

Boise Cascade to sell; Vancouver could acquire 27 acres of downtown riverfront

Boise Cascade today announced it is selling its 27-acre waterfront property in Vancouver west the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay on the Columbia River.

“This is great news for Vancouver,” Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** said today. “Now we can continue the momentum generated by the first phase of downtown redevelopment.”

Boise is a member of the team developing Vancouver’s City Center Vision plan. The new vision plan focuses on developing additional Columbia River waterfront, specifically the Boise Cascade paper converting plant now for sale.

Miles Hewitt, senior vice president and general manager for Boise Paper, says, “After exploring a number of options we have concluded that the best business case for Boise is to proceed with the sale of the property, which would allow for development of the site for higher and better commercial use.”

Boise Cascade is exploring its options, one of which is relocating the equipment to another site. If the operations are relocated every attempt will be made to keep the jobs in the Vancouver area, Boise officials say. There are 67 jobs involved at the current location.

Brian Baird announcing candidacy for fifth term



Brian Baird

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd), midway through his fourth term in Congress, will announce his candidacy for a fifth term during the Clark County Democrats 15th annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner this evening in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. The social hour and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and Baird speaks at 7:45 p.m.

Baird says he is especially proud of his role in passing legislation allowing Washingtonians to deduct sales tax payments from federal income taxes just as taxpayers in other states, including Oregon, are allowed to deduct income tax payments. For further information on Baird call, **695-6292**.

Zimbabwe native Dorothy Chitembure

Wright telling inspiring story to new audiences

Dorothy Chitembure-Wright, a 2005 YWCA of Clark County Women of Achievement award winner and founder of “Distant Cry,” recently began taking her message of peace, hope and humanity to local audiences. Chitembure-Wright works for the City of Vancouver as a human resources department support specialist.

In 2004, the City’s mediation department adopted her family in Zimbabwe for Christmas, helping to raise money to purchase egg-laying chickens. With that, the “Distant Cry Fund” for the Chicken Project was founded, resulting in self-sufficiency for about 13 children and 17 adults in her home town and growing.

Through speaking engagements, Chitembure-Wright’s aim is to expand her mission of creating awareness of the desperate need for help on the African continent. She is also a singer and poet and has recorded a CD of music and poetry to help raise money for those in need. In addition, she has authored her autobiography, which she hopes to soon have published.

Groups and organizations looking for a speaker to relate how to make a difference, become inspired or gain insight regarding African culture may contact Chitembure-Wright at drudzi@msn.com or **546-3465**.

News Brief

Oregon’s state-operated medical marijuana program will resume issuing registration cards to qualified patients today as a result of Attorney General **Hardy Myers**’ opinion that a June 13 U.S. Supreme Court ruling does not invalidate the program.

Calendar

The 7th annual Microblues Festival is from noon until 10 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in Esther Short Park. Tickets are \$22.50 at the gate. Children under 12 are admitted free. For further information, go to

www.microbluesfest.com. 🎷 Native American flutist **Jan Michael Lookingwolf Reibach**, member of the Grand Ronde Tribe, entertains at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in the Clark County Historic Musuem. For further information, call **993-5679**. 🎻 The Junior Symphony of Vancouver and the Oregon Chamber Players present a

concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in the Columbia Arts Center, 400 W Evergreen Boulevard. A silent auction begins at 7 p.m. The \$20 per person event is a fund raiser for the junior symphony. Tickets are available at the door. ☼ The Duke Ellington School of the Arts Jazz Orchestra joins Bravo! Vancouver in a jazz concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S. Andresen Road. Adult admission is \$15 and tickets are available at the door.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[State warms of a housing bubble--Columbian, **John Jenkins**](#)

[Backyard blues festival moves to Esther Short Park--Columbian, **Brett Oppegaard**](#)

[Anonymous \\$250,000 gift helps Free Clinic expand dental service--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[Homeless get lunch in the park--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Vancouver crime rate next to the lowest in the ten largest cities in Washington--Columbian, **John Branton**](#)

[Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital going through final hoops before opening this summer--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)

Friday on the air

Memorial Day Ceremony 5:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (6/8) 7 p.m. CVTV

New York Mets at Seattle Mariners (live) 7 p.m. FSN, KFXN

Portland Beavers at Tucson (live) 7 p.m. KKAD

Telecommunications Commission (6/1) 9:30 p.m. CVTV

T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation Award Banquet 11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Kelly Love working east county. ☼ **Meghan O'Shaughnessy** making announcement official. ☼ **Barbara Kerr** hostessing charmingly. ☼ **Joyce Hiatt** trading off. ☼ **Sheryl Boutwell** in gate-keeper role. ☼ **Lynne Griffith** sharing passenger stories. ☼ **Friday**, sporadic raindrops, 66. **Saturday**, a little sun, a few showers, 70. **Sunday**, sun seriously emerging after stormy beginning, 76.