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Jessica Swanson named *North Bank* editor; Megan Patrick moves up to VBJ managing editor

Jessica Swanson, who was managing editor of the *Vancouver Business Journal*, has moved up to editor of *North Bank*, the business journal's quarterly publication on southern Washington urban living.

Business journal writer-reporter **Megan Patrick** has been promoted to managing editor of the bi-weekly *Vancouver Business Journal*, reports VBJ publisher **John McDonagh**.

Now in its second year, *North Bank* has a circulation of 15,000, according to McDonagh.

North Bank subscriptions are free, Swanson says. To sign up, go to www.vbjusa.com.

First Friday walks are expansive

First Friday Artwalks are being held simultaneously in Vancouver and Camas Art Galleries from 5 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 1. The Vancouver First Friday Artwalk reception is being hosted by Keller Williams Realty, 915 Broadway, between 5 and 7:30 p.m. The reception is billed as "a free, fun and culturally stimulating evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and guided tours of Vancouver's fine art galleries. Reservations are required. Call **Kristy Weaver**, 906-4270, or email Weaver at weaverk@wcb.com. For a complete list of arts events go to [Center for the Arts](#).

Gramor says local team is key to success in waterfront project

Local investors will assure a community-based approach to development of Vancouver's prime waterfront project on the newly acquired Boise-Cascade site, according to Gramor Development president **Barry Cain**.

Gramor closed the deal on the 32-acre Columbia River site west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay and south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe east-west railway berm in downtown Vancouver.

Gramor, which has 20 years' experience developing real estate throughout the Vancouver-Portland area, has developed and has in development more than \$1 billion worth of retail and mixed-use projects.

Working with Gramor are the following local investors: **Steve and Jan Oliva, Allan and Sandra Kirkwood, Steve and Jo Marie Hansen and George and Paula Diamond**.

At stake is a little over one-third of a mile of Columbia River real estate.

"The project will restore the city's relationship to the waterfront, reconnect people with their river, and provide economic benefits to the city," Cain says.

Mixed-use planning currently calls for a hotel, residential, retail and commercial spaces, and public spaces.

Gramor's lead architects, Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects, are expected to complete a master plan later this year.

Financing of the project was handled by First Independent Bank, working with West Coast Bank and Baker Boyer Bank.

Port of Camas-Washougal exploring new plans for east industrial site

At a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Port of Camas-Washougal is asking for community input on whether to re-zone its east industrial park property.



Jessica Swanson



Megan Patrick

Community input is encouraged, according to port executive director **David Ripp**. Ripp says that the port commissioners are expected to decide on guiding principles for developing the property in March. For further information, go to www.portcw.com.

People

Rainy Atkins, chief operating officer at Southwest Washington Medical Center, has been named vice president of the Portland-Vancouver Chapter of the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association board. Serving with Atkins on the board will be **Robert Djergaian**, director of physical medicine and rehabilitation service at the medical center. Djergaian will also serve as vice chairman of the board of Qualis Health, a Seattle-based regional quality improvement organization.

Calendar

A reception for former Vancouver city councilman **Dan Tonkovich** is 4 to 6 p.m. today, in the Marshall House on Officers Row. The public is invited. <> Volunteer facilitator training for Southwest Washington Medical Center's children's bereavement program is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. today and Friday, Feb. 1, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 2. There is no fee for the training. For further information, call **696-5120**. <> Environmental photojournalist **Gary Braasch** discusses "Earth Under Fire: How Global Warming Is Changing the World" at 7 p.m. this evening in room 6 in Washington State University Vancouver multimedia classroom building. There is no charge. The public is invited. <> Eugene Ionesco's *Exit the King*, directed by **Llewellyn Rhoe**, is being presented at 8 p.m. this evening, tomorrow, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Tickets range from \$10 to \$24. For further information, call **695-3770**. <> A luncheon and public tour of the Clark County Skills Center begins at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 12200 NE 28th Street campus. For further information, call **Jan Strickland, 604-1050**.

Thursday on the air

Clark County Land Use Hearings (1/24)—4:59 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (1/28)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Montana at Portland State (live)—7 p.m. CSN, KTRO
Federal Citizen Information Center 2—8:52 p.m. CVTV
Columbian Economic Forecast (1/24)—8:53 p.m. CVTV
Columbia River Crossing Task Force (1/22)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Walt Evans missing his calling. <> **Nancy Miller** all smiles. <> **Marie Day** making everyone else's. <> **Cindy Payne** seeing old friends. <> **Rod Harrel** saying not yet. <> **Henri Moreau** getting big hellos. <> **Barbara Crest** still getting rave reviews. <> **Don Jacoy** reporting 45 degree drift. <> **Thursday**, rain, sun breaks, 39-45. **Friday**, showers, 37-43. **Saturday**, rain, possible snow showers, 38-40.