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C-TRAN service cuts on Tuesday agenda

In order to fully discuss proposed service cuts in C-TRAN service necessitated by voter failure to approve a .03 percent sales tax measure November 2, the C-TRAN board is postponing its capital spending budget discussion at its Tuesday, Nov. 16, board of directors meeting. The meeting is in the Rose F. Besserman room at the Fisher's Landing Transit Center.

Despite having gotten suggestions from some other elected officials to the contrary, the board nevertheless will consider budget cuts that would eliminate nearly one-half of the transit agency's service effective Jan. 1, 2005.

C-TRAN's board is composed of elected officials, including all three members of the board of county commissioners and city council members representing most of the cities in the county.

The service cuts under consideration include elimination of all C-TRAN service to downtown Portland. Rather, C-TRAN routes would take commuter passengers to and from TriMet's Max stations at Gateway and Delta Park.

In addition, all service beyond Vancouver and its urban growth boundary would be curtailed.

The tax proposal that would have maintained C-TRAN's current level of service was soundly beaten by voters casting nearly 54 percent of the votes against the proposal. The vote tally today showed voters opposed the sales tax measure 84,919 to 73,263 votes.

Funeral mass for Marguerite

Harrison was today

A funeral mass for **Marguerite Harrison**, who died last week at the age of 92, was this afternoon at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mrs. Harrison, one of Mother Joseph's Miracle Workers, a group of women who were largely responsible for successfully raising money in 1966 to create St. Joseph Community Hospital, which later became Southwest Washington Medical Center, was active in community activities, including St. Joseph Church, St. Jude's Circle and the Clark County Medical Society Auxiliary.

Mrs. Harrison was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, John, in 1992. Survivors include four daughters, **Kathy Worner** and **Meg Larson**, both of San Francisco, **Elizabeth Kudo**, Tokyo, and **Cecilia Pfieffer**, Daniels, Wash.; four sons, **John**, Vancouver, **Michael**, San Francisco, **Terry**, Yakima, and **Pat**, Seattle; 24 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Church building fund.

Salmon Creek projects subject

of Wednesday open house

Clark County Public Works Department officials will describe a series of Salmon Creek area projects at an open house at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the Salmon Creek Elementary School, 1601 NE 129th Street.

Under scrutiny are the Salmon Creek Interchange project, the I-5 widening project, the Salmon Creek Wastewater Management System, Salmon Creek Park, the Highway 99 realignment project and the NE 117th/NW 119th Street improvement project.

Representatives of a number of jurisdictions will be on hand to provide answers to questions.

Applicants sought for Clark

County Planning Commission

Applications are being sought for a position on the Clark County Planning Commission to succeed **Lonnie Moss**, whose six-year term ends Dec. 31. Other members of the seven-member organization are chair **Vaughn Lein**, **Dick Deleissegues**, **Ron Barca**, **Carey Smith**, **Jeff Wriston** and **Jada Rupley**.

The planning commission makes recommendations to the county commissioners on land-use planning, zoning, and development issues. For further information, call **Louise Richards**, **393-2232**.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. Included in the agenda is final discussion of the proposed 2005-2006 biennial budget. The city council meets in regular session at 7 p.m., at which time a number of decisions will be made, including preliminary adoption of the biennial budget and setting a date for a public hearing before final adoption of the budget. The council is also expected to give preliminary approval to a number of revenue items in the proposed budget. These include a slight increase fees for business licenses, a new schedule of fees for storm water programs, and setting the city property tax levy for 2005, which, although in the aggregate would be higher than for 2004, would show up as a reduction in individual property tax on a \$150,000 residence of \$10 for 2005. The Evergreen High School Band's Jazz Night Concert is at 7 p.m. The high school is at 14300 NE 18th Street. Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16., and will discuss the agency's 2005 budgets. Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16. Esther Short Commons, the low cost housing complex just west of Esther Short Park, which will also be the permanent home of the Vancouver Farmers Market, will be opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world:

Red alert for local blue voters; Columbian staffer dissects precincts and territories and shows how county is becoming more Republican--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**

Esther Short Commons now open for leasing--Columbian, Scott Hewitt

Money pouring in for police dogs--Columbian, Kelly Adams

<u>Larry Cassidy is one of three American members of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission--Columbian, Erik Robinson</u>

Parker House renovation plan hits Port of Camas-Washougal snag--Oregonian, Foster Church

Colin Powell guits at state, Condoleezza Rice in the wings--New York Times, David Stout and Mark J. Prendergast

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Louise Craig investigating on-premise maternity signs. Jerry Woodman organizing orchid orchard. Matt Doran's due includes standing O. Bob Howard hole long enough to do the laundry. John Wulle describing tricks of the trade. Mark Martel accommodating clients. Joe Hsiao readily solving problems. Monday, rain showers, 56. Tuesday, drizzles, 55. Wednesday, damp, but possible pale sun in the afternoon, 56.