



Mike Kesler named port security supervisor

Max Kesler has been appointed supervisor in the Port of Vancouver's security department.

Kesler recently retired after a 25-year career with the Washington State Patrol. Kesler attended Walla Walla Community College and the University of Oregon and played varsity football at both schools.

Kesler coached football at Evergreen High School, including the school's first state championship season, and currently is a defensive lineman football coach at Union High School.



Mike Kesler

Kristin Thompson joins First Independent's real estate team



Kristin Thompson has been named relationship manager and vice president in First Independent's commercial real estate division.

Thompson will work with commercial and residential real estate developers and investors. First Independent has commercial real estate divisions in Vancouver, Portland and Bellevue.

Thompson is a graduate of Westminster College.

Mindi Lindquist joins Port of Kalama

Mindi Lindquist, who has been in the southwest Washington office of U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray**, has joined the Port of Kalama as marketing and government relations manager, reports **Lanny Cawley**, port executive director.

Lindquist succeeds **Merry Swanberg**, who has been named vice president of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council.

The Port of Kalama ranks third on the west coast in bulk cargo, including grain, behind Portland and Long Beach, Calif.

Kristin Thompson

Summer series of field seminars being offered at Mount St. Helens

The Mount St. Helens Institute is offering a new series of field seminars and guided climbs this summer ranging from a birding expedition to digital photography and a field seminar at the rim of the volcano.

According to executive director of the institute **Jeanne Bennett**, eleven field seminars are being offered from June 7 through Sept. 6. Field seminar costs varies for each seminar, ranging from \$100 to \$150.

The Mount St. Helens Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people of all ages gain an understanding of the natural processes and cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest's volcanic landscapes. The institute relies on volunteers for most of its projects and courses, according to Bennett.

For further information on each seminar, including signing up, go to www.mshinstitute.org.



Field seminars to Mount St. Helens on tap

People

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) and Pennsylvania U.S. Rep. **Phil English** (R-3rd), co-founders of the

Career and Technical Education Caucus, have been named National Policymakers of the Year by the Association for Career and Technical Education. Baird, a former Evergreen College professor, is a member of the House Science and Technology Committee, is chairman of the Research and Science Education Subcommittee and a member of the Budget Committee. <> **Debra Conway** has been appointed to a full term as a resident commissioner on the Vancouver Housing Authority Board. Conway, a resident of Vancouver, is a drug and alcohol counselor. The six-member volunteer board establishes policy for the operation of various assisted low-income rental housing programs and low-income housing rehabilitation programs.

News brief

English Pit shooting range hours have been extended to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Weekday hours are expected to be in effect in April. For further information, call **326-8341**.

Calendar

The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership will meet from 4 to 6 p.m., today, in the Port of Vancouver Administrative offices, 3103 NW Lower River Road. <> The Women Entrepreneurs Organization of Washington meets at 5 p.m. this evening in Camas Meadows, 4105 NW Camas Meadows Drive, Camas. A buffet dinner is \$29 for members, 35 for nonmembers. <> The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board will discuss the Columbia River Crossing Project during a one-hour light luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, March 20, in the Vancouver Cit Hall <> Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce audiences will hear state-of-the-school addresses at the noon luncheon in the Camas Meadows Golf Club house at noon Thursday, March 20. Admission is \$15 for members, \$17 for nonmembers. For reservations, call **834-2472**.

Wednesday on the air

Bravo! Vancouver: St. John Passion—5 p.m. CVTV
Housing Foreclosure and Counseling Roundtable (3/17)—7 p.m. CVTV
Women of Achievement (3/13)—8:30 p.m. CVTV
The University as an Urban Developer (3/7)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ozzie Coats reporting on nuptial news. <> **Peggy Furno** turning a phrase *en español*. <> **Brian Wolfe** making cover page. <> **Tammi Olund** taking care of details. <> **Richard Landis** gaining A-list status. <> **Wednesday**, showers turn into rain, 41-51. **Thursday**, showers, 38-48. **Friday**, showers tapering off, 34-51.