

## **Legislators get Arc Awards for work helping people with developmental disabilities**

Arc of Clark County today announced its achievement, service and leadership award winners for 2007.

Sens. **Craig Pridemore** (D-49th), **Joe Zarelli** (R-18th), Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th), and former Rep. **Richard Curtis** (R-18th) will be honored for their advocacy and support of people with developmental disabilities at noon, Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Other service award winners are **Lynn Riley** and **Darla Helt**, Innovative Services NW, Consumer Cellular Inc. and Luepke Center Loaves and Fishes.

Arc Achievement Awards, recognizing hard work, perseverance and accomplishments by participants in Arc of Clark County programs, go to **Adam Barr**, **Joseph Bower**, **Aaron Robinson** and **Jennifer Stephens**.

## **County commissioners to decide on successor to Richard Curtis**

County commissioners from both Clark and Cowlitz Counties are expected to decide on selection of a successor to 18th District Republican state representative **Richard Curtis**, who resigned this week.

The commissioners in both counties will accept recommendations of three persons from the Republican Central Committees in each county, before making a decision. If they cannot come to a conclusion in 60 days, the governor is empowered to make a selection.

## **Innovative Services gets \$250,000 grant from Paul G. Allen foundation**

Innovative Services NW has received a \$250,000 grant from the **Paul G. Allen** Family Foundation, bringing its capital campaign within less than one million dollars of its \$7.3 million goal.

Capital funds are building the Mary Firstenburg Family Center, being built near the Westfield Vancouver Mall.

Co-chairs of the capital campaign, **Steve** and **Jean Hix**, say they are very close to finishing the fundraising for the building and that they are going ahead with a community campaign to raise \$750,000 to furnish and equip the center.

## **Donations cover local Red Cross costs in California wildfires aid**

Generous donors have helped the Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross cover the costs of its participation in California wildfire relief, reports chapter executive director **Sheryl Beauchaine**.

Beauchaine adds that donations to the disaster relief fund are still needed so that the organization can be ready to move quickly after the next disaster.

According to Beauchaine, the American Red Cross sent 5,000 Red Cross relief workers to California, who opened 26 shelters and provided safe places to stay for 6,000 evacuees at the peak of the fires.

"The disaster relief fund is an excellent way for anyone, anywhere, to help people affected by a disaster," Beauchaine concluded.

## **Winter hours begin at Fort**

Winter hours are effective both at the reconstructed Fort Vancouver site and the Historic Reserve Visitor Center through March 9, 2008, when daylight savings time resumes. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

Fees will be charged for visiting the fort, however. The fees are \$5 for a family and \$3 for a single admission to the fort. There are no fees for the visitor's center, which features a new gift shop.

## **Calendar**

The First Friday Artwalk reception begins at 5 p.m. this evening in the West Coast Bank Building, 500 Broadway. There is no charge for the event sponsored by Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, in partnership with West Coast Bank, Community Choices and Steps to a Healthier Washington. Walking tours depart every 20 minutes through 8 p.m. <> One of the semi-monthly lantern tours of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site is at 7 p.m. this evening at the site. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children. For required reservations, call **816-6230**. <> The Clark County Historical Museum costume night is 7 to 10 p.m. this evening in the museum at 1511 Main Street. Costumes are required for the \$35, adults-only event, according to museum executive director

**Susan Tissot.** Co sponsors of the event are the history clubs of Washington State University Vancouver, Clark College and the associated students at WSU Vancouver. For further information, call **993-5679**. <> Curt Warner Chevrolet is sponsoring a car seat clinic at the dealership at 10811 Mill Plain Boulevard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. <> A concert benefiting the WHO homeless program is being presented in St. John's Catholic Church, 8701 NE 119th Street. The concert by musical groups from three churches is free, but a suggested \$5 offering will be accepted during intermission. The concert is sponsored by the Walnut Grove Community Church, Salmon Creek Methodist Church and St. John's Catholic Church. For further information, call **699-1234**. <> The Clark County Genealogical Society is celebrating its 35th anniversary with a noon luncheon, Saturday, Nov. 3, at 715 Grand Avenue. A donation of \$5 is suggested for the lunch. A limited number of Free Legacy Family Tree program disks will be distributed. <> The Southwest Washington Wind Symphony presents its season-opening concert, "Wind Dancer," in the Mountain View High School auditorium, 1500 Blairmont Drive, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. Under the direction of **Tim Siess** and **Lewis Norfleet**, the group will perform spirited dance selections from around the world, including American jazz, Jewish folk music, and the Scottish fling and reel. There is no charge. <> The Clark County Public Facilities District will hold its quarterly meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in the Public Service Building. <> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet in regular session at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5.

### Friday on the air

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (11/1)—4 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Blazers at Hornets (live)—5 p.m. CSN, KXL**  
**Portland Winter Hawks at Medicine Hat (live)—6:30 p.m. KKAD**  
Forward Thinking-Direct Action Kickoff (10/25)—7 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes (10/28)—8 p.m. CVTV  
Community Pride Design Awards (10/25)—8:30 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver General Election Candidates—10 p.m. CVTV  
General Election Video Voters' Guide—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Nicole Schneider** opts for mainline news. <> **Matt Schoolfield** right on time. <> **Chris Strebig** offering Christmas tree advice. <> **Kay Kirwan-Martin** adding good news. <> **Gloria Campbell** taking care of fiscal details. <> **Jim Sork** sending news tip. <> **Jim "Bubba" Larson** feeling good, says hello. <> **Friday**, mostly sunny, 58. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 62. **Sunday**, daylight saving time ends, turn timepieces back one hour, change smoke alarm batteries, partly cloudy, 58.