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### Stacy Frost elected governor of eight-state engineering society

**Stacy J. Frost**, project manager at HDJ Design Group, PLLC, has been elected governor of the eight-state American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 8.

Frost began his involvement with ASCE when he was elected president of the ASCE student chapter at Oregon State University. He was also one of the founding members and president of the Oregon Younger Member Forum.

Frost also served as president of the ASCE Oregon Section (which includes Southwest Washington).

ASCE's Region 8 serves Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Alaska, and Hawaii.

### Job growth slow in region

Job growth in the Portland metro region, including Cowlitz County, continues to be slow, reports **Scott Bailey**, regional economist for the state Department of Employment Security.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the area lost 2,800 jobs in May and 2,700 in June before rebounding with a 600-job gain in July. Bailey says that over the year the area has added 2,400 jobs, a 0.2 percent gain. By comparison, Clark County gained 0.8 percent and Cowlitz declined 1.6 percent.

Wholesale trade, professional services, health care, and local government (including K-12 schools) have been the primary sources of new jobs for the region, and for Clark County as well. Construction, manufacturing, and finance have been the losers. Losses in banking seem to be an Oregon-side phenomenon, and Clark County alone seems to have escaped job losses in manufacturing, Bailey says.

Home prices in the metro area, per the Case Shiller index, fell slightly in June after small increases in April and May, and are now 6.2 percent off the August 2007 peak, according to Bailey. Only Charlotte and Dallas, which had much smaller run-ups, have had smaller declines; Seattle prices have fallen by 7.3 percent. Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Miami have all dropped by more than 32 percent, San Diego is off 30 percent, Los Angeles, 29 percent, and San Francisco, 27 percent.

### Write-in doing battle against Craig Pridemore

Republican write-in candidate **Tom Langston** will appear on the general election ballot against Democrat **Craig Pridemore** for the 49th Legislative District Senate seat in November, according to Clark County Republican chairman **Ryan Hart**.

Langston, who decided to run after receiving his primary election ballot, tallied more than twice the number of votes needed to qualify for the November ballot.

"The number of votes Tom received is remarkable," says Hart. "When you consider that up to 1/3 of those voting in the primary had already voted before Tom announced his write-in campaign, his numbers are quite impressive."

As of county vote tally released this afternoon, Langston had 413 votes, compared to 16,824 for Pridemore.

### Planning commissioner wanted

Applicants are being sought by the City of Vancouver to fill a vacancy on the city planning commission. . The appointment will be for a full term, ending Dec. 31, 2012.

The seven-member commission serves as a citizen advisory body and makes recommendations to the city council. Commissioners work in a voluntary capacity to conduct studies and public hearings on comprehensive



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plan amendments, zoning amendments and other land-use matters.

The planning commission requires a significant time commitment, approximately 20 hours per month.

Applications and further information are available from **Myk Heidt** in the city manager's office, 210 E. 13th Street, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668, or by calling **696-8181**. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24.

### **Mike Bomar fundraiser at Parade of Homes Friday**

A fundraising function for **Mike Bomar**, Independent candidate for state representative, 49th District, Position 2, is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Clark County Parade of Homes in Felida.

Bomar, running for the position held by Democrat **Jim Moeller**, is the political affairs director for the Building Industry Association of Clark County.

Responses should be sent to [brandon@globalsecurity.com](mailto:brandon@globalsecurity.com).

### **People**

**Karen Stanley**, Keller Williams Premier Partners, has completed a course of study and has been awarded a Certified Residential Investment Specialist designation.

### **News briefs**

Leadership Clark County has a limited number of openings for the Class of 2009, reports LCC executive director **Kathy Scott**. The first class is Tuesday, Sept. 9. To apply, call Scott at **567-1085**. Further information is available by going to [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com). <> Registration is being accepted for the Color & Design Tour at the Clark County Parade of Homes, 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Aug. 28, and Thursday, Sept. 4. For further information, call **Ericka Carlsen**, **694-0933**.

### **Calendar**

The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, in the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab, 1401 Kauffman Avenue. <> The 5th annual Port of Ridgefield commissioner's picnic is from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, in the Ridgefield Boat Launch Waterfront at the base of Mill Street.

### **Tuesday on the air**

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (8/19)—3:15 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Sparkles Awards (8/21)—3:30 p.m.. CVTV

Clark County Health Board (7/23)—5 p.m. CVTV

First Walk (8/23)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

**Salt Lake at Portland Beavers (live)—6p.m. KKAD**

Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (8/12)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

**Minnesota at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Regional Transportation Board (7/22)—8:45 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Cathy Lipp** making the A-Team. <> **Dell Ann Dyar** putting **Joe Biden** in pixels. <> **Jim Palmer** reporting good corn crop. <> **Dean Sutherland** making George Orwell sound like a piker. <> **Steve Kuyatt** reminds that **Cathy Green** is spelled with a C, not a K unless it is a different Cathy Green. <> **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 55-74. **Wednesday**, cloudy, possible early showers, 55-72. **Thursday**, sun returns, 61-80.