Diagnostics company wins investment award

Vancouver-based Oasis Diagnostics Corp. received an investment award from the Zino Society. As part of the award, Oasis got $50,000, important connections to accredited investors and support in the form of educational tools and resources that will support its growth.

Oasis is an innovator in the field of saliva-based diagnostic products. It was chosen — in part by emphasizing its pain-free screening process — out of 12 candidates.

Nutter Corp. recognized for community health program

Vancouver-based Nutter Corp. earned a Public Health Community Award from Clark County for its work and commitment to health, wellness and safety in the county’s communities.

The award recognizes significant contributions and commitments to promoting and protecting the health of the community. Nutter was most recently recognized in 2008 by Washington State as the safest excavating contractor in the state.

County department cited for stormwater discharge violation

The state Department of Ecology issued a $2,000 civil penalty to the Clark County Public Works Department for violating technical requirements of a stormwater discharge permit at the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The penalty applied only to stormwater management procedures at the site. Discharge of treated sewage effluent continues to comply with a separate state permit.

Ecology issued the penalty in late April after a state inspector found the county failed to follow routine monitoring and recordkeeping requirements. The county also did not keep the plant’s stormwater pollution prevention plan up to date.

National Association for the Self-Employed names local representative

VaNessa Duplessie is the new Vancouver-area membership representative for the National Association for the Self-Employed.

Duplessie also works as a licensed health insurance agent for HealthMarkets, a consultant and partner at private investment group Ridge Partners LLC and is a certified personal coach. The NASE was formed in 1981 by a group of micro-business owners seeking the kinds of benefits afforded to large corporations.

The Clark College Board of Trustees has granted tenure to 10 faculty members.

They are chemistry Professor Karl Bailey, chemistry Professor Susan K. Brookhart, sociology Professor Carlos Castro, English Professor Geneva Chao, English Instructor Jill Darley-Vanis, nursing Professor M. Gail Fujimoto, Librarian Zachary M. Grant, human development Professor Tani McBeth, paralegal Professor S. Layne Russell and dental hygiene Professor Brenda Walstead.

Tenure is awarded to faculty members who exhibit professional excellence and outstanding abilities in their disciplines.