

Election Day today

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Dave Bartz



Mark Long

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt reaffirms success of dual leadership model

Dave Bartz and **Mark Long**, attorneys at the regional law firm of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, were recently reelected as the firm's co-leaders. Their reelection continues what started out as an experiment in 2001, which was a departure from the traditional law firm business model of a single managing partner. Their reelection signifies success of the dual leadership model, which has been embraced by the firm's shareholders. Both will be serving their fourth terms in the leadership roles.

In addition to their management responsibilities, both attorneys are actively engaged in the practice of law. Bartz is an environmental lawyer, while Long is a corporate and health care lawyer.

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt is a multiservice

law firm serving the needs of businesses in the Pacific Northwest, as well as U.S. and international clients. The firm has more than 175 attorneys with offices in Portland, Bend, and Salem, Ore., Seattle and Vancouver, Wash., and in Washington, D.C. Schwabe attorneys provide a broad range of transaction and litigation services to many of the Pacific Northwest's leading companies, from Fortune 500 industry leaders to emerging and privately held businesses.

Annual Community Pride Design Awards ceremony Nov. 13

Ten projects will be honored, for innovative approaches to architectural design, community and environmental enhancement, public facilities and commercial development, at the 14th annual Community Pride Design Awards ceremony, which will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, in the Public Service Center, sixth floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin Street. This event is free and open to the public.

Award winners for 2009 are Camas Hotel, Oaks at Battle Ground Village, Battle Ground Library, Rasmussen Boulevard; Commerce Avenue, The Al Angelo Building, Humane Society for Southwest Washington, Battle Ground Community Center, Kennedy Fitness Center, Washington State School for the Blind, iQ Credit Union Headquarters, Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, Vancouver Police West Precinct, and Pacific Community Park, along Northeast 18th Street between 164th and 172nd Avenues.

The Community Pride Design Awards program was established in 1996 by various local public and private organizations as a way to recognize buildings, development and civic improvements that have had a positive impact on the community. The program honors developers, builders and the community for helping to make Clark County a great place in which to live and work, both now and in the future. More information is available on the county's website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/prideawardsN.html>.

DOL reconsiders new passenger vehicle license plate plan

The Department of Licensing (DOL) has modified the plan announced last month for issuing seven-character license plates for use on passenger cars and sport-utility vehicles.

After consulting its law enforcement partners, the agency decided to adopt a configuration that many feel will be easier to remember. The new plates will have three letters followed by four numbers (AAA1111) instead of the plate configuration plan, which consisted of a number, a letter, two more numbers and then three letters (1A11AAA). The new configuration will also yield about 138 million possible combinations.

"We carefully considered all of the comments we received and decided, with the help of our law enforcement partners, to change the plan," DOL director **Liz Luce** said.

DOL will begin issuing the new, seven-character configuration in November or early December, as

announced. Neighborhood vehicle licensing offices around the state will begin issuing the new seven-character plates after exhausting their stock of the current six-character plates. This means that the new plates will be available at different times in different locations around the state.

The overall appearance of the passenger vehicle plates will not change. They will still feature the standard mountain background currently in use.

Visit www.dol.wa.gov for more information.

News Briefs

First Independent will be having a fundraiser benefiting the Battle Ground Community Library from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at First Independent Bank, 601 W Main Street, Battle Ground. Donate blood and get a free movie ticket to see *New Moon*. For more information, call **666-5865** or visit www.bgcfriends.com. <>

Public Health will change hours of operation for its H1N1 vaccine clinic to accommodate working parents and prevent children from missing school. Clinic hours will remain 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 3. However, on Wednesday, Nov. 4, through Friday, Nov. 6, the clinic will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be no morning hours. The clinic is located at 6100 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, Washington. <> There will be a public open house on rural lands at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Dollars Corner Fire Station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue, Battle Ground. The public is invited to find out more about the rural lands review and what the rural lands task force has been discussing. An online survey to collect public opinion is still active and can be taken by [clicking here](#).

Calendar

Vancouver Planning Commission is hosting a First Tuesday presentation on urban gardening, harvesting and marketing, access to healthy food, and the need to plan for urban food systems at 4 p.m. today, Nov. 3, Vancouver City Hall, 210 E. 13th Street. Information about how current programs work will also be available. RSVP by calling **Terry Lenhart** at **487-7955**. <> In honor of Native American Indian Heritage Month, Clark College is holding an event from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, where guest speakers **Elaine Miles**, **Sam Robinson**, **Dorothy Ackerman** and **Larson Kalama Sr.** will discuss "Cultural Living in an Urban Setting." Event takes place in the Geiser Student Center, Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. <> A healthy and free Xocai chocolate tasting party is being held from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight, Nov. 3, at Eastridge Business Park, 11700 95th Street, Suite 160. For more information, call **503-209-4684**. <> La Center City Council meets for a public hearing regarding the 2010 proposed budget at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, La Center City Hall, 214 E. 4th Street. <> Roots Restaurant and Bar is celebrating its 6-year anniversary Tuesday through Sunday Nov. 3-8, with week-long food and drink specials and a canned food drive benefiting the Clark County Food Bank. Details are as follows: Nov. 3--\$6 dinner entrees from a special anniversary menu, Nov. 4th--all lunch entrees are \$6, and Nov. 3-8th--special anniversary menu--6 items for \$36--choose two starters or salads, two entrees and two desserts off of Roots' prix fixe menu created especially for the occasion. \$6 anniversary cocktails all week. Bring in 6 cans of food for the Clark County Food Bank any day during the week and get a free starter. For more details, info and hours, visit www.rootsrestaurantandbar.com/events.php, or call **260-3001**. Roots Restaurant and Bar is located at 19215 SE 34th Street, Camas, WA 98607.

Tuesday on the air

Election 2009: Vancouver Mayoral Candidate Debate (10-7)—6 p.m. CVTV

Election 2009: General Election Night (live)—8 p.m. CVTV

VPD All Access: Neighborhood Police Officers—11 p.m. CVTV

Community Connector Invitational Design Competition (10-14)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Mick Shutt business as usual. <> **David Beecher** making things squeaky clean. <> **Shay Shinall** on top of things. <> **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 43-56. **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 50-63. **Thursday**, rain, 59-60.