

### **Brian Baird schedules busy weekend in Clark County**

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) will hold three town hall meetings in Clark County on Saturday, Dec. 3, beginning with a 10 to 11:30 a.m. "sidewalk" town hall session at the Vancouver Farmers Market on Esther Street, just west of Esther Short Park. The second town hall meeting is from 1:30-to-3 p.m. in Battle Ground City Hall. The third is 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Ridgefield High School commons, 2724 S Hillhurst Road.

Baird will also tour the Highway 14 improvement site in Washougal at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, and will announce a \$1.5 federal allocation to improve the intersection of Highway 14 at Union Street.

### **OSP says comply with traction device requirements in Oregon**

Oregon State Police troopers and Clackamas County sheriff's deputies will be targeting drivers who fail to comply with chain and traction tire requirements this weekend on Mt. Hood area highways. "The extra enforcement hopefully will lessen some of the problems we had during Thanksgiving weekend, when numerous vehicles lost control or were involved in crashes resulting in long delays for other drivers and a temporary closure of Highway 35," according to Oregon State Police sergeant **Mike Turner**.

Mountain weather road reports are available 24 hours a day by calling (503) 588-2941, or by going to [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com). The website includes a Government Camp camera providing real time images of conditions. Washington and Oregon ski conditions also can be found on the *Daily Insider* website.

Bail for failure to comply with Oregon traction device requirements is \$141.

### **Port of Vancouver asks committee to work shape Columbia Gateway**

A Public Partners Team charged with providing input for the development of the Port of Vancouver's nearly 1,100-acre Columbia Gateway site has been formed and will hold its initial meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the port's administrative offices, 3103 Lower River Road.

Members of the team are as follows: **Jeff Arntson, Richard Bartoskewitz, Les Bechtoldt, Steve Burdick, Bob Byrd, Pete Capell, Julie Garver, Nancy Ellifrit, Jay Hamacheck, Todd Horenstein, Laura Hudson, Addison Jacobs, David Judd, Oat Kuzmer, Brad Lothspeich, Bob Prucella, Carol Record, Lee McCallister, Thayer Rorabaugh, Celinda Rupert, George Simpson, Dick Spring, Ila Stanek, Diane Stites, Bud Van Cleve and Deb Wallace.**

### **Calendar**

More than 500 nativity scenes from around the world are being presented today through Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 10509 SE 5th Street in Cascade Park. Admission is free. Viewing hours are noon to 9 p.m. today through Saturday, Dec. 3. ☞ Vancouver's Uptown Village hosts a Holiday Stroll & Wine Tasting Saturday Dec.3, on Main Street between Fourth Plain and Mill Plain Boulevards. Children's activities are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participation is \$5 per child. Wine tasting in over 20 Uptown Village businesses is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wine tasting charge is \$20. ☞ The Evergreen Business Association is hosting a tree-lighting celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Orchards Plaza, Fourth Plain Boulevard and Covington Road. Cookies and beverages and free photographs with **Santa Claus**, are part of the celebration. ☞ Pianist **Jim Fischer**, 12-year-old vocalist **Kyra Smith** and **The Touch of Class Chorus** headline the Friends of the Carpenter Christmas presentation at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Durst Theatre, in the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main Street. Admission for adults is \$12; for students and seniors, \$10. ☞ Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol* is being presented in the Slocum House Theatre, 605 Esther Street, at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, Dec. 3, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. ☞ Spokane actor **David Casteal** brings his one-man production *York to Gaiser Hall* in Clark College at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The free show is being presented by the National Park Service's touring Lewis and Clark Bicentennial exhibit. ☞ Tents behind the O. O. Howard House in Vancouver Barracks come alive with Lewis and Clark stories, and other bits of thousands of years of northwest history daily, at part of a free Lewis and Clark Bicentennial exhibit, "Tents of Many Voices," with hourly programs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Sunday, Dec. 11. The tents are heated. Admission is free. ☞ Open house at the Vancouver Historical Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, besides history, offers visitors a chance to pick up some great art and craft items for Christmas giving. Admission is free. ☞ A Christ-

mas season tradition, George Handel's *Messiah*, will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 300 S Andresen Road, by the Bravo! Vancouver. The concert is sold out, according to artistic director **Michael Kissinger**, but some tickets may become available to early arrivals.

### Friday headlines at home and abroad

[Yakima Nation chairman Louis Cloud says tribal council will meet Tuesday and could decide to proceed with a casino in Battle Ground or Oregon City--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[If there is a casino in Battle Ground's future, Louis Cloud doesn't want to talk about it right now--Oregonian, \*\*Allan Brettman\*\*](#)

[Ridgefield city manager placed on paid leave pending investigation--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Law enforcement sweep gathers 41 fugitives in one night--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)

[Ten marines die in blast in Fallujah--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[French woman says 'merci' after face transplant--USA TODAY, AP](#)

### Friday on the air

Vancouver Children's Opera: *The Magic Flute* (11/17)—3 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Tree Lighting Ceremony (11/15)—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (11/6)—6 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (11/13)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

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

Clark County Focus (10/14)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Maya Lin Land Bridge Ceremony (11/17)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Tobacco-Free Parks—11 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Dollie Lynch** tethers reindeer in kitchen. ✂ **Nancy Brandon** appropriately dressed in crimson. ✂ **Hal Dengerink** putting emphasis on research. ✂ **Theresa Wagner** enjoying the good Hockinson life. ✂ **Kelly Love** booking busy weekend. ✂ **Friday**, really cold rainy periods, 41. **Saturday**, light rain, 43. **Sunday**, showers, 42.