

Library voters to get brand new package, brand new location

After voters twice turned down proposed Vancouver community library bond projects, the most recent failing by only a few votes less than the required 60 percent majority, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of trustees has come back with what sounds like a third-time-is-a-charm winning combination: a new downtown library site, renovation of the existing Mill Plain library and a boost of \$5 million by an anonymous contributor.

The new measure will be on the Tuesday, Sept. 19, ballot.

Last night the trustees agreed on relocation of the main Vancouver library to a downtown site south of the historic Providence Academy Building on Evergreen Boulevard. The property, valued at \$2 million, is part of the Killian Pacific Riverwest development project and is a gift to the library district if the bond issue is approved.

The new Vancouver Community Library would be a multi-level, 90,000 square-foot building. In addition, an underground parking facility would provide free parking for library patrons.

The Killian location was selected by library trustees for several reasons. The location is closer to the rapidly developing downtown area. Better proximity to downtown would also give library users convenient access to other nearby activities, such as restaurants, theaters and shopping.

The old library would be remodeled to consolidate district offices.

The bond proposal would provide for construction of a 25,000 square-foot east Vancouver library adjacent to the Firstenburg Community Center, replacing the 2,500 square foot Cascade Park Library.

Improvements at the Vancouver Mall Community Library would include wireless access and self checkout stations.

The proposed bond measure would authorize up to \$43 million in 20-year general obligation bonds. The estimated cost would be 17.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, or about \$35 a year for a \$200,000 residence.

Voters within the Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area, approved last November, will vote on the September bond issue.

Good ideas vs. duds topic of Black Entrepreneurs Thursday

Distinguishing between good ideas and duds is the focus of Black Entrepreneurs of Clark County's monthly business meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, in the Jim Parsley Community Center, 4100 Plomondon Street.

Presenters for the program "Generating and Marketing Profitable Ideas" are researcher **Steven Beresfort** and **Rudy Rameriz**, Service Corps of Retired Executives counselor.

Black Entrepreneurs of Clark County offer free monthly business round tables and networking. Everyone, regardless of race, residence and venture is welcome, according to **Shereefa Abdullah**, president of Hot Ovarations Communications Coaching & Training and founder of Black Entrepreneurs. For further information, call Abdullah, **604-8583**.

People

The Building Industry Association of Clark County has awarded 12 \$1,000 college scholarships to 12 Clark County high school seniors. The scholarship selection was based on scholastic merit, community service and a potential career in the building industry. Winners are as follows: **Kurtis Croft**, **Bryant Hawthorne**, **Kallen Hawthorne** and **Grant Spolar**, all of Mountain View High School; **Olga Bocharov** and **Brienna Rust**, both of Battle Ground High School; **Joe Intermill**, Prairie High School; **Kyle Nelson**, Hudson's Bay High School; **Caleb Patterson**, Academy Northwest; **Joshua Pruitt**, Skyview High School; **Kane Roeder**, Stevenson High School; and **David Steinmetz**, Clinton High School.

Calendar

The Ridgefield Economic Development Corporation annual meeting is at 6 p.m. this evening in the Port or Ridgefield offices, 111 W Division Street. That meeting will be followed ten minutes later by a regular meeting of Port of Ridgefield commissioners. ✍ **Michael J. Parks**, editor and publisher of *Marple's Report*, will keynote the Columbia River Economic Development Council's quarterly investor meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, in the Heathman Lodge. ✍ Ridgefield glass artist **David Schwarz** is the presenter for the Lunch With the Challengers at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, May 25, in E. B. Hamilton Hall, in the Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes

Road, in Vancouver Barracks. The series sponsored by The Club at the Historic Reserve features local personalities and their achievements.

Today's headline stories

[Battle Ground weighs a deal with Cowlitz--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Kyocera-VHA deal falls apart on account of PCE ground pollution--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)
[VHA improves its financial shape--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)
[\\$7 million in donations boosts library bond issue prospects--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[Clark County development fees may rise--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
[Heritage High School DECA students win top national honors--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)
[Battle ground school voters slow growth in city's urban boundaries--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)
[Val Ogden has wise words on education--Columbian, **Tom Koeningner**](#)
[Amphitheater at Clark County books first ten concerts for 2006--Columbian, **Brett Oppegaard**](#)
[Nike to put soul into iPod--Oregonian, **Helen Jung**](#)
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[Mortgage loan rates drop but so does demand--USA TODAY](#)
[Iran seeks direct talks with US on nuclear program--Washington Post, **Karl Vick** and **Dafna Linzer**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Portland Beavers at Nashville (live)--4 p.m. KKAD
Clark County Close Up (5/7)—4 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (5/21)—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: Happy Birthday Amadeus—5 p.m. CVTV
Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)--7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Hazel Dell Parade of Bands (5/20)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Hall of Fame (9/12)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Work Style in New Millennium (5/3)—10:31 p.m. CVTV
Community Foundation Annual Luncheon (5/4)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Al Bauer says strawberry patch almost ready for picker. ☞ **Candi Erlich** rejoining crowd. ☞ **Nancy Simons** and **Cheri Cole** making a pair. ☞ **Tony Sayess** redefining friendly. ☞ **Scott Barbour** bouncing back. ☞ **Skeets O'Connell** hale, hearty and uncomplaining. ☞ **Royce Pollard** basking. ☞ **Wednesday**, showers tapering off, cloudy, 63. **Thursday**, expect more showers, sunbreaks, 62. **Friday**, a few more showers, a little sun, 61.