

**Greater Vancouver Chamber's fraud management seminar Thursday is free; and so is the breakfast**

A two-hour payment card and fraud management seminar is being presented at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, in the Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

The seminar is a must for any businesses which handle credit cards, according to **John McKibbin**, chamber president. The presentation is co-sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Visa USA, and is open to the public.

Representatives of the U.S. Chamber and Visa will provide an overview of efforts that financial institutions are making to combat fraud and will discuss steps businesses can take to protect cardholder information.

Advance registration is required, and can be made by calling **694-2588** or by going to

[www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com).

**Columbia River Crossing Project leasing 15,000 square feet in Vancouvercenter**

The Columbia River Crossing Project has signed a five-year lease for the entire 15,000 square feet of the third floor of the north office tower of Vancouvercenter, 700 Washington Street. NAI-Norris Beggs & Simpson represented Vancouvercenter in the deal.

The Columbia River Crossing Project is charged with evaluating the potential expansion of capacity over the Interstate Bridge and with finding solutions to traffic congestion issues on both sides of the Columbia River. The three-year analysis began earlier this year.

The Columbia River Crossing Project is a collaboration of the Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, METRO, C-TRAN and Tri-Met.

Approximately 50 agency and consultant employees assigned to the project will move into the space this fall.

Vancouvercenter currently offers 165,000 square feet of Class A office and retail space and is the largest urban development in Vancouver. In addition, the two square block space offers 194 apartments and 68 condominiums. Other commercial tenants in the new complex are Otak, Inc., Management Recruiters, Inc., Hilton Hotels and Rocketshop.

**Commissioners set four-hour session on methamphetamines**

A four-hour work session to examine methamphetamine problems and solutions is being hosted by the board of Clark County commissioners at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, in the 6th floor commissioners room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

In addition to the commissioners, those representing law and justice, children and family services, treatment providers, hospitals and the county Health Department are participating.

**Public input sought on design standards for historic reserve**

The City of Vancouver, along with the National Park Service and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust is holding an open house to discuss a proposed set of design standards for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the O. O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street.

The design guidelines will establish standards to protect the cultural resources and the historic character of the National Historic Reserve. The standards will cover use and preservation of historic structures, lighting, parking, and landscaping.

When adopted, the design standards for city-owned property in the Historic Reserve will be incorporated into the city ordinances. The same standards will be followed on National Park Service property.

**Calendar**

Mayors of Clark County municipalities and Clark County commissioners meet at 4 p.m. today in the Northwest Regional Training Center, Fire District 5, 11606, NE 66th Street, to discuss city requests for expansion of urban growth areas. C-TRAN open house at 5:30 p.m. today in the La Center Community Center, 100 E 4th Street, offers voters information for making a decision at the September 20 primary election on whether the transit agency should get a .2 percent sales tax increase to maintain the current level of transit service in Clark

County and between municipalities in the county. ✍ Pediatrician and author **James M. Sears** talks about family health and nutrition in a free presentation at 7 p.m. this evening in the Hilton Vancouver Washington Convention Center. The event is sponsored by Juice Plus+. ✍ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

### Tuesday Headlines at home and abroad

[CREDC to hear Will Macht describe possible uses for Vancouver's potentially premier waterfront community south of downtown on Boise Cascade's 27 acres up for sale--Columbian](#) **Jeffery Mize**  
[Property values up all over the county 118,600 property owners learning from letters from county assessor's office--Columbian](#), **Erin Middlewood**  
[Woodland School District asking for \\$3.75 million from voters on Sept. 20, to buy a 40-acre site for a new high school--Columbian](#), **Margaret Ellis**  
[NW Natural files for average 9.8 percent retail natural gas hike for Clark County customers--Columbian](#), **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**  
[Clark County public school population growing to an estimated 74,000 this week--Oregonian](#), **Holley Gilbert**  
[Oil and natural gas prices hitting records--USA TODAY](#), **James R. Healey**  
[U.S. poverty rate continues to escalate--New York Times](#), **AP**  
[New Orleans filling with floodwaters, looting reported, Washington Post](#), **Peter Whoriskey and William Brannigin**

### Tuesday on the air

Clark County Close Up (8/7)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus (7/29)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Stars & Stripes Society Gala Dinner- (8/26)—5 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Beavers at Tucson (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**  
**New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
George C. Marshall Lecture (8/27)—7 p.m. CVTV  
World War II 60th Anniversary Commemoration (8/28)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Veterans Reconciliation and Honoring Ceremony (8/17)—11 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Jeff Williams** enjoying life of landed gentry. ✍ **Helen Olson** selling subscription. ✍ **John Mangan** getting A+ in composition. ✍ **David Beecher**'s goals becoming loftier. ✍ **Nancy Millar** checking in and up. ✍ **Tuesday**, drying out and warming up, 74. **Wednesday**, sunny and warm, 80. **Thursday**, more sunshine, 82.