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**WSU Vancouver's Sue Peabody
awarded research fellowship**



Sarah Peabody

Sue Peabody, professor of history at Washington State University Vancouver, has been awarded a research fellowship by Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, to conduct research on her book *Free Soil: Slaves and the Law in the Atlantic World*.

Peabody's research, which builds on preliminary research done by her students at WSU Vancouver, will be conducted in 2009-2010 with the New York Historical Society.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute promotes the study and love of American history. Since 1994, the institute has awarded 521 fellowships.

"But, officer, I just dialed 9-1-1"

If on or after Tuesday, July 1, you are pulled over by an officer and you were driving and using a cell phone at the same time, your best response is: "How did you get here so fast? I just dialed 9-1-1."

Last January, text-messaging while driving was banned. The new 'hands-free cell-phone law,' in effect next Tuesday, bans holding an electronic device to the ear while driving. Exceptions are emergency situations, reporting an illegal activity, and one's wearing a hearing aid. It is not clear whether using an electric razor and driving falls under the new law.

Neither the text ban and the driving and using a hand-held cell phone (cell phones that do not require the use of the hands while in use may be used) is a heavy-duty traffic infraction. You won't be pulled over for cell phone use

alone. Only after being stopped for another, more serious infraction will an officer decide whether to add cell phone use to the list of things you've done wrong.

One more thing: The law requiring motorists to yield to roadside activities, such as tow-truck operations and police stops, has been expanded to include other-than-four-lane highways.

Motorists must yield to emergency vehicle activities on the side of the road, and that includes slowing down and driving in the far left lane when safely possible.

**Andrew Young elected president of
Society of American Military Engineers**

Andrew Young, MacKay & Sposito project manager, has been elected president of the Portland Society of American Military Engineers. He had been vice president of the organization.

SAME promotes and facilitates engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers and related professionals.

Young served as a combat engineer for eight years.

**County calls for forum on
equal opportunity, diversity**

Clark County officials, proposing separate plans on equal opportunity and diversity, will present the proposed plans for public discussion in a special forum at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, in the Oak Room in the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E McLoughlin Boulevard.



Andrew Young

Hosts for the forum are Clark County commissioner **Mark Boldt**, Clark County administrator **Bill Baron** and Clark County human resources director **Francine Reis**.

The goal of the Equal Opportunity Plan is: "To ensure full and equal participation of all qualified individuals in the county's workforce regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, on-the-job injury, or sexual orientation."

The goal of the Diversity Strategic Plan "is to create, establish and maintain an inclusive culture that allows each employee the opportunity to excel.

News brief

In the City of Vancouver, fireworks may be legally discharged from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 28 through Saturday, July 5. On the Fourth of July, legal discharge hours are extended to midnight. Fireworks sales and discharge of fireworks at any other time is prohibited without a special permit.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in Esther Short Park, 701 W 8th Street. <> The two-day Recycled Arts Festival at Esther Short Park runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 29. In addition to all kinds arts and crafts activities and sales, there are events for children and live music from the center stage. **Eartha**, the ecological clown, entertains from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge.

Friday on the air

Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (6/26)—4 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at San Diego (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN

Colorado Springs at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Animal Control Hearings (6/25)—7 p.m. CVTV

Columbia River Crossing Task Force (6/24)—10 p.m. CVTV

Army News Watch—11 p.m. FVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Lisa Lowe sharing folk art. <> **Rod** and **Bea McCulloch** motoring happily down I-5. <> **Jim Mueller** taking in book review at Newark Theater. <> **Joe Smith** making appearance on \$8 bill. <> **Terri Pace** getting high praise. <> **Ken McCoy** on the cusp. <> **Friday**, hot, sunny, 64-87. **Saturday**, hot and muggy, mostly sunny, 68-97. **Sunday**, continued sunshine, 66-94.