

Bergen Peterson promoted to senior VP at Columbia Credit Union

Bergen Peterson has been promoted to senior vice president of strategic planning and organizational development at Columbia Credit Union, reports Columbia's CEO **Parker Cann**.

In her new position, Peterson will direct Columbia's planning and program development toward meeting the credit union's long-term growth and profitability objectives, and will act as liaison to the board of directors and will interface with state and federal legislators.

Formerly senior vice president and chief information officer with oversight of home loans, Peterson has a total of 14 years' experience in the financial industry, the last eight with Columbia.

Peterson is a graduate of Marquette University and earned a masters of science in business administration from the University of Portland and a masters of science from Oregon State University.

Active in the community, Peterson is a member of the Washington Credit Union League's Audit and Policy Committee. She has been a volunteer with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver School District and the YWCA.

Port adopts "Pay as We Grow" plan

The largest budget in the history of the Port of Vancouver was approved by commissioners today. The \$83.2 million budget for 2008 includes \$48.9 million set aside to buy the former Alcoa aluminum smelter plant on the Columbia River and \$20.4 million for the West Vancouver Freight Access rail project.

Earlier this year the port used its statutory power to pay for the Alcoa acquisition and rail project by a port tax, which became the subject of a successful local referendum that was overwhelmingly approved by port district voters.

The port was left without the financing from the tax proposal and port commissioner **Arch Miller**, who championed the project, was defeated in this November's general election.

Miller, whose term on the port commission extends to January, and the other two commissioners made the vote on the new budget unanimous.

Under the "Pay as We Grow" plan, financing for the property acquisition and the rail project will include a mixture of port reserves, bonds and possibly loans.

At the same time, port commissioners postponed development of the Columbia Gateway project in order to finance what they consider more critical needs.

Clark College showcases three vocal groups in chorale concert

The newly formed Clark College Chorale, the Women's Chorale Ensemble and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble will entertain in a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in Gaiser Hall on the Fort Vancouver Way Clark College Campus.

The concert is free, but donations will be accepted at the door.

Uptown Village Sip & Stroll is Saturday

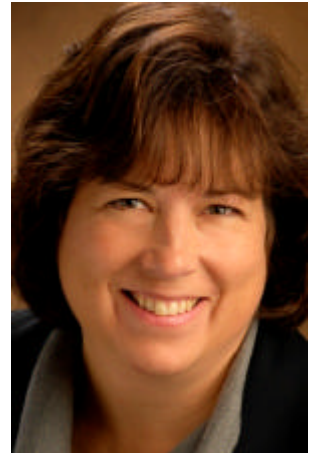
For a \$25 donation, visitors to the Uptown Village's fourth annual Sip & Stroll will get to sample over 320 wines between 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, reports spokesperson **Tasha Shives**.

Uptown Village spans Main Street between Fourth Plain and Mill Plain Boulevards in Downtown Vancouver.

Proceeds of wine raffle tickets will be given to Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. For further information, call **513-8999**.

People

Four Vancouver School District employees get Excellence Awards for November. They are as follows: **Terry Cornett**, special services secretary; **Edward Esparza**, Gear Up Site director; **Greg Joy**, Discovery Middle School teacher; and **Nancy Miller**, staff assistant and clerk, Salmon Creek Elementary School.



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Calendar

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets from 4 to 8 p.m. today to discuss technical findings in the preferred alternative I-5 crossing in Washington State Department of Transportation southwest headquarters at 11018 NE 51st Circle. Public comment begins at 7:05 p.m. <> Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday on the air

Vancouver Business Journal Accomplished under 40 (11/8)—5 P.M. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (11/4)—6 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (live)— 7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Audri Bomar making a correction. <> **Karen Savage** helping United Way. <> **Ginger Metcalf** busy once again. <> **Duke Simpson** getting last and longest laugh. <> **Bridget Schwarz** sharpening spears. <> **Tuesday**, early rain giving way to sun breaks, 48. **Wednesday**, cloudy, late rain, 44. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 47.