

### **This time Vancouver voters will decide fate of library**

Vancouver voters will be asked in November to form a Library Capital Facilities District conforming to the city limits, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board decided in a strategic planning work session last week. At the same time, voters will be asked to approve a bond issue, yet to be fleshed out, that would modernize and expand the overcrowded, 40-year-old Vancouver Community Library and move a greatly expanded Cascade Park Library into the Firstenburg Community Center in east Vancouver.

The new district would be smaller than the Library Capital Facilities District, that voters approved in March 2004, which included Vancouver and the Vancouver urban growth area. Although the district was formed by a nearly 60 percent majority, the accompanying \$48 million bond issue proposal, while getting a 55 percent favorable majority, failed because it missed the statutory 60 percent favorable vote.

Says library executive director **Bruce Ziegman**: "We'll be carefully re-examining over the next few months the best package to present to Vancouver voters. Some factors have changed since we put the 2004 proposal together, but the great need for better library facilities in Vancouver has certainly not changed. We're looking forward to making better libraries a reality this time."

Plans will address the fact that the current Vancouver Community Library is woefully undersized to handle its volume of patrons, lacks adequate book shelf space and is not configured for the changes that technology has brought. The Cascade Park Library is so small that children's summer reading programs have to be held outdoors.

The library board also directed staff to further study the effectiveness of the way the library delivers information services, how the library serves as a physical and philosophical community "commons," and the library's role in supporting early learning needs of very young children.

The library's strategic planning began in August last year and included input from a 30-member citizen planning committee.

The board is expected to review more specific plans at its June 13 meeting.

### **Student Union at Clark opened**

Amid day-long activities, the Clark College \$9.9 million Penguin Student Union opened in Gaiser Hall today.

One of the few student union facilities in Washington community colleges, more than 80 percent of its cost was paid through student fees.

Severing the ribbon to make the opening official were **Sue Fratt**, president of the college board of trustees, college president **Wayne Branch**, and associated students president **Micah West**.

The student union offers a lounge area, café, game room, performance area, and a wireless network system and computers.



**Ribbon cutters open student union**

### **Vancouver Dance Theatre presenting *Coppelia***

*Coppelia*, from France, believed to be the first to introduce a folk dance in ballet, is being presented by the Vancouver Dance Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in the Washington Auditorium in Fort Vancouver High School, 5700 E 18th Street.

The light-hearted love story, directed by **Patrick Russell**, includes a cast of 35 dancers.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and are available at Beacock's Music, Fisher's Landing and Music World, Hazel Dell, and will be available at the door. For further information, call **601-1799**.

### **How many rights make a wrong?**

The *Daily Insider* was right in the first place. That's what makes it wrong. Last week **Bob Byrd**, co-owner with his older brother **Bill Byrd III**, of Pacific Die Casting, was correctly identified in the *Insider* as being a member of the board of directors of Identity Clark County. However, two readers, who shall remain unidentified, reported that the board member was Bill III. So, we made a correction stating that Bill III was the board member. Wrong! Bob, who is good humored about this reportorial goof, is also chair of the ICC Transportation Committee.

### **News brief**

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Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street.

**Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:**

[Former mayor Bruce Hagensen says many options include marriage, but not run for port commissioner--Columbian](#)

[Former Republican State Rep. Tom Mielke says he will run for county commissioner against Democrat Steve Stuart this fall--Oregonian](#)

[Howard Dean speaks his mind in Vancouver Tuesday--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Moeller's instant runoff voting bill gets legislative approval, now up to the governor--Columbian, \*\*Don Jenkins\*\*](#)

[C-TRAN woes include shortage of drivers--Oregonian](#)

[Former governors Mike Lowry and John Kitzhaber agreed Tuesday that civic engagement in political affairs is declining--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Paris, Milan? Centralia Local has sights on him runways--Columbian, \*\*Angela Allen\*\*](#)

**Wednesday on the air**

Vancouver Police Department Recognition Ceremony—4 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus—6:30 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Beavers a Fresno (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**  
**Los Angeles Galaxy at Portland Timbers (live)—7 p.m. KZNY, KXMG**  
Telecommunications Commission (4/6)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Pathways To Your Future—9 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Analese Forster** taking care of details. 📖 **Susan Tissot** planning watercolor exhibitor. 📖 **Debbie Hose** lending a hand. 📖 **Kitty MacKey** on a special list. 📖 **Walt Evans** would win prize if category existed. 📖 **Ginger Metcalf** is always right, it says 100 times on the chalkboard 📖 **Wednesday**, April showers return, 50. **Thursday**, showers followed by sunbreaks, 54. **Friday**, more April showers, more sunbreaks, 59.