

Vancouver library patrons borrow more than 3,200 volumes a day

Vancouver voters, patrons of the second busiest library in the state, are casting ballots for the third time on behalf of a local library bond issue that would more than double the library's ability to provide for borrowers of more than 1.2 million books a year.

Two previous bond issues failed by only a handful of votes to gain a statutory 60 percent majority approval.

This time, library backers are more optimistic.

The proposed bond issue is smaller, no more than \$43 million, and possibly less, because private donations of over \$6 million in the form of property and other gifts have been contributed.

The proposed site is nearer the center of downtown, just south of Evergreen Boulevard.

In addition to doubling the current space provided by the downtown library, the bond issue would expand by ten times the size of the Cascade Park Library and would expand the electronic capability of the Vancouver Mall Library.

In addition to the library issue, there are a handful of emergency services levy proposals across the county, and there are two local primary candidate contests, both on the Democratic side.

Voters will decide which Democrat, **Marcine Miles** or **Sherry Parker**, will be on the general election ballot to face Republican **Baine Wilson** for the office of Clark County Clerk. Seventeenth District voters will decide which Democrat, **Jack Burkman** or **Pat Campbell**, will go against incumbent Republican **Jim Dunn** for Position 1 in the general election that ends on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Republican voters will help decide whether **Michael Messmore** or **Daniel R. Miller**, will try to oust incumbent Democrat **Brian Baird** from his 3rd District Congressional job in November.

To have their votes counted in the state primary election, Clark County voters must return completed ballots to the Elections Department by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19. Ballots postmarked on Sept. 19 will also be counted.

To be on the safe side, county voters may use any of 35 drop-off locations in the county or may use the drive-by ballot box in the middle of 14th Street near the county Elections Department office, 1408 Franklin Street.

Frank Nichols keynotes county chamber of commerce trade show

Frank Nichols, president of Silicon Forest Electronics, is the keynote speaker for the Clark County Chamber of Commerce business and trade show being held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the Northwest Baptist Center, 3200 NE 109th Avenue.

Nichols, who speaks at noon, will discuss "Rapid Business Growth in a Limited Workforce Environment." Other presenters are as follows:

1 p.m.—"Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention," **Tom Mitchum**, Clark County Sheriff's office. 2 p.m.—"Mind Mapping: Creating Clarity from Chaos," **Sebastian Finocchiaro**, the GT Group. 3 p.m.—"Small Business Blunders and How to Avoid Them," **Jonnie Martin**, Jonnie Martin Associates. 6 p.m.—"Hiring & Retaining the Right People," **Julie McCord**, HR Basics.

The event, open to the public, is free, as is the lunch, with required pre-registration. For further information and to register, call **Marlene Berg**, 258-1181.

Friends of Clark County holding growth forum

The Friends of Clark County are sponsoring a growth management forum at 7 p.m. this evening in the 5th Floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, reports **Lora Caine**, president of the volunteer organization.

Caine will moderate a panel whose members are as follows: **John Deeder**, Evergreen Public Schools superintendent; **John Karpinski**, Clark County Natural Resources Council; **Garry Lucas**, Clark County sheriff;



Open no later than 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, is drive-by ballot box near Franklin Street on 14th Street.

Linda Franklin Clark County assessor; and **Gordon Euler**, Clark County Department of Community Planning. For further information, call **Bridget Schwartz**, 573-5873.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meeting in a workshop session beginning at 4 p.m. today, will first discuss the proposed new shorelines plan extending downtown planning on the Columbia River west to the railroad bridge. The council will then hear a report on a proposed Clark College master plan agreement with the city. Afterwards, the council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. ☞ An informational meeting on noise caused by small cargo and general aviation aircraft using Portland International Airport is at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the commons atrium in Hudson's Bay High School. The meeting is being presented by the Port of Portland. ☞ The Father Blanchet Park Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the Trinity Baptist Church, 6700 MacArthur Boulevard. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Monday Headlines

[Mother Joseph one of 100 in National Statuary Hall in U.S. Capitol--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)
[Growth Plan: Progress or degradation?--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Jobs are an important part of growth, commissioner Steve Stuart says--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Activist Bridget Schwarz doesn't believe the proposed county growth plan is 'all bad'--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[New construction, blessing or curse?--Columbian](#)
[Skills Center playing role in student academic improvements--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[New state education program 'Washington Learns' gets first public airing tomorrow at WSU Vancouver--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)
[PAC-10 to review Oregon onside kickoff and pass calls--KATU \(includes video\)](#)
[Lower gasoline prices may jump-start economy, force Fed to raise rates--USA TODAY, **Barbara Hagenbaugh**](#)
[Suicide bombs kill 18 in Afghanistan--New York Times, **Carlotta Gall** and **Waheed Wafa**](#)
[Violence in Iraq kills more than 40--New York Times, AP](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Hilton Chef at the Farmers Market—5 p.m. FVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Toronto Blue Jays at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Clark County Planning Commission (8/17)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

John Wulle discovering new technology. ☞ **Betty Mage** driving world's smallest Cadillac. ☞ **Jean Lacey** having more good words to say. ☞ **Ben Gassaway** retelling raglan sleeve story. ☞ **Jo Jones**, ready to party. ☞ **Tom Tucker** giving meaning to ecumenism. ☞ **Monday**, lots of rain, 67. **Tuesday**, showers likely, 62. **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, 66.