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Mike Worthy and Tom Mears head list of Save C-TRAN backers

Save C-TRAN, a grass-roots group organizing to promote a .02 percent sales tax ballot measure to prevent Clark County's transit system from being cut down to a Vancouver area-only bus service, already includes a couple of industrial-strength supporters, Mike Worthy, president of the Bank of Clark County, and Tom Mears, president of the Holland-Burgerville USA.

Co-campaign directors, for the committee are Kathy McDonald, KMac & Associates, LLC, and Randy Mueller, both of Vancouver.

According to McDonald, the steering committee also has a number of past and current state legislators and other government officials aboard, as well as representatives from labor and business groups and neighborhood associations.

The theme of the campaign that runs through the Tuesday, Sept. 20 primary is, "You asked and they delivered." The theme is an echo of signs on C-TRAN's newest smaller, more efficient buses, reflecting that the agency, indeed followed public input, and put smaller buses in service.

Last November C-TRAN asked for a .03 percent sales tax but 54 percent of the voters countywide opposed the issue. C-TRAN since has made adjustments, reduced the size of its service area and has come up with a proposal that is a third smaller than that which failed.

For further information, or to volunteer time or donate money, call McDonald or Mueller at 713-8705.

Steelscape expanding in Kalama

Steelscape, the only producer of metallic-coated and pre-painted steel coils for the construction industry in western United States, is expanding its operations at the Port of Kalama, reports port executive director Lanny

The company, which has added nearly 40,000-square-feet of space for warehousing and offices in the North Port Marine Industrial Park and has increased employment to over 300 persons, Cauley says.

The company headquartered at the Port of Kalama since 1997, has since acquired other manufacturing facilities in California. Steelscape is owned by Grupo IMSA, Monterrey, Mexico.

Drum beats and water show highlight

Port of Vancouver adventure Saturday

The Port of Vancouver's 2nd annual HomePort Adventure is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June, 25, at the port's Vancouver Landing amphitheater just west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

The Portland Fire and Rescue boat will present a water show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Musical entertainment is by Rhythmical Steel, a steel drum band from La Center, and the Vancouver School District's One-of-a-Kind Drum Line.

Free bus tours of the port's operating facilities will be conducted every 15 minutes. In addition jet boat tours of the port's waterfront are being offered for \$5 per person. The event is free, but there is a charge for lunches and snacks.

YMCA offering life guard training

A three-day course in life guard training is being offered by the Clark County Family YMCA this weekend at the Washington State School for the Blind. The course which offers American Red Cross Life Guard certification also presents training in first aid and CPR.

Prospective students must be at least 15 years old, able to swim continuously for 500 yards, and submerge seven feet to retrieve a ten-pound brick and with it, tread water for two minutes.

For further information in the course, call 885-9622. The course cost is \$105 for YMCA members, \$125 for nonmembers.

People

Doug Quinn and **Connie Hennessey** have been appointed to the Camas School District board of directors to fill unexpired terms. Quinn is director of Water Services for Clark Public Utilities and is a former public works director and city engineer for the City of Camas. Hennessey, formerly a project planner with Hewlett-Packard, is president of the Helen Baller Elementary School PTA. Quinn, Hennessey, and recently appointed board member Gary Tipton will all stand for election this fall, as will Mel Cardon and school board president

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Calendar

An open house describing the Salmon Creek Interchange project is being presented by the Clark County Department of Public Works and the state Department of Transportation from 5 to 8 p.m. today, in the Student Services Building in Washington State University Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue. Current and planned modifications include an interchange at NE 139th Street and I-5, a complete NE 139th Street crossing over I-5, modification of the NE 134th Street and I-5 interchange, and improved access to I-205 from Highway 99 and NE 134th Street. The 142nd Fighter Wing at the Portland Airbase will be conducting routine F-15 night flights tonight and tomorrow night, to stay current with mandatory training requirements. Most of the training flights will be over by 10 p.m.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:

<u>Six-hour standoff near Wal-Mart ends after Vancouver SWAT team and ATF agents, after using tear gas unsuccessfully, send in dog to root out suspect from under house--KATU, **Dan Tilkin**</u>

New group backs effort for C-TRAN, Columbian, Thomas Ryll

County home business owners get break--Columbian, Erin Middlewood

Brain cells recognize famous people--Seattle P-I, AP, Malcolm Ritter

Seattle's Green Line monorail; now an \$11 billion project that sounds like it is going awry--Seattle P-I, Jane Hadley

Bush calls for more nuclear power plants--Washington Post, William Brannigin

Wednesday on the air

Identity Theft Protection—4 p.m. CVTV

Democrat's Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner—6 p.m. CVTV

Oakland at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXX

Fresh Food to Clay Food 10 p.m. CVTV

Fast Food to Slow Food—8 p.m. CVTV

Bravo! Vancouver: The New Washingtonians—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Carol Curtis making camera work better. Rod and Karen MacKenzie due for week-long celebration. Bill Woodard trying on tour director hat. Mike Wilson sharpening up his seven-iron. Al Hicks hearing drum beats up close. Wednesday, stormy, lightening, thunder, rain, 70. Thursday, mostly sunny, 80. Friday, partly sunny, 79.