

### **Southwest Washington Medical Center first in region to use Lifenet monitors**

Southwest Washington residents have a better chance of surviving a heart attack through a new electronic system that allows paramedics to transmit essential diagnostic information from the field directly to emergency room physicians at Southwest Washington Medical Center.

Medtronic Lifenet RS monitors are being used by Clark County Emergency Medical Services District 2, which covers most of Clark County, to relay heart monitoring information to the medical center in order to prepare emergency center personnel for arrival of a patient and deal with specific symptoms.

The time required to get a patient to the cardiac cath lab is being cut in half by this "early warning system," according to **Lynn Wittwer**, SWMC Emergency Center physician.

American Medical Response, the county's largest contracted ambulance service, has already acquired some of the new devices. When the new system is fully deployed, a total of twenty transmitting devices will be in operation throughout the county.

### **Quartet for the End of Time offered by Bravo! Vancouver Sunday**

A multi-media concert, **Oliver Messiaen's** *Quartet for the End of Time*, a musical depiction of the World War II Nazi concentration camps, is being presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan 9, by Bravo! Vancouver in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road.

Artistic director **Michael Kissinger** will be conducting the Bravo! chamber musicians for the 20th-century piece based on the composer's own experience as a prisoner-of-war.

Featured artists are **Ronald Paul**, violin, **Dale Tolliver**, cello, **Maria Manzo**, piano and Kissinger, clarinet.

General admission is \$12. For further information, call **696-4407**.

### **County sets open house to discuss proposed environmental ordinances**

An open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Dollars Corner Fire Station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue, will offer the public a chance to learn about activities underway to update Clark County environmental ordinances.

The county has begun updating ordinances that deal with the Wetlands Inventory Project and the Critical Areas Ordinances Project, and a strategy to address threatened salmon species.

Following the presentations, public comments will be taken. For further information, call Clark County Community Development Department spokesperson **Gordy Euler**, **397-2375**, extension **4968**.

### **Author Eric Liu to discuss mentoring at reception**

**Eric Liu**, whose most recent book, *Guiding Lights, The People Who lead Us Toward Our Purpose in Life*, has been named the official book of National Mentoring Month, will discuss mentoring during a reception honoring his work at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, in the Clark County Youth House, 1112 Columbia Street.

The reception is sponsored by the Clark County Mentoring Round Table. For further information about the reception or about mentoring programs in Clark County, call **Sarah Kalinoski**, **992-0211**, or **Cathy Hackney**, **992-0232**.

### **YWCA orientation for volunteers offers insight and preparation**

The YWCA of Clark County is offering an orientation program to give potential volunteers information about programs and how they can have an impact on the local quality of life at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Helen Schoen Center, 3609 Main Street.

Follow-up training will be offered volunteers during January and February.

Adult volunteers are needed in four critical categories, according to YWCA spokesperson **Al Flory**: Court Appointed Special Advocates, Sexual Assault Victim Advocates, Independent Living Skills Mentors, and Support Group Facilitators for the SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program.

For further information, call Flory at **696-0167**.

### **Ignoramus fixes Insider e-mail glitch**

The ignoramus is being given too much credit. His son **Tony Bacon III** actually fixed the e-mail glitch.

It wasn't an ordinary glitch either, more of a gritch glitch or even a glitch.

Because Comcast quit forwarding attbi.com e-mails to comcast.net addresses in 2005, *Daily Insider* incoming e-mails quit arriving about 2:30 p.m. yesterday. The ignoramus didn't know he was to have modified his e-mail program.

The glitch didn't affect transmission to *Insider* subscribers, since the outgoing e-mail worked just fine. However, it is getting pretty lonely around here not receiving news releases, complaints, corrections and sassy notes.

The ignoramus's e-mail is working just fine now, so keep those news releases and notes coming. The address is

[tony@dailyinsider.info](mailto:tony@dailyinsider.info).

**Wednesday headlines at home and from around the world:**

[George Propstra inspired the community--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koeninger\*\*](#)  
[Community Foundation gets \\$1 million gift from anonymous Clark County couple--Columbian, \*\*Kelly Adams\*\*](#)  
[Finding a theme in the year's top ten stories--Columbian, \*\*Tom Vogt\*\*](#)  
[2005 new car preview--Columbian, PDX Guide](#)  
[Warm beds, warm hearts--Oregonian, \*\*Wendy Owen\*\*](#)  
[Aid for Indonesia tops \\$3 billion--USA TODAY, AP](#)  
[17 more die from Iraq bombings, election to proceed--Washington Post, \*\*Karl Vick and Fred Barbash\*\*](#)

**Wednesday on the air**

City Minutes—3 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Close Up—3:30 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Legislative Outlook—5 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (12/1)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Blazers at L.A. Lakers (live)—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ**  
News Conference: Foot Scooter/Pocket Bike Ordinance—9 p.m. CVTV  
Bravo! Vancouver: Handel's Messiah—9:30 p.m. CVTV130

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**.Justin Denny** says average adult weight gain from Thanksgiving to New Years is only one pound. 📞 **Shareefah Abdullah** explaining how to get standing O's. 📞 **Barbe West** counting grants for healthy choices. 📞 **Dennis Grunes** giving OK for lowercase, de-hyphenated *email*. 📞 **Mark Martell** suggesting alternative thinking. 📞 **Wednesday**, clear but cold, 40. **Thursday**, warming slightly, rain showers expected, 42. **Friday**, cloudy, possible precipitation, 43.