

### **First 500 visitors this evening to Lewis & Clark Plaza will get Jefferson peace medal replicas**

Invited guests and the first 500 visitors to the grand opening of the Lewis & Clark Plaza, 621 Broadway, will be given replicas of the Jefferson Peace Medal, says **Elie Kassab**, president of Prestige Development and developer of the project.

The grand opening begins at 5:30 this evening. The ribbon cutting ceremony is at 5:45 p.m. Food and beverages are being provided by Rose's Deli & Bakery.

Lewis & Clark Plaza is more than a 46-unit affordable senior housing project. It is also a Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, featuring life-size bronze sculptures of Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, Sacagawea and a native American chief by Battle Ground artist **Jim Demetro**. Other artists contributing to the interpretive center are **Christina Demetro** and **Frank Haddadin**.

The foyer of the four-story building is given over to the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition. In addition to the statues, the story of the Corps of Discovery is told through art panels. The interpretive center will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The housing development is a partnership among Prestige Development, the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Community Housing Solutions, PNC MultiFamily Capital, Guardian Management and Key Bank. Emmons Architects designed the downtown building, which was built by Seabold Construction.

### **Marvin Case to entertain during CRMHS auction**

**Marvin Case**, classical and jazz pianist and publisher of the *Reflector*, provides the pre-dinner entertainment at the annual Columbia River Mental Health Services benefit dinner and auction starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Royal Oaks Country Club.

The **Fireside Singers**, a professional chorale group performs after dinner. The auction both silent and live, includes travel items as well as electronic items, jewelry and art work.

Established in 1942, CRMHS helps over 9,000 southwest Washington citizens annually.

Admission is \$60. For reservations, call **Pat Stryker, 993-3049**.

### **Southwest Washington Medical Center becoming Mecca for those in back pain**

Using a new procedure based on one originally developed for heart surgery to relieve back pain has turned Southwest Washington Medical Center into a regional leader in treating patients with weakened or broken vertebrae.

The procedure, known as Kyphoplasty, combines vertebroplasty, a minimally invasive procedure for stabilizing defective vertebrae, with balloon catheter technology developed for angioplasty and heart conditions.

The procedure is particularly useful in treating compression fractures common among older people who suffer from bone loss due to osteoporosis or cancer.

"Kyphoplasty is a wonderful tool for reducing pain associated with vertebral compression fractures and repairing spinal deformity associated with this kind of debilitating condition," according to **Jud Threlkeld**, interventional radiologist with Columbia Imaging, who has performed nearly 100 Kyphoplasties at the medical center this year.

Performed under general or local anesthesia, Kyphoplasty begins with two tiny incisions in the patient's back. Image-guided X-ray is used to place a probe into the vertebral space where the fracture is located. A high-tech balloon made from a sophisticated type of plastic is then inserted into the space and inflated. The action of the balloon helps to restore the patient's vertebrae to the correct position while also creating a defined space in which to inject bone cement. Up to three fractures may be treated during the same procedure, which requires no overnight stay in the hospital.

Threlkeld says that he has had patients in so much pain they couldn't get out of bed return to the golf course after the procedure.

### **Community foundation accepting grant requests**

The Community Foundation is accepting applications for grants of up to \$15,000 each from nonprofit organizations, according to **Anne Digenis**, program officer for the foundation.

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 15. For further information, call Digenis at **694-2550**, or go to [www.cfsww.org](http://www.cfsww.org) and look up "Granting Programs."

### **People**

**Ginger Kavanagh** has been named bookkeeper for the automation team at Applied Motion Systems, according to **H. Kenneth Brown Jr.**, founder and president of the company. Kavanagh, who has 20 years' experience in bookkeeping and accounting, is a graduate of Clark College. 🏆 **Jacob Greer** won first place in junior informative speaking and **Paul Tanner** won first place in novice informative speaking, at the recent Pioneer Invitational Forensics Tournament at Lewis & Clark College. Both are Clark College students. Clark, one of 22 colleges and universities to send speech and debate teams to the competition, finished 2nd overall in the two-year college division. 🏆 **Michael Freeman** has been appointed by Gov. **Gary Locke** to a three-year term on the state Rehabilitation Council for the Blind. The council advises the director of the state Department of Services for the Blind.

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

[Clark College trustees approve \\$615,000 expenditure from reserve fund to improve O'Connell Sports Center, for men and women athletes--Columbian, \*\*Tom Vogt\*\*](#)  
[State's website for Canadian drugs launched--Seattle Times, AP, \*\*David Ammons\*\*](#)  
[Boeing shows 78 percent jump in profit for third quarter--Seattle Times, AP, \*\*Dave Carpenter\*\*](#)  
[Clark County Commissioners approve by a 2-1 vote a raise for future commissioners--Columbian, \*\*Erin Middlewood\*\*](#)  
[County terminates deal on WSU Experiment Station property--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)  
[Blaine Nisson finalist for Umpqua Community College presidency; David Beyer, former interim president at Clark, now at Umpqua on interim basis on his way to presidency of Wenatchee Valley College--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)  
[Vancouverites tell fascinating tale of Navy History of 1842-44--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koenninger\*\*](#)  
[Columbia Vista consolidates Oregon operations to Vancouver site--Columbian, \*\*Jonathan Nelson\*\*](#)  
[Oil prices drop a couple of dollars--USA TODAY](#)  
[Scientists discover ancient 'little people'--Washington Post, \*\*Guy Gugliotta\*\*](#)

**Wednesday on the air**

Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (10/14)—4 p.m. CVTV  
**Red Sox at St. Louis (live)—5:25 p.m., Fox Channel 12**  
Clark County Focus—6:30 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (10/6)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver Planning Commission (10/26)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Ginger Metcalf** earning angelic blessing. ☩ **Marilyn Westlake** admonishing, “change your batteries.” **Tara Cowgill** putting information in motion. ☩ **Gina Bacon** fooling 8,000 readers. ☩ **Todd Martin**’s social status climbing. ☩ **Freeman** and **Betty Keller** getting bragging rights. ☩ **Wednesday**, between gloom and gray possible sunbreaks, 60. **Thursday**, mostly grey and drizzly, 56. **Friday**, possible showers, 58.