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Will high-speed rail get rolling in Northwest?



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Local officials and transit advocates from Vancouver, B.C., to Eugene arrive at Portland's Union Station Wednesday morning. They took an Amtrak Cascades train from Seattle to mark Cascadia Rail Week and to push for faster and more reliable passenger and freight train service.

Leaders converge in Portland to discuss train service between Eugene and Vancouver, B.C.

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Before his trip to Portland on Wednesday, the mayor of Vancouver, B.C., did what everyone traveling by train between the two cities must do: He stayed overnight in Seattle. And, like most people, Gregor Robertson drove instead of catching the single passenger train to Seattle.

His destination: the opening ceremonies for Cascadia Rail Week, an effort to bring better train service to the region between Vancouver, B.C., and Eugene.

Robertson joined other local leaders on a rail field trip that started with a ride on the Amtrak Cascades train between Seattle and Portland on Wednesday morning. After speeches and panel discussions in the Ecotrust Building, the tour continued with a ride on TriMet WES and MAX trains and, somewhat incongruously, a plane ride back to Seattle.

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Forward-thinking requires a look back

Oregon City green affordable housing project will include 'cooling stack' system

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David Bonn is a designer and not a historian. But Bonn is looking to the past for a way to save money in construction of an energy-efficient affordable housing project in Oregon City.

For each of the 12 condominiums in his Juneberry Lane project, slated to break ground in July, Bonn will install a "cooling stack" system. The approach was inspired by the systems that have been used to cool teepees and yurts for hundreds of years.

"If you look back over the years ... with teepees and yurts, this is 'technology' that's been in practice since people started building things," Bonn said. "When we got accustomed to using massive quantities of energy, we just kind of ignored these types of technologies."

The stacks themselves are long, cylindrical towers imbedded in the house. They evaporate water, which mists into the tin-framed chimneys, creating a cooling draft.

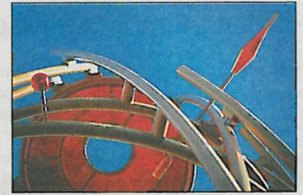
But the cooling stacks are only one of Juneberry Lane's sustainable features. The project, a partnership between Clackamas Com-

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Designer David Bonn wants to develop sustainable affordable housing. His latest project, located in Oregon City, uses a cooling system that functions in the same way as those in yurts and teepees.



Art by Portland sculptor installed in Washington

The James M. Harrison Art & Design Studio of Portland has completed a new outdoor sculptural installation for the city of Burien, Wash.

The sculpture, Helios Pavilion, has been installed in Burien's Town Square and celebrates the Duwamish tribe that inhabited the area long before the town was founded. Constructed from painted steel, laminated Bullseye art glass, cast resin and copper, the sculpture stands 30 feet high and 16 feet wide.

A public ribbon-cutting ceremony for the project will be held on Saturday, June 13, in Burien Town Square.

Harrison will be in attendance to discuss his sculpture and present it as a gift to the community.

Burien is located 15 minutes south of downtown Seattle.

ODOT receives national honor for road safety ads

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association has honored the Oregon Department of Transportation for its My Daddy Works on the Highway advertising campaign.

ODOT placed first in the State and Regional Outreach Program category of this year's ARTBA awards, which recognize U.S. public and private transportation organizations for their commitments to safety.

The ODOT campaign featured local road workers at home with their families and children to promote safe driving habits during the busy summer construction season of 2008. The advertisements aired in Medford, Eugene, Springfield, and from Roseburg to Coos Bay.

School of Autism eyes larger home in Portland

The School of Autism is looking to move into a larger space in Northeast Portland.

Currently located at 7714 N. Portsmouth Ave., the school has submitted an application to the city of Portland's Land Use Services to relocate the school to an existing 5,917-square-foot commercial building at 4735 N.E. 72nd Ave. The school would serve up to 50 students from pre-kindergarten through third grade. Though alterations are proposed for the building's interior, the application does not request any increases in floor area or exterior improvements.

The school, which provides specialized education to children with autism, is currently requesting donations in order to relocate.

For more information, visit www.schoolofautism.com.