

Leilani Russell to get Val Joshua Award

Leilani Russell, co-facilitator of Diversity Youth in Leadership for the Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts, has been named 2005 Val Joshua Racial Justice Award Winner by the YWCA of Clark County.

Russell will be presented the award during an annual YWCA celebration at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Helen Schoen Center, 3609 Main Street.

Russell is the multicultural coordinator at Evergreen Public Schools. She is also the district's trainer of diversity trainers.

Russell is actively involved in the state Board of Education Equity Committee, the state Superintendent of Public Instruction's multi-ethnic think tanks, and Fairness Review Committee, and is a board member of the state Association of Multicultural Education. She has been a member of the planning committee of Peach Jam Northwest for the past nine years.

The YWCA Sharing and Caring Awards will also be presented during the evening. Winners of Sharing and Caring Awards are as follows: **Ray Hickey**, *The Columbian*, Talbitzer Homes, **Susan** and **Tony Glavin**, **Sheryl** and **Ray Eggert**, Keys Limited Partnership, Girl Scout Troop #1921, and the Salmon Creek Methodist Church Outreach Committee and Grant-A-Wish Ministry.

There is no charge for the annual celebration, but registration is suggested. For further information, call **Barrett Ebright, 906-9129**.



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Oncologist prepping medical center on new cancer-treating technology



Christopher Hoffelt



Shawn He

Southwest Washington Medical Center has hired two new oncologists, one of whom, radiation oncologist **S. Christopher Hoffelt**, was part of the team at Baltimore's Sinai Hospital that introduced Cyberknife technology for tumor treatments.

In addition to Hoffelt, the medical center has added medical oncologist **Shawn He** to the SWMC's cancer center team. The Cyberknife process is more precise than traditional radiation technology, according to Hoffelt. When the Cyberknife equipment is in place in mid-year, Southwest Washington Medical Center will be first in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area to introduce the new technology and the first hospital between Seattle and San Francisco to use the technology on cancer patients.

Hoffelt, a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, completed his residency in radiation oncology at Oregon Health & Science University. He has experience in

prostate, breast and gynecologic brachytherapy and intensity-modulated radiation therapy. Hoffelt will also be on the faculty at OHSU.

Medical oncologist, Shawn He, who joined the Vancouver Clinic in 2005, will practice at the SWMC Cancer Center. He completed his residency and fellowship in oncology at the Cleveland Clinic and practiced in Cleveland before moving to Vancouver.

Clark County chamber offering scholarships

The Clark County Chamber of Commerce is offering county high school seniors six \$500 college scholarships. The scholarships will be based on the applicant's community involvement, leadership potential, responsibility and scholastic record. The awards will be announced Tuesday, March 14.

The application deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 1. For further information, go to www.clarkchamber.com.

People

Florence Wager has been reappointed to the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. **Keith McPhun** has been reappointed to the Workforce Development Council of Southwest Washington.

News briefs

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard**, Jan Bader, city manager's office, and Vancouver governmental consultant **Mark Brown** are in Washington, D.C. this week lobbying for federal funding for a new visitor's center for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, and for federal funding for the 18th Street corridor, West Vancouver-Port of Vancouver rail access study, and to help pay for a study of water quality issues at Vancouver Lake. The visitor's center was built before the fort was recreated. Last year, more than 800,000 visitors were counted at the center and fort. A free workshop on the importance of trees is being offered by Vancouver Urban Forestry at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Marshall Center, 1009 E McLoughlin Boulevard. Sponsored by Clark Public Utilities and Yard 'n Garden Land, the workshop will focus on the environmental, social and economics benefits that trees provide. For further information, or to register for the workshop, call **Ryan Durocher, 619-1108**. Avoid, during other than daylight hours, Interstate-5 near the 134th Street interchange for the balance of the week. Crews are working on realignments and are striping sections of the highway interchange area. The work will often result in rolling slowdowns, causing delays of up to 20 minutes.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council does not have a formal workshop session today but will instead conduct interviews with prospective members of the salary review commission, and will discuss prospective improvements on Interstate 205 interchanges, at Mill Plain Boulevard and NE 18th-28th Streets, in the third floor office of the city manager. The Vancouver City Council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24. Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24. Clark County commissioners, meeting in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, will consider a resolution disbanding the Clark County Boundary Review Board.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world

[Coyotes eat dogs, cats, chickens--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)

[Hearing to tackle Oregon's I-5 bottleneck at Delta Park--Columbian, Thomas Ryll](#)

[Westbound I-84 plugged up after truck rolls on its side about 2 p.m. today--KATU](#)

[No law compels employer to offer holiday pay--Seattle P-I, Kansas City Star, Diane Stafford](#)

[President Bush says: "Congress gave me authority to use necessary force to protect the American people, but it did not prescribe the tactics"--USA TODAY, John Diamond and David Jackson](#)

[Oddsmakers making Steelers 3 1/2- to 4-point favorites over Seahawks--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Monday on the air

University of Portland at San Diego (live)—6 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Gonzaga at San Francisco (live)—8 p.m. FSN

Town Tabloids and the weather

Erik Dyar giving Franz Liszt a lift. **Nancy Simmons** catching up. **Maria Manzo** playing piano with 888 keys. **Sam Jones** assumes interlocutor role. **Gene Lynch** calls meeting to celebrate **Ed Firstenburg's** first 93 years. **Tim** and **Lee Welch** in town for culture fix. **Dan Marsh** bragging up friends. **Monday**, early clouds, sunbreaks, 50. **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 49. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 49.