

Vanessa Duplessie receives Marshall Leadership Award

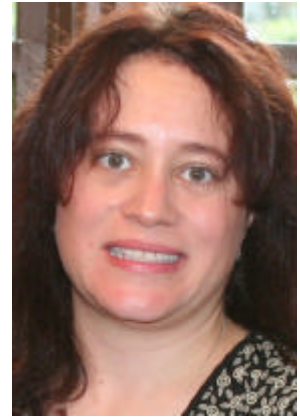
Vanessa Duplessie, 34-year-old youth activist, has been named recipient of the 2006 General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award.

The award, presented by the Bank of Clark County, is one of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust's Celebrate Freedom programs honoring the legacy of George Marshall, former secretary of state and Nobel Peace Prize winner. The award is based on demonstrated public leadership ability, commitment to public service, academic achievement and potential for an ongoing active role in public service.

Duplessie is a graduate of San Francisco University. She participated in the 2005 Leadership Clark County program. Her volunteer activities include being a mentor with the At-Risk Teen organization, a representative for Phi Sigma Sigma Fraternity, Enterprise/Paradise Point Neighborhood Association, the Vancouver Youth Theater. She is also a precinct committee officer in the 18th District.

As a Marshall winner, Duplessie will receive a stipend for a trip to Lexington to tour the Marshall Foundation, visit Colonial Williamsburg and Washington, D.C.

The award will be presented in a special ceremony in the Marshall House on Officers Row at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8.



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Mike Worthy joins board of regents



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Mike Worthy, Bank of Clark County president, has been appointed to the board of regents of Washington State University.

Worthy, a Pullman native, has served on the Washington State University Vancouver Advisory Council since 2001, and as council chair from 2004 to 2004. He was moved to ex-officio membership after being appointed to the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board, a post he still holds.

Patients rate Southwest Washington Medical Center best in metro area

Southwest Washington Medical Center is the 2006 co-winner of the Consumer Choice Award in the Portland metropolitan area according to a survey of health care consumers by the National Research Corporation.

It is the first time SWMC has won the award. Long-time winner, Oregon Health and Science University, was co-winner this year.

The NRC award, now in its 11th year, measures hospitals on the basis of how the hospital's own patients rate the quality of health care.

"Consumers play an increasing role in selecting their health care facilities and services," says **Michael Hays**, NRC chief executive officer. "As more health care quality information is made publicly available, we expect this trend to increase."

"We are especially proud that this community recognizes our quality and investments to bring the very best to Clark County," reports **Joe Kortum**, SWMC CEO. "Awards like the Consumer Choice Award remind us how important patient preference is." SWMC repeatedly in recent years has been recognized nationally as a 100 Top Hospital.

WinCo Foods expected to anchor commercial center on Andresen Road

The Vancouver City Council is expected to approve an agreement with Winco Foods and Thrift Andresen Investments for construction of a 92,360-square-foot WinCo Foods retail discount supermarket near Andresen Road and E 18th Street.

In addition to WinCo, the development is expected to include a 3,500-square-foot fast food restaurant, 5,500-square-foot bank, and a 5,000-square-foot shopping center.

The project first surfaced in 2004, but approval was not granted then because of a disagreement over mitiga-

tion of the project including dedication of frontage property and construction improvements.

The Vancouver City Council is expected to approve the project during its 7 p.m. meeting in City Hall.

Calendar

A discussion of Portland International Airport noise issues is scheduled for the first hour of the today's 4 p.m. workshop meeting of the Vancouver city council. Representatives from PDX will be in attendance. ✂ The Vancouver City Council meets in a formal session at 7 p.m. this evening. ✂ Clark County commissioners meet in a regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, and will follow that meeting with a work session at 2 p.m. to discuss their preference for an environmental impact statement alternative that will guide them in completing a 20-year growth management plan. The updated plan is expected to be based on the premise that the county's current population of over 390,000 people will increase to nearly 600,000 people in 2025. ✂ The 200th anniversary of the founding of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary will be celebrated at Clark College at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 17, with a presentation in Gaiser Hall by the current president and publisher of the dictionary company, **John M. Morse**. Morse will discuss 200 years of dictionary making in America. There is no charge and the public is invited.

Monday Headlines

[Some school district enrollments up; some down--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)
[Oregon feeling effects of property-rights law--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)
[Camas and Washougal looking at joint project to build new center--Columbian, Dean Baker](#)
[Oregon job growth slowing, but September numbers still positive--Oregonian](#)
[American troop toll in Iraq at 58 so far in October--New York Times, AP](#)
[Bush tells Iraqi prime minister U.S. has no timetable to pull out--Washington Post, Daniela Deane](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Legislative Forum on Senior and Disabled Issues—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Maryanne Caruthers catching rays at the right moment. ✂ **Stephanie Anderson** taking care of schedule. ✂ **Gregg Kimsey** checking off *all* names for fines. ✂ **Shirley Morgan** moving right along. ✂ **Garen Horgen** wining in photo derby. ✂ **Kim Hash** taking close second. ✂ **Monday**, intermittent showers, 59. **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, 61. **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, 61.