

## **Christopher Lui earns first MAP scholarship**



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**Christopher Lui**, Mountain View High School junior, has been awarded a Mentoring Advanced Placement program scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is the first awarded by the MAP program started by Vancouver's nLight Corporation.

Lui is a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in the science Olympiad and was selected as a semi-finalist for the 2006 U.S. Physics Team. He placed first in the region in the 2005 Physics Bowl. Lui has taken 13 advanced placement classes and 10 honors courses.

The MAP program is a partnership among nLight and other local businesses, Educational Service District 112, Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and local school districts. The program provides mentors, from businesses, to high school students pursuing advance placement coursework.

nLight manufactures high-powered semiconductor lasers.

## **Report suggests county Fire Marshal's Office should increase inspection fees**

A recently completed Clark County performance audit of the county Fire Marshal's Office reports that the county may want to adjust fees for fire inspections. The report, issued by county auditor **Greg Kimsey**, shows that the county general fund paid for 62 percent of the cost of annual fire inspections during 2005 at a cost to the general fund of \$326,000.

The audit is part of an ongoing series of performance audits of local governmental agencies conducted by the county Auditor's Office.

The report also recommended that the Fire Marshal's Office should set up improved inspection schedules, utilize digital technology, analyze data to determine whether re-inspection fees would increase compliance, and analyze data to determine if more on-site follow-up is needed.

Kimsey said that the county Department of Community Development, which oversees the Fire Marshal's Office, is already taking action to implement the recommendations.

## **Southwest Washington Medical Center marketers get national ad award**

A one-time newspaper advertisement that was converted into an in-house poster thanking Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation donors **Ed** and **Mary Firstenburg** and **Patricia** and **Davie Nierenberg** for their combined \$30 million contributions to the medical center won a silver award from *Marketing Healthcare Today* magazine.

The award was selected from nearly 2,500 entries nationwide.

The ad was created by the medical center's marketing team, **Sarah Mottram**, **Ken Cole** and **Matt Schoolfield**, according to director of marketing **Chad Dillard**.

## **Information on low-income drug assistance programs is in Portland next Monday**

Part of a national program designed to explain low-income and senior citizen prescription drug benefits, the "Help Is Here" express bus sponsored by the national Partnership for Prescription Assistance, will be in Portland Monday, June 12, reports state Rep. **Richard Curtis** (R-18th).

There are 475 different programs that can help pay for prescription drug medications, according to Curtis.

The "Help Is Here" bus will be in the parking lot of the Salvation Army Moore Street Community Center, 5352 N Williams Street, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday.



**Lori Hughes**, manager of the Vancouver Miller Nash law office, was recently elected president of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators.

Additional information is available on the Partnership for Prescription Alliance at [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org), or by calling toll free, (888) 477-2669.

### Calendar

**Val Ogden** is keynote speaker for the Leadership Clark County graduation at 6 p.m. this evening in the Water Resources Education Center. ✂ Clark County commissioner **Betty Sue Morris** is the speaker at the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the Community of Christ Church meeting room, 400 NE 179th Street. ✂ The Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the CASEE Building, 11104 NE 149th Street, Brush Prairie. ✂ The free CREDC workshop on how to sell goods and services to the government is 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, June 9, in CREDC offices at 1101 Broadway, Suite 120. For further information, call **Deb Wallace, 694-5006**. ✂ Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** is the speaker at the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce East Forum at 7:30 a.m. Friday, June 9, in Nautilus headquarters, 16400 SE Nautilus Drive. Attendance fee is \$10 and includes breakfast.

### Today's headline stories

[Iraq insurgent leader Al-Zargawi killed in U.S. air strike on "safe house" north of Baghdad; Bush praises coalition forces for their pursuit of notorious mastermind of bombings, kidnappings and beheadings-- Washington Post, \*\*Ellen Knickmeyer\*\* and \*\*Jonathan Finer\*\*](#)  
[Graduation sailboat outing claims life of Andy Brinkley--Oregonian, \*\*David Austin\*\*](#)  
[Vancouver teen dies in boating accident--Columbian, \*\*Kelly Adams\*\*](#)  
[Casino backers, foes gear up for hearings--Oregonian, \*\*Allan Brettman\*\*](#)  
[Sheriff Garry Lucas to run for 5th term--Columbian, \*\*John Branton\*\*](#)  
[Changes in sore as Beaches sells Oregon eatery--Columbian, \*\*Jonathan Nelson\*\*](#)  
[Schlecht Construction gamble paying off in Woodland--Columbian, \*\*Courtney Sherwood\*\*](#)  
["No tolls on the Internet"--Washington Post editorial, \*\*Lawrence Lessig\*\* and \*\*Robert W. McChesney\*\*](#)  
[State's WASL scores up--Seattle Times](#)  
[Stocks tumble, then mostly recover--USA TODAY, AP](#)  
[Iran signals readiness to renew negotiations "to resolve misunderstandings in the international arena"-- Washington Post, \*\*Karl Vick\*\*](#)

### Thursday on the air

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV  
Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Dan Ogden** having a few choice words, too. ✂ **Mary Granger** still dreaming. ✂ **Elson Strahan** conned. ✂ **Nancy Hales** sailing smoothly. ✂ **Greg Flakus** expecting to report only good news. ✂ **John McDonagh** investigating. ✂ **Cathy Miller** graduating with straight A's. ✂ **Craig Pridemore** reciting improvements. ✂ **John White's** cards close to vest. ✂ **Thursday**, mostly gray, mostly dry, 69. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 72. **Saturday**, buttermilk sky, 78.