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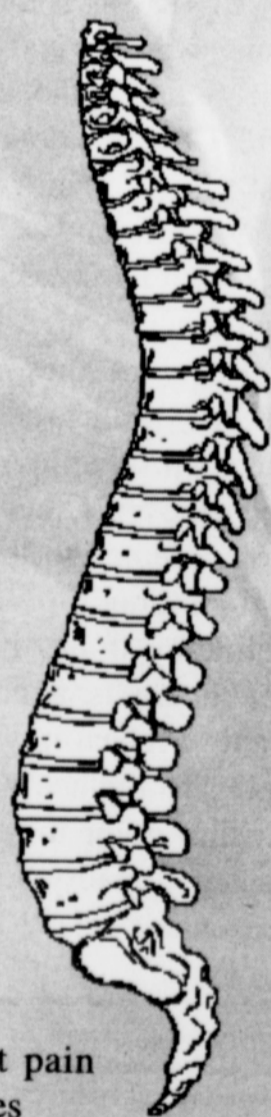
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# Observing

## Future Habitat for Humanity Homes

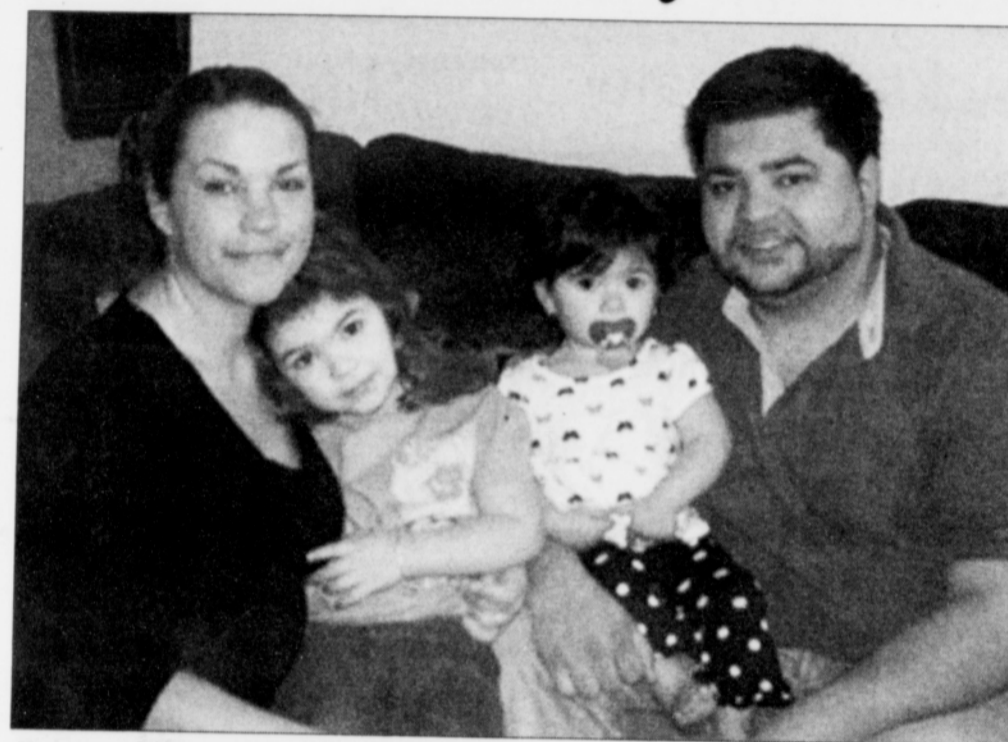
### Orientations are first step in process

Homeowner orientations are the first step in family selection process for Evergreen Habitat for Humanity homes, the Vancouver non-profit housing provider that allows potential homeowners to build sweat equity into in future home.

Orientations are being offer this June and July. A Homeownership orientation must be attended in order to receive an application for homeownership through the Habitat program.

The next orientation will be held on Thursday July 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vancouver Housing Authority, at 2500 Main Street in Vancouver, in the Community Room. Another orientation will be held on Saturday, July 16, in the Community Room of the YWCA at 3609 Main Street in Vancouver at 1 p.m.

"We hold orientations to get potential homeowners familiar with the requirements of the program, to answer their questions and make sure that Habitat's program is the right fit," said Josh Townsley, executive director of Evergreen Habitat for Humanity.



Deseré and Miguel Bastidas (with their children, Arianna and Aleesya), are putting in sweat equity toward a home of their own, thanks to Evergreen Habitat for Humanity in Vancouver.

The Habitat for Humanity homeownership program is aimed at offering families and individuals with incomes falling between 30 and 50 percent of the median income the opportunity to obtain a home with an affordable monthly mortgage payment at zero to one percent interest. A family of four with an annual income of between \$20,300 and \$34,000 would qualify based on income.

In addition to income requirements, potential partner families must also be willing to partner with Habitat which entails completing homeownership classes and completing 300 volunteer hours per adult in the household

during construction. The final requirement for partner families is the ability to pay the closing costs of their home and an affordable mortgage which will not exceed 30 percent of the family's monthly income.

Since 1991, Evergreen Habitat for Humanity has worked to improve living conditions for low-income Clark County residents. The non-profit organization works in partnership with people in need from all walks of life to develop communities by building safe, affordable housing. Homes are sold at no profit with a zero percent interest rate mortgage after the partner families complete their sweat equity hours.

## DUI Patrols Increase as July 4 Nears

Law enforcement in Vancouver and the state of Washington are encouraging local residents to make the summer safe by driving sober.

Traffic deaths that involve a drunk or drugged driver are highest during the summer months. That is why extra traffic patrols

looking for drivers under the influence of intoxicants will take place throughout Clark County from Friday, June 24 through the 4th of July holiday.

In Clark County, DUI patrols will be increased though a grant funded by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and sup-

ported by the Clark County Target Zero Traffic Safety Task Force.

Police statewide advise everyone to choose their ride carefully! Plan ahead – designate a sober driver, take a taxi because if you drive impaired, your ride may well be a police car taking you directly to jail.

## Community Fair Focuses on Health

A community fair complete with health professionals, food, music and free massages will be held Saturday, June 25, at Everest College in Vancouver.

"Breath of Hope" is a fundraising benefit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to gener-

ate critical funds for lifesaving cystic fibrosis research, education and care.

The free event will take place at 136th St. and Mill Place Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fair will also include complimentary seated massages, raffle prizes,

guest speakers, music and a spa garden with treatments offered at a reduced rate.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States.