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### Port of Vancouver getting other Vancouver's Olympics business

The Port of Vancouver has become the port of entry for huge parts of what will become the biggest ski-lift in the world when it is installed in British Columbia north of Vancouver for the 2010 Olympic games at the Whistler Resort.

In operation at Whistler as the Doppelmayr lift, the mechanism will use 28 cars, carrying up to 28 people each that will depart every 54 seconds between Whistler and Blackcomb Mountain.

Elements of the lift system, including spools of cable, are so huge that the only port crane in North American large enough to handle them are at the Port of Vancouver.

The lift parts are scheduled to arrive in June, coming from Europe, across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal to Vancouver and by rail to Canada.

The port's mobile harbor crane is capable of lifting 140 metric tons, the equivalent of two space shuttles, according to port executive director **Larry Paulson**.

"We are proud to bring a little part of the Winter Olympic Games through Vancouver USA," Paulson says.

### Michael Allen Harrison and Barbara Roberts headline Thursday Piano Hospital concert

Pianists **Michael Allen Harrison**, Portland, and **Barbara Roberts**, Vancouver, headline the third annual benefit concert for the School of Piano Technology for the Blind, at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Also appearing is the state School for the Blind Chorale. Music lovers will also be treated to desserts and door prizes, according to **Len Leger**, executive director of the school, also known as the Emil Fries Piano Hospital.

Admission is \$25. For further information, call **693-1511**.

### Mick Cochran to head commercial lending at Bank of Clark County



**Mike Cochran**

**Michael Cochran**, senior vice president at the Bank of Clark County, has been promoted to lead the bank's commercial lending activity, reports executive vice president **Bruce Paris**. In this role Cochran will manage the bank's lending team in business and commercial real estate.

Cochran, who has 35 years' banking experience, was instrumental in overseeing the opening of the bank's branch in east Clark County. Cochran, who has been with the bank since 2007, is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Pacific Coast Banking School. He is a member of the board of directors of The Club at the Historic Reserve and the Clark County Skills Center Foundation.

### Clark College helping students dress for success

The 2008 Career Clothes Closet at Clark College is opening its doors for donations of clothing suitable for graduating students to wear when conducting job and scholarship interviews, says **Jody Shulnak**, service learning and volunteer program manager.

Last year the program was able to outfit 170 graduating men and women students, according to Shulnak.

Donations are being accepted each weekday between Thursday, April 24, and Wednesday, April 30. Clothes must be in excellent condition and ready for use—this means cleaned and pressed, according to Shulnak. Clothing may be taken to the Clark College T Building on the west side of Fort Vancouver Way.

**Deposit ballots today**

To count, ballots regarding a proposed one-tenth of a cent sales tax increase to pay for a \$45 million upgrade of the county's emergency communications system must be returned to the county Elections Department by 8 p.m. tonight. Ballots put in the mail today may not be postmarked in time. Ballots not yet returned should be taken to drop-off locations throughout the county or to the Elections Department's drive-by drop-off box at 1408 Franklin Street and dropped off by 8 p.m. For further information, call **397-2345**.

**Maybe a tiny bit of credit in consistency**

Reporting yesterday that **Wim Geurden** had been appointed director of information technology at Washington State University Vancouver, we misspelled Mr. Geurden's last name each and every four times we used it by putting the *u* before the *e*. He has given us credit for consistency.

**People**

State Sen. **Don Benton** (R-17th) announced his intention to run for re-election during the county Republican convention Saturday. Benton was first elected to the senate in 1995. Benton, who says the state has a spending problem, not a revenue problem, repeated his standing pledge to vote against taxes.

**Calendar**

Columbia Credit Union is holding an open house and business after hours celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. this evening in its newest and all-green branch at 271 S Street in the Crossing retail development in Washougal. <> The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Blue Bird Transfer is from 5 to 7 p.m. this evening at 2500 E. 5th Street. For further information on the \$10 event, call **694-2588**. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding blood drives Wednesday, April 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart, 221 NE 104th Street, and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Lutheran Church, 2700 E. 28th Street. <> Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

**Tuesday on the air**

Nez Perce Memorial Ceremony (4/19)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
 Neighborhood Light-Rail Forum (4/9)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
**Salt Lake at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**  
 Clark County Close Up (4/6)—8:45 p.m. CVTV  
 Clark County Land Use Hearings (4/10)—9:15 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Jim Sanders** deftly negotiating farewell speech. <> **Len Leger** promoting Thursday's **Michael Allen Harrison, Barbara Roberts** concert. <> **Eugene Messer** preparing for significant natal day. <> **George Trott** expecting greater leg room. <> **Susan Tissot** looking forward to hoe down. <> **Courtney Wallenborn** announcing new telephone numbers. <> **Tuesday**, April showers, 41-49. **Wednesday**, light rain, 42-49. **Thursday**, a few showers, 42-53.