

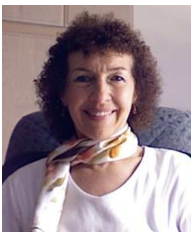
Vancouver City Council to interview five applicants for mid-term vacancy

The Vancouver City Council agreed last night to interview five applicants for the position of city council member. The position is vacant due to the election of Council member **Tim Leavitt** as mayor. The City received a total of 15 applications for the position. Applicants to be interviewed in alphabetical order are **Bart Hansen, Paul Harris, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Eric Olmsted** and **Lee Rafferty**.

Applicants were selected for interviews based on the various criteria including community involvement, vision for the community, education, background & skills, vocation/work experience, years of residence in the community, ability to serve, and potential conflicts of interest.

Applicants will be interviewed on Monday, Jan. 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. in City Hall Council chambers. Interviews will be open to the public and televised on CTVV.

The vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Vancouver City Council. Should the appointee wish to continue to serve, he or she would be required to compete in the next general election in November 2010.



From left to right are Mental Health Monday speakers Elke Zuercher White, Ph.D., and Dr. Al Bernstein.

Mental Health Mondays at Clark College

Stress, anxiety and panic are the subjects of the next two Mental Health Monday discussions at Clark College. All Mental Health Monday sessions are free and open to the public. They are held from noon to 1 p.m. in Clark's Penguin Student Lounge, located on the first floor of the college's Penguin Union Building. Clark College's main campus is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Maps and parking directions are available at www.clark.edu/maps. On Monday, Jan. 25, **Elke Zuercher White**, Ph.D., will discuss "Panic, Fear of Anxiety Sensations, and Agoraphobia." This interactive presentation will focus on how anxiety sensations can result from panic and lead to panic. Dr. Zuercher-

White will also discuss state-of-the-art treatments.

On the following Monday, Feb. 1, Dr. **Al Bernstein**, world-renowned expert in dinosaur psychology, will explain how to keep stress from ruining your life by first understanding dinosaurs.

Mental Health Mondays are scheduled with the following speakers and topics: Feb. 8, "Stages of Coming Out," by **Vicky Johnson**, LCSW; Feb. 22, "Transitioning at College: How to Be an Ally for Transgender Individuals," by **Reid Vanderburg**, LCSW; March 1, "Divorce Mediation," by **Catherine Morton**, M.A.; and March 8, "Depression," by **Russ Freeland** Ed.D.

YWCA Clark County launches community awareness campaign

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affects 3.4 million victims a year. This year's theme—"Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It."—challenges the nation to fight this dangerous crime by learning more about it.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear. Stalking may take many forms, such as assaults, threats, vandalism, burglary, or animal abuse, as well as unwanted cards, calls, gifts, or visits. One in four victims reports that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, global positioning system devices, or hidden cameras, to track the victim's daily activities. Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile, and many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes. Communities that understand stalking, however, can support victims and combat the crime. "If more people learn to recognize stalking," says **Debra Adams**, director of YWCA SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program, "we have a better chance to protect victims and prevent tragedies."

During the annual observance, YWCA Clark County is available to offer education and outreach to promote awareness and public education about stalking to any interested groups. For more information, contact **Vicki Hipp** at 906-9122. For additional resources to help promote National Stalking Awareness Month, visit <http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org> and www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

January luncheon meeting on "New Ways of Doing Business Using Social Media"

The Oregon Business Travel Association is holding a luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14, at Hotel Lucia, 400 SW Broadway, Portland. This session will focus on the following information: general introduction into social media, latest trends, what does it mean for business, best practices for Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, YouTube, LinkedIn, do's and don'ts for social media, and how to measure ROI on social media

The Oregon Business Travel Association (OBTA) is a chapter of the National Business Travel Association. The goal of the association is to bring together those involved in the local business travel industry by providing opportunities for education, scholarship, networking, and philanthropy.

RSVP by tomorrow, Jan. 13, by calling **503-200-5556** or visit www.obta.org. OBTA membership includes more than 125 Oregon/Southwest Washington business travel leaders. For more information or to join the organization, visit www.obta.org.

News Briefs

The Southwest Washington Blood Program Puget Sound Blood Center is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, 1101 Broadway, Suite 120. For information and to sign up, call **360-567-4808**. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, email clinicalprogram@psbc.org or call **800-366-2831** ext. **2543**. <> Art Conversations will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Main Branch, 1007 E Mill Plain Blvd. A presentation given by photographer **Bob Byrd** with discussion follows. <> Ask questions or chat with Mayor **Tim Leavitt** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Cascade Park Library Community Room, 600 NE 136th Avenue. To submit questions ahead of time, send them to mayor@ci.vancouver.wa.us. Light refreshments will be available. <> Have you ever wondered who might be behind the successes of Portland's North Mississippi Avenue and the Brewery Blocks? Vancouver Downtown Association's Retail Strategy Team invites the public to an open meeting, 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Vancouver Hilton to hear visionary real estate broker **Michele Reeves** speak about her experience in redevelopment and then programming real, lasting change into districts in need of reframing. RSVP by calling the VDA office at **258-1129**.

Calendar

Join the community in honoring Councilmember **Pat Jollota** for her 20 years of service to the Vancouver community at a dedication and service from 4 to 6:30 p.m. today, Jan. 12, in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way. Light refreshments will be served. <> Lapellah Restaurant is celebrating its first anniversary today, Jan. 12, with a buy one entree, get one free. A portion of the proceeds from the anniversary celebration will be donated to the Clark County Food Bank. Visit <http://www.lapellah.com/> for more information. <> Parks Advisory Board meets at 7 p.m. tonight, Jan. 12, in the Battle Ground Community Center, 912 East Main Street. <> La Center Planning Commission meets from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, Jan. 12, in Council chambers, 214 East Street. <> There will be a Park Advisory Board meeting from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight, Jan. 12, in the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue. <> Port of Ridgefield meets for a regular meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the Port office, 111 W Division Street.

Tuesday on the air

Washington State Jail Industries Board: Working Inside-Out--3:44 p.m. CVTV
Town Hall Meeting: 49th Legislative District (1-9)--4:29 p.m. CVTV
City Council Workshop (1-11)--6:31 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (1-11)--7:01 p.m. CVTV
Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council (12-4)--8:01 p.m. CVTV
Columbia River Crossing: Tolling Study Committee (12-7)--10:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and Weather

Regina Pedroza heading to greener pastures. <> **Barbara Kerr** keeping up. <> **Tuesday**, rain, 49-45. **Wednesday**, rain, 50-42. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 49-42.