

**Real estate attorney Donald Russo
joins Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt**



Don Russo

Donald Russo, real estate attorney, recently a partner in the Blair, Schaefer, Hutchison & Wolfe law firm, has joined Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt as a shareholder in the Vancouver office.

Russo is a member of the Washington and Oregon State Bar Associations and the Clark County Bar Association. He is a former member and past chair of the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Commission and a former adjunct faculty member at Clark College. He currently assists high school students in mock trial competitions.

Russo is a graduate of Bradley University and earned a juris doctor degree from St. Louis University.

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt is a multi-service law firm of 145 attorneys in offices in Vancouver, Portland, Bend, Salem, Stevenson, Wash., and Washington, D.C.

**Hall of Fame winners announced
by the Vancouver Sunrise Rotary**

Sally Schaefer, former Clark College trustee, member of the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation, and active in many community service related organizations, has been named a 2005 inductee into the Hall of Fame sponsored by the Rotary

Club of Vancouver Sunrise. Schaefer was honored for community service.

The local Rotary, for the past 17 years, has honored community leaders with membership in its Hall of Fame and with a rose bush in its Hall of Fame Rose Garden in Orchards Park north of Fourth Plain Boulevard just east of the I-205 exit.

Honored in the Arts & Entertainment category was **Salvador Brotons**. Born into a musical family in Barcelona, Spain, Brotons won a Fulbright Scholarship in 1985 and earned a doctorate in music from Florida State University. In addition to having been the conductor and music director of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra since 1991, Brotons conducts for orchestras worldwide.

Winner in the business category was **Paul Christensen**, Vancouver native and chair of the board of Realvest Corporation. He is the founder and past chair of the Hough Foundation, supporting the Hough neighborhood. He is also a member of Identity Clark County, Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, Boys and Gils Clubs of Southwest Washington, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra board and the Center for the Arts.

Two special memorial awards were announced for two Vancouver Marines who lost their lives in Iraq. They will be honored in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps and by the Portland Royal Rosarians, who will plant six new rose bushes in the garden honoring fallen veterans of the war in Iraq who are from Clark County

The marines are Lance Cpl. Cederic Burns, a 2000 graduate of Prairie High School, who was killed on May 9, 2003, and Staff Sgt. David Ries, 1993 graduate of Evergreen High School, who died Nov. 8, 2004, in Fallujah.

Hall of Fame induction ceremonies are at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, in the Luepke Senior Center. Tickets are \$40 each. For further information, call **Dave Scheels, 696-4146**.

**Five businesses get top awards
from Vancouver Business Journal**

The *Vancouver Business Journal* honored five companies for growth and innovation during an awards dinner last night in the Heathman Lodge.

LifePort Inc., developers of medical and other accessories for aircraft, was named Innovator of the Year. Runner-up was Organic Products Trading Company/Café Feminino Foundation, coffee importers.

Start-Up Company of the Year was When the Shoe Fits, a retailer of custom fit comfort footwear and orthotics. Second place went to Techjet Imaging, large-format printing retailer.

Selected as the fastest growing company in the 1-to-5-year category was nLight Photonics, designer and manufacturer of diode lasers. Runner-up was Northwest Personal Training and Fitness Education, a personal training and exercise company.

The fastest growing company in the 6-to-10-year category was a business bank, the Bank of Clark County. The second place award went to Skyward Construction, a commercial construction company.

Selected for first place in the fastest growing business category for more than ten years was Wells Fargo, a

national bank call center in Vancouver. The JD White Company, a regional Vancouver-headquartered land-use, natural resources and public involvement facilitation company, was runner-up.

News briefs

Following an open house at 5 p.m. to explain changes in proposed alignments for a new interchange connection Highway 502 (219th Street) with Interstate 5, the state Department of Transportation at 6 p.m. will open a public hearing on the matter. The proceedings will be in the DOT southwest headquarters office, 11018 NE 51st Circle, near NE 112th Avenue and Highway 500. 📍 A free lecture on the use of bats to control backyard pests is at 6:30 p.m. this evening in Borders Books, 811 SE 60th Avenue. The lecture is part of a series on backyard beautification sponsored by the Clark County Solid Waste Department. 📍 The Animal Protection & Control Advisory Board meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Thomas Jefferson Middle School students really get into Lewis and Clark Bicentennial--Columbian, Amy McFall Prince](#)

[State Highway DOT boss says tolls or no new I-5 Bridge--Columbian, Erin Middlewood](#)

[Transportation secretary tells Clark County leaders to stop "admiring their highway congestion and start agreeing on solutions"--Oregonian, Bill Stewart](#)

[Ridgefield business park on I-5 expected to move ahead--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)

[Erickson Farms Park one of the first to get go-ahead after voters approve urban-area park district--Columbian, Justin Carnici](#)

[Manager who gained national attention by keeping Quiznos Sub Shop open after owners quit sees store close anyway--Seattle Times, Shirleen Holt](#)

[Podcasting catching on in Seattle--Seattle P-I, Bill Virgin](#)

[Woman who led authorities to suspected hostage suspect gets rewards after all--\\$70,000--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Thursday on the air

100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club—5 p.m. CTVV
Seattle at the Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KXMG
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CTVV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jack Forsyth Bacon weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces this morning to join Redondo Beach home of **Dennison** and **Regina Bacon** and sister **Madison**. 📍 **Buzz Truitt** says it's 7 p.m., do you know where your Schwinn is? 📍 **Jane Taber** dealing blue cards. 📍 **Jill Personius**'s trump card is Nautilus. 📍 **Vern Petersen** offering sanctuary. 📍 **Thursday**, showers and sunbreaks, 54. **Friday**, not bad, a few showers, 56. **Saturday**, gray and rainy, 55.