

### **Auto license tab fees and requirements to increase in January**

Automobile license tabs will increase from \$30 to \$40 beginning January 1, 2006, reports the state Department of Licensing. The increase applies to vehicles that weigh 4,000 pounds or less. For heavier vehicles, such as large SUVs, the license tab increase will be \$20 over the current basic \$30 fee. License tab fees for trucks and motor homes also increase, but reductions in fees are being made for small trailers.

An additional requirement in licensing vehicles is that registered owners must present valid State of Washington driver's licenses in order to buy the tabs.

For vehicle owners renewing license tabs by mail or over the Internet, a provision is made for entering the current driver's license number and expiration date.

### **Pulp and paper industry gives \$300,000 for new Lower Columbia College training**

Lower Columbia College will receive nearly \$300,000 from southern Washington pulp and paper industry representatives Thursday, Dec. 1, for first-year funding of the community college's new Pulp and Paper Technology Program and Training Center.

With the grant and support from the National Science Foundation, LCC is offering a two-year associate in applied science degree in pulp and paper technology. Making the presentation at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Student Center, 15th Avenue and Commerce Street, Longview, are representatives from Longview Fibre, Weyerhaeuser/NORPAC, Georgia Pacific and Boise Cascade.

### **Battle Ground Library fund gets boost from SWIFT**

The Battle Ground Community Library has received a \$10,270 grant from Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust. The grant will provide new furniture and furnishings in the existing library, according to community librarian **Jackie Spurlock**.

The new furniture will serve an immediate need for the 3,869-square-foot Battle Ground library, the third busiest library in the Fort Vancouver Regional Library system.

The furniture will be used in a new library when it is completed, according to **Jane and Don Higgins**, co-chairs of a \$2.5 million capital campaign to build a new library to serve a north county population of over 39,000 people.

For further information about the Friends of the Battle Ground Library campaign, call **666-1480**.

### **Legislators to give advice on how to get state grants**

Each biennium the state legislature allocates over a billion dollars in more than 30 grant and local programs from the state capital budget. On Friday, Dec. 16, 49th District state legislators, Sen. **Craig Pridemore** and Reps. **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller**, all Democrats, are presenting a half-day seminar to provide constituents with information on how to obtain those state grants.

The session is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in hearing room 6, in the Public Service Building, 1300 Franklin Street.

### **Calendar**

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets at 4 p.m. today in the main conference room of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, 4134 N. Skidmore Street, Portland. ☞ A joint forum of InterACT and the Forum at the Library is at 7 p.m. this evening in room 129 of the Student Services Building at Washington State University Vancouver. ☞ A public hearing for property owners affected by the proposed 1-205 northbound off-ramp to NE 112th Avenue is at 7 p.m. this evening in the state Department of Transportation headquarters, 11018 NE 51st Circle. NE 51st Circle is just off NE 112th Avenue near Highway 500. ☞ The Tent of Many Voices continues today in the parking area of the O. O. Howard House, in Vancouver Barracks with hourly presentations through 5 p.m. The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial exhibit is free. A variety of hourly shows are presented 9 to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 11.

**Wednesday headlines at home and abroad**

[Election is over: Richard C. Kent wins Battle Ground School District race after manual recount--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)

[Bush again rejects calls for a withdrawal timetable in Iraq--New York Times, \*\*David E. Sanger\*\*](#)

[U.S. debate on pullout resonates as troops engage Sunnis in talks--Washington Post,](#)

[Ellen Knickmeyer, Jonathan Fine and Omar Fekeiki](#)

[TSA would allow sharp objects on airliners--Washington Post, \*\*Kehaulani Goo\*\*](#)

[Upbeat signs hold cautions for the future--New York Times, \*\*Vikas Bajaj\*\*](#)

[Mount St. Helens quiet eruption--New York Times, \*\*Kenneth Chang\*\*](#)

[Clark College center at WSU Vancouver nearing completion--Columbian, \*\*Howard Buck\*\*](#)

[Education needs to be fitted to the individual---Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)

[Clark County sixth in the state in terms of household income--Columbian](#)

[Snow again possible--KATU](#)

[King County deputy sheriff makes \\$187,787 after overtime--Seattle Times, \*\*Sharon Pian Chan\*\*](#)

**Wednesday on the air**

**Portland Trail Blazers at Washington (live)—4 p.m. KXL, KXMG**

Maya Lin land bridge groundbreaking (11/17)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

**Portland State at Gonzaga (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KPOJ**

**University of Oregon at Vanderbilt (live)—6 p.m. Comcast 14**

County Mediation Services Workshop (10/26)—6 p.m. CVTV

Emergency Preparedness Hearings (11/17)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**John Wulle** smoothing waters. ☞ **Cliff Rowe** giving professional journalists response. ☞ **Betty Gander** enjoying 80-degree sunshine. ☞ **Ray Fife** celebrating today with cake of many candles. ☞ **Bill Hidden** celebrating birthday with liars. ☞ **Jim Justin** celebrating victory. ☞ **Marie Day** straightening out matters. ☞ **Dan Morash** gearing up for 2006. ☞ **Bob McIntyre** spotting missing *r*. ☞ **Wednesday**, morning showers, 43. **Thursday**, gray and rainy, 41. **Friday**, rain, possible snow showers, 44.