

Absentee ballots dribbling in

Of 118,382 absentee ballots mailed to Clark County voters for the Tuesday, Sept. 14, primary election, 29,186 had been returned by this morning, suggesting a lower than usual voter turnout. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, to be counted. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day.

While the County Elections Department will begin counting ballots at 3 p.m. on election day, no results will be released until after 8:15 p.m. Results will be released to the public and news media in the commissioners' hearing room on the 6th floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. The results will also be available on the county auditor's office website, www.clark.wa.gov/elections/results/index.html.

Contested local races in the primary election include the following:

17th District, state senator, Democrats **Paul Waadevig** and **John T. Davis**.

17th District state representative, position 1, Democrats **Ilene Ferrell** and **Pat Campbell**, and Republicans **Paul Harris** and **Jim**

Dunn.

Clark County commissioner, District 2, Democrats **Jeanne Harris** and **John Hagensen**.

Clark County District Court judge, Position 5, nonpartisans incumbent **Rich Melnick**, **Janna R. Lovejoy** and **Craig Edward Kennedy**.

Statewide voters are being asked to select party nominees for the U.S. senate seat held by Democrat **Patty Murray**. Her challengers are Democrats **Warren Hanson** and **Mohammad H. Said**. Republican candidates for that position are **Brad Klippert**, **George R.**

“Nethercutt Jr., Gordon Allen Pross, Chuck Jackson, Reed Davis and William Edward Chovil.

Candidates for 3rd District U.S. representative are Democrats incumbent **Brian Baird**, and **Cheryl A. Crist**, and Republicans **Thomas A. Crowson** and **Dawn Courtney**.

Gubernatorial candidates are Democrats **Mike The Mover**, **Ron Sims**, **Eugen Buculei**, **Don Hansler**, **Scott Headland** and **Christine Gregoire**. Republican candidates for governor are **John W. Aiken Jr.**, **Bill Meyer** and **Dino Rossi**. Libertarian gubernatorial candidates are **Michael Nelson** and **Ruth Bennett**.

Contesting the lieutenant governor position are Republicans **Jim Wiest**, **Jim Nobles** and **Scott Bonifield**.

Running against incumbent superintendent of Public Instruction **Teresa (Terry) Bergeson**, in a nonpartisan race, are **Judith Billings**, **KumRoan Maksirisombat**, **Juanita Doyon**, **David Blomstrom** and **John Blair**.

Six candidates are running for the state Supreme Court, position 1, to succeed retiring justice **Faith Ireland**. They are **Gary Carpenter**, **Jim Johnson**, **Mary Kay Becker**, **William (Bill) Murphy**, **Maureen Hart** and **Robert H. Alsdorf**. Supreme Court Justice Position 5, incumbent **Barbara Madsen**, is being challenged by **Terry Lukens**. Incumbent **Richard B. Sanders**, Supreme Court Justice incumbent **Richard B. Sanders** faces five opponents: **James White**, **Steve Merrival**, **Doug Shafer**, **Fred L. Stewart** and **Terry Sebring**. See Seattle Times story on Supreme Court candidates at http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2002030798_judges09m.html.

Learn how to ride a bicycle across the Interstate Bridge free

A moving workshop demonstrating how to cross the Interstate Bridge on a bicycle, and how to connect to TriMet's MAX line, is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, starting from the Vancouver Farmer's Market at Esther Short Park.

The instructive session is free and includes free TriMet MAX tickets. Sponsored by the City of Vancouver Transportation Services, the session will provide attendees with transportation skills such as riding a bicycle across the I-5 bridge, loading a bicycle on a MAX car, buying transit tickets at a kiosk, using Portland's new bicycle traffic signal near the Rose Quarter, and finding regional bicycle connections in Vancouver and Portland.

Participants must bring a working bicycle, water, and a bicycle helmet. For further information, call **Terri Elioff, 696-8290**.

Parents of woman killed in Palestine to lecture on human cost of conflict in the Middle East

Craig and **Cindy Corrie**, parents of **Rachel Corrie**, who was killed in Gaza on March 16, 2003, while attempting to prevent a Palestinian home from being demolished by the Israeli military will discuss the human cost of the middle East conflict at 2:40 p.m. in the Multimedia Classroom Building at Washington State University Vancouver.

The lecture is sponsored by the WSU Vancouver Center for Social and Environmental Justice, Vancouver for Peace, and Friends of Sabeel North America. For further information, call **Ben Duncan, 546-9490**.

People

Brenda Hope, a kindergarten teacher at Hulan L. Whitson Elementary School in the White Salmon Valley School District, has been named Education Service District 112's Teacher of the Year. It is the second year in a row that a White Salmon Valley School District educator won the award. Last year's winner was **Philip Brady**, Wayne M. Henkle Middle School.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Numerous candidates vying for high court--Seattle Times--**Maureen O'Hagan**](#)
[Peace bloodier than war--MSNBC, Washington Post.com, **Thomas E. Ricks**](#)
[Tiny tribe is sitting on jackpot; study shows Cowlitz market is the biggest in the northwest--Portland Tribune, **Ben Jacklet**](#)
[\\$22.7 million wasn't 'found' Clark College president says--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Arts center advocates intend to try to get Clark College to rethink decision not to support center on campus--Columbian, **Brett Oppegaard**](#)
[Serial arsonist's crimes hurting the innocent--Columbian, **Kelly Adams**](#)
[Lesser charge filed against man who tried to circumcise his 8-year-old boy--Columbian, **Stephanie Rice**](#)
[Oregon judge rules Ralph Nader's name should be on ballot--KGW-TV, AP, **Charles E. Beggs**](#)
[Democrats in Washington file suits to try to keep Ralph Nader off November ballot--Seattle P-I](#)
[Floridians ordered to evacuate the Keys as Ivan poses third hurricane threat to sunshine state in a month--USA TODAY](#)
[Records say Bush balked at order to take flight physical--Washington Post, **Michael Dobbs** and **Thomas B. Edsall**](#)

Thursday on the air

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CTVV
Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—6:30 p.m. KKAD
Boston at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXX

Town Tabloids and the weather

Shawn McDonnell hitting books at Concordia. 🍷 **Dave Christel** unable to stop doing favors. 🍷 **Katie Foehl** rescheduling. 🍷 **Carolyn Propstra** recommending History Channel. 🍷 **Mike Anderson** running tight ship. 🍷 **Sherry Mowatt** planning Tapestry event. 🍷 **Wally Hornberger** making A-list. 🍷 **Thursday**, cloudy around the edges, 74. **Friday**, a little cloudy, possible precipitation, 75. **Saturday**, cooler, cloudy, some sun, mostly dry, 70.