



**Michele McKeag Larsen**

elevating the world we live in," said Larsen. "Toni has gathered together an amazing group of people whose stories will inspire and uplift millions. I'm honored to be included."

*Cause: You're Beautiful* is currently focusing on supporting and celebrating women over the next 15 years and will launch five spontaneous global events that celebrate humanity. These global events are aimed at uniting people in a world that appears to be directing its focus on what divides people.

For more information about Cause: You're Beautiful, visit <http://www.causeyourebeautiful.com/home.php>. To learn more about Larsen, visit <http://michelemckeaglarsen.causeyourebeautiful.com/reach/columns/>.

### **CEF to hold its 11th annual auction Oct. 10th**

The Camas Educational Foundation is holding its 11th annual "Imagine the Possibilities" dinner and auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Hilton Vancouver.

"Our school district is one of the crown jewels of Camas and we're very proud to have raised over \$1 million for innovation, enrichment, and basic curriculum over the past 10 years," says **Ron Gompertz**, CEF president. "Every student in the district has benefited from the generosity of CEF's volunteers, sponsors, and donors...."

The silent auction starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., and a live auction at 8:30 p.m. A raffle for a week's stay in Hawaii with a \$750 travel voucher will also be taking place. Tickets to the event are \$50, and raffle tickets are \$10. Information for this event and ticket purchases can be found by visiting [www.cefcamas.org](http://www.cefcamas.org).

The Camas Educational Foundation was founded in 1997 based on the belief that partnership between community and schools is a means of achieving excellence in education. Camas Educational Foundation is a nonprofit volunteer group of parents, educators, and community members dedicated to raising money and awarding grants in support of academic and extra-curricular programs impacting over 5,600 students in the Camas School District.

### **The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill mid-term vacancy**

The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill one mid-term vacancy on the Urban Forestry Commission. The mission of the seven-member commission is to enhance the city by managing and conserving trees. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4. There is no city residency requirement.

For applications or further information, contact **Myk Heidt** in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 210 East 13th St., PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668-1995, at [myk.heidt@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:myk.heidt@ci.vancouver.wa.us) or by calling 487-8612.

**Local blogger joins Toni Childs' International Project**  
**Michele McKeag Larsen**, Vancouver resident, blogger, and creator of [ISpyJoy.com](http://ISpyJoy.com), is one of 25 writers to join singer, songwriter and actress Toni Childs's newest project, *Cause: You're Beautiful*.

Twenty-five inspirational men and women will share their personal stories over the next twelve months on

[CauseYoureBeautiful.com](http://CauseYoureBeautiful.com).

Larsen joins writers from Australia, South Africa and the United States.

"I'm overjoyed to be part of this forward-thinking project aimed at

**People**

After working 14 years at *The Columbian* as a longtime political and local-government reporter, **Jeffrey Mize** left to pursue a new endeavor working for Clark County's Public Works Department as public information outreach manager. Mize started his new position on Sept. 28 and succeeds **Jim Gladson**, who now works for BergerABAM. Mize stated that his new position enables him to communicate with and still serve the public, this time for county government.

**News Briefs**

Executive Director Network-Candidates Forum will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the YWCA Community Room, 3609 Main Street, and Washington State PTA-Mayors Forum from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Fisher's Landing Assisted Living Community, 17171 SE 22nd Drive. <> The Greater Chamber of Commerce is having its "No Business After Hours" event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the big Koplan's building at 1012 Washington Street in downtown Vancouver. Early bird pricing is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Pricing at the door is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Food will be catered by Beaches, and the venue is provided by Coldwell Banker Commercial. Pre-registration is encouraged to avoid the lines to get in. To register, call **694-2588** or click [here](#). <> The Vancouver Children's Opera will be performing in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, in the Hough Elementary School Auditorium, 1900 Daniels Street. Cost is \$15 per family, \$7 single, and \$5 for students and seniors, or two cans of food per person to support local food banks. For more information, email [yourchamber@vancouverusa.com](mailto:yourchamber@vancouverusa.com). <> Attorney **Jason Joner** of Miller Nash will be presenting information on the pros and cons of establishing a nonprofit, business planning and mission/purpose statement, incorporating, business licences and much more, from 1 to 4:40 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at E.B. Hamilton Hall, 605 Barnes, Vancouver. Cost is \$22 to \$38. To register for this event or for more information, call **735-7110** or visit <http://nonprofitnetworkwa.org>. <> Southwest Washington Medical Center is delighted to announce a generous gift of a grand piano from **Michael Liu** and **Nien-Wei Hsiao**, and **Daniel** and **Hooja Kim**. The piano resides in the Angelo Lobby of the E.W. and Mary Firstenburg Tower. Accomplished pianists interested in participating as volunteers in the Healing through the Arts program should call Guest and Volunteer Services at **514-2035** for more information.

**Calendar**

The Southwest Washington Watercolor Society is having its 2009 fall art show, open to juried members, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in Vancouver Mall, 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Drive. Email [smartinson57@q.com](mailto:smartinson57@q.com) for more information. <> The Design Review Committee meets at 4 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 8, in Conference Room 3A, at 4400 NE 77th Avenue, to discuss Vancouver Community Library and Vancouver Waterfront proposed design guidelines. Call **487-7882** for more information. <> La Center North Clark County Chamber of Commerce is hosting *Candidates Night 2009* from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight, Oct. 7, at La Center High School Commons. <> Loaves and Fishes will be providing hot meals to senior citizens from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street, La Center. <> Ridgefield Planning Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Oct. 7, at Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue.

**Wednesday on the air**

Take it Away! The Many Travels of Your Trash and Recycling (10-6)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
**City/County Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**  
Clark County Planning Commission (9-17)—10 p.m. CVTV  
The Clark County Latino Leaders Summit-Afternoon Session (10-3)—11:01 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Romy Orantes** commenting on friendship. <> **Sam Van Meter** changing status. <> **Tracie Looney** refurbishing. <> **Rebekah Treisch** in at "The Quarry Senior Living". <> **Wednesday**, a.m. clouds/p.m. sun, 46-69. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 48-70. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 43-65.