



Kate Sacamano

Hough Foundation names Kate Sacamano as executive director

The Hough Foundation board of directors named **Kate Sacamano** as its new Executive Director at a September meeting. Sacamano replaces **Angie Laughlin** who will retire on September 30 after holding the position for the past six years.

Sacamano was the associate executive director for the Foundation since 2008 and previously owned Enhance by Design in Vancouver. She has a background in advertising and has served on many community boards and commissions including Children's Center, Divine Consign, OMSI and Dubois Park Neighborhood Assn.

Founded in 1992, Hough Foundation provides resources that promote physical, scholastic and mental health enhancement to [Hough Elementary](#) students, their families, and the surrounding community.

Local businessman takes message to Washington, D.C. urging Congress to consider small businesses in health care debate

Area businessman **Jim Kleiser**, franchise owner of Mr. Electric of Vancouver/Portland, joined 450 franchise leaders from around the country in Washington at the International Franchise Association 10th Annual Public Affairs Conference held on Sept. 14-15, to urge Congress to consider the impact of healthcare reform on small and franchise businesses.

“We urged Congressional leaders to focus on reducing the cost of health care, improving the quality of care and making health insurance affordable for businesses to offer to employees,” Kleiser said. “While the franchise industry supports healthcare reform, now is not the time, during the worst recession since World War II, for substantial new increases in healthcare costs. More consideration for small businesses in the healthcare debate is critical to the future of the franchise industry.”

Kleiser highlighted the importance of franchising to the U.S. economy during meetings with members of Congress. According to a study conducted for the IFA Educational Foundation by PricewaterhouseCoopers on the economic impact of franchising, there are more than 900,000 franchised businesses in operation across the country that provide for 21 million jobs and generate \$2.3 trillion in economic output. “However, the credit market is hampering our ability to create new, sustainable jobs,” Kleiser said. “A 40 percent reduction in franchise lending is predicted this year, resulting in the loss of an estimated 200,000 direct and indirect jobs....” “We urged Congress to promote more lending and less government spending so franchise businesses can provide better jobs that help the economy recover at a faster pace.”

Battle Ground's CAM Jr.-Sr. High among state's 104 schools honored

Battle Ground's CAM, which stands for Character, Academics, Marketplace, Jr.-Sr. High School will be among 104 schools in Washington honored Saturday, Sept. 26, in Renton for being among the 5 percent highest-improving schools in the state in reading and math test scores. Other Clark County schools among the 104 are Cape Horn Skye Elementary in Washougal and Skyridge Middle School in Camas.

Greg Lobdel, director of research at Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE), explained that these are the most-improved schools in the state based on combined math and reading scores compared to the base year of 2003. Lobdel said the award is separate from awards for the best schools in the state, based on test scores, which will be announced later in the fall by the state superintendent of public instruction.

CAM is an academically rigorous alternative school serving about 400 students and is located at 715 N.W. Onsdorff Blvd. in Battle Ground.

News Briefs

Vancouver Community Library has announced a due date change for the deadline on requests for inclusion in its annual lottery for 2010 monthly use of the upper lobby display case. This has been changed to Thursday, Oct. 1, from its original deadline of Sept. 24. Lottery submission forms are available by calling **695-1566**. The form is also available online at http://www.fvrl.org/aboutus/vancouver_main.htm. Forms must be returned to the library by 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, to be included in the random drawing held the following week. The main

library is located at 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. The building is handicapped accessible and is on C-TRAN routes 25, 32, 37 and 39. <> Testing has determined that cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) toxin levels in Lacamas and Round Lakes are far below the hazardous levels for contact with water. As a result, Clark County Public Health, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, and City of Camas Parks and Recreation today reopened the lakes for public use. <> The Humane Society for Southwest Washington is hosting a dinner and auction event, *Home Sweet Home*, to provide well-equipped facilities, medical supplies, high-quality food and well-trained staff for animals. The *Home Sweet Home* dinner and auction is at 5 p.m., Oct. 3, in the Hilton Vancouver, 301 W 6th Street. For more information on this event, contact **Eileen Reilly** at **750-0847**, or visit <http://www.southwesthumane.org>. <> Oregon Business Travel Association and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Oregon Chapter 13 is hosting an annual benefit auction and dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Embassy Suites Portland International Airport, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue. Cost is \$40 per person in advance or \$60 per person at the door, \$400 for corporate table sponsorship. Anyone can attend. RSVP by Friday, October 16, by calling **Erin Stepanek** at **816-0507**, or by emailing Erin at erin.stepanek@heathmanlodge.com. For more information, visit www.obta.org.

Calendar

Pearl Jam is playing at the Clark County Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Tickets are \$69 to \$29.50. Visit Ticketmaster.com or Livenation.com, or call **800-745-3000** to purchase tickets. <> Shorty's Garden and Home is hosting its fifth annual Oktoberfest and Harvest Celebration 6:30 tonight, Sept. 25, 10006 SE Mill Plain Boulevard, to help end juvenile diabetes. Cost is \$15 per ticket if purchased before 6 p.m. and \$25 for tickets purchased at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Call **892-7880** or visit www.shortysgardenandhome.com for more information. <> Pets will be allowed to swim in the outdoor pool at the Lakeshore Athletic Club for \$10 during the third annual Doggie Dive from 10 am to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2401 NW 94th Street. Proceeds from this event will go to the Humane Society of Southwest Washington. For more information, call **750-0847**. <> Vancouver Farmers Market opens today Sept. 25, and remains open throughout the weekend, 8th and Esther Streets. Visit www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com for more information. <> The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will conduct auditions from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, in the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra offices, 1220 Main Street, Suite 410. For more information, call VSO Orchestra Manager **Douglas Peebles** at **503-318-9137**. <> Registration for the **Kalani Rodrigues** Memorial 10K run event begins at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Clark College and environs, 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way. Call **992-2055** for more information. <> City Council meets for a consent agenda meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28, in the Council Chambers, 210 East 13th Street, first floor. <> Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a community blood drive from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Liberty Bible Church of the Nazarene, 12401 NE Salmon Creek Avenue. Call **567-4810** for more information. <> The Dedication of Clark College at Columbia Tech begins at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 18700 SE Mill Plain Boulevard. All are welcome to attend. <> Washougal Main Street Market is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, located on the corners of Main Street and Pendelton Way, downtown Washougal.

Friday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Toronto (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX

National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims (9-24)—5:59 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Animal Control Hearings (9-23)—7 p.m. CVTV

Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council (9-4)—7:52 p.m. CVTV

36th Annual Natural Areas Conference: Opening Plenary Session (9-15)—9:59 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kerry Hodge giving a heads up. <> **Michael King** keeping up with the specs. <> **Kate Jobe** getting better. <> **Craig Walker** keeping it coming. <> **Taylor wells** communicating. <> **Friday**, partly cloudy, 54-81. **Saturday**, sunny, 48-76. **Sunday**, sunny, 51-79.