

State Rep. Richard Curtis resigns from the House

State Rep. **Richard Curtis** (R-18th) today submitted his resignation to Gov. **Chris Gregoire**, along with a short statement given to the news media:

“Today I have submitted my letter of resignation to Governor Gregoire effective immediately. While I believe we’ve done some good and helped a lot of people during the time I served in the legislature, events that have recently come to light have hurt a lot of people. I sincerely apologize for any pain my actions may have caused.

“This has been damaging to my family, and I don’t want to subject them to any additional pain that might result from carrying out this matter under scrutiny that comes with holding public office.”

Spokane police are investigating whether Curtis solicited a man for sex in Spokane over the weekend and whether the man Curtis met in a porn shop, tried to blackmail the legislator.

Republican House leader **Richard DeBolt** said, “I am very disappointed by the news reports of the conduct by Rep. Curtis last week in Spokane. After discussing this matter with House Republican leaders, he has submitted his resignation, which we feel is best for everyone concerned.”

Congressman to visit Heritage High School bio-diesel fuel program

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) Friday will visit the Heritage High School bio-fuel program, the product of which, bio-diesel fuel made from used vegetable oil, recently passed necessary tests and has been authorized for distribution.

For the past year, two advanced placement chemistry classes and a small engines class at the high school have been developing a refining process that makes bio-diesel fuel out of used vegetable oil. The biofuel program takes about 30 gallons of used vegetable oil from the school cafeteria every two weeks.

The school district hopes to create and supply enough bio-diesel to fuel buses throughout the school district, according to Baird.

According to **Susan Dixon**, director of Career and Technical Education for Evergreen Public Schools, the students are moving on to the next challenge, growing algae, another bio-fuel source.

WHO opens doors tomorrow

For the fifth year in a row the Winter Hospitality Overflow program will provide emergency shelter in two Vancouver churches for up to 66 people a night.

The collaborative effort by The Council for the Homeless, Share St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Andrew Lutheran Church, and staffed by volunteers from more than 30 faith communities, opens Thursday, Nov. 1.

Twenty-four single men can be sheltered in St. Paul Church in downtown Vancouver. St. Andrew Church in Orchards can accommodate 42 single women and couples and families.

Last year the program served 583 people and provided 7,698 bed nights for homeless persons. Further information for those who wish to help can be had by calling **699-5106**.

Port wins award for advertising

The Port of Vancouver has won an Award of Merit from the American Association of Port Authorities for its 2006 community advertising series that featured seven port tenants.

The ads were created by the port’s advertising agency of record CoatesKokes, Portland. The Port of Vancouver was only one of two ports nationwide to win an award for an advertising series.

People

Debra Jenkins, chair of the Early Childhood Education Department at Clark College, has been appointed to the board of directors of I Have a Dream Foundation-Oregon. Jenkins is an alumnus of the Clark College Early Childhood Education program and began her career at Clark as an early childhood education program aide in 1992. Jenkins graduated and earned a masters degree in human development from Pacific Oaks College. Jenkins has developed and taught classes online over the past 10 years through the Clark College eLearning Department and the Washington Online Community and Technical College Consortium.

News brief

Curt Warner Chevrolet is offering a free car seat clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, on its lot at

10811 SE Mill Plain Boulevard. It is suggested that those who need car seats checked for fit and proper installation arrive before 1 p.m. For further information, call Vancouver Police Department community policing specialist **Doris Girt** at **487-7466**.

Calendar

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce presents a restaurant and winery showcase from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Vendors will be offering samples. Admission for chamber members is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Admission for non-members is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. To register, call **694-2588**.

Wednesday on the air

RSVP Recognition Luncheon (10/20)—4 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (10/28)—5:15 p.m. CVTV

Disability Awareness Month (10/9)—6 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jessica Ambrose right on time. <> **Anne Butler** and **Sophia Selberis-Gould** celebrating Halloween birthdays in Bank of Clark County.<> **Bart Phillips** and **Terry Phillips** greeting. <> **Janet Oster** blowing out small candles Thursday. <> <> **Wednesday**, partly sunny, after morning fog, 56. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 57. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 58.