

Work begins on “worst crossing” after Columbia River, the 134th Street project



Clark County Commissioner Betty Sue Morris and U.S. Rep. Brian Baird shovel up dirt to officially begin nearly \$100 million reconstruction of the I-5/Salmon Creek Interchange at NE 134th Street. State Sens. Don Carlson and Don Benton also participated.

Clark County commissioner **Betty Sue Morris** and U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) were among dignitaries shoveling the first dirt to begin a nearly \$100 million project to bring relief to what some say is the second worst transportation crossing after the Columbia River in Clark County, the Interstate 5-Salmon Creek Interchange at 134th Street.

The first segment of planned improvements is the relocation of NE Highway 99 at NE 20th Avenue that will be completed early in 2006 at a cost of \$12.6 million.

All but \$18 million of the total \$95.7 million reconstruction project is already funded. Nearly half the cost is being paid for through a recently enacted 5-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase.

The final segments of the massive project are not expected to be completed until the end of the decade.

The NE 134th Street interchanges with I-5 and I-205 serve both Washington State University Vancouver and Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, which is expected to be in full operation by the middle of next year.

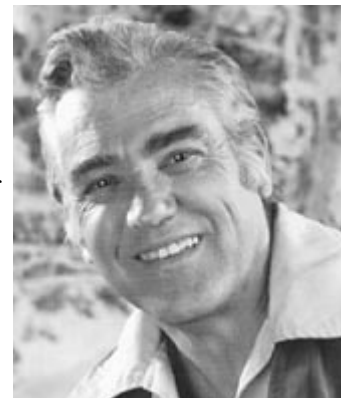
Actually bigger than it looks, Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital is now a year from completion



Construction is continuing at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital. 220-bed medical facility will open for patients in mid-2005. Medical office buildings in foreground are four stories each. The 1,500-stall parking garage to the left will rise six levels above ground and the 46,000-square-foot hospital, just off NE 134th Street, will be will be seven stories tall.

Jimmie Rodgers to perform for Center for the Arts benefit concert

Jimmie Rodgers, Clark College alumnus, will perform for a Center for the Arts benefit at Clark College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, in Foster Auditorium.



Jimmie Rodgers

Rodgers is a native of Camas and rock-'n'-roll pioneer. His hits “Kisses Sweeter than Wine” and “Honeycomb” have become standards.

A dessert reception follows the show. Call **Cheri Cole, 992-2301**, to order \$50 per person tickets

News briefs

The Animal Protection & Control Advisory Board meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Hazel Dell Sewer District office, 8000 NE 52nd Court. *Life With Mother Superior*, a Hudson’s Bay High School drama and band department production, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, in the school’s Black Box Theatre. A matinee performance will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29. Adult admission is \$4. A fundraiser for State Sen. **Don Carlson**, sponsored by the Washington State Restaurant Association, is at 5:30 this evening in the Aero Club above Clancy’s Restaurant, 9901 NE 7th Avenue.

Thursday on the air

- Seattle Mariners at Cleveland (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX**
- Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Ode to Joy—4:30 p.m. CVTV
- Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**
- Omaha at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, May 27, 2004

Alaska Air Group	20.87	+0.02	Linear Technology	39.28	-0.20
Alcoa	31.12	+0.12	Microsoft	26.19	+0.05
Amazon.com	47.62	+2.93	Nautilus	15.37	-0.05
Bank of America	82.61	-0.33	Nike	70.94	+0.05
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.65	+0.46
Bemis	27.50	+0.20	PepsiCo	53.53	+0.23
Boeing	46.20	+1.44	Precision Cast	46.23	+1.88
Boise Cascade	35.17	-0.01	RLRN	21.55	+0.05
CenturyTel	29.72	-0.03	Starbucks	40.02	+0.35
Costco	38.07	+0.63	TSM	10.04	+0.20
Expeditors Intl.	45.75	+0.06	Tektronix	31.34	+0.13
Georgia Pacific	35.63	+0.18	US Bancorp	28.28	+0.20
HPQ	21.14	-0.11	Wash. Mutual	43.65	-0.60
Intel	28.45	+0.08	W. Coast Bancorp	22.11	unch
Kyocera	81.95	+0.05	Weyerhaeuser	60.50	+0.08
DOW: 10,205.2		+95.31	NASDAQ: 1984.5		+8.35
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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Katherine Adams taking lessons from **Liz Luce**. *Tim Leavitt* getting through second time. **Larry Lafaday** properly cravated. *Ed Geiger* telling Tuscan sun stories. *Susan Finch* taking care of the fourth estate. *Thursday*, cool, gray and rainy, 63. *Friday*, a little sun may return, but still wet, 64. *Saturday*, more rain, but a little warmer and sunbreaks expected, 66.

Acapulco	91/77
Athens	75/57
Chicago	78/50
Dallas	90/72
Hong Kong	90/77
Las Vegas	92/70
Los Angeles	75/58
London	64/50
New York	76/62
Orlando	94/70
Paris	65/48
Phoenix	92/68
Rome	73/51
Seattle	58/48
Sydney	60/45
Tokyo	74/60
Washington	80/67