

Scoop!



Wielding shovels at *The Columbian* newspaper's groundbreaking ceremony today, along with publisher Scott Campbell, were, Jody Campbell and their three sons, Ben, Will and Ross, wearing a cap.

Groundbreaking at 10 a.m. this morning of *The Columbian* newspaper's \$30 million, six-story Columbian building at 415 W 6th Street, in the heart of downtown Vancouver across from Esther Short Park—called the second phase of Vancouver's renaissance by Mayor **Royce Pollard**—attracted a crowd of over 300.

Columbian publisher **Scott Campbell** and his immediate family scooped out the first shovelfuls of dirt to begin the construction process. When completed in September 2007, the new building will house *Columbian* editorial and advertising offices. The newspaper's presses will remain in place a few blocks away at W 8th Street and Grant Streets.

The *Columbian* lobby will be on the main floor, and most of the remaining main floor space will be used for retail purposes.

"We will have 40,000 square feet of office space for lease," Campbell says. He expects the building will be completed in September 2007.

The newspaper. The 29th largest family-owned newspaper in the nation, was founded as a weekly news publication in 1890. It was acquired by the late Herbert Campbell, publisher **Scott Campbell's** grandfather, in 1921.

In 1937, *The Columbian* became the first newspaper in the world to acquire super heavy-duty Model 30 Linotype machines. In 1968 the newspaper was the first west of the Mississippi River to buy Goss Metro offset presses, still in use today at *The Columbian*. In 1972 the newspaper published its first Sunday edition, and in 2000 it became a morning delivery daily newspaper.

Southwest Washington Medical Center named to the top 100 for the fifth time

Southwest Washington Medical Center, which has just been named a Top 100 Hospital for 2005, is one of only 60 hospitals in the nation that have been named a Top 100 Hospital five times by the hospital rating organization, Solucient. The medical center won its first Top 100 rating in 1994, and subsequently in 1999, 2000 and 2002.

"This award confirms everything we know about the high quality of care being provided every day at the medical center," said SWMC president and CEO **Joe Kortum**.

The only other hospital in the region to win the designation for 2005 is Providence St. Vincent.

The medical center was recognized in the teaching hospital category. Its Family Medicine Residency Program is a three-year residency training program for physicians specializing in family medicine. The hospital also offers a number of clinical training programs in nursing and pharmacy.

People

Pam Lindloff, NAI Norris Beggs Simpson Vancouver office broker, has been honored as the Retail Broker of the Year by the Commercial Association of Realtors of Oregon and Southwest Washington. This is the first time a Norris Beggs Simpson broker has won the award. Lindloff's total transactions were valued at \$20 million.

News briefs

Clark County Republican Party caucuses are being held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in 11 precinct clusters in county public schools. Party members may call the county Elections Department at **397-2345**, to obtain their precinct numbers and caucus locations. The Republican Clark County convention is Saturday, April 8. ☞ 49th District Democratic state legislators, Sen. **Craig Pridemore** and Reps. **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller**, are holding a town hall meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11, in the 6th floor hearing room in Public Service Center. The 2006 state legislative session is expected to conclude on Thursday, March 9.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today and will hear a report on the 2006 legislative session and will discuss distribution of neighborhood block grants. The council will also discuss possible litigation in an executive session. At 7 p.m. the council will convene a regular session. ☞ The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation council board meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in the Public Service Center. A discussion of Battle Ground mayor **John Idsigna**'s proposed Battle Ground-Camas parkway is on the agenda. ☞ An update of the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation open space plan will be discussed this evening during a 6:30 p.m. meeting of the department in the Washougal Community Center, 1681 C Street. ☞ The board of Clark County commissioners meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 7.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world

[Capital views: So much work, so little time--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)
[Scientists curious about Mount St. Helens sloughing--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)
[Woodland celebrates 100 years--Columbian, Jose Paul Corona](#)
[Steve Bass, newboss at OPB--Oregonian, Peter Ames Carlin](#)
[Clark County could get Camp Bonneville by June--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)
[Possible Port of Vancouver industrial tax delayed until at least 2008--Oregonian, Bill Stewart](#)
[Portland and Allen: a love affair gone bad--Seattle Times, Hal Benton](#)
[AT&T wants BellSouth; would cut 10,000 jobs--USA TODAY, Leslie Cauley](#)
[Administration says reporters could be prosecuted under espionage laws--Washington Post, Dan Eggen](#)
[Bob Schieffer quietly winning back viewers for CBS--Washington Post, Howard Kurtz](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Loyola Marymount vs. Gonzaga (live)—6 p.m. ESPN
Vancouver City Council Live—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Greg Damico reporting good basketball news. ☞ **Jim Laurenza** getting tanning advice. ☞ **Albert Starr** to follow smooth intro. ☞ **Mike Gaston** calling troops together. ☞ **Jack Robinson** attending his first groundbreaking ceremony. ☞ **Monday**, windy, sunbreaks, late showers, 51. **Tuesday**, mostly gray with showers, 43. **Wednesday**, more showers likely, 52.