

### **Emergency preparedness kit instructions are offered free**

Open houses Thursday evening at seven Vancouver area Churches of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are being offered to provide free instruction in making three-day emergency preparedness kits.

According to **Fran Rutherford**, spokesperson for the open houses, recent world events have highlighted the importance of personal and family preparedness. While we may not be able to anticipate every need, we can do some careful planning and preparation for emergencies.

Rutherford says it takes 20 minutes to learn how to make three-day emergency preparedness kits.

The basic 72-hour kit includes three meals and two snacks per day per person, a complete change of clothing per person, and blankets or sleeping bags, basic paper products, first aid medicines and prescription medicines, family documents, including credit cards and family records, and matches, batteries, flashlights and duct tape. The 6:30-to-8:30 p.m. classes are at the following church locations: 10509 SE 5th Street, 13600 SE McGilivray Boulevard, 220 NE Hearthwood Boulevard, 14219 NE 49th Street, 9728 NE 50th Avenue, 2223 NW 99th Street and 14400 NW 26th Avenue.

### **Columbia River Crossing project Presentations begin Saturday**

Presentations by the Columbia River Crossing Project are scheduled at Hayden Island Saturday, Oct. 22, and in Clark College's Gaiser Hall Tuesday, Oct. 25

The open houses are designed to elicit information from the public on congestion and other transportation-related problems on and around the Interstate Bridge.

The project team will summarize known transportation problems and introduce the project timeline, decision process and draft criteria to measure the effectiveness of potential project alternatives.

The Saturday open house is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter. The Tuesday open house at Clark College is 4 to 8 p.m. For further information, call **Amy Nichols, 816-2160**.

### **Benjamin Barber headlines library Making Democracy Work Project**

**Benjamin Barber**, Kekst Professor of Civil Society, University of Maryland, keynotes the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District's Forum at the Library, Making Democracy Work Project, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in Fort Vancouver High School, 5700 E 18th Street.

The forum is the kickoff event of the library's "Voice of the People: Making Democracy Work" project, initiated by the Forum at the Library steering committee in 2004. It is meant to be a nonpartisan effort seeking to demonstrate why and how citizens should engage in the democratic process. Barber is the author of 17 books and numerous articles on citizen involvement.

Sponsored by the regional library district and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation, this program and others in the series are free. For further information, call **Marjorie Casswell, 576-0965**.

### **News briefs**

The new, improved 2006 Clark County Road atlas is now available from the Clark County Department of Assessment and GIS. The 28th edition of the atlas is available for \$22.00, including tax, from the GIS Map Store, room 232, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. This newest edition measures 9 inches by 11 3/4 inches. Based on aerial photography and geographical systems technology, the atlas displays public and private roads, hiking and biking trails, 200-foot contours, locations of airfields, boat ramps and recycle centers. It also provides an address grid for streets and avenues.

### **People**

National awards from the Council of Schools for the Blind have been conferred on three members of the Washington State School for the Blind. **Dean Stenehjem**, superintendent of the Vancouver school, was named winner of the Bill English Award for 2005, for outstanding contributions, leadership and service. **Lorie Pulliam** was named outstanding teacher for students who are blind or visually impaired. Teaching assistant **Theresa Blodgett** was designated as an outstanding paraprofessional working with the blind.

## Calendar

House Republicans traveling around the state on a “listening tour” are holding a public meeting at 6 p.m. this evening in the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue, reports State Rep. **Jim Dunn** (R-17th). Dunn says anyone in attendance will have an opportunity to openly express his or her concerns and ideas. ☞ The Home Ownership Center is holding an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in the center’s offices, 3801-A Main Street. Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served, along with information about the center’s programs for first-time home buyers.

## Wednesday headlines at home and abroad

[Library issue has something for everyone--Oregonian, \*\*Holley Gilbert\*\*](#)

[County job growth strong--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[Elections department begins ballot mailing today--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Another gravel miner takes heat--Columbian, \*\*Kathie Durbin\*\*](#)

[New Edge on the fastest growing list--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[Vancouver's past is catalyst for future--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)

[Ridgefield School District hopes for 60 percent yes vote on high school project--Oregonian, \*\*Holley Gilbert\*\*](#)

[More commercial tenants taking space in Vancouvercenter--Oregonian](#)

[Herceptin has stunning effect on early breast cancer--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Florida bracing for record-breaking Wilma--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Seattle Times offering weekly column on sex--Seattle Times, Knight Ridder Newspapers, \*\*Faye Flam\*\*](#)

[Illiberal Prosecution: Why Democrats should take no comfort in the Plame case--Slate Magazine, \*\*Jacob Weisberg\*\*](#)

## Wednesday on the air

City Minutes (10/9)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (10/2)—6 p.m. CVTV

**Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Chart Your Course—10 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and the weather

**Bruce Bosch** vettless no longer. ☞ **Devona Cooke** in tall cotton. ☞ **Michelle Giovannozzi** using the French appellation. ☞ **Craig Walker** calling for part deux. ☞ **Marilyn Westlake** hauling out details. ☞ **Marilyn Willis** setting fire to midnight oil. ☞ **Wednesday**, gray, a little rain, 61. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, should be dry, 62. **Friday**, partly cloudy, some sun, 69.