

C-TRAN will accept written comments prior to final decision to cut service

C-TRAN will accept written comments on its proposal to reduce service by nearly one-half, the C-TRAN board decided last night after nearly 100 individuals offered oral comments on the controversial proposal. No testimony will be taken at the next regularly scheduled board meeting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14. That's when the board is expected to make its final decision on service cuts.

The issue is not how, but when.

November 2, 54 percent of the voters rejected a proposed .03 percent sales tax increase that would have made the transit agency's budget whole on November 2. The service cuts were promised by the agency if the ballot measure failed.

However, some contend that C-TRAN has reserves enough to postpone cuts for a year or more.

John Cox named CEO of new substance abuse treatment organization

John Cox, executive director of the Clark County Council on Alcohol & Drugs, has been named chief executive officer of the new substance treatment organization formed by the merger of the county council and Pacific Crest Consortium, which provides chemical dependency treatment, alcohol and drug testing and case management services.

Lynn Samuels, executive director for Pacific Crest Consortium, will be the director of operations and program development for the new organization. Director of clinical services and program improvement will be **Paul Kubiak**.

The newly merged nonprofit organization, which has not yet been named, will be housed in the new Community Health Facility being built at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs campus on Fort Vancouver Way.

Collectively the two organizations serve over 3,100 clients and have a combined budget of over \$3 million a year.

WinterFaire takes over two floors of the Water Resources Education Center this weekend

WinterFaire, in its fourth year, has grown large enough to take over two floors of the Water Resources Education Center this weekend, when local one-of-a-kind arts, crafts and gifts will be offered.

The WinterFaire Café operated by the Clark County Skills Center Culinary Department will provide hors d'oeuvres during the opening reception, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, and entrees from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

HIV/AIDS consortium seeking additional membership

The Southwest Washington Consortium on HIV/AIDS is seeking new members for 2005, reports county Health Department spokesperson **Debra Coss-Fricke**. In addition to seeking new members who are individuals living with HIV and AIDS the consortium is seeking new members who have personal or professional experience with HIV or who have experience in providing community services.

For further information, call Coss-Fricke at **397-8215**, extension **3183**.

People

Karen Stanley, who heads up Transitions for Success, has been named a nominator for the Ford Foundation-sponsored Leadership for a Changing World program, which offers two-year \$100,000 awards for individuals who are successfully providing solutions to social problems. For further information on nominations, call Stanley at **254-4119**.

News briefs

An open house to provide information on Salmon Creek area public works projects is from 5 to 8 p.m. today in the Salmon Creek Elementary School, 1601 NE 129th Street. Presentations will be made by the Clark County Public Works Department, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, Hazel Dell Sewer District and the City of Battle Ground. 🏀 A free basketball youth clinic precedes Clark College varsity basketball scrimmages today in the O'Connell Sports Complex Gym. The events are free. The youth clinic is at 5:30 p.m. Scrimmages begin at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Dino Rossi's tiny lead over Gregoire increasing--Daily Insider, Washington Secretary of State](#)

[State faces \\$1.7 billion shortfall--Columbian, **Don Jenkins**](#)

[C-TRAN riders plead for reprieve--Columbian, **Erin Middlewood**](#)

[Bus riders make plea to save service--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Robert Lewis sworn in--Columbian](#)

[Fish weir that may help fish, boost power, made in Vancouver--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)

[Esther Short Commons opens--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Open Space worth raising our voices for--Columbian, **Tom Koeninger**](#)

[Kmart and Sears merging--USA TODAY, **David Lieberman**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Vancouver Symphony: West Meets East—3:30 p.m. CVTV

George Marshall Leadership Awards—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark county Focus—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Memphis at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ

Telecommunications Commission (11/3)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (11/9)—9:p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

John Tyler giving heads up just in time. 🍷 **Maya Jones** promoting the arts. 🍷 **Bill** and **Nicole Reid** out on the town. 🍷 **Lisa Quednow-Bickler** hosting hoards of hoopsters. 🍷 **David Beecher** offering gigantic discounts. 🍷 **David Ballew** indeed providing candle light. 🍷 **Wednesday**, damp, but possible pale sun in the afternoon, 55. **Thursday**, gray, mostly rain, 53. **Friday**, coooling, partly cloudy, 50.