

General election voting expected to begin this weekend

Clark County absentee voters are expected to be getting both their Nov. 2 absentee ballots and the state and county Voters' Guide in the mail by this weekend. Absentee ballots are being mailed from the Clark County Elections Department. The Voters' Guide, a single publication containing information about both local and statewide candidates and issues, is being mailed from the Secretary of State's Office in Olympia.

The official election day is not until Tuesday, Nov. 2. In the meantime, voters may register to vote until 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, by going to the county Elections Department office at 1408 Franklin Street. The Elections Office will also be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. to accommodate prospective voters, reports county auditor **Greg Kimsey**.

The auditor's office says it expects to be mailing out over 130,000 absentee ballots between Thursday and Monday. A total of 118,501 were sent to voters for the Sept. 14, primary election.

Port of Vancouver takes lead in approving mutual assistance pact with Port of Portland

With Port of Portland executive Director **Bill Wyatt** in the audience, Port of Vancouver commissioners this morning unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement between the two Columbia River ports representing a commitment to work together for the benefit of the region.

The agreement, which builds on a commitment made between the two ports in 1996, calls for cost and revenue sharing on joint projects and hiring a project director. It is not a non-compete agreement, however, Vancouver port spokesperson **Maurine Chan-Hefflin** points out.

The purpose of the agreement, in which marketing figures as a high priority, is to allow both ports to work together to leverage limited public resources to attract more business to the region and to address freight transportation issues that impact the Portland-Vancouver area, according to Vancouver port executive director **Larry Paulson**.

Port of Portland commissioners are expected to ratify the agreement at their 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, meeting in port offices at 121 NW Everett Street, Portland.

Barrentine.Bates.Lee AIA expanding by four



Doug Pruitt



Scott King



Jolleen Severns



Tonya Lepisto

The Vancouver office of architects Barrentine.Bates.Lee AIA has been expanded by four staffers.

Doug Pruitt has joined the firm as a project architect. A graduate of the University of Kansas, Pruitt has worked on a number of public and private projects in Portland and Salt Lake City.

Scott King has joined the team as a CAD drafter. An alumnus of Evergreen High School, King earned a degree in architectural technology from Spokane Community College.

Jolleen Severns has joined the firm as an intern architect. Also a Vancouverite, Severns is an alumnus of Mountain View High School and is a graduate of Washington State University.

Tonya Lepisto has been hired as an interior designer. Lepisto is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design. She is an alumnus of Tigard High School.

Barrentine.Bates.Lee AIA provides architecture, interior design and planning service from offices in Washington and Oregon.

Former Clark College instructor reading from his short stories

Oregon Book Award finalist **Scott Nadelson** returns to the Clark College campus at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 13, to read from his short story collection in Room 121 in Hanna Hall. Nadelson, who was an adjunct English instructor at Clark from 1999-2001, is a finalist

in the Oregon Book Awards for short fiction, for his story "Saving Stanley."

Council gives preliminary approval to 50-acre mixed-use annexation

The Vancouver City Council last night gave preliminary approval to a 50-acre annexation request north of SE 15th Street on SE 182nd Avenue. The annexation consists of the ten-acre English Ridge Subdivision, and 40 acres as part of the 384-acre Columbia Tech Center mixed-use development.

The council will hold a public hearing on the annexation proposal at 7 p.m. Monday Oct. 18.

Vancouver Lake OK for swimming

Vancouver Lake, closed to swimmers since the middle of July because of algal blooms, has been declared no longer a threat to health of people or pets, the Clark County Health Department ruled Monday. However, officials say testing for water quality will be resumed next May, about the time people are ready to swim out of doors and about when algae gets going again.

News briefs

A fund-raising, wine-tasting event to support the campaign to reelect Democratic Clark County Commissioner **Betty Sue Morris** is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive. Reservations are suggested by calling **576-9119**.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Vancouver businesses may be hit with tax and fee hikes--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Clark County Community Services gets \\$1.5 for three-year substance abuse treatment program--Oregonian, **Holly Gilbert**](#)

[Clark College plans Thursday presentation of local candidates--Columbian](#)

[One million Washington taxpayers can expect up to \\$500 each from sales tax provision--Seattle Times, **Alex Fryer**](#)

[Hi-School still strong after sale--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Magma reaches surface of lava dome--KATU, **Rukmini Callimachi**](#)

[Blazers suspend Qyntel Woods without pay--KATU--**Shannon Cheesman** and **Shellie Bailey-Shaw**](#)

[City to begin \\$10.75 million Burnt Bridge Greenway with celebration Thursday--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Senate OKs Lewis and Clark Park that spans two states--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

Tuesday on the air

County Commissioner Candidates—3 p.m. CVTV

Disability Employment Awareness Ceremony—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Musical Journeys (10/10)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jan Bader sets record. Bader gets her name in the Town Tabloids twice in the same day, first, for thinking oaks instead of acorns, and second, for praying for fumes. 🍀 **Tanya Price** making a rescue. 🍀 **Ernie Vande Zande** getting boost from WDOT. 🍀 **Paul Christensen** preparing mighty oaks for **Tracy Fortmann** and **Elson Strahan**. 🍀 **Walt Evans** keeps working right past the weekend. 🍀 **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 74. **Wednesday**, sunny all day, 77. **Thursday**, more sunshine, 76.