

WEDNESDAY NOV. 7, 2007

Local voters displeased with taxes and incumbents

Local voters were turning their noses up at three-term incumbent Port of Vancouver commissioner **Arch Miller**, long-time Vancouver city councilman **Dan Tonkovich** and Battle Ground incumbent mayor **John Idsigna**, according to preliminary returns from Tuesday's almost ho-hum general election.

In Clark County, they joined voters across the state in defeating a measure that would have eliminated the 60 percent majority requirement for property taxes and they joined **Tim Eyman**'s bandwagon for requiring a vote on all tax measures passed by the legislature.

The vote against Miller wasn't even close. **Jerry Oliver**, who campaigned on the slogan "Time for a change," was leading Miller 19,259 votes to 13,001. Oliver took up the cudgel earlier this year by leading a successful petition drive to put a tax adopted by the port to buy Columbia River industrial property to a vote of the people.

The proposed port tax, however, was overwhelmingly turned down at the primary election.

The fate of incumbents Tonkovich and Idsigna is far from sealed, though.

Tonkovich's opponent, perennial candidate **Pat Campbell** was ahead of Tonkovich 8,982 to 8,982, when vote counting ended Tuesday.

Battle Ground's mayor, Idsigna, was leading by one vote when the Tuesday night tally was ended: Idsigna, 701 votes; opponent **P. Zandamela**, 700 votes.

The Clark County Elections Department had counted a little over 60,000 votes in the first round of counting Tuesday. New results will be available after 5 p.m. as crews continue counting. As many as 10,000 more votes could be counted.

Washington Generals Ed and Dollie Veterans Day Parade grand marshals

Ed and **Dollie Lynch**, active in Clark County community affairs since 1957, have been named grand marshals of the Saturday, Nov. 10, Veterans Day Parade in Vancouver. The couple were named Washington Generals last year by state lieutenant governor **Brad Owens**.

Reviewing officer for the 21st annual parade is Brig. Gen. **Eldon P. Regua**, 104th Division, U.S. Army Reserve.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the corner of E Reserve Street and Officers Row and proceeds through town to Esther Short Park.

More than 2,500 participants representing 115 organization will be marching in the parade.

News brief

More than 70 vendors will be on hand for the Firstenburg Community Center Holiday Bazaar that will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Firstenburg Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue. For further information, call **Johnnie Tucker**, **487-7096**.

Calendar

Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. **<> Alter Wierner**, one of the few Holocaust survivors still alive in the Vancouver area, opens a series of three presentations by Jewish authors at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Three Creeks Library, 800-C NE Tenney Road. The series is being presented by the Shalom Chapter of Hadassah during National Jewish Author Month. There is no charge. Authors will have books available for sale.

Wednesday on the air

General Election Coverage (11/6)—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
New Orleans at Portland Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. CSN, KXL
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (11/1)—10 p.m. CVTV

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Todd Martin warming up small car. <> **Sarah Prince** deserving 72-point headlines. <> **Stephanie Anderson** saying a big hello. <> **Catherine Helgason** being hostess with the mostess. <> **Larery Paulson** out and about. <> **Wednesday**, cloudy morning, sunny in the afternoon, 64. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 62. **Friday**, sunny once again, 62.