

### **Primary ballots must be postmarked today or taken to drop-off locations by 8 p.m.**

Another 7,259 absentee ballots were received by the Clark County Elections Department this morning, bringing the total to 67,387, out of 176,278 mailed from the county Auditor's office, for a 38 percent return so far, and with ballots arriving in tomorrow's mail and being dropped off at 31 locations in the county before 8 p.m., the total vote is expected to go well over 40 percent, a surprising turnout for a nearly ho-hum primary election.

The C-TRAN request for a .2 percent increase in sales tax to maintain current service is thought to be the driver for the big numbers.

Voters may drop off their mail ballots until 8 p.m. today at 31 locations in the county, including the county Elections Department office, 1408 Franklin Street.

For the locations of ballot drop-off locations, go to <http://www.clark.wa.gov/elections/balлотdroplocations.html>.

The *Insider* erred Monday when it reported that **Al Swindell** was the incumbent in the Woodland race for city council, position 3. **Bruce Summers Jr.** is the incumbent councilmember. Summers is being challenged by Swindell and **Jon N. Randall**.

### **All Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries to close to convert catalog Thursday**

When the Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries reopen Friday, Sept. 23, patrons will be able to use the district's new catalog system of enhanced search tools and integrated book lists on specific subjects.

The district's libraries will be closed all day, Thursday, Sept. 22, including bookmobiles, while library employees install the new system. The library business office will remain open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., however, and the libraries' telephone information service will be operational during the closure. Patrons may hold checked out items for return until Friday.

### **Applicants sought for county advisory committee for citizens with disabilities**

Applicants are being sought for four positions on Clark County's newly created Americans with Disabilities Citizen Advisory Committee, reports county ADA coordinator **Tim McVicker**.

The committee will work with county departments on sidewalk improvements, access to buildings, and programs and services for those with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply, according to McVicker. For further information, call the county Americans with Disabilities Compliance Office, **397-2025**, or go to [www.clark.wa.gov/ada/index.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/ada/index.html), for application forms.

### **Citizen Emergency Response Team training available**

Citizen Emergency Response Team training is being offered by the Clark County CERT Coalition in October and November in Fire District 6, Station 1, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue.

The \$20 per person courses are offered for neighborhood teams of three or more persons. The training covers disaster preparedness, terrorism, light search and rescue, disaster fire suppression, disaster psychology, and disaster medical operations. At the end of training participants will be put through a disaster exercise.

For further information, call **Leah Edwards, 576-1195**, or go to [www.cresa911.org/cert](http://www.cresa911.org/cert).

### **News briefs**

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra opens its 2005-2006 season with concerts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, and 7 p.m. Oct. 9, in Skyview High School's concert hall, and a salute to its conductor and artistic director Salvador Brotons at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 in Royal Oaks Country Club, but has canceled its fall tea. The note announcing that the tea will be rescheduled in the spring, May, 4, 2006, came with a tea bag, compliments of

**Daniel and Hooja Kim.**

### **Calendar**

Clark County primary election returns will be cablecast by CVTV, Channel 23, beginning at 8:30 p.m. tonight on CVTV. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. ☞

The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the administrative offices of the Port of Vancouver, 3103 Lower River Road.

### Tuesday headlines at home and abroad

[Last-minute voters can take ballots for today's primary election to 31 drop locations across Clark County--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Fed boosts interest rates for the 11th time in the past 15 months--USA TODAY](#)

[North Korea demands nuke reactor from U.S.--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Two die, one missing, after charter boat capsizes off Oregon coast--KGW-TV, AP](#)

[County eyes east-west road plan at 18th Street--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[Fire Chief Don Bivins to say he would explore federal disaster preparedness funds to pay for, or at least defray part of the cost of, emergency kits for low-income people--Oregonian, \*\*Allan Brettman\*\*](#)

[A lot of the homeless in this country are veterans, and it's Mel Tandberg's job to find them--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)

[County jobless rates are not precise--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[Tax rebel Tim Eyman is again urging backers to contribute to a salary fund--Seattle Times, AP](#)

[Company pushing for a Kitsap County NASCAR raceway would pay the largest private portion ever for a professional sports stadium in Washington state, an executive said Monday--Seattle P-I, AP, \*\*Curt Woodward\*\*](#)

[The military announced the deaths in Iraq Tuesday of five U.S. soldiers in three separate roadside bomb explosion pushing the number of U.S. fatalities since March 2003 past the 1,900 mark--](#)

[Washington Post, \*\*Joseph Finer\*\* and \*\*Fred Barbash\*\*](#)

[Rita Upgraded to Category 2 Hurricane, headed to Florida Keys--Washington Post, \*\*Sam Coates\*\* and \*\*Fred Barbash\*\*](#)

### Tuesday on the air

Primary Video Voters' Guide (8/10)—4 p.m. CVTV

**Seattle Mariners at Toronto (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Primary Election Candidates (9/7)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Sgt. Brad Crawford Park Dedication Ceremony—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (9/15)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (9/11)—7 p.m. CVTV

**Election 2005 (live)—8:30 p.m. CVTV**

Stars and Stripes Society Dinner—10:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Sandra Topalovic** and **Ashley Tullis**, Clark County Sheriff's Explorers, easily defeat an entire band of Clark County Fire Cadets. ☞ **Bill Reid** looking spiffy in whites. ☞ **Patty Keller** and friends hear wine server singing. ☞ **Lisa Dow** sees break dancing tyro in parachute pants. ☞ **David Kenny's** watchful eye appreciated. ☞ **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 72. **Wednesday**, some clouds, but dry and mostly sunny, 72. **Thursday**, cooler, but mostly sunny, 67.