

## **Early Learning fund luncheon features international expert on infant development**

**Andrew Meltzoff**, internationally recognized expert on cognitive and social development in infants and children, is the speaker for the third annual Clark County Early Learning Fund Luncheon honoring **Rick and Sarah Melching**, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Meltzoff is co-director of the University of Washington Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences.

Last year the luncheon raised \$255,000 that was awarded to early learning programs in Clark County. The early learning programs assisted 3,750 children and families, 400 child care providers and 25 local organizations.

According to **Patricia Nierenberg**, spokesperson for the Foundation for Early Learning:

“Children are born learning. In Clark County there are 5,300 births per year and over 30,000 children from birth to 5. Ensuring that all children enter kindergarten ready to succeed will dramatically increase their achievement throughout their educational journey.

“Yet, 56 percent of those Clark County children entering kindergarten are not prepared to take advantage of the education offered to them, and those who start behind often stay behind.”

A minimum donation of \$55 is suggested for those attending the luncheon. For further information, call Nierenberg, **604-0029**, or **Melissa Jennings**, **(206) 525-4801**.

## **County to consider formal action on growth management plan Tuesday**

The Board of Clark County Commissioners will consider formal action on the proposed ordinance to amend the county's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sep. 25.

If approved, the ordinance will expand urban growth boundaries, create new zoning in newly designated urban areas, provide written planning policies and development regulations in the 20-year growth management plan.

An extensive series of public meetings and hearings to examine the growth plan began in 2005 and continued through July 5, 2007, when the Board closed public testimony.

For more information, go to [www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/](http://www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/) or call **397-2280**, ext. **4558**.

## **Company corporate officers must be registered by Employment Security Department by September 30**

A new law adopted by the state legislature this year requires that all Washington corporate officers must be registered by the state Department of Employment Security. The new law was designed to help prevent unemployment fraud, according to **Hiliary Young**, communications manager for the department.

Reporting forms are available from the local state Department of Employment Security Department.

Information required includes name, title, social security number, home address, date on which person became a corporate officer, how much stock the officer owns and whether the officer is related to other officers who own more than 10 percent of the business. For further information, call Young at **(360) 902-9454**.

## **Calendar**

Arts Equity presents Edward Albee's *Seascape* at 8 p.m. this evening and tomorrow, Sept. 22, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Tickets are \$10 to \$24. For further information, call **695-3770**. <> Harvest Fun Day at the Clark County Historic Museum, 1511 Main Street, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. The event is free. Entertainment includes pie eating and corn shucking contests, folk music, pumpkin decorating and scarecrow making. Museum exhibits will be open, and there will be antique farm equipment demonstrations. <> The Columbia River Miracle League's baseball park, in the Harmony Sports Complex in east Vancouver, will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in which the Oregon National Guard's Innovative Readiness Training Program will be represented. National Guard members helped prepare the field for for children and adults with



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handicaps. The Columbia River Miracle League is a Vancouver-based baseball league for children and adults with disabilities. <> The seventh annual Clark County Fairgrounds Public Safety Complex open house is from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. There will be Sheriff's office, SWAT Team and firefighter demonstrations. A light lunch will be served. There is no charge. The event is sponsored by the county sheriff's office, Fire Districts 6, 11 and 12, and the Clark County Fire Marshal. <> The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District budget committee meets at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

### **Insider editor repeats easy mistake**

For the second consecutive year the *Insider* has referred to Clark County treasurer **Doug Lasher**, as **Dave Lasher**, as was pointed out this year by **Troy Van Dinter**. This is an easy mistake. The late Dave Lasher was a Democratic powerhouse in Clark County and dear friend and mentor to the *Insider* editor, who at the time, 1950s and 1960s, was a reporter for the *Oregonian*. Nevertheless, the *Insider* apologizes to Doug Lasher, who is a Democratic powerhouse in his own right.

### **Friday on the air**

Northwest Indian News—3 p.m. FVTV  
Clark County Focus (830)—3:45 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Traffic Impact Fees (9/19)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Cooking With Class—6 p.m. FVTV  
Animal Control Hearings (9/12)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Season Opener—8:02 p.m. CVTV  
Marshall Community Center Grand Re-opening (9/16)—10 p.m. CVTV  
Infant Mental Health Training (9/15)—11 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Maggie Burns** first to ask.<> **Jeff Williams** giving the disorganized hope.<> **Phyllis Hess** taking on old customer. <> **Chad Peru** getting second opinion. **Carol Curtis** getting through. <> **Friday**, mostly sunny, 76. **Saturday**, early showers, 66. **Sunday**, partly cloudy, 67.