

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



Daughter follows father to chamber leadership

It may have happened somewhere sometime, but never before in the 119-year history of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce has a daughter of a former chairman of the chamber become chairman of that organization.

Last night **Lisa Dow**, a banker with West Coast Bank, was installed as chairman of Vancouver's venerable organization of business people and activists. In 1994, Dow's father, **Lee Stenseth**, a former banker, was elected and served as the chamber's chairman.

Stenseth was president of the Bank of Vancouver, formed in 1989, which later became a part of West Coast Bank.

Serving with Dow for the coming year are the following officers: chair-elect **Don Russo**, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt; vice chair **Jeff Woodside** Nutter Corporation; secretary/treasurer **David A. Horowitz**, David A. Horowitz, CPA; and immediate past chair **Carmen Villarma**, The Management Group.

Mary Firstenberg Center grand opening is Friday

Innovative Service's \$7.3 million Mary Firstenberg Family Center, 9414 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard, will be dedicated during ceremonies that begin at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. The Firstenberg Family Foundation contributed \$1 million to the capital campaign.

Innovative Services will also recognize **Rick Bowler** and **Marilee Thompson** for their gifts and leadership during the campaign, which will enter a public phase with a goal of raising an additional \$300,000.

Innovative Services, a 45-year-old local organization, serves over 750 children, adults and families with disabilities and other disadvantages. The nonprofit organization operates the largest pediatric therapy clinic in Clark County. It is the second largest custodial service provider in the county. The organization has a contract with all Clark County school districts to provide early intervention services.

Innovative Services provides community services that include the following: childcare and preschool for children of all ability and income levels; speech, occupational, physical and education therapy; respite care supervised visitations, parenting classes and foster youth transitions; employment services, including job placement and on-the-job training; and senior services offering adults and seniors day-time assistance.

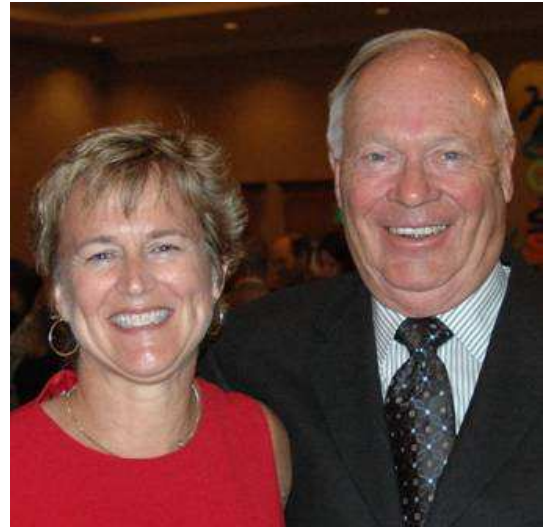
Jobless rolls increasing in county

Clark County's jobless rate was estimated at 8.2 percent in August, more than a full percentage point higher than July and almost two points higher than a year ago, according to **Scott Bailey**, regional economist for the state Employment Security Department. That rate is the highest since the August 2003 rate of 10.3 percent.

About 17,760 county residents were jobless and looking for work during August. The number of unemployment claimants declined slightly over the month, as is typical for this time of year, but was 33 percent higher than a year ago, Bailey says.

Construction employment rose by 200 jobs in August, 100 below the usual seasonal hiring trend. The total of 12,700 was 700 jobs less than a year ago (-5.2 percent). Residential construction continued to be slow, pointing towards the weakest year since 1984

The biggest drop in employment during August was from the loss of 2,100 jobs due to summer layoffs of



Lisa Dow became the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce's 119th chair last night. With her during ceremonies was her father, Lee Stenseth, who preceded her as chair in 1994.

August 2008 Unemployment Rates			
	Aug 2008	July 2008	Aug 2007
Seasonally Adjusted:			
U.S.	6.1	5.7	4.7
Washington	6.0	5.6	4.5
Oregon	6.5	5.9	5.3
Unadjusted:			
U.S.	6.1	6.0	4.6
Washington	5.8	5.4	4.3
Oregon	6.2	5.7	5.0
Clark	8.2	7.1	6.4
Cowlitz	9.2	8.5	8.1
Wahkiakum	6.0	7.9	5.9

non-tenured school personnel. Leisure and hospitality employment added 300 jobs in food services, and jobs in the financial sector were up by 100 in August.

Candidates television interviews on demand at CVTV, Channel 23

While local cable television, CVTV, Channel 23, is presenting local political candidates interviews and statements throughout each programming day, CVTV viewers can go to <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/cvtv/cvtvindex.asp?catID=17> and select programs presenting candidates on demand, reports **Donna Mason**, CVTV executive director.

Calendar

A musical fundraiser for **Jim Moeller's** 49th District Democrat state representative campaign is at 7 p.m. this evening, in the home of **John Rowe** and **Jim Christen**, 1319 NW 52nd Street. <> **Vanessa Gaston**, director of Clark County Community Services, will give the Executive Director Network an overview of her department's programs and the Center for Community Health, at the noon Wednesday, Sept. 17, luncheon meeting in the YWCA Clark County Community Room, 3609 Main Street. <> Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday on the air

WSUV: A Glimpse into the future of SW Washington (9/12)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at Kansas City (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX

Clark County Land Use Hearings (9/11)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council Workshop (9/15)—6:15 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (9/14)—9 p.m. CVTV

49th District, Position 1 Candidates—11 p.m. CVTV

17th District, Position 1 Candidates—11:45 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kevin Weaver promoting First Friday. <> **Scott Bailey** is the first to note 125 years of experience. <> **Mary Firstenburg** getting special attention. <> **Dawn Johnston** providing the facts. <> **Kathy Condon** speaking nearby. <> **Paul Montague** coming through with some great shots. <> **Tuesday**, hot and mostly sunny. 58-93. **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, possible light shower or two, 55-82. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 54-78.