

**Paul deLay headlines Riverview
Six-to-Sunset Concert Thursday**



Paul deLay belts out R&B

Blues legend and harmonica virtuoso **Paul deLay** brings hot summer night music to Esther Short Park at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, as Riverview Bank's Six-to-Sunset free concert series continues in Esther Short Park.

Portland's deLay is ranked among the finest blues harmonica players alive, according to **Iris Smith**, writing in the city's *Daily E* electronic newsletter. Smith adds that deLay's work on the chromatic harp is considered by many to be unrivaled. The band is known for hard-hitting blues and for rhythm and blues.

Viands and beverages are available in the park. Plenty of off-street parking is also available.

**County Democrats endorse
C-TRAN sales tax proposal**

The Clark County Democratic Central Committee has endorsed the C-TRAN .02 percent sales tax levy that appears on the Sept. 20 primary ballot.

According to **Chris Bassett**, vice chair of the county Democrats: "Putting people first means having a healthy and viable mass transportation option. There is simply no more room to cut without slashing services that get Clark County residents to work and to school."

The transit agency is trying to make up for the loss of automobile excise tax revenue by increasing sales tax in the amount of twenty cents on every \$100.

Absentee ballots for the September primary election will be mailed in the last week of August.

**Fourth of July celebration
met financial expectations**

For the first time in many years, Vancouver's Fourth of July celebration isn't bleeding red ink. The annual event this year was produced under the wing and guidance of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust.

"We have financial stability for the first time in many years, which is very reassuring for future July 4 events, assuming our gate and envelope contributions continue at the same levels," says **Elson Strahan**, president of the reserve trust.

Strahan says that the event still needs sponsors, donors and public contributions in order to continue to produce the \$350,000 annual extravaganza, which this year drew about 60,000 visitors to the main Vancouver Barracks viewing area.

Major contributions came from **Edward Rinck**, whose local fireworks stands sales produced \$250,000 for the event, and a sponsor gift of \$45,000 from Comcast. In addition, \$4 contributions from those attending rose slightly above last year to nearly \$46,000. Other significant contributions included \$15,000 from the Vancouver Rotary Foundation and \$10,000 from vendors. Contributions from envelopes distributed by *The Columbian* and continuing to arrive, according to Strahan.

This year, the celebration included a carnival at Pearson Field, during which Pearson Air Museum was open to the public at no charge. As a result, the museum gift shop sold \$2,000 worth of merchandise. The museum is also operated by the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust.

Rotary Foundation elects officers

The Vancouver Rotary Foundation, which so far this year has given \$110,000 in grants to Vancouver-based organizations and granted more than \$70,000 in college scholarships for local students, has elected officers for the coming year. Elected president is **Sheryl Beauchaine**, executive director of the American Red Cross Clark County. Other officers are vice president **Keith Koplan**, president of Koplan's Home Furnishings, secretary, **Mark Stoker**, an attorney with Heurlin, Potter, Jahn, Leatham & Holimann, and treasurer, **Jan Stockton**, Certified Public Accountant, Jan Stockton.

The foundation's major fundraising event is the annual Festival of Trees, which this year will be in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Calendar

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street.

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Wednesday on the air

...Hilton Vancouver Washington Hotel Opening—6 p.m. CVTV
Public Hearing, Clark County Commissioners (7/6)—7 p.m. CVTV
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Clark County Close Up—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jim Zwickl correcting the record. ☞ **Jim Hernandez** going after mug shot. ☞ **Katlin Smith** proclaiming good news. **Alex Meinig** looking toward lucky September. ☞ **Jennifer Larson** listing officers. ☞ **Wednesday**, warming and brightening, 75. **Thursday**, sunny and warm, 85. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 82.