

Bob Moser earns top award from public ports association



Award winning Bob Moser

Bob Moser, retiring Port of Vancouver USA commissioner, has earned the Live Member Award from the Washington Public Ports Association. The award recognizes Moser's service to the WPPA and his extraordinary service to the port industry.

Moser, who will retire on December 31, has served 18 years on the port commission, making him the 4th longest serving commissioner in the port's 93-year history. He served as an officer and president of the WPPA from 1999 to 2004 and was only the second commissioner in Port of Vancouver history to hold the state association presidency.

Moser was cited for his work in balancing industrial development with environmental stewardship, including providing 500 acres to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, developing community parks at Vancouver Lake and Frenchman's Bar, creating a waterfront amphitheatre for community events and working for an agreement to preserve nearly 600 acres of port property in the lowlands for mitigation and habitat restoration.

Moser was also cited for his successful efforts in developing the Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center and the successful International Festival it spawned.

Moser also earned the 2002 Val Joshua Racial Justice Award. Moser, who early in his career was a reporter for the *Oregonian*, graduated from Oklahoma State University and earned a masters degree in journalism from that institution. For 32 years, Moser was an administrator at Clark College.

A retirement reception honoring Moser will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the port administration building, 3103 NW Lower River Road. Reservations are requested. For further information, call **992-1105**.

National Endowment for the Arts recognizes Confluence Project

The National Endowment for the Arts has made a \$25,000 contribution to the **Maya Lin** Confluence Project, U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-Wash.) announced today. The NEA is the nation's largest financial supporter of public art programs, providing federal grants to support and encourage artistic endeavors.

The Confluence Project consists of seven sites along the Columbia River, where Lin's are projects are being installed. The largest will be the 40-foot-wide land bridge connecting the Vancouver National Historic Site with the Columbia River waterfront south of Vancouver Barracks.

Comcast mum on rate increase

Although the *Wall Street Journal* has reported that Comcast will soon raise rates for popular services by 6 percent, local Comcast officials say no rate increases have been announced.

According to the Beaverton Comcast billing office, any rate increase would be preceded by a 30-day notice. For further information, call Comcast at **(888) 262-6300**.

Comcast is the nation's largest cable television operator and also provides high-speed Internet service to the Vancouver-Portland area.

News Brief

Nominations are being accepted on behalf of the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve trust for the General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award. The award is annually presented to a high school-age individual who demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, and serves as a role model whose initiative motivates others to become involved in community service. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Vancouver Historic Reserve Trust, www.vnhr.org. For further information, call **991-1801**.

Calendar

The Tent of Many Voices continues its ten-day run this week with free presentations on the Lewis and

Clark Expedition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in tents in the parking area of the O. O. Howard House in Vancouver Barracks. ✂ An adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* is being presented at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, and 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 11, in the Slocum House Theatre, 605 Esther Street. Admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. For reservations, call **696-2427**. ✂ The Vancouver Design Review Committee meets at 4 p.m. today in The Citizens Service Center, 1313 Main Street. The committee will discuss signage directing visitors to the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

Thursday on the air

Pearl Harbor Day Observance (12/7)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Washington State at Gonzaga (live)—6 p.m. FSN
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jack Hardy in the Public Eye. ✂ **Garen Horgen** adding links. ✂ **Phil Hymas** out of the blocks early. ✂ **Adrienne DeDona** making smooth transition. ✂ **Penny Wagoner** in the chips. ✂ **Avril Massey** saying the right things. ✂ **Thursday**, partly sunny, 41. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 45. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 45.