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# Vancouver-Portland freeways either vacant or packed after oxygen-laden tank truck overturned on I-205 this morning; traffic jams could continue into the afternoon commute

Portland police said this afternoon it could be as late as 7 p.m. before Interstate 205 is reopened, prolonging the mother of all metro-area traffic tie-ups that began at 6 a.m. this morning when an oxygen-laden tank truck overturned northbound on I-205 near the Columbia Boulevard eastbound exit.

No one was injured in the mishap, and police still don't know why the tanker trailer flipped over. A car following the truck caught fire, but the woman driver escaped unhurt.

Portland-bound traffic from Vancouver snarled on all arterials, and many residential streets were jammed as motorists tried to find quicker routes to I-5.

The I-205 closure extended from Highway 14 in Vancouver to Interstate 84 in Portland, and in addition to blocking north-south traffic closed Airport way from the east to Portland International Airport, causing many to miss early flights out of the airport.

While oxygen is not flammable, it accelerates any burning process, either as a gas or a liquid. Most of the oxygen that escaped from the tank froze on the freeway before eventually evaporating.

## Nobel Peace Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum will highlights PeaceJam Friday

**Rigoberta Menchú Tum**, Guatemalan Nobel Peace Laureate, will address an expected 250 local students in Vancouver's 5th PeaceJam Northwest conference at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, in the First United Methodist Church, 401 E. 33rd Street.

The PeaceJam conference opens at 8 a.m. and continues through Saturday. The Mayor's Youth Peacekeepers Award will be presented at 6 p.m. Friday.

During the conference, students will participate in a variety of local community service projects.

Menchú Tum, a 1992 winner of the peace prize, is the fifth Nobel laureate to participate in the local PeaceJam movement. PeaceJam in Vancouver is sponsored by the Vancouver Cultural Commission, Evergreen School District Foundation, First United Methodist Church, Jubitz Family Foundation, Nature's, PGE, Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, State Farm Insurance, SWIFT, Voiture 99, 40 et 8, and the YWCA of Clark County.

## Don't gun the motor if a bright yellow Subaru Impreza drives up alongside at the light

Sleek and sassy though it looks, the next yellow Subaru Impreza you may see on the road is more than it appears to be.

Concealed within are lights and a siren. It's one more vehicle in Vancouver's arsenal of unmarked police cars.

The Subaru will be driven by a uniformed police officer, though, department spokesperson **Kim Kapp** says.

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#### **THURSDAY**

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Its specific targets are aggressive drivers and speeders.

## Open house on Grand Boulevard corridor traffic safety improvements next Wednesday

An open house designed to collect citizen input on proposed traffic safety improvements on the Grand Boulevard corridor between Columbia House Boulevard and Fourth Plain Boulevard is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the Harney Elementary School media center.

Pedestrian and bicycle access are included in the proposed improvements, according to spokesperson **Matt Ransom**.

#### Jennifer Kampsula Cancer Society president

Jennifer Kampsula has been elected president of the American Cancer Society's Clark County board of directors, succeeding Dan Heine. Serving with Kampsula are administrative chairs Marilyn Dryke, Pat McCudden and Rodie Renn-Lasher, secretary Gail Bosshart, and treasurer Arlene Beachell.

#### **News briefs**

The Washougal Family Science Night is at 6 p.m. today in the Gause Elementary School, 1100 34th Street. Admission is free. Applications to fill a vacancy on the five-member Clark County Historic Preservation Commission must be completed by Friday, March 28. For further information, call **Derek Chisholm**, 397-2375, extension 4909.

Thursday electronic events
Transportation Priorities—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV
OSU Beavers at Arizona (live)—5:30 p.m. FSN, KEX
City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Denny Heck's Inside Olympia—7 and 11 p.m. TVW
Philadelphia at the Trail Blazers (live)—7 p.m. TNT, KXL
Oregon Ducks at Arizona State (live)—7:30 p.m. FSN, KTOK

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, March 6, 2003							
Alaska Air Group	18.38	21	Linear Technology	29.88	14		
Alcoa	19.22	79	Microsoft	23.27	17		
Amazon.com	22.69	+.27	Nautilus	14.20	44		
Bank of America	68.15	19	Nike	46.61	+.03		
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.79	+.13		
Bemis	39.80	51	PepsiCo 37.65		+.35		
Boeing	26.16		Précision Cast	22.79	+.05		
Boise Cascade	22.48	68		17.30	+.27		
CenturyTel	26.46	-1.21		23.38	02		
Costco	28.75	unch			+.07		
Expeditors Intl.	34.24	29		16.56	+.11		
Georgia Pacific	14.30		US Bancorp	20.26	49		
HPQ	15.55	01		34.26	05		
Intel	16.70		W. Coast Bancorp	15.13	25		
Kyocera	52.93	21	Weyerhaeuser	47.14	-1.27		
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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Gary Angelo providing wheels. Lee Davis becoming a natural winner.

Barbara Jones giving economy gentle boost. Gayle Mitten arranging. George Goodrich ordering feasibility study. Bill Demme reports loss of chicken-herding dog. Thursday, and wet skies, but sunbreaks, too, 50. Friday, mostly rainy and gray, 46. Saturday, gloomy morning gives way to pale sun, 50

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