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**Trust seeks developer/operator as partner in barracks hotel project**

The Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust is seeking a private partner to develop a historic lodging facility in the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, trust president and CEO **Elson Strahan** announced today.

A 2006 market feasibility analysis and performance projection suggests that a hotel facility of approximately 70 rooms could be supported. At a minimum, the project will include developing the Artillery Barracks building and the duplexes that originally served as quarters for non-commissioned officers.

Development of a lodging facility inside the Historic Reserve has been a long-term goal, according to Strahan.

While open to the general public, the lodging facility would also accommodate visitors interested in regional history in general, and more specifically the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and other tourist venues within the Historic Reserve.

A recent lease modification with the International Air and Hospitality Academy returning control of the duplexes to the Trust allows the duplexes to be included in the Trust's development plans. This means that the Trust rather than the Academy will now pursue developing a lodging facility. However, the Trust has committed to work with the Academy to develop internships and other training-related opportunities to Academy students in the new lodging facility.

Potential developers should respond by July 25. It is anticipated that the process of selecting a developer partner, finalizing conceptual plans and negotiating a lease and development agreement will be concluded in January 2009. For further information, call **Susan Holton, 992-1824**.

**Clark Public Utilities' generating plant sets world's record**

When it was shut down for routine maintenance in April, Clark Public Utilities' natural gas-fired generating turbine had been running continuously for 277 days, a world's record for General Electric FE 7-FA combustion turbine plants.

The previous record was 203 days for a similar turbine owned by Florida Power & Light.

Following a test run, the Clark plant was shut down while the utility takes advantage of cheaper wholesale electric power currently available from Bonneville Power Administration because of the high water runoff.

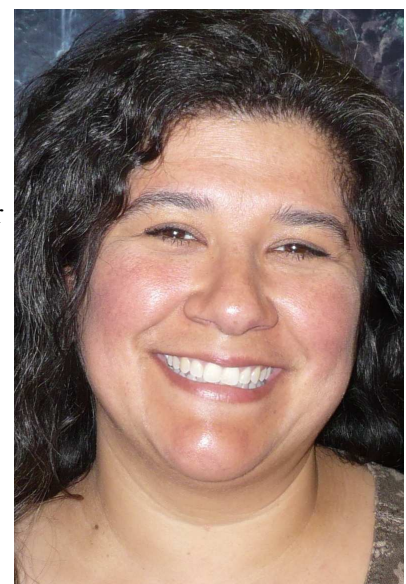
Clark's plant is on standby until the local utility or the region needs additional electricity.

**Diana Perez-Rose named Mount St. Helens deputy monument manager**

**Diana Perez-Rose** has been appointed deputy monument manager for the



**Artillery Barracks in Vancouver National Historic Trust could become part of 70-room hotel-type inn.**



**Diana Perez-Rose**

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic monument, reports national monument director **Tom Mulder**. Perez-Rose succeeds **Maggie Dowd**.

Perez-Rose, who had been Fisheries Program manager for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, is a graduate of Texas Tech University and earned a masters degree in fisheries science at Oregon State University.

### **Mike Brown and Jeremy Hanson earn VFD life-saving awards**

Girls soccer coaches **Mike Brown** and **Jeremy Hanson** will be presented Life-Saving Awards by the Vancouver Fire Department in ceremonies that begin at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Northwest Regional Training Center, 11606 NE 66th Circle.

Brown and Hanson successfully administered CPR on a soccer player until the Vancouver Fire Department arrived to take over.

Named Teacher of the Year is **Lori Brosius**, Pacific Middle School music teacher, who evacuated her students from a portable music room that had caught fire. She afterward marshaled community support to finance replacement of musical instruments lost in the fire.

Other awards are being presented by the fire department to the following: **Randy Chavez, Keith Duyck, Deana Green, Douglas Lack, Julie LeDoux, Terry Sott** and **Scott Willis**.

### **Auditor presenting free workshop on winning elections this evening**

Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey** is presenting a free workshop on how to conduct a successful political campaign at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the County Elections office, 1408 Franklin Street.

Panel members are the following: Clark County commissioner **Steve Stuart**, Washougal City councilman **Jon Russell**, public affairs consultant **Ann Rivers**, campaign consultant **Marissa Madrigal**, Clark County Elections director **Tim Likness**, Washington State Public Disclosure Commission representative **Sally Parker**, and state Department of Transportation representative **Curtis Knopp**.

### **Calendar**

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force is holding a hearing and open house from 5 to 8 p.m. this evening in Hall D in the Portland Expo Center, 2060 N Marine Drive. The open house is designed to provide information for attendees. The public hearing section evening is designed to receive information from attendees. At stake is one of several alternatives for upgrading the I-5 Columbia River bridges linking Vancouver and Portland. The Columbia Crossing Task Force is accepting information during a 60-day period ending Tuesday, July 1. For further information, call **(360) 816-4038**. <> The finance committee of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District meets at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 30, in the Vancouver Community Library 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

### **Thursday on the air**

Math Proficiency: Clark County Students Compete (5/15)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

**Vancouver Fire Department Awards (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV**

**Sacramento at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD**

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (5/27)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (5/20)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Susan Holton** making life easier. <> **Becky Pettigrew** right on schedule with notices. <> **Pat Stryker** reporting great success. <> **Cindy Strong** learning new tricks. <> **Jan Gourlie** getting cover-page treatment. <> **Thursday**, gray skies, showers likely, 50-62. **Friday**, partly cloudy, sunbreaks, 51-72. **Saturday**, mostly cloudy, 53-72.