

Marc Boldt to head meth task force



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Clark County Commissioner **Marc Boldt** has been appointed chairman of a Clark County Meth Task Force, formed yesterday after a three-hour work session of law enforcement, medical, public and environmental health, justice, children and family service, and drug, alcohol and mental health representatives.

The summit was introduced by chair of the board of Clark County Commissioners, **Betty Sue Morris**, who in her State of the County Address last January called for eradication of methamphetamine as a top county priority for 2005. Initial recommendations for addressing the impact of methamphetamine abuse are expected by the end of the year.

For further information, call Boldt at **397-2232**.

Water Resources Education Center closing while Lewis and Clark exhibit is mounted

Installing the award-winning Lewis and Clark Bicentennial "Discovering the Rivers of Lewis & Clark" in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, will necessitate closure of the popular center beginning Friday, Sept. 2, until the exhibit is ready for public viewing from Friday, Sept. 9, through Friday, Oct. 28.

More than 1.5 million persons in 13 states have seen the exhibit since it debuted in 2001.

There will be no charge to view the exhibit, presented by American Rivers and co-sponsored by the U.S. Army, The History Channel and the Dibner Fund.

Leadership Clark County 2005-06 class announced

Thirty individuals have been selected to participate in Leadership Clark County's 13th year of training community leaders

The comprehensive community leadership program for emerging leaders in southwest Washington begins this fall and lasts ten months and covers a wide variety of topics, including local government, education, economic development, and health care.

The class of 2005-06 is as follows:

Gina Bacon, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, **Michelle Beardshear**, Clark Public Utilities, **Jeanne Bennett**, Educational Service District 112, **Barbara Brace**, First Independent Bank, **Kyle Brown**, The JD White Company, **Louise Brown**, CH2MHill, **Robyn Chastain**, Educational Service District 112, **Karen Crosland**, Clark College Foundation, **Amy Davis**, West Coast Bank, **Stacy Frost**, Hopper, Dennis, Jellison, PLLC, **Mick Hoffman**, Alki Middle School, **Carol Hsu**, Hewlett-Packard, **Patrice Jacob**, retired, **Jennifer Kampsula**, Kell, Alterman, Runstein, **Charlie Klier**, Norris, Beggs and Simpson, **Todd Krout**, Port of Vancouver, **Suzanne Levis**, City of La Center, **Brian Loos**, Clark County Public Works, **Maija Mercer**, The Management Group, Inc., **Joy Overstreet**, retired, **David Qualman**, Barco Medical Imaging Systems, **Jim Quintana**, C-TRAN, **Jeff Sarvis**, City of La Center, **Scott Shattuck**, Kaiser Permanente, **Karmel Shield**, Eastern Washington University-Vancouver, **Angela Simmons**, iQ Credit Union, **Paul Speer**, Hewlett-Packard, **Carren Senn Walker**, American Express Financial Advisors, **Jeff Wittler**, Clark Public Utilities, and **Lena Wittler**, Clark Public Utilities

News brief

Don Russo, of Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt's Vancouver office, says an easy way for local companies and firms to make contributions to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort would be to do as his firm is doing: match collective attorney and staff contributions up to \$1,500. The \$3,000 is being sent to Mercy Corps and the American Red Cross.

Meanwhile state attorney general **Rob McKenna** today encouraged Washington residents to support disaster relief but cautioned contributors to be on the lookout for charity scams, including bogus solicitations by e-mail and phone.

"Washington residents should not let cons exploit their generosity," McKenna said. "I encourage people to

do what they can to support victims of Hurricane Katrina by donating directly to familiar charities."

Calendar

C-TRAN open house at 5:30 p.m. today in the Student Services Building on the Washington State University Vancouver campus, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, offers voters information on the proposed .2 percent sales tax proposal now before county voters. Sales tax would maintain intercity bus service as well as restore pending cuts in other services as a result of the loss of automobile excise tax support. Additional information is available by going to www.c-tran.com. ☞ Clark County Commissioner **Steve Stuart** is holding a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. this evening in the Fisher's Landing Transit Center, at SE 164th Avenue and Cascade Park Drive.

Thursday Headlines at home and abroad

[County Elections Department mailing 173,993 ballots for Sept. 20 election--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[New Orleans photographs--New York Times](#)

[Superdome evacuation disrupted after shots fired at helicopter--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Fights and fires broke out, corpses lay out in the open, and rescue helicopters and law enforcement officers were shot at as flood-stricken New Orleans slipped toward anarchy Thursday. "This is a desperate SOS," the mayor said--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Officials abandon efforts to save New Orleans--KATU, AP, **Brett Martel**](#)

[Answering the call for help--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[Human beings and chimpanzees share an almost identical genetic inheritance, scientists report, calling it an "elegant confirmation" of Darwin's theory of evolution--USA TODAY, **Steve Sternberg**](#)

[Oregon Ducks open season against Houston Cougars at 4 p.m. this evening on ESPN2](#)

[Washington State University Cougars host University of Idaho in season opener at 7 p.m. this evening on FSN](#)

[Gasoline prices leap 50 cents in a single day--MSNBC](#)

[Clark County seeks new strategy to combat meth--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Great tastes concentrate in Esther Short Park this weekend--Oregonian, **Dee Anne Finken**](#)

[Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction website for individual school district and individual school WASL scores](#)

Thursday on the air

Oregon Ducks at Houston (live)—4 p.m. ESPN2, KXL

Gen. George C. Marshall Lecture (8/27)—4 p.m. CVTV

Fort Vancouver Tapestry Project Unveiling (8/12)—6 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Tucson (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Idaho Vandals at WSU Cougars (live)—7 p.m. FSN

Town Tabloids and the weather

Dennis Grunes finds knishes and blintzes a few blocks down the street. ☞ **Geoff Knapp** keeping the fourth estate up to speed. ☞ **Rachael Mortensen** lending a helping hand. ☞ **Julie Kummer** taking on new chores. ☞ **Nancy Link** making events easy for veterans. ☞ **Deborah Walstra** organizing hitchless programs. ☞ **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 82. **Friday**, sunny after morning clouds, 76. **Saturday**, cloudy, possible shower activity, 72.