



### State of the City Address is Wednesday

The annual State of the City address will be delivered by Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the 40 et 8 building, 7607 NE 26th Avenue.

There is no admission charge but, seating is limited. Both reservations and car pooling are recommended. The building will be open at 10 a.m. For further information and reservations, call City Hall, **696-1077**

### Russian consuls coming to Vancouver at behest of cultural exchange committee

Russian consul general **Vladimir Volnov** will address Russian-American relations at a gathering sponsored by the Valery P. Chkalov Cultural Exchange Committee at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the commissioners room in the Public Service Center, 1200 Franklin Street.

Volnov will be accompanied by senior Russian consul **Alexander Doronin**. Both are based in the Russian Federation's consulate in Seattle, which represents the federation in 11 western states.

The public meeting will follow by two days a meeting between U.S. President **George Bush** and Russian Federation President **Vladimir Putin**.

The Vancouver committee annually commemorates the trans-polar flight from Moscow to Vancouver ending June 20, 1937, when pilot Valery Chkalov landed a Russian airplane at Pearson Field. For further information, call **Jess Frost**, chair of the cultural exchange committee.

### Clark Public Utilities has BPA transmission hike covered, but market-based rates another story

Recent increases contemplated by Bonneville Power Administration to increase transmission rates for power will have a small impact on Clark Public Utilities, but not enough to cause rates to increase, Clark officials say.

However, if a Bush Administration proposal requiring BPA to adopt market-based rates were to become effective, the cost to Clark Public Utilities customers could be as much as \$25 million a year, according to utility spokesperson **Mick Shutt**.

Shutt says that similar proposals have surfaced in past years but nothing has come of them. Bonneville provides power at cost to its northwest preference customers.

According to Shutt, the entire northwest congressional delegation is opposed to the proposal.

### Final Vancouver meeting of PDX noise study is Wednesday

A report of the Portland International Airport Noise Compatibility Study Committee, which will be concluding three years of meetings this spring, will be given in at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 E Reserve Street.

Despite considerable pressure from Vancouver and Clark County residents, very little appears to have been done to mitigate proliferating airport noise issues on the north side of the Columbia River.

A formal public hearing by the Noise Compatibility Study Committee will be held in the Port of Portland Commission Room, 121 NE Everett Street, Portland, at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9.

### Lecture boosts understanding of traveling exhibit on Indian treaties

**Robert J. Miller**, Lewis and Clark College law professor delivers a free public lecture, "American Indian Legal and Political Encounters: Lewis & Clark and the Doctrine of Discovery and Treaty Making" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Student Services Building at Washington State University Vancouver.

Miller, a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, is also chief justice of the Court of Appeals for the Grand Ronde Tribe. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the northwest Indian Treaty negotiations between territorial governor Isaac Stevens and northwest Indian leaders and the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Lewis and Clark in the northwest.

The Clark County Historical Museum, one of the sponsors of the lecture series, is showing a traveling ex-

hibit , “The Northwest Treaty Trail,” at the museum at 1511 Main Street, through March 31.

### News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. ☞ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library board of trustees meets in workshop session at 5 p.m. and convenes in a regular public meeting at 6:15 p.m. this evening in the First & Clark Building, 606 NE 1st Street, Battle Ground. ☞ The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the county Public Works conference room, 4700 NE 78th Street. ☞ **Jan Harte**, Washington State University Small Business Development Council certified business counselor, presents a discussion on leveraging tax dollars at a 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, meeting of the Clark County Chamber of Commerce in the Quality Inn & Suites. The public is invited, and there is no charge. ☞ Clark Public Utilities’ commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. -

### Monday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Fromhold takes a stab: builders throw a jab--Columbian, \*\*Don Jenkins\*\*](#)  
[Street improvements, including round-about and underground utilities around Esther Short Park to begin--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)  
[Taylor brothers Jake 10, and Noah, 6, have such a big bag of coins colleted for tsunami victims neither can lift it--Oregonian, \*\*Holley Gilbert\*\*](#)  
[Study says Washington could lose between 21,000 and 32,000 jobs if Bush Administration's proposed BPA power rate increase were approved--Seattle Times, \*\*Wareren Cornwall\*\*](#)

### Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Portland Blazers at Charlotte (live)—4 p.m. KXL, KXMG  
Vancouver City Council (2/7)—7 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Todd Martin** getting cake and eating it also. ☞ **Tori Darnell** taking care of business. ☞ **Paul Kretschmar** advising. ☞ **Steve Slovic** still getting very high marks. ☞ **Norm Willinger** recruiting walkers. ☞ **Monday** drizzles followed by hearts, flowers and sunshine. 45. **Tuesday**, most weather prophets predict sun, 50. **Wednesday**, a second sunny day in a row, 50.