Pollard slams Leavitt at post-primary election

Challenger would jeopardize bridge project, mayor says

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Election Councilman Tim Leavitt as Vancouver’s next mayor would kill plans to replace the Interstate 5 Bridge. Mayor Royce Pollard predicted Wednesday.

Pollard, who trails Leavitt by 41 votes in latest tallies from the Aug. 18 primary, kicked his campaign into a different gear by going after Leavitt during his first post-primary event.

“I am here to discuss with you today my record of personal leadership versus my opponent’s political posturing and smear tactics,” Pollard told a crowd of slightly more than 50 supporters. “Throughout my career, the things I have said and done have been for the betterment of this community. The things that Tim Leavitt has said or done are for the betterment of his campaign.”

Pollard said Leavitt’s lead in the Aug. 18 primary is due to smear tactics and personal leadership, not the betterment of the city.

Final primary results won’t be known until next week, but both men are assured of advancing to the Nov. 3 general election.

Pollard’s event was a personal invitation. He would not address the 1,265 people who voted for him in the Aug. 18 primary.

Promotions for the $50 million bridge would make the second highest for a new bridge in the North American.

“People need new jobs,” Pollard said. “Let’s get it done.”

Leavitt predicted in May that the bridge would result in 7,750 hours of congestion a day. The current conditions are five hours of congestion a day.

Higher education branches out in east Vancouver

An open house Saturday will showcase the $80 million Clark College Columbia Tech Center classroom building in east Vancouver. Instructors and admissions employees will be at the event.

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Clark College will throw its arms open to east Vancouver with an open house Saturday at its new Columbia Tech Center classroom building.

The $30 million, four-story building will be on display to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special events will include tours of the building’s 18 classrooms, eight science and computer labs, and a smartly equipped ‘“culinary kitchen.”

There will also a 3,600-square-foot conference room, handy for public or private events on the 9.5-acre campus at 13900 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd. Guests may explore three floors on self-guided tours.

Classes don’t begin in the new building until Clark’s fall term, which begins Sept. 21.

On Saturday, Clark instructors and admissions staff will provide background and registration assistance for both general education and corporate-learning classes scheduled there.

Information on financial aid, scholarships and eligibility will be available.

The development of Clark’s new two-year Associate of Arts degree program; and its popular Running Start, English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education courses.

There will be tai chi, Zumba and belly dancing demonstrations in the first floor fitness room. Down the hallway, PBS television show host Rick Browne will show off his wares in the TRILLIUM BUILDING.
Clark College: From Page C1
the kitchen before another previous to displays "Chefs of Switzerland.

Clark instructors will pro-

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bound and two hours south-
bound, with congestion defined as traffic moving at 30 mph or slower.

Later Wednesday, Leavitt de-

tailed that he was opposed to bridge tolls would doom the Colum-

Ulukchak made a point to speak about the need for better transit options in the area.

Small rally
Wednesday's event at Turtle Place.

Leavitt charged that Leavitt was willing to "sacrifice the Columbia River Crossing project in order to speak.

If you like being stuck in 1.5 and 205 traffic, then you go ahead and vote for my opponent," he said. "If you oppose light rail extension into Vancouver, vote

For my opponent, "And if you don't think good working relationships are needed with our Olympia and Washington, D.C. folks, then you go ahead and vote for my opponent because my opponent has ideas of working relationships is calling our governor's bureau-

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Pollard was referring to com-

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Pollard, said he would accept

Bridge tolls of $1.5 to $2.5 a car or he said he would work to have tolls "as low as possible" but would not use the issue to score "cheap political points.

"Unlike my opponent, I will never bring up the failure of America's Vancouver toll bridge project, he has now made a case for building a bridge, but when I asked him several weeks ago how he would fund this project, he did not have adequate or realistic answers.

"Well, as mayor, you must have answers to the questions we asked, if not, the answer doesn't toll well."

Pollard, however, never ex-

explained how Leavitt, as mayor, would kill the Columbia River Crossing.

Leavitt and Pollard both serve on the crossing's project sponsors council. The 13-member council provides high-level over-

The sponsors council also won't have any direct control over tolling, which would fall to the transportation commissions in Washington and Oregon, although Washington's Legislature would have to consent before tolls could be imposed.

Following Wednesday's event, Pollard said the federal government does not want to see disagreement between the two states on the Columbia River.

"The mayor of Vancouver can throw a lot of weight around," he said.

But Leavitt then seemed to focus on another Leavitt, as mayor, would have the means to pay for this project, he did not have adequate or realistic answers.

"I support an affordable project that does not burden our community," he said.

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Leavitt, when asked if he would work to ensure that we get a bridge project that does not burden our community with expensive tolls.

"Yes, under the current leadership, it's not happening," he said. "I want to work to ensure that we get a bridge project that does not burden our community with expensive tolls."

Leavitt added that if Pollard, a longtime supporter of bridge tolls, were to campaign door to door and talk to more city