

Library bonds get supermajority

Although the voter turnout in this September's primary election was sparse, those who did turn out were giving the Vancouver Library District an overwhelming supermajority, almost 63 percent from the first vote count Tuesday night after the polls closed.

The vote is likely to hold up as late-mailed and hand-delivered ballots are counted through the coming days.

The nearly \$50 million library project, which includes the new downtown building, increasing the size of east Vancouver's Cascade Park Library by ten times and modernizing the Vancouver Mall Library, is also the beneficiary of \$7 million in private financing.

The donor of a \$5 million gift remains anonymous. But Vancouver's Killian Pacific, which is building Riverwest just west of the I-5 freeway and immediately south of E Evergreen Boulevard is giving the library district \$2 million worth of land for the new library, which will be built on Evergreen Boulevard just south of historic Providence Academy.

The bond issue voters are approving is for \$43 million.

Pat Campbell, Democratic candidate for Position 1 in the 17th Legislative District, is leading Democrat **Jack Burkman** with nearly 53 percent of the nearly 8,000 votes counted thus far. Campbell would go into the Nov. 7 general election to try to unseat Republican incumbent **Jim Dunn**.

Democrat **Sherry Parker** has a commanding 68 percent vote count lead over fellow Democrat MarCine Miles, in the primary race for Clark County Clerk. Parker will face Republican **Baine Wilson** for the job held by retiring Democrat **JoAnne McBride**.

Arlene Johnson named executive director for Southwest Washington Center for the Arts

Arlene Johnson, who shepherded the southern Washington Lewis and Clark Centennial Celebration through nearly four years of successful activities, has been appointed executive director for the Southern Washington Center for the Arts, it was announced by **Val Ogden** the organization's chairwoman.

Johnson was appointed director of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee in 2002. She has a background of over 20 years of nonprofit experience. Johnson was executive director of the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce from 1987 to 1992.

The center for the arts, which in one form or another had been around for nearly three decades, is dedicated to building a performing and visual arts center for Vancouver and Clark County. The center's office is at 701 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver.

International Peace Day celebration is Thursday

Vancouver for Peace is holding a Peace Camp from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the northwest corner of Mill Plain Boulevard and Fort Vancouver Way, kitty corner from the Vancouver Community Library.

The camp celebration coincides with the International Day of Peace. Activities include a vigil throughout the day and walking visits to congressional offices on Officers Row.

Participants are urged to bring lawn chairs and to bring items supporting peace to be left at congressional offices. For further information, call **885-4793**.

Calendar

The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership meets at 4 p.m. today in Port of Vancouver offices, 3103 NW Lower River Road. ☞ The final informational meeting in a series of four on the draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for Clark County's proposed amendments to its growth management plan is at 4 p.m. today, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ☞ The City/County Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening in City Hall.



Arlene Johnson

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Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFXN

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18th District, Position 1 Legislative Candidates (9/8)—6 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (9/11)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ed Firstenburg finding something that matches his red blazer. ☞ **Kevin Bell** earning accolades. ☞ **Eric Olmsted** getting extreme makeover. ☞ **Nancy Stickel** causing smiles. ☞ **Stacey Graham** pulls off winner. ☞ **Bill Hidden** mixing fun and profit. ☞ **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, possible showers, 62. **Thursday**, cloudy, chance of showers, 64. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 67.