

### **Quay planning \$1.7 million remodel**

A \$1.7 million remodeling job at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay is scheduled to be completed by mid-spring, **Shane Wilcox** reported to Port of Vancouver commissioners Tuesday.

The remodeling of the 160-room hotel and Pacific Grill and Chowder House Restaurant is part of a \$40 million modernization project being undertaken by the 66-hotel chain.

The hotel and restaurant are leased from the Port. "We have been here for 30 years and are preparing to be here at least the next 25 years," Wilcox told port commissioners. The current lease of the property at Terminal 1 expires in 2033.

According to Wilcox, the renovation at the Quay will include floor and wall coverings, draperies, lighting and furniture. The entry will be redesigned, and a stone accented fireplace will be added to the lobby.

The Quay is one of the port's top three employers, according to port commission chairwoman **Nancy Baker**.

### **Val Ogden reappointed chair of the state outdoor recreation committee**

**Val Ogden**, former Democratic legislator from the 49th District, has been reappointed chairwoman of the state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. Ogden was reappointed by Gov. **Christine Gregoire**.

Ogden, a private consultant providing training for nonprofit boards, served in the legislature from 1990 to 2002. Currently she is serving on the boards for the Washington State University Vancouver, the Washington State Historical Society, and the Southwestern Washington Center for the Arts, and is chair of the state Oral History Development Committee.

### **44th Clark College Jazz Festival opens four-day run Thursday**

The 44th annual Clark College Jazz Festival opens at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in Gaiser Hall on the college campus just east of Fort Vancouver Way.

Jazz bands and vocal ensembles will compete through 5 p.m. Thursday. Competition continues Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daily final competition begins at 7 p.m. each day.

Festival headliner, saxophonist **John Handy**, headlines the festival with a concert in Gaiser Hall at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Handy will be backed up by these local players: **Greg Goebel**, piano; **Phil Baker**, bass; **Ron Steen**, drums. The Clark College Jazz Ensemble will make a special appearance.

Tickets for Handy—\$15 for general admission, \$10 for Clark students—are available at the college bookstore and at the door. Admission to the jazz competition is \$5 a day. Children under 12 are free. For further information, call the college music department, **992-2188** or **992-2662**.

### **Taiwanese students visiting Evergreen schools will usher in Chinese New Year Saturday**

Taiwanese elementary and middle school students visiting the Evergreen Public Schools this week will perform during a celebration of the Chinese New Year at Cascade Middle School at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in Cascade Middle School, 13900 NE 18th Street.

The free performance, open to the public, will include a demonstration of the Chinese yo-yo.

The 45 students and chaperones will be in Vancouver through February 5. In addition, members of the Taiwanese press and educational representatives are touring the school district through this week.

### **People**

**Wayne Yarnell** and **Bud Van Cleve** have been appointed to two-year terms on the Clark County Citizens Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Committee.

### **Calendar**

Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. ✎ **Leilani Russell**, Evergreen High School multicultural coordinator, receives the Val Joshua Racial Justice Award for 2005 in ceremonies that begin at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Helen Schoen Center of the YWCA of Clark County, 3609 Main Street. The public is encouraged to attend the free event. ✎ Wy'east Middle School Jazz Night is at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the school at 1113 SE 136th Avenue. ✎ The second in a series of hospice volunteer training, presented by Southwest Washington Medical Center, is at 9 a.m. Thursday,

Jan. 26, in the Memorial Health Center, 100 E 33rd Street. For further information, call **696-5100**, extension **5069**.

### Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Oregon traffic pros have two possible fixes for bottleneck in Delta Park, but not soon--Columbian, \*\*Thomas Ryll\*\*](#)

[PBS helps engineer developers successes on difficult sites--Columbian, \*\*Cami Joner\*\*](#)

[Comcast charging cable customers more beginning March 1--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[Vancouver annexations bring clout--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)

[At least two yachts sink after fire rages at Columbia River Yacht Club this morning--KATU](#)

[Alaska Airlines' profits expected to soar--Seattle Times, \*\*David Bowermaster\*\*](#)

[Fed up with rowdy late-night parties, drunken vandalism and other petty crimes, some University of Washington neighbors say it's time to crack down--Seattle P-I, \*\*Christine Frey\*\*](#)

[Bush administration may curb fish catch to benefit salmon runs--Seattle P-I, AP, \*\*Jeff Barnard\*\*](#)

[West Virginia miner emerges from coma--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Pope, in first encyclical provides meditation on love--Ne York Times, \*\*Ian Fisher\*\*](#)

[China's economy hits growth spurt of stunning 9.9 percent--Washington Post, AP, \*\*Elaine Kurtenbach\*\*](#)

### Wednesday on the air

State of Clark College Address (1/19)—4 p.m. CVTV

**Portland Winter Hawks at Medicine Hat (live)—6 p.m. KCMD**

Telecommunications Commission (1/18)—7 p.m. CVTV

**Denver at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KXMG**

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Road Less Traveled (1/21)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Capital Perspectives (1/12)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Julie Kummer** says vote just once. ☞ **Shirley Skidmore** returns to Portland to work on chalkboard project. ☞ **Dena Horton** getting second batch of birthday wishes. ☞ **Doug Mrazek** promoting Columbia Dance. ☞ **Greg Kimsey** expecting two-score and ten candles shortly. ☞ **Wednesday**, sunny, early, cloudy late, 47. **Thursday**, possible showers, 45. **Friday**, rain, 46.