Honorees will receive awards in March

Clark College, YWCA sponsor program to fete women’s good works

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Eight Women of Achievement and three Young Women of Achievement will be honored March 19 in an awards ceremony at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. This year is the 25th anniversary for the awards sponsored by Clark College and YWCA Clark County.

The 2010 Women of Achievement are:
- Renate Atkins, chief operating officer, Southwest Washington Medical Center.
- Bobbi Bindreiff, certified public accountant.
- Donna Bleth, nail technician, Sole Purpose.
- Joyce Carter, educator and CASA volunteer.
- Leslie Durst, president, Friends of the Arts.
- Linda Glover, executive director, Gifts For Our Community.
- Nancy Simmons, community partnership program coordinator, Larch Corrections Center.

The 2010 Young Women of Achievement:
- Nadia Mousle, a senior at Prairie High School.
- Holly Vogel, a senior at Ridgefield High School.
- Jing Xue, a senior at Mountain View High School.

The Young Women of Achievement will each receive a $1,500 scholarship.

The Women of Achievement celebration was founded in 1985 by Pat Watne, director of Women's Programs at Clark College.

The event commemorates National Women's History Month and International Women's Day in March.

The ceremony is now the largest event honoring women in Southwest Washington. Since it began, 208 women have been recognized for their contributions to the local community.

The ceremony is at noon on March 19. Tickets are $40. For more information, call 360-906-4301.

Bill backers push for end to state death penalty

Opponents missing at hearing; issue may see Legislature

Khine said he realizes the bill does not have a strong chance to be passed this session, but it’s an issue he will continue to push for in the future. He said the current $2.6 billion budget deficit and said money spent on death penalty cases far exceeds that of rehabilitation programs.