteer-based board of directors, knowledge of Clark County, including public organizations and the business community, and public speaking experience.

Deadline for applying for the job is Sunday, Sept. 19, Spolar says. Applicants should send a cover letter, with salary requirements, and a resume to Leadership Clark County, Executive Director Search, 1701 Broadway, Suite F, Vancouver, WA 98663.

People

Vancouver's **Jared Bell**, Aspen Leaf LLC, and **Victoria Bradford** and **Sharon Johnson**, Comfort Interiors, have been named winners of the 2004 NW Natural Street of Dreams Best Interior Design and Best Home Furnishing awards at the show of homes at Hidden Lake Estates, Clackamas County. The showcasing of mostly \$1 million and up homes continues through Monday, Sept. 6.

News briefs

Four-day Taste of Vancouver opens with **North by Northwest** at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, in Esther Short Park. 📺 Washington State University Cougars open their 2004 football season at New Mexico at 5 p.m. today. A live telecast is on ESPN. 📺 Riverview Community Bank Parade of Homes opened an 17-day run at Granite Highlands in Washougal today. 📺 Oregon State Beavers open their football season at Louisiana State University (pre-season # 4) with a 3 p.m. game Saturday, Sept. 4, aired live on ESPN and KEX. 📺 Washington Huskies open their season at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, hosting Fresno State. Live coverage is on FSN. 📺 In commemoration of Labor Day, the *Insider* will not be published Monday, Sept. 6. 📺 Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in workshop session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, to discuss low-income customer programs. 📺 Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, when they are expected to adopt amendments to the 20-year Comprehensive Growth Plan. 📺 The Vancouver Planning Commis-

sion's First Tuesday presentation is at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in City Hall. The state Environmental Policy Act will be under discussion. ☞ The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets in regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Camas Police Department community room, 2100 NE 3rd Avenue.

Friday headlines from around the world and at home

[Esther Short Park extravaganza, four-day Taste of Vancouver features the some of the very best of the region's musicians--Oregonian, **Jason Begay**](#)

[Former president Bill Clinton in New York City Hospital, heart bypass surgery is planned--Washington Post, **Dana Milbank**](#)

[Woman living in Clackamas housing project for homeless wields knife, fatally shot by deputy sheriff--KGW-TV, **Abe Estimada**](#)

[Waste Connections helps find old bikes now homes--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Battle Ground School District appealing state assessment that graduation rates are below federal standards--Columbian, **Amy McFall Prince**](#)

[Promotional packets, along with new brochure are in the mail to prospective downtown conventioners and visitors--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Clark Trustees appear to be out of the loop--Columbian, **Gregg Herrington**](#)

[St. Helens trail is reopened--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[Commandos storm Russian school where hundreds were held hostage, death toll above 200--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Friday on the air

Vancouver Business Journal Top Projects Awards—4:30 p.m. CVTV

WSU Cougars at New Mexico (live)—5 p.m. ESPN

Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFXN

City Minutes—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (9/1)—7 p.m. CVTV

Sacramento at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Telecommunications Commission (9/1)—9 p.m. CVTV

Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings(8/26)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Mary Schoenlein says hello to World's Greatest Candy Man. ☞ **Arlene Johnson** looking for help. ☞ **Randy Mueller** and **Allison Mielke** taking care of respective charges. ☞ **Eric Fuller** praying for sunshine. ☞ **Friday** cloudy, dry, warming up for The Taste of Vancouver, 74. **Saturday** mostly sunny, 76. **Sunday**, mostly sunny day 78. **Labor Day**, sunny, 80.