

Barbara Sheldon named executive director of the state School for the Blind Foundation

Barbara Sheldon has been appointed executive director of the Washington State School for the Blind Foundation.

Sheldon has considerable experience in both the public and private sector. She is a former part-owner of the Sheldon's Café in the Grant House on Officers Row, former business manager of the *Vancouver Business Journal* and former executive manager for the Target Corporation.

Sheldon has served as executive director for the Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center, and is currently president of the Women In Action Foundation Board.

Sheldon is a graduate of Washington State University. She is a member of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce East Council Board, the Downtown Rotary Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a former president of the Human Resource Society, Washington State University, a past member of the Society for Human Resources, and the Southwest Washington Watercolor Society.



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Richard Michalek promoted to senior VP at Riverview Bancorp



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Richard Michalek, who has been with Riverview Bancorp since 2001, has been promoted to senior vice president and business & professional banking manager, reports Riverview's executive vice president and chief lending officer, **Dave Dahlstrom**.

In addition to serving his current clients, Michalek will be in charge of eight commercial loan offices. Michalek holds a masters degree in business administration from Seattle University and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School.

Clark College to study development of licensed practical nurse program

Clark College, which already has one of the largest nursing programs in the Pacific Northwest, recently was awarded a grant to study the feasibility of a licensed practical nurse program.

Bob Knight, Clark's interim president, said: "Providing nurses for the rapidly growing and aging population in southwest Washington is a high priority for the college."

The request for the \$15,387 grant was submitted to the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association by Clark's director of grants development, **Katharine Brokaw**.

"The grant will give us time to carefully gather information from the community before starting a new program," reports Clark director of nursing, **Shelly Quint**.

Clark will be pursuing a separate LPN curriculum. The current LPN curriculum programs in the northwest are embedded with Registered Nurse associate degree programs. College officials say that northwest colleges typically are producing LPNs who quickly continued on to become RNs in large part due to higher salaries available to RNs.

The new Clark College LPN program would help the college target and recruit individuals from underrepresented populations to pursue an LPN track. Because of the aging population, the need for LPNs who typically work in long-term care and outpatient settings is growing faster than the pool of available LPNs, according to Quint.

County gains 2,300 jobs in March; state unemployment hits record low

There were 198,700 people employed in Clark County during March—2,300 more than in February this

year and 3,900 more than employed in March 2006, reports the state Employment Security Department. The employment figures were not seasonally adjusted, which means the data includes part-time employees and sole proprietors.

Statewide, the unemployment record set a record in March: 4.6 percent, the lowest rate since the department began keeping records in 1976, according to Employment Security commissioner **Karen Lee**. The statewide date is seasonally adjusted. In February, state unemployment was 4.8 percent.

Employers added 3,100 new jobs during March, and the number of unemployed people looking for worked dropped by about 22,000. There are 36,000 job openings in Washington currently posted at

www.go2worksource.com.

Calendar

“Casualties of the USA Patriot Act and the ‘War on Terror’” is being presented by the Washington State University Vancouver Center for Social and Environmental Justice at 7 p.m. this evening in the university administration building, room 110. ✂ The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the Clark County Public Works community room, 4700 NE 78th Street. ✂ The third in a week-long series of Earth Week forums sponsored by Friends of Clark County is at 7 p.m. this evening in the Michael Servetus UU Fellowship Hall, 4505 E 18th Street. The subject matter is residential “green” construction. The fourth in the series is at noon Wednesday, April 18, in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way. A discussion of local earth-friendly businesses is on tap. For further information, call **695-5570**. ✂ The Vancouver Lake Partnership meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the training room in the Public Service Center. ✂ Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday on the air

City Minutes (4/10)—5 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (4/12)—5:45 p.m. CVTV

C-TRAN Board of Directors (4/10)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Sacramento at Portland Beavers (live)—6:30 p.m. KKAD

Minnesota at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Golden State at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL

Vancouver City Council Workshop (4/16)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Grant Spolar and **Alex Bennett** entertaining in Pullman. ✂ **Arch Miller** on the campaign trail again. ✂ **Mary Myers** is the first to say hello. ✂ **John Marshall** trying out new idea. ✂ **Steven Turner** focusing on marketing data. ✂ **Karen Savage** getting pix through lock. ✂ **Sheri Byrd** focusing on research. ✂ **Tuesday**, faint sunbreaks, more showers, 52. **Wednesday**, continued April Showers, 52. **Thursday**, showers, sunbreaks, 59.