

Mobbs earns leadership designation

Avaly Mobbs, executive director of the Building Industry Association of Clark County, has graduated from the Institute for Organization Management, a four-year nonprofit leadership training program at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

Mobbs, recently named executive director of the BIA, has been participating in the on-going leadership guidance program for the past four years.

Graduates complete 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. In addition, participants earn points toward the Certified Chamber Executive or Certified Association Executive certifications.

“Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their communities,” says **Raymond P. Towle**, U.S. Chamber’s vice president of Institute for Organization Management.

Vancouver Symphony names four directors

Verdella Whareham, Gilda Ciraulo, Bill Barron and Mary Martin have been elected to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra board of directors, symphony board chair **Betty Sue Morris** has announced.

A long-time educator, Whareham has been a teacher and principal in the Battle Ground School District, as well as an adjunct professor and field supervisor at Washington State University Vancouver. She has been a long-time volunteer and Friend of The Vancouver Symphony, a volunteer and board member of SWIFT and a volunteer with Columbia River Mental Health. Her husband, **Bob**, is an executive with Wells Fargo, and they have two daughters who live in the Seattle area.

Ciraulo is project manager at Westby Associates, a consulting firm for nonprofits, after having spent eleven years at Alaska Airlines. She gained consulting and event management experience as the former owner of Heart and Soul Events and as manager of the successful 2008 election campaign of Washington State Representative **Jim Jacks**. Gilda has a history of volunteer service, most recently with the Lewis River Rotary Club, the North Clark County Community Food Bank and the Battle Ground chapter of Loaves and Fishes. She and her husband, **Mike**, were named citizens of the year in 2008. They have two grown sons.

Barron is now in his eleventh year as Clark County administrator. He has held government positions for the past thirty-seven years. Even as a lifetime public servant, Barron focuses on community service. He is currently a member of the Vancouver Rotary, vice president of the Columbia Land Trust Board of Directors and a member of the WSU Vancouver Advisory Council. Bill holds a masters degree in political science and is the father of three adult children. He and his wife, **Janet**, commute between Vancouver and Boise, where Janet is the executive director of the Idaho Historical Society.

Martin was raised in Portland and taught school for many years, following her graduation from Marylhurst College. She later became the director of family health services at Stanford University Hospital. Mary has spent much of her career in health services and has long been involved in philanthropy, having worked extensively with the Children’s Trust Fund of Clark County. She has also been involved with the Clean Water Commission for eight years.

Fair Association scholarships named

Each year, the Clark County Fair Association hands out scholarships to Clark County high school graduates. More than \$340,000 has made its way into the hands of hundreds of students, helping to pay for college tuition, books and other costs.

This year’s winners are as follows: **Sarah Brown**, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, \$1,000, **Amber Conway**, Camas High School, \$1,000; **Natalie Grattan**, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, \$2,500; **Erich Hodges**, Hockinson High School, \$3,000; **Erin McCarthy**, Washougal High School, \$1,000; **Adam McCuistion**, 2009 Ridgefield High School, \$2,000; **Brian Suchy**, Battle Ground High School, \$2,500; **Kristin Staub** Skyview High School \$600.



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Pollard gets federal endorsements

Today, Mayor **Royce Pollard** announced the endorsement of three of Washington State's leaders: Senator **Patty Murray**, Governor **Chris Gregoire** and Congressman **Brian Baird**. Pollard is running for another four-year term this year.

This Thursday, Gov. Gregoire will be the guest speaker at a fundraiser on behalf of Pollard's campaign. The fundraiser is being held in the Nautilus building on 164th Ave. at Mill Plain and will start at 5:00 p.m. The event is open to all citizens who would like to attend.

Calendar

The Matrix Group presents its final report and recommendations regarding the disciplinary process as well as cultural assessment of the Vancouver Police Department during the Vancouver City Council workshop meeting at 4 p.m. today. <> Regular City Council meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. <> Registration for Thursday's Lunch with the Governor, July 23, closes today, July 20, at 5 p.m. Call the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce at **360-694-2588** or visit www.vancouverusa.com. to register. <> Port of Ridgefield Board of Commissioner's regular meeting starts at a new time, 10:00 a.m., July 22, 2009, at the Port office, 111 W. Division Street. <> On Tuesday, July 21, join Ladies on the Links for an opportunity to practice or improve your golf game and networking. Registration is limited to 50 participants, and registration is held from 3 to 4 p.m., followed by Golf Clinic from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and tee time 6 to 9 p.m. This event is at the Tri-Mountain Golf Course, 1701 NW 299th Street, Ridgefield, WA. For contact information, call **360-694-2588**. <> Magenta Theater is holding auditions for six male roles, ages 30+, Monday, August 10th, 7:00 p.m., for *Wait Until Dark*. For information, visit www.magentatheater.com. Theater is located at 606 Main Street, Vancouver. Doors open 6:30 p.m. <> The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's 2009-2010 season is approaching fast. Starting off the nineteenth season **Maestro Brotons** conducts Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, October 24 & 25. Purchase your season tickets by calling **(360) 735-7278**.

Monday on the air

City Council workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV 23
Vancouver Planning Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV 23
Portland Beavers at Reno (live)—7 p.m. KAD
Vancouver Planning Commission (7-14)—11 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ellen Morgan making things right. <> **Bob** and **Barbara Howard** helping out. <> **Kate Jobe** takes a third for a first. <> **Monday**, sunny, 62-92. **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 62-92. **Wednesday**, sunny, 59-88.