

Brian Wolfe joins Arch Miller and Nancy Baker at Port of Vancouver

Vancouver attorney and community activist **Brian Wolfe** today was sworn in as a Port of Vancouver Commissioner. Wolfe succeeds **Robert Moser**, who retired after four terms with the port.

2-1-1 service coming to Clark County

By the end of February nearly all Clark County residents will be able to dial 2-1-1 from their home telephones to get help finding social services available in their own neighborhoods and communities.

The 2-1-1 service will be available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends, 365 days a year.

The Washington State 211 Agency has completed negotiations with over 100 telephone companies to get switching completed for land lines. According to the agency cellular telephones and pay phones will be added later.

Callers to the 2-1-1 number will be connected with a certified information and referral specialist who can answer questions and refer callers to appropriate services available for their needs.

Payback time for Clark College came at WSU Vancouver in \$20 million package

The first Clark College nursing students in the Clark Center at Washington State University Vancouver began classes at 7 a.m. Tuesday with the opening of the nearly \$20 million, 63,334-square foot Clark College building on the university's Salmon Creek campus.

The three-story Clark Center will also offer general academic classes for Clark students.

Clark College and WSU Vancouver have had a long relationship. The university was housed on the Clark College campus on Fort Vancouver Way and McLoughlin Boulevard during the early years of its nearly 20-year history, and only occupied the Salmon Creek campus in 1996.

Republicans set Lincoln Day dinner and auction

Clark County Republicans will gather at the Heathman Lodge on Friday, Feb. 10, to celebrate Lincoln's birthday and do a little fund raising.

A \$50 reception is scheduled 5 to 5:45 p.m. with guest of honor **Ken Hutcherson**, former NFL linebacker, and Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate **Mike McGavick**.

Registration for the \$60 dinner and auction begins at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. is followed by an oral auction and entertainment, according to spokesperson **Mike Gaston**.

For further information, call **Barb Holbrook, 901-5472**.

People

Ruth Crossland, 95, died this afternoon at her Corregidor Road home of congestive heart failure. Mrs. Crossland was a bridge whiz, master gardener and above all, story teller. ☞ As per her wishes, there will be no service. **Erin Creagan** has been hired as a home mortgage consultant by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. A native of Vancouver, Creagan previously worked at Washington Mutual in Vancouver as a mortgage consultant.

News briefs

Applications for membership on the Vancouver Lodging Tax Advisory Committee are being accepted at City Hall through 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16. Applicants for two positions must represent tourism, cultural or community organizations, and for two other positions must represent businesses involved in the hospitality business. For further information, call **Myk Heidt, 696-8181**.

Calendar

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets at 4 p.m. today in the Southwest Washington Regional headquarters of the state Department of Transportation, 11018 NE 51st Circle. ☞ A Port of Vancouver presentation on the Columbia Gateway Project is at 4 p.m. today in the Fruit Valley Community Center, 3203 Unander



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Avenue.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Clark Center debuts at Washington State University Vancouver--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)

[Cliff Ligons retires from US Forest Service after serving as manager of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument for the past five years--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)

[Fairgrounds area on tap for \\$25 million retail project--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)

[Anachronistic Tom Koeninger says good manners, diction never go out of style--Columbian](#)

[Upset customers do have options--Seattle P-I, **Candace Heckman**](#)

[Israel's Ariel Sharon suffers massive stroke--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[False report of 12 mine survivors was result of miscommunications--New York Times, **James Dao** and **Maria Newman**](#)

[More than 50 die in a string of bombings in central Iraq--New York Times, **Richard A. Oppel Jr.**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Animal Control Hearings (12/14)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Rose Bowl: Texas vs. Southern Cal (live)—5 p.m. KATU, FFX

Brian Baird Town Hall Meeting (12/5)—5:01 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at San Antonio (live)—5:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KXMG

Tree Planting Demonstration—6:37 p.m. CVTV

Moose Jaw at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD

Clark County Focus (12/14)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (1/1)—8 p.m. CVTV

Legislative Outlook Forum (12/9)—9 p.m. CVTV

Pearl Harbor Day Observance—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Children's Opera: The Magic Flute—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Kris Olinger looking forward to sheepskin. ☞ **Alex Meinig** getting Christmas lunch. ☞ **Bob Fizzell** explaining conversation café. ☞ **Bill Barron** taking care of details. ☞ **Boren Biswas** setting stage. ☞ **Maureen Chan-Hefflin** setting the stage. ☞ **Wednesday**, continuing showers, 45. **Thursday**, pluvial conditions taper off, 51. **Friday**, gray and lightly rainy, 53.