

Jane Jacobsen's day in the sun



Jane Jacobsen is not going to like having her picture on a story about the groundbreaking of the **Maya Lin-Johnpaul Jones** Confluence Project Land Bridge and Interpretive Trail groundbreaking, which symbolically took place this morning in the Fort Vancouver orchard.

Jacobsen, executive director of the Confluence Project, though, is too busy thanking governors, legislators, foundations and just plain folks for their support, keeping their arms twisted, and putting the arm on others for more help to take issue.

There is more money to raise, but with a track record that has overcome every obstacle so far, the end is near.

The Confluence Project consists of seven separate projects, five in Washington, two in Oregon, which will combinately become the visible heritage of the Bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark, Corps of Discovery's epic exploration of North America from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

Two of the projects will be in Clark County. The most significant, the bridge, and the interpretive trail, part of which has been named in honor of Vancouver's mayor **Royce Pollard**, is expected to get under construction in the spring. The other Clark County's Confluence Project will be at Frenchman's Bar and is still in the design stage.

The land bridge will be the most spectacular of all the Confluence Projects. The 40-foot-wide structure will soar over Highway 14 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks beginning west of Pearson Field near the stockade and landing at the Old Apple Tree Park, opening pedestrian (make that tourist-pedestrian) travel to the Columbia River as it was, not just 200 years ago, but thousands of years ago, when the Klickitat Trail was the Interstate 5 of its day, and the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers was the hub of commerce.

The land bridge will restore the landscape and social connection between Fort Vancouver and the Columbia River, said architect Jones: "It will reestablish the land to the way it once was, pulling the prairie up, over the highway and back to the river. Its prime location will offer visitors sweeping views of Fort Vancouver, the Cascade Mountains, the Columbia River and Mount Hood. It will establish a civic landmark and gateway to the City of Vancouver."

Lin, probably America's most famous living artist-architect, said she could not have created the bridge without Jones's help. Jones, by the way, was the lead architect for the recently completed American Indian Museum that is a part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

"We can't return this land to the way it was 200 years ago," Lin said, "but we can move forward in terms of how we work with the land."

The first of the seven projects to be completed will be dedicated tomorrow at Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco State Park.

SWIFT giving \$152,000, getting \$46,000

Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust will present this afternoon \$152,000 in grants to southern Washington nonprofit organizations. The gifts are from the income SWIFT derived from its 2005 auction.

At the same presentation ceremony and reception, which begins at 4 p.m. at the Camas Meadows Golf Club, SWIFT itself will be recipient of \$46,000 from the Hilton Vancouver Washington. The contribution is from the hotel's grand opening celebration income.

There is no charge for the reception and the public is invited. To attend, call **Gabriela Laddusaw, 619-4498**.

Calendar

A forum by InterACT and the Forum at the Library at 7 p.m. this evening in Library Hall at the Vancouver Community Library, will deal with what happens after first responders have secured a disaster area. Panelists are as follows: **Tom Tucker**, Greater Vancouver Interfaith Alliance; **Donald R. Wagner**, director of southwest Washington Department of Transportation; **Pat Jollota**, Vancouver city council; **John Reed**, Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital; **John Wiesman**, director, Clark County Health Department; and **Deborah Needhan**, Clark Re-

gional Emergency Services Agency. There is no charge. ✂ The Holtzman Twins Special Care Nursery, a 13-unit Level II Special Care Nursery in the Southwest Washington Medical Center Birthing Center, will be dedicated at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.

Thursday headlines at home and from around the world

[Trail over Maya Lin-Johnpaul Jones land bridge to recognize Royce Pollard--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Maya Lin talks to 850 people on eve of Vancouver land bridge groundbreaking--Oregonian,](#)

[Allan Brettman](#)

[Four hurt in Vancouver apartment house fire at 4400 Nicholson road--KATU, **Dan Christopher**](#)
[State Patrol catching license plate scofflaws at schools--Columbian, **John Branton**](#)

[Fish First and Friends of the East Fork part of alliance suing U.S. over importation of endangered salmon--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)

[Food here has no taste, Louisiana expatriate opines--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[I-90 still crippled, 30-mile Thanksgiving traffic backups predicted--Seattle Times, **Susan Gilmore**](#)

[81 families who fled Hurricane Katrina now living in Clark County are eligible for federal aid according to FEMA--Columbian, **Kelly Adams**](#)

[HP gets high J.D. Power rating for customer service--Colmbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Pilot executes perfect emergency landing, \(Video\) Seattle Times, AP](#)

[State revenue forecast jumps by \\$305 million--Seattle P-I, AP, **David Ammons**](#)

[Influential House Democrat wants immediate Iraq withdrawal--New York Times, **David Stout**](#)

Thursday on the air

George C. Marshal Leadership Award Ceremony—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (10/14)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Business Journal's Accomplished & Under 40—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Maya Lin says, it's all **Jane Jacobsen's** fault. ✂ **Mark Brown** ushering brass. ✂ **Cliff Snyder** remembering a redhead. ✂ **Dollie Lynch** mending. ✂ **Bill Barron** hemmed in. ✂ **Larry Smith** declares upbeat observations. ✂ **Thursday**, sunny, 56. **Friday**, sunny, 57. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 59.