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City council candidate finalists selected

By unanimous decision in executive session yesterday, the Vancouver City Council selected eight of 23 applicants for the council position being vacated by 49th District Democratic Rep.-elect **Jim Moeller**.

To be interviewed during a public session of the council are:

- **Marc Berg**, finance director, Providence Health System.
- **John Caton**, Caton Day & Co., CPAs, and member of the Vancouver Planning Commission.
- **Stephen Fitton**, computer network engineer, Standard Insurance Co.
- **D. Michael Heywood**, former editorial page editor, *Columbian*.
- **Michael Kissinger**, artistic director, Bravo! Vancouver, producer, Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival.
- **Tim Leavitt**, engineering manager, PBS Environmental, member of the Vancouver Planning Commission.
- **Lisa Morrison**, pediatrician, former chairwoman of the Vancouver Clinic board of directors.
- **Michael Teefy**, technical executive, Social Security Administration.

Applicants were selected for interviews based on criteria that included community involvement, vision for the community, education, background and skills, vocation and work experience, years of residence in the community, ability to serve, and personal conflicts of interest.

Public interviews are from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, in City Hall. The interviews will be cablecast live by CVTV.

Selection of the finalist will be made following the interviews. The successful candidate will take office on Jan. 27.

The Clark County Central Labor Council has scheduled a public forum for the candidates at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Firefighters Union Hall, 2807 NW Fruit Valley Road. Representatives of other organizations have been invited to that meeting.

It is reported that the labor council will endorse a candidate.

Statewide high-tech industry competitive initiative would boost Clark County economy

The Columbia River Economic Council today called for a statewide high-tech industry competitiveness initiative to boost both Clark County's and the state's economy.

Washington's decreasing competitiveness, as compared with other national and global locations, inhibits active recruiting in the semiconductor industry, according to CREDC president **Bart Phillips**.

Phillips says that expansion of the semiconductor industry would have significant impact on the state as well as Clark County.

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The majority of that high-tech segment is located in Clark County. Washington semiconductor companies employed 3,532 workers and had a \$180 million payroll in 2001.

Estimates are that, over the next ten years, high-tech investments could exceed \$2 billion and contribute to a \$500 million payroll, if Washington is successful in providing the right kind of enticements for the semiconductor industry.

Key components of a competitiveness initiative are property tax exemptions on equipment, sales tax reductions and tax credits, according to Phillips.

Clark County filling up

Clark Public Utilities reported another 351 residential hook-ups for November, bringing the total number of new residential customers for the first 11 months of 2002 to 4,166.

Although residential growth has been growing at a rate of 3.09 percent over the past year, total residential electric consumption has been declining and has been under budget for most of the year.

People

Paul Winters and **Philip Parker** have been appointed to Vancouver's Public Facilities District Board. They succeed **Byron Hanke**, who has been elected as a Clark Public Utilities commissioner, and **David Nierenberg**, who earlier resigned to devote more energy to activities in the Evergreen School District area.

Tuesday electronic events

Bill of Rights Birthday Party—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Joint Meeting, Vancouver PDF and DRA (12/19)—6 p.m. CVTV
Phoenix Suns at Portland Trail Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL
Sacramento State at Portland State (live)—7 p.m. KFX
Vancouver Children's Opera, Hansel and Gretel—9 p.m. CVTV
Making Documentaries—10 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Tuesday, Jan 7, 2002

Alaska Air Group	23.65	+.50	Microsoft	55.80	+1.03
Alcoa	24.38	unch	Nautilus	15.26	+.46
Amazon.com	21.55	+.85	Nike	45.66	-.12
Bank of America	71.36	+.11	Nordstrom	19.10	+.09
Bemis	50.28	-.78	PepsiCo	42.18	-.78
Boeing	33.30	-.83	Precision Cast	26.23	+.47
Boise Cascade	26.50	-.29	RLRN	19.50	+.19
CenturyTel	31.04	-.04	Starbucks	21.24	-.23
Costco	29.05	+.46	TSM	7.68	+.03
Expeditors Intl.	33.46	-.25	Tektronix	18.97	+.07
Georgia Pacific	16.58	-.52	UPS	64.00	-.21
HPQ	19.95	+.30	US Bancorp	22.48	-.17
Intel	17.36	+.18	Wash. Mutual	36.30	-.30
Kyocera	58.00	-1.75	W. Coast Bancorp	15.82	+.12
Linear Technology	29.34	-.34	Weyerhaeuser	51.99	-.11

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Ken McCoy all duded up. ■■■■ Kari Stanley and Cassandra Crowe expecting company. ■■■■ Dan Ogden lecturing in Hawaii. ■■■■ Betty Sue Morris reporting great optimism for 2003. ■■■■ Jim Malinowski getting keen interest in suggestion. ■■■■	Acapulco	88/72
Tuesday , bright sunshine, 54.	Athens	63/47
Wednesday , mottled sunshine, 48.	Chicago	42/32
Thursday , mostly gray, but no precipitation, 48.	Dallas	56/38
	Hong Kong	63/51
	Los Angeles	84/56
	London	36/32
	New Orleans	55/38
	New York	31/28
	Orlando	58/35
	Paris	22/11
	Phoenix	71/55
	Rome	49/32
	Seattle	50/38
	Sydney	86/66
	Tokyo	45/31
	Washington	36/30