

Joe Zarelli endorses Battle Ground school measure

State Sen. **Joe Zarelli** (R-18th), who considers himself a fiscally conservative Republican, has endorsed the Battle Ground School District's three-year \$38,310,000 school levy. Zarelli joins Battle Ground Mayor **John Idsigna** in support of the levy, which is on the Tuesday, Feb. 6, special election ballots.

Ballots in the all-mail election have been sent to voters.

Zarelli says, "As a community, we have a responsibility to provide our children with a quality education. The revenue from this levy will assure that the most basic needs are covered."

Other endorsements include those from the Washington Education Association, Battle Ground Education Association, Building Industry Association of Clark County, Clark County Association of Realtors, as well as a number of commercial and residential contractors.

**Historical museum celebrates
Black History Month Thursday**

Darrell Millner, professor of African-American Literature and History in the Black Studies Department at Portland State University, will discuss, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, "Testing the Need for Black History," at the first of a series of First Thursday Museum After Hours lectures in the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street. There is no charge for the museum's First Thursday events.

Millner is an expert on the history of African-Americans in the western movement, with a special focus on the Oregon and California Trail experiences. Millner earned a doctorate in education from the University of Oregon. He sits on the editorial board of the Oregon Historical Society.

Tax foreclosure sale is Friday

Four pieces of property are expected to be sold during the tax foreclosure sale at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, reports county treasurer **Doug Lasher**.

Cash, cashier's check or a money order is required at the time of purchase, according to Lasher, who adds that registration is also required to make a bid. Pre-registration is being conducted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. this week in the Treasurer's Office on the second floor of the Public Service Center.

The foreclosure property list can be obtained by going to www.clark.wa.gov/treasurer.

**Gene Bulakites named food services
manager for Lifeline Connections**

Gene Bulakites has been appointed food services manager for Lifeline Connections.

Lifeline Connections is a Clark County-financed alcohol and drug assessment center providing intensive outpatient services. Lifeline Connections also provides inpatient services at Hotel Hope in the county Health Center.

Lifeline Connections prepares about 400 meals a day, in addition to providing food service for Hotel Hope.

Bulakites previously was with Simpson University, Redding, Calif., where he was responsible for preparing 1,500 meals a day. Bulakites was a member of the 1988 Culinary Olympic Team in New York.

**Drivers sought, no
talking required**

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation is seeking volunteers to drive 15-passenger vans for the department's 50 Plus Travel Program.

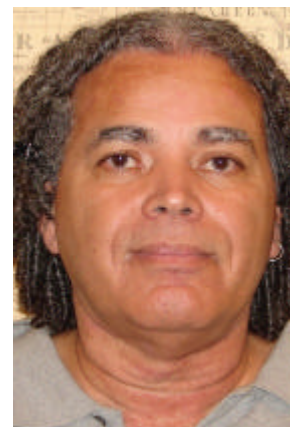
Drivers need not be conversant about attractions or events. Each driver is accompanied by an escort-guide, according to spokeswoman **Lisa Deane**. Day trips are all within a 125 mile radius of Vancouver.

A commercial driver's license is not required, but drivers must pass a criminal history check and be available to drive three or four days a month, Deane says.

Prospective volunteers should call **Nancy Olsen** at **759-4422**.

News brief

Katlin Smith Communications, Vancouver-based public relations, writing and public involvement firm, has been re-named UrbanWords Group, reports **Katlin Smith**, principal owner. The company, founded in 2001, is



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located at 101 E 8th Street, Suite, 325E.

Calendar

Clark College interim president **Bob Knight** delivers the State of the College Address at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in Gaiser Hall on the College's Fort Vancouver Way campus. ✂ Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in conference room B in the Public Service Center. ✂ Clark College is offering tips for current and prospective students and their parents on how to seek scholarships at 7 p.m. this evening, in Gaiser Hall. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 a year.

Tuesday Headlines

[State education plan caught in nitty-gritty--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[Sue Pauley in race for presidency of state Realtors--Columbian, **Cami Joner**](#)

[Tax critic said Battle Ground levy ad misleading; not so says school district--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)

[Bob Lewis and George Killian leading efforts to raise the final \\$1 million of \\$4.5 million animal shelter for Clark County--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Scantly clad barristas see business improving--KATU \(Video\)](#)

[Gates left 'em laughing at the 'Daily Show'--Seattle P-I, **Todd Bishop**](#)

[Senators assert right to block Bush on Iraq--New York Times, **John O'Neil**](#)

[Village found buried beneath Stonehenge site--Washington Post, **Marc Kaufman**](#)

[With Iran ascendant, U.S. seen at fault--Washington Post, **Anthony Shadid**](#)

[Attacks during Ashura leave dozens dead in Iraq--New York Times, **Marc Santaora**](#)

Tuesday on the air

Clark College Jazz Band Festival—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (1/26)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

John Bryden digging deep for lab joke. ✂ **Bill Roller** getting spring greeting cards out early. ✂ **Tiger Branch** helping fill a news void. ✂ **Marta Dragomir** making parking easy. ✂ **Maria Tormanen** getting the word out. ✂ **John Erickson** giving aid and support. ✂ **Larry Easter** doing big favor. ✂ **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, east wind may kick up, 47. **Wednesday**, light frost, then mostly sunny, 46. **Thursday**, mostly clear, 46.