

# Public Forum on Columbia Crossing

On Monday, March 7, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and the Concordia Neighborhood Association are hosting a public forum on the Columbia River Crossing project.

The forum is designed to bring community members and elected

officials together to share views about controversial proposals to replace the I-5 twin bridges between Portland and Vancouver with added traffic lanes, light rail and pedestrian sidewalks.

After a brief introduction and education portion of the evening,

neighborhood associations and community residents will be invited to voice current questions and concerns about the CRC and responses from elected officials will follow.

Confirmed elected officials include Metro President Tom Hughes,

Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder, State Sen. Chip Shields, State Rep. Tina Kotek, and State Rep. Lew Frederick.

The forum is at Concordia University's Luther Hall, room 121, located on Northeast Holman Street between 27th and 29th Avenues.

## Parents Helping Parents Network

A Vancouver based non-profit organization for healthy family relationships will host a parenting class on Wednesday, March 9 at the Vancouver YWCA, 3609 Main Street.

The session by Managing Life Networks will

focus on how parents can create healthy communication in the family; recognize family breakdowns; discipline in a proactive way.

For more information, call 360-573-9637 or email [info@mlnfamilyservices.org](mailto:info@mlnfamilyservices.org).



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## The Week in Review

### Parents, Child Rescued

A couple and their 10-month-old boy were found Monday after spending Sunday night in their sport utility vehicle in the Coast Range. James Sparks said he went for a drive with his family to see the snow but became stranded and eventually ended up in as much as four feet of snow. Rescuers were able to locate them with the aid of their cell phone.

### Flu Kills Glencoe Junior

A junior at Hillsboro's Glencoe High School died Sunday as a result of the flu, the school district said. It was the second flu death in Oregon this season, according to a Washington County public health official.

### Designer Fired for Racism

Christian Dior fired famed British designer John Galliano Monday after an online video showed him praising Adolf Hitler. The action followed a string of accusations of racist and anti-Semitic rants by Galliano against patrons of at least one trendy Paris cafe.

### Wu Speaks on His Future

U. S. Rep. David Wu said he's capable of handling his position and will not resign. The Oregon congressman whose erratic behavior prompted calls for his resignation said Sunday that some of his actions could be attributed to a reaction to mental health drugs.

### Rove Behind Obama Push

Karl Rove, a former political advisor to President George W. Bush, has organized a pair of political action committees with the goal of raising \$120 million for the 2012 election to help defeat President Obama.

### Seattle Tops in Misery

Forbes magazine released its Top 10 list of the nation's most miserable sports cities and Seattle topped the charts. The list identifies the city in which fans had teams good enough to give them hope, only to ultimately let them down. Seattle's pro teams have won just one title - the NBA championship in 1979, but that team moved to Oklahoma City three seasons ago.

### Bottle Bomb Explodes

Three students and a janitor were treated for fume inhalation at Ron Russell Middle School in southeast Portland Tuesday morning. Two students found a small bottle bomb in a second-floor bathroom. A chemical substance melted the plastic, releasing fumes. Three students and the janitor were treated, but no one needed to be taken to the hospital.

### Historic Mill Closes

The Blue Heron Paper Company, which operated on a site in Oregon City where a mill had been open since 1909, closed on Friday after 14 months of operating under bankruptcy protection. The company has been one of Oregon City's largest employers.