



John Davis

Schwabe's Vancouver office grows commercial litigation practice

As an associate, **John Davis** recently joined the Vancouver office of the regional law firm Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, where he will continue to help grow the firm's commercial litigation expertise.

"We are very excited to have John join the team in Vancouver and look forward to putting his commercial litigation expertise to work for the firm's clients," says **Mark Long**, managing partner at Schwabe.

Davis assists in litigation ranging from property disputes to construction defects to insurance, and includes as well transactional work involving corporate, municipal, and employment law. He has also participated in numerous appellate cases involving both constitutional and statutory law.

Davis graduated first in his class from Willamette University College of Law with a juris doctor degree. He is a Northwest native and is actively engaged in Clark County.

In addition, he has written for publications such as the *Vancouver Business Journal* and *Willamette Law Online*, and currently authors the [Northwest Small Business Law Blog](#).

Levy approved with 68 percent "yes" votes

Voters in Clark County have approved a maintenance and operations levy for Vancouver Public Schools for every year since 1964.

This levy will provide local support for basic education and services for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013. That will make 50 years of continuous support for Vancouver Public Schools.

The replacement levy was overwhelmingly approved, with 68 percent "yes" votes in the first results released at 8:10 p.m. last night. There are ballots still being tallied, and final election results will be certified by Feb. 24. A 50 percent majority of "yes" votes is needed for approval.

"We are extremely pleased with the levy results," said Superintendent **Steve Webb**. "I want to thank this community for continuing to support our local schools. I particularly want to thank the thousands of volunteers who donated their time and resources to promote the importance of supporting the children in our community."

"This replacement levy continues local support for basic programs and services through the year 2013. We will indeed have 50 years of continuous support. This is an unparalleled achievement. I know of no other district in the state that has this kind of track record," added Dr. Webb.

Clark County Historical Museum and WSU Vancouver's DTC program bring Brautigan home

The Brautigan Library, a unique collection of nearly 400 unpublished manuscripts written by everyday authors, will soon have a new home in Vancouver thanks to a partnership between the Digital Technology and Culture Program at Washington State University Vancouver and the Clark County Historical Museum.

John F. Barber, Ph.D., faculty member in the DTC program at WSU Vancouver, will coordinate students and a team of local and international volunteers to reopen the library and continue its mission of connecting writers and readers of personal narratives.

Barber, a leading Brautigan scholar, is the developer and curator of Brautigan Bibliography and Archive (www.brautigan.net), an interactive, online resource generally acknowledged as the premier information source for the life and works of Richard Brautigan. Brautigan (1935-1984) was a Washington-born author who rose to international prominence as the author said to best capture the zeitgeist of the counterculture during the late 1960s and early 1970s. He is best noted for his novel *Trout Fishing in America* (1967), his poetry collection *The Pill Versus the Springhill Mine Disaster* (1968), and his collection of stories *Revenge of the Lawn* (1971).

Inspired by a fictional library described by Brautigan in his 1971 novel, *The Abortion: An Historical Romance 1966*, The Brautigan Library provides everyday writers a public shelf where their unpublished manuscripts, free of restrictions on content or quality, are available for anyone to read.

"The Brautigan Library is not about publishing, or even literature. It's about people telling their stories in a democratic way. It is a very public home for personal narratives in a digital age," says Barber.

The library will become a permanent collection of the Clark County Historical Museum in the former 1909 Andrew Carnegie library building in downtown Vancouver. Future plans call for the library to reopen as a permanent, interactive collection, according to **Susan Tissot**, executive director of the Clark County Historical

Society. The Brautigan Library will also collect and circulate unpublished manuscripts using contemporary digital technologies.

“There is international interest in The Brautigan Library, both as a historical idea and an attraction for Vancouver,” says Barber. “We are planning research activities, conferences, exhibits and creative activities as part of the community outreach focus of our partnership with the Clark County Historical Museum.”

This idea ties in nicely with the mission of the Clark County Historical Museum, according to Tissot. “This is a very exciting addition to our permanent collections in that it highlights our mission of collecting, preserving and interpreting the cultural history of the Pacific Northwest, along with providing educational opportunities for the public. Richard Brautigan is a native son, a rather famous one, and we look forward to promoting his vision for a very public library through this interactive partnership with the DTC Program at WSU Vancouver.”

The Brautigan Library was first opened in 1990 in Burlington, Vt., by **Todd R. Lockwood**, a Brautigan fan. True to Brautigan's vision, the library accepted manuscripts from authors keen to tell their stories.

The decision to relocate The Brautigan Library to Vancouver comes after two years of negotiations with the estate of the late author. The library has been in storage since 2006.

To visit the website for The Brautigan Library, go to www.thebrautiganlibrary.org.

People

Local singer and rising star **Katelynne Cox**, 15, is the featured cover-girl of the *Supermodel Unlimited* February edition. Cox, a La Salle Catholic College Preparatory student, was also featured in the December issue of the magazine as one of Hollywood's most beautiful up-and-coming stars. On Monday, Cox returned from the Grammy Awards, where she participated in the Supermodels Unlimited after-party as a celebrity guest model. This week, she is in Nashville, Tennessee, finishing the recording of her new album, which is set to be released this June. Katelynne's new website will go live on Sunday, Feb. 14, at www.katelynnecox.com.

News Briefs

Southwest's Heart and Vascular Center will host nationally renowned author and lecturer **Joe Piscatella** at a free community presentation, "Positive Mind, Healthy Heart." The event, for those who are struggling to make healthful changes in their life, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at The Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive. Seats may be reserved at www.swEvents.org or by calling **514-2190**. Piscatella will sign books following the presentation. <> Burgerville in Orchards, 10903 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., is having its Burgerville Partnership Night between 5 and 8 p.m. tonight, Feb. 10. Ten percent of the proceeds raised during this time will be donated to Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF). For more information on EOCF's programs, visit www.eocfwa.org. To view Burgerville's menu and learn more about Burgerville, visit www.burgerville.com.

Calendar

La Center City Council meets from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, Feb.10, in Council chambers. <> Loaves and Fishes will be serving hot meals to senior citizens from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street.

Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners (2-9)--4:30 p.m. CVTV

Election 2010: The Clark County Republican Party 2010 Lincoln Day Celebration (2-6)--7:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Commissioners (2-9)--9:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and Weather

Jim Mains doing fantastic work. <> **Cory Zimmerman** documenting the West Coast through photos. <> **Wednesday**, light rain, 48-44. **Thursday**, rain, 56-44. **Friday**, rain, 54-46.