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Kim Capeloto named interim executive director at chamber

Kim Capeloto, former president of Bank of Clark County, has been appointed interim CEO for the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. He will serve until a new chief executive is found, according to chamber of commerce chair **Carmen Villarama**.

Capeloto has more than 20 years' experience in banking and management. . He is president of the board of the School of Piano Tuning and Technology for the Blind, and is a member of the board for Junior Achievement and the Washington State University Diversity Advisory Board.

Capeloto will take over from **Beth Quartarolo**, who leaves the chamber Aug. 15, to work with an Oregon nonprofit organization as an advocate for access to health care for low-income and at-risk children and adults.

Vancouver's Eric Perkins going for distance in Red Bull Flugtag



Kim Capeloto



This is how it looked four years ago at the first Red Bull Flugtag at Portland's Tom McCall Waterfront Park, where 30 teams splashed into the Willamette River in quest of distance and entertainment prizes.

Saturday afternoon, clad in a special set of underwear, Vancouver's **Eric Perkins** will dance his way into the cockpit of a homemade replica of an F-14 Tomcat, and, with the help of a crew of four, including **Marc Groth**, also of Vancouver, he will be launched from a platform 30 feet above the Willamette River at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. And that's no bull.

It is Red Bull Flugtag, the outrageous human-powered flying competition, returning to the park at 11 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 2, after a four-year layover. Thirty-one teams have been selected to strut, soar and ultimately splash into the Willamette's waters.

There is no charge for viewing the event. Competition begins at 1 p.m.

Perkins, now a mortgage banker in Portland, was a Washington State University Vancouver student when he crewed for a team at the first Red Bull Flugtag held in Portland four years ago. That team won second and third prizes.

Teams will be going for distance. The flight distance record is 195 feet. But they'll also be judged on

creativity and showmanship. The first-place finishers will win a trip to Salzburg, Austria, where they'll have a tour of Hangar-7. Second place will receive a VIP trip to a Red Bull Air Race World Series U.S. stop, and third prize is skydiving with the Red Bull Air Force.

Perkins' girlfriend, **Kristin Ratliff**, former Portland Trail Blazer dancer, has choreographed the dance that the crew will offer before putting Perkins in the replica Tomcat made from aluminum and parachute cloth.

The first Red Bull Flugtag was held in Vienna in 1991. Since then, more than 40 Red Bull Flugtags have been held around the world, from London to San Francisco, attracting up to 300,000 spectators at one event.

Red Bull is an international carbonated energy drink with sales of over \$3 billion. The first Flugtag took place in 1991 in Vienna, Austria, as the brainchild of Red Bull founder **Dietrich Mateschitz**.

Straw poll gives some county commissioner candidates high marks

News brief

Gov. **Chris Gregoire** will be the opening speaker at the Washington State Labor Council Convention at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. <> The League of Women Voters of Clark County are presenting all local primary election candidates, except for Clark County commissioner candidates, District 1, for questioning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. <> A straw poll this morning of more than 100 persons attending a Miller Nash law firm debate among all ten Clark County commissioner candidates, asking how each candidate did during the debate, put incumbent Republican commissioner **Marc Boldt** at the top of the list, with 77 percent of the vote. Second was Democrat **Pam Brokaw**, 76 percent, **Brad Lothspeich**, Republican, 58 percent, and **Matt Swindell**, 45 percent.

Calendar

Clark County Fair continues through Sunday, Aug. 10. Tonight's entertainer is **Corbin Bleu**. Tomorrow, Aug. 2, the headliner is **Eric Church**. **Queensrycye** performs Sunday, Aug. 3. **Joe Nichols** headlines Monday, Aug. 4. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for space in front of the Columbian Grandstand range between \$18 and \$20. Seating in the grandstand is free with fair admission, which starts at \$9 for adults. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. C-TRAN is operating shuttle buses from most transit centers and park-and-ride locations. <> Downtown Vancouver's First Friday Art Walk presents many artists, from most downtown art galleries, showing their work outside. Galleries are mostly along Main Street south of 11th Street. <> Day-long activities mark the dedication of Pacific Community Park, between NE 164th and 172nd Avenues south of NE 18th Street, Saturday, Aug. 2. For further information, call **397-6118**, extension **4949**. <> Evergreen Public Schools superintendent **John Deeder** will present the district's case for financial support during a live interactive webcast at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4. The district is facing a \$2 million shortfall for the school year 2008-09. Log on to www.evergreen.org to participate over the Internet. To pose questions of the school district, go to budget@egreen.wednet.edu.

Friday on the air

Vancouver Symphony In the Park—3:30 p.m. CVTV
 Columbia River Crossing Call-In (7/1)—5 p.m. CVTV
Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Albuquerque at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
 Animal Control Hearings (7/23)—7 p.m. CVTV
 Business Case for Sustainability (7/10)—10 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Board of Health (7/23)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

April Chernandez and **Sabrina Magsam** attend **Gang Ye** performance art. <> **Staci Searls** sees busy season coming early. <> **Marv Case** doing solo in fine style. <> **Parrish Bleau** asking all the right questions. <> **Friday**, early showers give way to partial sun, 56-72. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 55-76. **Sunday**, sunny, 56-79.