

Blaine Nisson gets send off Tuesday



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A farewell party for **Blaine Nisson**, twice interim president of Clark College, who this week officially became president of Umpqua Community College, is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 in the Gaiser Hall Student Center on the Clark College campus. Nisson had been vice president of student affairs at the college after the arrival of **Wayne Branch** as president in 2003.

Nisson, who has been in higher education for over 30 years, earned his doctorate in education in 2003 from Oregon State University, the same year he was graduated from Leadership Clark County. He succeeds **David Beyer** at Umpqua. Beyer, who had been Clark College president on a one-year contract for the 2002-03 year. Beyer is moving on to become president of Wenatchee Community College.

It was through Leadership Clark County that Nisson became co-chair of the board of directors of the Southwest Washington Center for the Arts, a group trying to create an arts center in Clark County.

Clark College vice president of instruction **Roberto Gutierrez** has been named to take Nisson's place on the arts board.

For additional information on Nisson's sendoff, call **Cindi Olson, 992-2103**.

Vancouver's HOSTS gets federal recognition

The Vancouver mentoring program HOSTS, was specifically identified as a model in the Improving Education Results for Children with Disabilities ACT, which passed Congress today, U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3) reports.

HOSTS, an acronym for Help One Student to Succeed, was founded in Vancouver in 1971 by former Vancouver teacher **Bill Gibbons**. For three decades HOSTS has delivered structured mentoring programs to more than a million children in grades K through 12, providing personalized instruction for improving reading, writing, vocabulary, math and critical thinking and study skills.

Baird says official recognition of HOSTS in the bill gives the organization clout with federal grants.

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Keith McPhun, former manufacturing manager and director of operations for Micropump, has been appointed vice president of manufacturing at Vancouver-headquartered IGI, a manufacturer of specialty engineered products.

McPhun is also chair of the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council.

McPhun will be responsible for the long range planning and day-to-day operations for IGI's manufacturing plants in Seattle, Wilsonville, Salt Lake City and Denver.

IGI products are used in aerospace, medical, national security and personal electronics products.

Bruce Chandler elected House Republican Leader

State Rep. **Bruce Chandler** (R-15th), Granger, has been elected House Republican leader by the Republican Caucus this week. Chandler, who is 52 is beginning his fourth term in the state legislature. He had been deputy Republican leader. The 15th District includes a slice of Washougal and eastern Clark County.

Diane Schuur will headline Clark College Jazz Festival

Diane Schuur, a double Grammy Award winner and graduate of Vancouver's state School for the Blind, returns to Vancouver Sunday, Jan. 30, to headline the 2005 Clark College Jazz Festival.

Schuur will be backed up by **Scott Steed, Patrick Lamb, Jim Zimmerman** and the Clark College Jazz Ensemble. The 3 p.m. concert is in the Concert Hall at the Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th Street.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$35 for reserved seating, and are available through Safeway TicketsWest outlets.

People

Greg Flakus's GF Strategies, a special events consulting company, has been signed on to do work for the Cowlitz County Regional Conference Center and the Benton-Franklin Fair. The company has clients throughout the west, including the Clark County Fair.

News Briefs

WinterFaire, three days of gift shopping among two floors of arts and crafts at the Water Resources Education Center, begins at 5 p.m. today. Hors d'oeuvres are being prepared by the Clark County Skills Center Culinary Department. There is no admission charge for the event that continues through 3 p.m. Sunday. ☞ The YMCA of Columbia-Willamette is holding its first Harvest Benefit & Auction, at 6 p.m. this evening in Montgomery Park, 2701 NE Vaughn Street, Portland. For further information, call **(503) 327-0016**. ☞ The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department's annual holiday bazaar is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, in the Marshall Community Center. Admission is free. ☞ **Sat Tasiro**, grand master of Washington Free Masons presides over a state recognition luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, in the Masonic Center, 2500 NE 78th Street. ☞ Visitors at Pearson Air Museum will be treated to hot spiced apple juice during the museum's Winter Fest from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

Friday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Fisher's Landing homeowner shoots, kills armed intruder--KGW-TV, **Antonia Giedwoyn**](#)
[Drug court showing success. Columbian, **Stephanie Rice**](#)
[Gravel mine foes appeal Storedahl approval--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)
[West Vancouver getting 110 new townhouses--Columbian, **Gretchen Gehrenbacher**](#)
[Volunteers repairing bicycles for needy children--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Clark County's 6-year road plan has emphasis on promoting industrial development--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
[Columbian's best bets for entertainment](#)
[Fifty-four years ago WSU was "insulted"--Seattle Times, **Blaine Newnham**](#)

Friday on the air

Great American Smoke-Out Youth Rally—5 p.m. CVTV
George C. Marshall Leadership Award Ceremony—6 p.m. CVTV
Portland State at Gonzaga (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KPOJ
Portland Winter Hawks at Everett (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Milwaukie at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL
Animal Control Hearings (11/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (11/3)—8 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Anthony Aguilar the first to offer help. 🍷 **Ken McCoy** gathering the clan. 🍷 **Jeff Easterly** seeing 3,000 football dollars going to Shriner's Hospital. 🍷 **Kim Conner** working on winter solutions. 🍷 **Teri Silvas** lending a hand. 🍷 **Kathy Cook** taking gifts to the bank. 🍷 **Friday**, cool but mostly sunny, 52. **Saturday**, still on the cool, but sunny side, 49. **Sunday**, mostly Sunny, 51.