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Columbia Bank Welcomes Gordon Rodewald

Columbia Bank welcomes **Gordon Rodewald** as vice president and commercial banking officer of the bank's new Vancouver branch, which is scheduled to open by the end of 2009. Rodewald will be responsible for establishing and managing new commercial banking relationships in the Clark County market.

Rodewald, whose extensive banking career covers 25 years, recently joined Columbia Bank in June as the bank announced it was expanding into the Vancouver market. "We are very pleased to have Gordon on the team," says **Mark Brandon**, senior vice president and Southwest Washington and Oregon regional manager. "We value his many years of experience in the Vancouver market, and he will be a great asset to us as we continue to grow in Southwest Washington.

Rodewald holds an MBA and Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Washington State University. He is an active member of the community: a board member for the Cascade Pacific Council of Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club, and a member of the Finance Council for St. James.

Rodewald has lived in Vancouver with his wife and family for the past 17 years.

More information about Columbia can be found on its website at www.columbiabank.com.

Port of Ridgefield full steam ahead

The Washington State Department of Ecology notified the Port of Ridgefield last month that funding had been approved to continue the cleanup of the Port's Lake River Industrial site. Grant funds providing up to \$7.3 million and matching loan funds of \$3.9 million will keep the Port's steam enhanced remediation operation going through June of 2011.

"We're making good progress with our clean-up," stated **Brent Grening**, executive director for the Port. "We're seeing big improvements to ground water quality beneath the site, but we're not done; these funds are critical to continuing our clean-up project – that's good for the environment and keeps people working in our community."

Using steam injected into the ground, the Port has been able to remove nearly 23,000 gallons of toxic sludge left behind by Pacific Wood Treatment since the process started back in 2004. Pacific Wood Treatment had occupied the site for 30 years prior to declaring bankruptcy in 1993. When PWT vacated the site, it left behind tons surface contaminates and an underground plume of chemical sludge covering nearly 4 acres and estimated to contain 30,000 gallons of toxic wood treatment chemicals. Recently the Port began steam injection in the last quadrant of the area occupied by the plume, and it is expected to be 2 or 3 more years before completion of the task.

More information about the cleanup of the Lake River Industrial site can be found by visiting www.portridgefield.org. Schools, civic organizations and other groups can arrange tours of the operation by contacting the Port offices at **887-3873**.

News Briefs

A dedication of The Garden Meeting Room will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Columbia River Mental Health Services, 6926 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard. The room was transformed into a new meeting place by youth in the Columbia River Mental Health Services Youth Options Program, where they designed and painted a mural. <> Washington State School for the Blind will be dedicating a permanent sculpture display at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at 2214 E. 13th Street. The sculpture display, entitled "Symphony in 5 Movements," was created by artist **Ken Turner** and commissioned by the Washington State Arts Commission in partnership with the Washington State School for the Blind and Larch Corrections Center. <> The Tolling Study Committee wants to hear from bridge users how tolling can be best used to fund the project and manage congestion. A five-

minute [Web survey](#) is now available for feedback. The CRC Tolling Study Committee, comprising the directors of transportation and the chairs of the transportation commissions from Oregon and Washington, will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, to discuss new tolling scenarios and early results of the tolling Web survey. The public is invited to attend and provide verbal and written comment at Portland Expo Center, 2060 North Marine Drive, Hall D. For more information about the CRC tolling study, visit the Tolling Web site at www.tolling.columbiarivercrossing.org. <> YWCA Clark County has been named the winning nonprofit of Umpqua Bank's "Click 4A Cause" campaign. Receiving more community votes than any other participating nonprofit during Umpqua's Click 4A Cause campaign, the YWCA will receive a \$15,000 donation from Umpqua Bank towards its community garden project.

Calendar

Design Review Committee meets at 4 p.m. today, at 4400 NE 77 Avenue, in Conference Room 3A. <> Incumbent **Royce Pollard** and **Tim Leavitt** will hold a mayoralty debate from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today, in Esther Short Park, 8th and Columbia Streets. This event is free. <> A community gathering to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 begins at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Vancouver Landing, 100 Columbia Street. The ceremony will include comments from Mayor Royce Pollard and other local officials, and a tolling of the bell. Cost is free.

Thursday on the air

City Minutes (8-30)—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (9-6)—4:35 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (8-27)—5:15 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (8-30)—5:24 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at LA (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Vancouver Planning Commission (7-28)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ken Andrews showing the way. <> **Father Gary** finishing touches. <> **Dave Wrast** feeding the tribe. <> **Tauf Charneski** laid to rest. <> **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 59-84. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 62-91. **Saturday**, sunny, 60-91.