

Tim Probst named chairman of national legislative committee

Tim Probst, CEO of the Vancouver-based Washington Workforce Association, has been selected to be chairman of the Legislative Committee of the National Workforce Association.

Probst takes on the task of helping guide the federal Workforce Investment Act through Congress. The proposed legislation has been stalled for the past three years.

Workforce Development Councils are composed of business and labor leaders who work with college presidents, K-12 systems, governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations to coordinate local workforce development programs.

County to ask for environmental impact statement on growth management plan

At least three land-use alternatives will be reviewed by Clark County commissioners during a 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, special meeting at which commissioners are expected to begin an environmental impact statement process of the county's proposed growth management plan.

Alternatives to be considered are as follows: Lands in the growth plan adopted in September 2004 (a no-action alternative), lands in a newly revised draft discussion map, selected earlier this week, and lands currently in urban reserve, and lands proposed by cities and county planners.

"We will make every effort to agree on the focus for the EIS before the end of the year," commission chair **Betty Sue Morris** said today.

One-fourth of Columbia River channel deepening to be completed this month

By the middle of this month, the Port of Portland's dredge *Oregon* will have completed approximately one-fourth of the just over 100-mile deepening project of the Columbia River channel, according to **Dave Hunt**, executive director of the Columbia River Channel Coalition.

The channel deepening project, being paid for by the states of Washington and Oregon and the federal government, will provide the river with a minimum 43-foot channel, sufficient in depth to handle nearly all super-sized cargo ships currently in operation.

Over 18 miles of the channel, between Astoria and river mile 21, were dredged earlier this year. Nine miles, between Vancouver and river mile 95, are currently being completed.

The second quarter of the project is expected to be completed in 2006.

Congress has yet to appropriate about \$65 million to complete the \$150.5 million project.

Construction permit changes being explained at free seminar Wednesday

A free seminar detailing how a new state Department of Ecology storm water permit will affect builders, contractors and developers is being offered from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Heathman Lodge.

The seminar is offered by the law firm of Miller Nash LLP and environmental consultants Maul, Foster & Alongi.

According to Miller Nash's **Steve Hill**. Consequences of noncompliance with the permit include substantial fines and stop-work orders. For further information, call Miller at **(503) 205-2610**.

People

Ted Davis, district manager for Wells Fargo, **Jim Fenstermacher**, JF & Associates LLC, and **Tim Probst**, CEO, Washington Workforce Association, have been appointed to the board of directors of the Clark County Skills Center. **Rick Van Hoose**, vice president at Columbia Credit Union, has joined the foundation's investment committee. The Skills Center is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts, providing technical and professional training programs that prepare high school and college students for the workforce.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets in regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the training room of Public Service Center. ☞ The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the community room in the Clark Public Utilities Operations Center, 8600 NE 117th Avenue. ☞ The Tent of Many Voices continues its ten-day run this week with free presentations on the Lewis and

Clark Expedition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in tents in the parking area of the O. O. Howard House in Vancouver Barracks. ✂ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday headlines at home and abroad

[Mayor says SEH America parent company considering new investment in Vancouver--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[\\$30 million Eastside Spectrum project, including hotel, gets final city approval--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[Evergreen building for the future--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[Vancouver School District will ask for maintenance and operations levy renewal in February--Columbian, Margaret Ellis](#)

[State's housing prices still rising--Seattle Times, Elizabeth Rhodes](#)

[Supreme Court rules that states have the power to tax fuel sold on Indian reservations--Seattle P-I, AP, Toni Locy](#)

[Bombers kill at least 36 in Baghdad police academy--USA TODAY, Edward Wong](#)

Tuesday on the air

Emerging Trends in Real Estate—3 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Youth Town Hall (11/17)—5 p.m. CVTV

Portland Trail Blazers at Phoenix (live)—6 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KXMG

Clark County Close Up (10/04)—7:30 pm. CVTV

Bravo! Vancouver: Handel's Messiah—8 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Children's Opera" The Magic Flute—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Chuck Cockelreas into proactivity. ✂ **Doug Quinn** reminiscing. ✂ **Nancy Barnes** promoting plug-ins. ✂ **Bruce Cross** seeing Texas eyes. ✂ **Vanessa Wilson** asking the right questions. ✂ **Kate Jobe** expecting traditional song after candles are extinguished Wednesday ✂ **Karen Savage** filling the bill. ✂ **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 46. **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, possible showers, chance of freezing rain, 37. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, cold, 39.