

## **Nelson Holmberg named Port of Vancouver communication manager**

**Nelson Holmberg**, former *Columbian* and *Oregonian* staffer, has been named communication manager at the Port of Vancouver, reports port executive director **Larry Paulson**.

Most recently, Holmberg was senior account manager for Koopman Ostbo Marketing Communications in Portland. Holmberg is a graduate of Hudson's Bay High School and Washington State University.

Holmberg has 18 years' media and public relations experience, including the U.S. Navy, Washington State University, the Pacific-10 Athletic Conference and the Northwest Public Power Association. He is a member of the board of the Clark County Family YMCA, Clark College Penguin Athletic Club and the *Columbian* Readers Advisory Committee.

## **RiverWalk on the Columbia architectural features to be shown at open house**

Architectural features of the proposed \$300-\$400-million, 65-acre RiverWalk on the Columbia will be shown to the public for the first time at an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, in the Port of Camas-Washougal administration office, 24 S A Street, Washougal.

The development of waterfront property in Washougal would be a partnership between the port and the private corporation, RiverWalk on the Columbia LLC. Partners in the corporation are **Marilee Thompson, Rick Bowler, Mark and Mary Benson, and John and Nancy McKibbin**.

The proposed features of the mixed-use development on the riverfront owned by the port are being proposed by a 13-member committee appointed by the port to come up with the "wisest and best long-term use of waterfront resources."

The proposed development is patterned after other regional waterfront projects, including the highly successful Tidewater Cove in Vancouver. The development would include residences, retail and recreational facilities, a marina and a possible hotel, and would preserve historic sites, according to the developers.

Further information is available by going to [www.columbiariverwalk.com](http://www.columbiariverwalk.com).

## **County prescription drug discount program saves \$60,000 in four months**

Since the introduction of Clark County's free prescription drug discount program began four months ago, county residents have used the cards to fill 5,443 prescriptions, receiving an average discount of 24.5 percent per prescription. The average savings per prescription was \$10.91.

The free cards can be picked up at nearly all county pharmacies and at other public locations, including the county Center for Community Health.

There are no forms to fill out. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by local insurance.

Ninety-two percent of the pharmacies in Clark County accept the cards.

The free prescription drug discount cards are available through a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties, according to county commissioner **Marc Boldt**. For further information, call (877) 321-2652. Prescription prices can be checked by going to <http://naco.advancerx.com>.

## **Jim Fischer & Friends entertain at Seafarers Center benefit Saturday**

**Jim Fischer and Friends** headline the annual Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center benefit at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in the Royal Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School for Arts & Academics, 3101 Main Street.

The list of entertainers and Fischer friends is a long and varied one: **Ron Barnes, Ann Medelin, Kyra Smith, Bob Miller, E-Mov, Martin Stevens, The Stellar Fellars, Inna Karakuts, Lee Birchfield, Ian Guthrie, The Tree Wiseman Sisters, Mark Benthimer, Phaedera Stahlmann, Everett Carlson, Fred Stickley and Jay "Bird" Koder**.



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Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children. For further information, call **694-9300**.

**Calendar**

The Washington State Department of Transportation Project Team is holding an open house on the Battle Ground to I-5 corridor along Highway 502, also known as NE 219th Street, from 4 to 7 p.m. this evening in the Battle Ground High School cafeteria, 300 W Main Street. For further information, call **279-0730**. ☞ The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets from 4 to 6:30 p.m. this evening in Washington State Department of Transportation offices, 11018 NE 51st Circle. For further information, call **737-2726**. ☞ The Clark County Board of Health meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, in the commissioners' hearing room in the Public Service Center. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

**Tuesday on the air**

- U.S. Rep. Brian Baird Education Forum (3/6)—4 p.m. CVTV
- Clark College Orchestra Winter Concert—6 p.m. CVTV
- Planning Eastside Vancouver Library (3/21)—7:30 p.m. CVTV
- Port of Vancouver Annual Report (2/21)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
- Clark County Board of Health (2/28)—10:45 p.m. CVTV
- Clark County Commissioners: Land Use appeals (3/14)—11:30 p.m. CVTV
- Clark County Land Use Hearings (3.22)—11:45 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Lisa Olson** listening attentively. ☞ **Bryon Hanke** not undone. ☞ **Maureen Taylor** straightening out the facts. ☞ **Cathy McCaque** offering news tip. ☞ **Jim Rourk** looking for band members. ☞ **Tuesday**, rainy, possible sunbreaks, 60. **Wednesday**, cloudy, sunbreaks, 62. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, mainly dry, 63.