

## **MAP goes statewide, hires Fromholds**

Mentoring Advanced Placement, a non-profit organization headquartered in Vancouver, has been awarded \$134,000 from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust to hire staff to expand its mentoring and teacher training programs across the state. The funding has allowed MAP to hire **Marcia Fromhold** as Executive Director and **Bill Fromhold** as Assistant Executive Director effective immediately.

"We are honored to have Marcia and Bill join the MAP team. They bring a remarkable set of strengths and deep passion to the MAP organization," said **Scott Keeney**, President/CEO of nLight and MAP Chair. "Their depth and breadth of experience and relationships in education, along with a keen focus on academic rigor and outcomes, is exactly what we need to expand our programs across the state."

Marcia Fromhold has been serving as interim Executive Director of MAP since August 2007. Marcia has been a teacher, principal, chief financial officer and superintendent in Washington school districts. In addition, she has served as Washington State Senate staff and legislative liaison for the Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Bill Fromhold currently serves as a Democratic state legislator in the 49th Legislative District in Vancouver, and has held a variety of executive leadership positions in education and business including positions with the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Evergreen School District, Seafirst Bank, Educational Service District 112, and Weyerhaeuser.

## **Glenn Olson named interim director for county Community Development**

**Glenn Olson** will serve as interim director for Clark County Community Development until the county completes a regional search to replace **Rich Carson**, reports Clark County administrator **Bill Barron**.

Olson has served as Clark County's budget director since 1997. He currently oversees the county's information technology division as well. Previously, Olson worked 15 years at the Governor's Office of Financial Management in Olympia. In 1998 he served as the interim County Administrator while the county conducted a nationwide search to fill that position.

Olson has earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Western Washington University.

## **Mediation Services presents Better Together Awards**

Three Better Together Awards from Vancouver/Clark County Mediation Services for creative solutions to "potentially explosive community issues" are being presented at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the commissioner's hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

One award goes to Shumway Neighbors and the Slavic Evangelical Church. Some residents of the Shumway neighborhood and the Slavic Evangelical Church were at odds over a variety of issues, including parking, speeding, and vandalism. The two organizations chose mediation, which resulted in the neighborhood group's giving the church a landscape beautification award and the church, through its youth group, honoring the neighbors with a special event over a meal of borsht.

Another award goes to The Holland Inc., Burgerville. With more than 1,500 employees in 39 northwest restaurants, the Holland bucked the trend of diminishing corporate benefits and elected to provide a new healthcare package for hourly employees and their families, contributing over 90 percent of the cost. Employees with more than six month's service, who work an average of 20 hours a week are eligible for coverage at a cost of \$15 per month.

Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair. Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, Episcopal Peace Fellowship and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church's Peace and Justice group, and Washington State University of Vancouver's Center for Social and Environmental Peace. These groups formed the annual Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair that since has grown into an event involving over 300 volunteers and 700 to 1,000 attendees.

## **Tuesday forum explores county walkability options**

Physical activity advocate **Mark Fenton** will discuss "walkability" options for Clark County during a forum sponsored by Community Choices from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue.

Panelists include the following: **Gerald Baugh**, Vancouver business development manager; **Marlia Jenkins**, Clark County program development manager; **Mike Nerland**, Camas School District superintendent; **Connie Sherrard**, resident initiatives program manager, Vancouver Housing Authority; and Vancouver City Council member **Tim Leavitt**.

There is a pre-registration fee of \$25, which includes lunch. To register for the forum, call **567-1067**.

### **Vancouver School District seeking public comment**

For the past year the Vancouver School District has been developing goals and objectives for the next 5 to 10 years. The district is now seeking public input on the developing strategic plan.

Elements of the plan that have been developed so far, as well as options for public comment, are now available on the district's website [http://www.vansd.org/envision\\_newsletter](http://www.vansd.org/envision_newsletter).

Comments are being accepted through Thursday, Oct. 25, according to deputy school superintendent **Steve Webb**.

The plan is intended to build on that first developed in 1989 by then school district superintendent **Jim Parsley**.

### **News briefs**

First Independent has earned two national first place awards and a national second place award from the American Bankers Association for its advertising during a recent brand launch that features the tag line "Ready When You Are." First place awards were made for its internal brand campaign and for its humorous ad campaign. The Bank was presented the second place award for its community service campaign.

### **Calendar**

The Vancouver City Council workshop and consent agenda meetings at 4 and 6 p.m. respectively today are being held in the Community Room in the Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue. <> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet in regular session at 4 p.m. today. <> The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County is holding a special meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the Public Works conference room, 4700 NE 78th Street, to hear a report from the council's county zoning review committee. <> Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23. <> Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23. The agenda includes discussion of acquisition of property for the port's West Vancouver Freight Access Project from the City of Vancouver and from the La Farge Corp. The city property includes the Humane Society of Southwest Washington facilities, which would be relocated to east Vancouver if the exchange of property is approved. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23.

### **Monday on the air**

#### **Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—3:55 p.m. CVTV**

Vancouver City Council (10/15)—7 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver General Election Candidates (10/16)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (10/14)—10 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (10/9)—11 p.m. CVTV

Port of Vancouver Commissioner Candidates 10/18)—11:45 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**John McLoughlin** booked in the Clark County Historical Museum Saturday. <> **Diane Pillette** reconnecting. <> **Curtis Johnson** pulling weeds. <> **Jim Lightheart** extinguishing small but important candles. <> **Kari Guthrie** celebrating special day. <> **Julie Kummer** announcing sausage is in the quiche today. <> **Monday**, sunny, 70. **Tuesday**, sunny and warm, 72. **Wednesday**, cloudy and cooling, 62.