

Deena Bisig named Phi Theta Kappa faculty scholar by international group

Deena Bisig, Clark College communications studies instructor, was selected as one of 24 people nationally who were Faculty Scholars for the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Conference in February and will go on to become a member of the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., in June.

Bisig, 28, has taught full-time at Clark since 2003. In 2005, she was nominated for Clark College's Exceptional Faculty Award, and in 2006 she was honored as "Accomplished Under 40" by the *Vancouver Business Journal*.

Bisig, a graduate of Dana College, earned a masters degree in communications studies and journalism at South Dakota State University.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Miss., is the largest honor society in American higher education. It has 1,200 chapters on two-year and community colleges worldwide.

Southwest Washington Medical Center Firstenberg Tower opens to patients

The eight-story Firstenberg Tower began accepting patients this week as the medical center's \$146 million, 307,000 square-foot expansion was being completed.

The new facility nearly doubles the size of the hospital campus on Mill Plain Boulevard. "With greatly expanded surgical capacity and featuring many 'small details,' the entire project was designed to provide a more comfortable experience for patients and guests," according to CEO and executive director **Joe Kortum**.

The tower itself has space for up to 154 private patients rooms on the 7th and 8th floors, including overnight accommodations for guests, offers views of Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens and the Portland skyline. In addition, the rooms offer bedside entertainment and information screens allowing patients and guests to watch movies, play games and access the internet and essential health records.

In addition, the tower is a showcase facility for healthcare design, according to Kortum. The heart and vascular center on the first floor has five catheterization labs, including two with 3D imaging capability, and two dedicated open heart surgery rooms and 13 operating rooms

Free valet parking is provided at the main entrance off Mill Plain Boulevard. The new Angelo Lobby offers access to pre-operative and laboratory services, an outpatient pharmacy, a fireside café, medical resource center, and Wi-Fi access.

More than 400 of the medical center's 3,200 employees work in the Firstenberg Tower.

SWMC is a community-owned, nonprofit medical institution and is licensed for 442 beds.

Arrive early for Marshall lecture

Those attending the Gen. **Peter Pace** George C. Marshall Lecture that begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the auditorium in Hudson's Bay High School at Mill Plain Boulevard and East Reserve Street, are advised to arrive early, since for security reasons, the doors will close promptly at 11 a.m.

The lecture is free. Some tickets may remain. For tickets and further information, call **992-1800**.

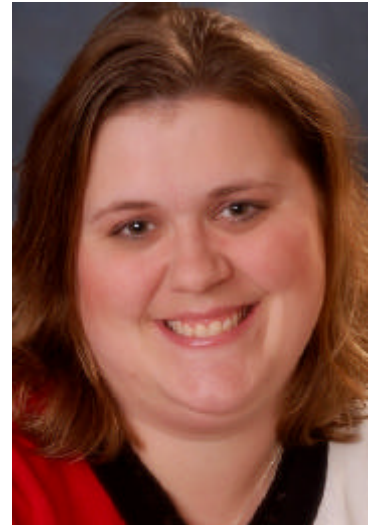
State of La Center address to focus on city's future

Mayor **James T. Irish** will present the priorities and future goals of La Center in 2007 and beyond during his state-of-the-city address at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street.

An open house with light refreshments begins at 6 p.m. The mayor will take questions during the open house.

Calendar

The Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the Clark County Public Works Community Room, 4700 NE 78th Street. Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.



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Tuesday headlines

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Board of Health (1/24)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Bravo Vancouver: Hot Music for a Winter Day—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Utah at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Red Cross Real Heroes Breakfast (2/16)—10 P.M. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Maria Manzo and **Michael Kelly** making magic out of 176 black and whites. ✂ **Dale Tolliver's** cello speaks for itself. ✂ **Scott Maxwell** making two-for-one deal. ✂ **Joy Young** taking care of details. ✂ **Karen Snekvik, Donna Cantonwine Wend** and **Dorothy** and **Dale Olander** all doing just fine. ✂ **Tuesday**, mostly gray, brief sunbreaks, rain showers, 44. **Wednesday**, continued showers, 47. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, frequent rain, 48.