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**Bond issue will boost
Evergreen into future**

Evergreen Public Schools is the fifth largest school district in the state of Washington, having grown by more than ten percent in the past six years to become the third largest school district in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area. Only the Portland and Beaverton School Districts are larger than Evergreen

Six years ago, when school district voters last passed a bond issue, Evergreen had grown by 2,800 students, according to school superintendent **John Deeder**.

That bond issue allowed the district to keep up with facility needs, says Deeder. "This bond issue will allow the district to catch up," Deeder says.

The bonds [\$249,782,000], when combined with state matching funds and school impact fees, will address the district's capital needs over the next six years, the superintendent says.

"In other words, if this bond passes, the district will not go to the voters for a school facilities bond for at least the next six years."

The bonds would pay for replacing Sifton, Marrion and Image Elementary Schools, a new middle school, a new elementary school, a health and biosciences academy, a new elementary school building site, classrooms and provisions for full-day kindergarten, and other upgrades and enhancements.

The bond election day is Tuesday, May 20, and ballots have been sent to registered voters by the county elections office. For further information, go to Evergreen Public Schools website, www.evergreenps.org.

Daniel Lee gets certified fund-

raising executive designation

Daniel Lee, newly appointed Clark College Foundation director of major and planned gifts, has earned the designation of certified fund-raising executive by Certified Fund Raising Executive International.

Lee, who earned his doctorate at University College, London, worked as a financial advisor for American Express Financial Services, and was a major gift fundraiser for Oregon Episcopal School and Reed College.

**Open house exposes
Highway 99's future**

Driving north on Vancouver's Main Street past the city limits puts one in the middle of Hazel Dell within five minutes on what is known as Highway 99 or the 99 Strip.

In the days before the interstate highway was designated as Interstate 5, Highway 99 continued north to the Canadian border and south to the Mexican border.

The Clark County portion of Highway 99 became the county's first "strip mall," changing from a rural section of the county into the most energetic non-metropolitan area in the county and finally becoming known as the 99 Strip.

Between NE 63rd Street and NE 134th Street, Highway 99 has become an energetic and growing business area, as well as an arterial and corridor, through shopping malls ending where Salmon Creek's two biggest institutions, Washington State University Vancouver and Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, have grown up

Highway 99, though is broken. The Kline Bridge across Salmon Creek was closed last year. Reconstruction is underway, and that link is expected to reopen by the end of this year.

Meanwhile, Clark County Planners are working out a new plan for the Highway 99 area, a plan that will affect commercial as well as residential interests.

On open house scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service



Daniel Lee

Center, 1300 Franklin Street, will help citizens learn what current plans are and give them an opportunity to comment.

Rich Carson opens Pacific Northwest office for Citygate

Rich Carson, former Clark County Community Development director, has been named senior associate and general manager of Citygate's new Pacific Northwest office located at 12920 NE 227th Avenue, Brush Prairie. Citygate, based in Folsom, Calif., provides consulting services to local and state governments.

Geoff Davey joins Carson as a Citygate senior associate in the Brush Prairie office. Davey recently retired after 33 years with Sacramento County in California.

Carson is a former community development director for Oregon City and a former planning manager in the Oregon Economic Development Department.

News brief

The Vancouver Symphony Foundation earned a record-breaking \$120,000 for the symphony at its April; Composer's Gala, reports **Celia Gesting**, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra president.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. <> A free workshop on rainfall runoff, sponsored by WSU Clark County Extension and the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, is at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Clark County Fire District main station, 911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield. <> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet in regular session at 4 p.m. today in port offices at 24 S A Street. <> The Vancouver City Council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6. <> The Clark County Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the training room in the Public Service Center.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV

Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Texas at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

New Orleans at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Caring Heart Awards (3/29)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jeanette Burckhard solving mysteries. <> **Tim North** promoting *The Sound of Music*. <> **Pete Anderson** generating lyrics. <> **Renee Newman** adding a touch of elegance. <> **Llewellyn Rhoe** moving into the future. <> **Monday**, partly sunny, 49-72. **Tuesday**, morning clouds, afternoon sun, 45-64. **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, cool, 43-55.