

### **Medical center prepared for up to 120 rail crash victims; ten showed up and were released**

Following a Amtrak passenger train derailment east of Stevenson at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Southwest Washington Medical Center mobilized to receive up to 120 patients.

The medical center, on alert, received ten of the injured, one by life-flight helicopter, eight by ambulance and one by a private vehicle. All ten were assessed, treated and released.

“We are pleased that no one was seriously injured,” reported **Jackie Brown**, director of Emergency Services at the medical center. “This was a test of our preparedness to handle a mass casualty event. Our plan worked well and our staff was mobilized and prepared to care for the number of patients in the initial assessment.”

### **County commissioners to make 54 minor corrections to codes**

Correcting "mental" clinics to read "medical" clinics is among the 54 corrections and amendments to be made to Clark County codes by county commissioners at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, as they make biennial corrections to county laws.

Every two years the board of commissioners makes grammatical corrections, takes care of written errors and makes minor clarifications and changes in code language.

But some minor corrections may make significant changes in what codes allow, such as creating flexibility within codes for setbacks within commercial zones.

Other proposed changes would allow private schools in commercial zones, permit feed and seed stores in commercial zones, and extend the deadline for home business applications and compliance deadlines by three months to Sept. 15, 2005.

### **Vancouver property owners have until June 3 to request changes in comprehensive plan designations on their property**

Once a year property owners within the city of Vancouver may request comprehensive plan and zoning map designation changes to be considered as a group by the city planning commission and city council.

The Comprehensive Plan designates how land within the city can be developed as residential, commercial, industrial and open space.

Requests for changes may be made through Tuesday, June 3. For further information, call **John Manley**, 696-8249.

### **North county transportation needs on RTC agenda Tuesday**

Transportation requirements for fast-growing north Clark County, including Battle Ground and La Center, get the attention of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council at its 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 meeting in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The council will also hear an update on the state legislature's New Revenue Transportation Project priorities.

### **News briefs**

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. The council also meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. 🗳️ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in workshop session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the La Center wastewater plant, 101 Aspen Avenue, La Center. 🗳️ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 5.

[Monday headlines from at home and around the world:](#)

[Local aquifer likely will limit drought's effect but rural residents on shallow wells could run into trouble--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[State senate proposes 15-cent gasoline tax hike--Seattle P-I, AP, David Ammons](#)

[Hearings examiner mulling over Storedahl gravel mining issue--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)

[Klickitat County wooing wind power with first-of-its-kind zoning ordinance--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)

[Crowds begin paying last respects to Pope John Paul II--KGW-TV, AP, William J. Kole and Angela Doland](#)

[Early favorites for next pope are Dionigi Tettamanzi Milan, Italy, and Francis Arinze, Nigeria, according to Irish bookmaker--Seattle P-I, AP, Shawn Pogatchnik](#)

### Monday on the air

Minnesota at Seattle Mariners (live)—2 p.m. FSN, KFXX  
Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall Opening—3 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Illinois vs. North Carolina (live)—6 p.m. KOIN-TV, KFXX  
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

Marty Clark in the know. ☞ Gregg Herrington says goodbye to dear friend and mentor. ☞ Helen Dygert seeing a slew of old friends ☞ Jim Keller sartorially splendid for the occasion. ☞ Jean Lacey commenting on marriage. ☞ Monday, sunbreaks, scattered showers, 54. Tuesday, mostly light rain, no sun, 58. Wednesday, showers and sunbreaks, 63.