

### **Anti-Iraq War group holding public forum Saturday**

A group of local activists opposing the Iraq War and advocating troop withdrawal are holding an "Out of Iraq Public Forum" from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in Library Hall at the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

The forum, to which the public is invited, is co-sponsored by Vancouver For Peace, and by Democracy for Vancouver.

Speakers are **Tom Hastings**, director, Peace & Nonviolence Studies track, Portland State University; **Laurie Mercier**, associate professor of History, Washington State University Vancouver; **Kelly Campbell**, Portland area peace director, American Friends Service Committee's Portland office; **Paul Thiers**, assistant professor of Political Science, WSU Vancouver; and **Bob Goss**, member of Veterans for Peace, chapter 72.

Vancouver for Peace, according to spokesperson, **Mike Ellison**, "is a group of citizens of Clark County working together for the dream of peace and justice for all."

Democracy for Vancouver, according to spokesperson **John Howes**, "is a Washington State political action committee that supports fiscally responsible, socially progressive candidates and elected officials."

Additional information is available by going to the following websites:

[www.vancouverforpeace.org](http://www.vancouverforpeace.org).

[www.democracyforvancouver.org](http://www.democracyforvancouver.org).

### **Vancouver School District, ESD 112 earn top national award for statewide Russian language DVD project**

A six-DVD set produced in Russian to help bridge the language and cultural barriers within the Vancouver School District, and now being distributed to the Russian and Ukraine populations statewide, has won a national The Communicator Awards Crystal Award of Excellence for American Schools of the 21st Century.

The entirely Russian language video, designed to help prepare Russian students for American public schools, was produced by **Rose Yandell** and **Mikhail Oparin**, of Educational Service District 112, and coordinated by **Doug Goodlet**, **Brian Luderman** and **Lilly Boulianne**, all of the Vancouver School District.

More than 3,000 schools presented entries to The Communicator Awards last year.

### **Court mysteries to be unveiled**

Clark County District Court judges next month are offering two free programs designed to help increase public understanding of the courts in its jurisdiction, reports District Court presiding judge **Darvin Zimmerman**.

The first session at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the main hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, will present information on three courts. District Court Judge **John Hagensen** will discuss the small claims court. A presentation on the domestic violence court will be offered by Judge **James Swanger**. **Kelli Osler**, District Court commissioner, will discuss traffic court.

The second session at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the same location will offer an explanation of domestic court by Judge **Vern Schreiber**. Judge **Kenneth Eiesland** will discuss the mental health court, and Judge **Rich Melnick** will discuss the substance abuse court. Zimmerman, who will moderate both sessions, will explain the homeless court.

For further information, call **Ela Selga, 397-3414**.

### **News brief**

The annual Port of Vancouver "Re:Port Breakfast" is at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Reservations for the \$20 breakfast must be made no later than Friday, Jan. 20. For further information, call **992-1105**.

### **Calendar**

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. Agenda items include a discussion of Ridgefield waterfront master planning. ☞ The Bi-State Coordination Committee meets in regular session at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in the 6th floor training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ☞ One of three remaining tours of Evergreen Public Schools schools is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. Schools on the tour are Heritage High School, Frontier Mid-

dle School and Pioneer Elementary School. Tours begin and end at the Clark County Skills Center, 12200 NE 28th Street. For further information, call **604-4088**. ☞ Stewardship Saturday at Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14. Volunteers are asked to dress for planting trees and removing invasive species, possibly in the rain. Tools, gloves and refreshments will be provided. The center is at 12208 SE Evergreen Highway. For further information, call executive director **Jane Van Dyke**, **882-0936**.

### Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Mary Lillian Anderson, 88, found alive this morning on NE 179th Street, after spending five nights in her wrecked car--Columbian](#)

[German construction company to move U.S. corporate headquarters to Vancouver--CREDC Recruitment News](#)

[Erickson Farm Market, soon to close, marks the end of one of the county's most well known family farm operations--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)

[Post office can't come up with two-cents worth in time--Columbian, \*\*Jose Paul Corona\*\*](#)

[Vancouver exploring huge northward annexation, begins outreach program next week--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Arch Miller envisions Port of Vancouver making something out of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay property it owns--Columbian, \*\*Jonathan Nelson\*\*](#)

[Columbia Business Center, site of former Kaiser shipyards, could evolve into urban housing says Eric Fuller--Columbian, \*\*Gretchen Fehrenbacher\*\*](#)

[Ambitious plan bridges Columbia River--Columbian, \*\*Jonathan Nelson\*\*](#)

[C-TRAN to design large central base for bus service that will replace downtown Vancouver and Vancouver Mall centers--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)

[County delays new rules on selection of regional library board trustees--Columbian, \*\*Thomas Ryll\*\*](#)

[Sen. Joe Zarelli wants to create state rainy-day fund--Columbian, \*\*Kathie Durban\*\*](#)

[U.S. says it has no choice but to impose sanctions on Iran over nuclear activities--New York Times, Reuters](#)

### Wednesday on the air

New State Anti-Smoking Law—4:30 p.m. CVTV

2006 Legislative Outlook—(12/9)—5:05 p.m. CVTV

49th District Town Hall (1/7)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

**Lakers at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KXMG**

Meth and Associated Crimes (1/5)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (12/25)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert—11 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Alicia Lowe** showing off impeccable surroundings. ☞ **Kurt Jobe** scrutinizing truthiness. ☞ **Gerald Baugh** in on ground floor. ☞ **Bud Gallup** comfortably watching progress. ☞ **Royce Pollard** gets coffee mug he can't smash. ☞ **Wednesday**, showers, and sunbreaks, 48. **Thursday**, just a few showers, 46. **Friday**, continued, uninterrupted rain, 50.