

Linda Franklin announces bid for re-election as assessor

Linda Franklin, Clark County assessor, announced today that she will be a candidate for re-election to the post to which she was first elected in 2002. Franklin, a Democrat, previously served as chief deputy assessor for 24 years.

Franklin, formerly a computer systems analyst and Clark College instructor, helped develop Clark County's award-winning computerized mapping system.

One of the main reasons Franklin is running for re-election, according to her, is that the county is in a critical period in developing a joint Assessor's office, Treasurer's office computer system.

A member of the Clark County League of Women Voters, Franklin has served as chair of the board of that organization. She is also a former chair of the board of the Columbia River Mental Health board. Franklin is a member of the state Association of County Assessors and the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Franklin graduated from Washington State University and earned a masters degree in business administration from the University of Oregon.

JD White Company hires Francine Raften



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Francine Raften, former television and radio host, has been named a senior public involvement project manager at the JD White Company. Raften will manage, plan, and implement the natural resources planning and public involvement/facilitation company's public involvement process.

Raften most recently was a citizen involvement specialist for Clackamas County, where she provided liaison for 40 community planning organizations and 55 advisory boards and commissions.

Raften is certified in public participation through the International Association of Public Participation.

Normandeau Associates opens Vancouver office

Normandeau Associates Inc., a Bedford, N.H., employee-owned company specializing in national resource management and public involvement and community outreach, has opened an office at 504 Washington Street. The company also has of-

fices in Wenatchee and Stevenson.

Kent Snyder has been named natural resources manager. He will also oversee the Stevenson and Wenatchee offices.

Karen Cioccia has been named public involvement manager. Cioccia, who has 20 years' community outreach experience in the Vancouver and Portland area, was most recently with the JD White Company.

Columbia River Crossing Project sticking to the straight and narrow

The Columbia River Crossing Project, charged with identifying the best way to improve the I-5 Columbia River crossing between Vancouver and Hayden Island, will be meeting from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, and is expected to further reduce the number of ideas being discussed for changing the Interstate Bridge corridor into a high-capacity, possibly multi-modal crossing.

Last month the task force eliminated from consideration bridges or corridors outside of I-5. It recommended advancing an arterial bridge combined with improvements to I-5.

The 39-member task force is financed by the states of Washington and Oregon.

Wednesday's meeting will be in the Washington State Department of Transportation's southwest regional office at 11018 NE 51st Circle. The public is encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment.



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Calendar

James Parsley, Richard and Donald Pitsch, and Dick Pokornoski are being honored during the recognition dinner of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise's 18th annual Clark County Hall of Fame at 6 p.m. this evening in the Heathman Lodge. For ticket information for the \$40 dinner, call **606-9504**. ☞ A free movie is being offered at Pearson Air Museum this evening at 7 p.m. in the main hangar, 1115 E 5th Street. Food, beer and other beverages will be offered for sale. The movie stars **Robert Redford**. ☞ The new Public Playhouse presents Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid* at 8 p.m. this evening and at 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14, in the Columbia Arts Center, 400 W Evergreen Boulevard. For further information, call **604-9504** ☞ Washington State University Vancouver's 17th commencement is at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in the Amphitheater at Clark County. **Val Ogden** is the commencement speaker. ☞ Help for seniors trying to comply with the Monday, May 15, federal deadline to sign up for Medicare Part D prescription coverage is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in the Luepke Center. For further information, call **735-8873**, extension **4612**.

Friday headlines

- [Bush will address immigration issue in national television address at 5 p.m. today--New York Times, **David Stout**](#)
- [Clark County home sales down 30 percent in April--Columbian, **Cami Joner**](#)
- [Elie Kassab making very good news--Columbian, **Cami Joner**](#)
- [Missing Zarelli pup back home--**Kelly Adams**](#)
- [County says OK to huge retail project in Salmon Creek--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)
- [Goldschmidt still casts shadow over Oregon politics--Oregonian, **Harry Esteve**](#)
- [Clark County retail and construction boomed in 2005--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
- [Vancouverites fear more commercial air traffic coming to their friendly skies--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
- [55,000 illegal entries scrubbed from statewide voter database--Seattle Times, AP](#)
- [Fire destroys mountaineers lodge at Snoqualmie Pass--Seattle P-I, AP, **Melanthia Mitchell**](#)
- [Qwest says turning over telephone records would have been illegal--USA TODAY](#)
- [Poll says majority of Americans initially support controversial National Security Agency telephone monitoring--Washington Post, **Richard Morin**](#)

Friday on the air

- Community Foundation annual luncheon (5/4)—4 p.m. CVTV
- President Bush on Immigration (live)—5 p.m. Networks**
- Capital Perspectives (4/18)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
- Clark County Close Up (5/7)—6 p.m. CVTV
- City Minutes (4/23)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
- Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**
- Albuquerque at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**
- Animal Control Hearings (5/10)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Tom Hunt reviving research project. ☞ **Bob Alexander** getting warm welcome. ☞ **Jim Keithley** correcting course. ☞ **Brian Scott** making connections. ☞ **Gwenda Morrison** relaying message. ☞ **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 65. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 71. **Sunday**, get out sun blockers, sunny, 80.