

Library board asking for public comment on failed bond issue

The board of trustees of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District has scheduled a December public hearing to accept information from the public regarding the district's two "heartbreaking" losses at the polls for a bond issue that would have remodeled and expanded the library system in the City of Vancouver.

The most recent loss was in November, when a measure within the city was approved by a whopping 59.4 percent majority, but not whopping enough. The law regarding voter approval of bond issues financed by property taxes requires a 60 percent majority.

Over 60 percent of the voters approved creation of a library district in Vancouver, and the same voters approved the bond issue that would have paid for expansion of the Vancouver Community and Cascade Park Libraries by 19,287 to 13,197 votes—59.37 percent. As library trustee **Jerry King** puts it, "it was a heartbreaking loss. It really was, wasn't it, to come to close to 60 percent, so very close, to 59.37 percent and yet not to be a winner?"

The trustees meeting is at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in Library Hall in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

The question before the board is: "In light of two failed bond measures, what action should the library board take to solve the problem of insufficient facilities in Vancouver?"

Dave Friesen concert benefits St. Luke's

The **Dave Friesen Quintet** Christmas Concert scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, will benefit St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Vancouver. The concert will be in the church at Fourth Plain Boulevard and F Street.

Accompanying Friesen will be guitarist **Jerry Hahn**, saxophonist **Rob Davis**, drummer **William Thomas**, and vocalist and pianist **Jeannie Hoffman**.

Admission is \$15. For further information, go to www.davidfriesen.net.

Clark County Chamber of Commerce presenting awards to business members

The Clark County Chamber of Commerce is presenting Best-In-County Awards to members at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, meeting in the Hostess House, 10017 NE 6th Avenue. The awards presentations are open to the public and there is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Awards will be made to businesses that have implemented innovative business programs in core areas of visibility, networking, public advocacy, business services, training and entrepreneurship.

Reservations are required by Monday, Dec. 12. For further information, call **258-1181**.

News briefs

Wells Fargo has donated \$300,000 to permanently endow a college scholarship fund that will help up to four qualifying Native American students fill unmet financial aid each year. Available to qualified Native American college juniors, the scholarships will be administered through the American Indian Graduate center. Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, and major in business, finance or gaming and hospitality. Wells Fargo has lent more than \$1.8 billion to tribes and Native Americans and is one of the primary providers of financial services and a leading lender to the tribal gaming industry. Further information is available by going to www.aigc.com. ✍ The *Insider* yesterday erroneously reported that **Ted Davis**, **Jim Fenstermacher** and **Tim Probst** had been appointed to the Clark County Skills Center board of directors. They were, in fact, appointed to the Skills Center Foundation board of directors.

Calendar

The Tent of Many Voices continues its ten-day run this week with free presentations on the Lewis and Clark Expedition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in tents in the parking area of the O. O. Howard House in Vancouver Barracks. ✍ The annual holiday open house at EastRidge Business Park is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today in suite 1340 in the business park at 11805 NE 99th Street.

Wednesday headlines at home and abroad

[Stringent anti-smoking law takes effect tomorrow--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)
[Racist fliers litter streets in Ridgefield--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Washougal schools benefiting from Norm Danielson's largesse--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)
[Rentals at Northwynd at Columbia Shores near Beach's to become condos--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)
[SEH America getting ready to produce larger wafers--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)
[Comcast rates going up--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)
['Happy holidays' is a neutered, watered-down alternative to 'Merry Christmas'--Columbian, **Tom Koenninger**](#)
[Judy Miller keeps on going and going--Oregonian, **Dee Anne Finken**](#)
[Veterans mark Pearl Harbor's 'Day of Infamy'--KATU](#)
[U.S. unveils censored report on problems at Hanford--Seattle Times, **Warren Cornwall**](#)
[Air marshal kills passenger after plane lands in Miami00USA TODAY, AP](#)
[All you need to know about the Christmas Ships \(including maps\)--Columbian](#)

Wednesday on the air

U.S. Rep Brian Baird Town Hall Meeting (12/5)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Pearl Harbor Day Observance (12/7)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: The Messiah—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Minnesota at Portland Trail Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KXMG
Clark County Commissioners' Workshop (11/29)—9 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Irma Slocum recalling Lake Shore boom times. ☞ **Katie Foehl** making corrections. ☞ **Susan Cole** promoting St. Luke's Christmas concert. ☞ **John Cummings** filing regular news report. ☞ **Chad Peru** reporting on the good life. ☞ **Les Mischke** accepting checks. ☞ **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, possible showers, 43. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 41. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 45.