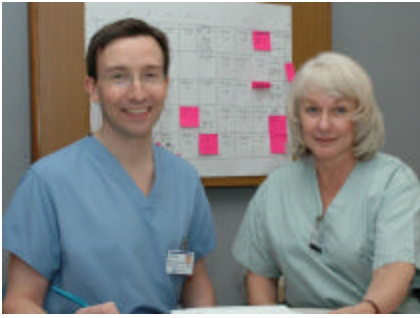


Nick Schiller new director of surgical services



Nick Schiller, director of Surgical Services, and Carol Hammes, director of Perioperative Services, teaming up to enhance SWMC outcomes

Nick Schiller, medical director of the Southwest Washington Regional Surgery Center at Southwest Washington Medical Center, has been appointed medical director of surgical services at SWMC, the largest medical center in southern Washington.

Schiller, a member of Vancouver's Columbia Anesthesia Group, is also chair of the medical center's Anesthesia Department and president elect of SWMC's medical staff. Schiller earned his medical degree from Oregon Health Sciences University, where he also completed his anesthesia residency. Schiller will work with the medical center's new director of Perioperative Services, **Carol Hammes**, a former Air Force medical operations and planning officer.

Schiller and Hammes are charged with improving patient care and operating procedure turnaround times at the 360-bed medical center.

Nascom moves to Port of Kalama

Security switch manufacturer Nascom Inc. has consolidated its Newberg, Ore., and Vancouver operations at the Port of Kalama. The company's 30 employees this month moved into a 11,500-square-foot of a newly completed \$1.5 million building in the port's Kalama River Industrial Park.

The company sells over 2.5 million magnetic switches annually through 2,000 installers nationwide, according to Nascom president and founder **Mike Davenport**.

Oregon Air Guard will be conducting night-flight training the next 10 days

Beginning this evening, the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon National Guard will be conducting night flying training exercises. The training exercise ends Thursday, March 31.

Most of the routine training flights testing night vision equipment are expected to end by 9 p.m.

Public hearing to follow open house on amended I-5 Battle Ground interchange

The state Department of Transportation is holding an open house, on the revised Interstate 5, Highway 502 interchange serving the Battle Ground area, at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 24, and then opens a public hearing on the matter at 6 p.m. The open house and hearing are in the DOT regional headquarters, 11018 NE 51st Circle, just off NE 112th Avenue and Highway 500.

The revised plan saves about \$1 million from preliminary estimates for the total \$34 million interchange, which is one of the state's "nickel" projects, being financed primarily by a five-cent tax per gallon of gasoline.

The interchange, designed to speed traffic between Interstate 5 and 219th Street, which is also state Highway 502, offers Battle Ground commuters access to I-5 both north and south. Those intending to travel north on I-5, however, would be required to make a left-hand turn from 219th Street.

Construction is expected to begin in 2007, and completion is expected in 2009.

For further information, call **749-1310**.

People

Community Inspiration awards for February have been presented to **Danny Clinton** and **Skip Ballweber**, by the Clark County Youth House Visionary Team.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in a workshop session at 4 p.m. today. This meeting will be followed at 7 p.m. with a regular session. ☪ Port of Vancouver Commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 22. ☪ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 22. The commissioners' meeting is followed by a meeting of the county Health Department.

[Monday headlines from at home and around the world:](#)

[Battle Ground's Dick Ionata, already in aviation record books, helps others, including Steve Fossett--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)

[Evergreen Public Schools working up new boundary plan--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[Coldwell Banker Commercial Bob Bernhard Associates #1 in state, 6 in the nation in sales volume for the company--Columbian](#)

[Birtcher Development preparing shovel-ready industrial sites says Roger Qualman--Oregonian](#)

[County thinking sex offenders should be banned from library--Oregonian, Bill Stewart](#)

[Governor would raise cigarette tax by 20 cents, reinstate estate tax to help balance budget--Seattle Times, David Postman](#)

[Judge hears Schiavo case, but doesn't make immediate ruling--KGW-TV, AP](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver, City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at L.A. Clippers (live)—7:30 p.m. KGS-TV, KXL, KXMG

Town Tabloids and the weather

Steve Runyan and **Matthew Briggs**, lunch buddies. ☞ **Cathy Green** picking roses. ☞ **John Fratt** well seasoned. ☞ **Maria Manzo** getting another standing O. ☞ **Tim** and **Lee Welch** returning from Caribbean in time for class act. ☞ **Monday**, sunbreaks and spring showers, 56. **Tuesday**, more showers likely, 59. **Wednesday**, more precipitation expected, 56.