

## **Alan Melnick named county health officer**



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**Alan Melnick**, currently health officer for the Clackamas County Public Health Department, has been appointed Clark County Health Officer, effective July 1, reports **John Wiesman**, director of the Clark County Health Department. Melnick will succeed **Justin Denny**.

Melnick is also an associate professor at Oregon Health & Sciences University in the Department of Family Medicine, where he serves as the director of research and the director of the joint residency in family medicine/preventative medicine.

In addition to the Clackamas post, Melnick has served as health officer for the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Health District and the Washington County Department of Health and Human Services.

Melnick holds a medical doctorate from Tufts University School of Medicine and a masters degree in public health from the University of Washington. He is board certified in family medicine as well as in public health and general preventive medicine. He is licensed to practice medicine in Washington and Oregon.

## **Debbie Nelson presented state mediation award**



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**Debbie Nelson**, mediation volunteer and training program coordinator for Vancouver/Clark County Mediation Services, has been presented the state Mediation Association's President's Award for 2006. The award is given annually to the person who has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of mediation in the state.

Nelson was cited for being the "driving force" behind the funding and publication of the Southwest Washington Conflict Resolution Resource Guide.

Nelson was one of the founders of Community Mediation Services 13 years ago. It is now one of the strongest programs in the state, according to WMA president **Kevin Cornwell**.

Nelson holds an Advanced Workplace Mediator Certification from the state Association for Conflict Resolution. Nelson is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Clark County and was a 2004 Woman of Achievement recipient.

## **The Public Playhouse opens new theatre at Columbia Arts Center**

Vancouver's newest theatre company, Public Playhouse, raises the curtain on its premier production, Moliere's *The Imaginary Invalid*, directed by **Dustin Milberg**, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, in Columbia Arts Center, 400 W Evergreen Boulevard.

Evening performances at 8 p.m. continue through Sunday, May 14. Matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14.

The Public Playhouse was founded by Milberg and his wife, **Jolin Milberg**, who is the artistic director of the theatre company.

Admission for the opening night gala are \$14. General admission for other performances is \$12. For further information, call **606-9504**, or go to [www.publicplayhouse.org](http://www.publicplayhouse.org).

## **Shell Solar renews EastRidge Business Park lease**

Shell Solar Industries has renewed its lease of 44,163 square feet of office and production space at 12016 NE 95th Street, in EastRidge Business Park. The company began leasing space at EastRidge in 1990.

The Shell Solar plant grows silicon crystals. These are sliced into wafers, from which photovoltaic solar cells, used in solar panels, are made.

The crystalline solar manufacturing facility in the business park is the largest producer of solar cells in the United States. Shell Solar employs 95 persons.

## **Four persons to be inducted in Clark County Hall of Fame**

**James Parsley**, former superintendent of the Vancouver School District, **Dick Pokornowski**, former Van-

couver city council member, and **Richard** and **Donald Pitsch** are being inducted in the Clark County Hall of Fame during a recognition dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Heathman Lodge.

**David Judd**, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation director, is the featured speaker. Master of ceremonies is **Carl Click**, KATU personality and news anchor.

The dinner is preceded by a silent auction. The Hall of Fame is a project of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise. For further information on \$40 tickets, call **907-2093**.

### Calendar

Clark College will release its award-winning, yearly student art and literary magazine, *Phoenix*, at a public gathering at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Fireside Lounge in the Penguin Student Union. The book is distributed to Clark students. If extra copies are available, they will be sold for \$10. ☞C-TRAN's board of directors meet at 5:15 p.m. today in the C-TRAN administrative offices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue.

### Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Camas educators hope boys' grades will improve if girls aren't in class with them--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[Cowlitz find casino allies in Woodland--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[Killiam Pacific 96,600-square-foot retail complex as part of Brush Prairie project--Columbian,](#)

[Cami Joner](#)

["SayWA." You either love it or hate it--Columbian, Don Brunell](#)

[Anxiety rises at Camas G-P mill--Columbian, Julia Anderson](#)

[Award-winning Clark College Phoenix goes on display Wednesday in Penguin Student Union--Columbian, Tricia Jones](#)

[Vancouver accepts clean-water settlement in action brought by Rosemere Neighborhood Association and Clark County Natural Resources Council--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[Largest biodiesel plant in the nation may be built at Grays Harbor--Seattle Times, Warren Cornwall](#)

[Borrowed Aberdeen red carpet being unrolled for Tom Cruise--Seattle P-I, AP, Curt Woodward](#)

[Gold rush is on; metal is above \\$700 an ounce, highest in 25 years--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Bomber hits crowded market in Tal Afar, Iraq, killing at least 17--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Rumsfeld backs Hayden, denies 'power grab'--Washington Post, William Branigin](#)

[Iranian president's letter to Bush emerges--New York Times, Christine Hauser](#)

[U.S. agrees to temporary aid to Palestinians--New York Times, AP](#)

### Tuesday on the air

Vancouver Symphony: Brahms & Mahler (5/7)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Albuquerque at Portland Beavers (live)—6:30 p.m. KKAD

Tampa Bay at the Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN

Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**J. D. White** expanding horizons. ☞ **Nancy Barnes** conquering telephone ring. ☞ **Dave Difford** also out and about. ☞ **Sharon Nasset** has another good idea. ☞ **Marie Gibson** reporting availability of 750 free tee shirts ☞ **Karen Axtel** following through. ☞ **Lee Rafferty** reporting on Spanky's television coverage. ☞ **Tuesday**, sunny and dry, 64. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 70. **Thursday**, partly sunny, 68.