

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

New chief praises medical center, offers community cooperation

Southwest Washington Medical Center, the largest employer (over 3,000 people) in southwest Washington, is also the 17th largest employer in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area, according to **Joe Kortum**, who this month became president and CEO of the medical center.

Statistically, Southwest, which has 334 licensed beds, is among the busiest hospitals in both the metropolitan area and the state of Washington, Kortum told an audience of government, business and neighborhood leaders today.

Kortum was president and CEO of Northern Arizona Healthcare, Flagstaff, before being picked after a national search to succeed **Geoff Lang**, who retired last year.

Kortum said, however, the most surprising statistic of all is that so many thousands of Clark County people are dependent on Portland for hospital needs.

As many as 60,000 Clark County residents work in Oregon. Kortum said many of those are required by their Oregon health plans to use Oregon health care facilities. Others, he suggested, chose Portland health care because of the "aura" of Portland.

"We want the community to know what we have at Southwest Washington Medical Center," Kortum said; "our centers of excellence are state-of-the-art."

Kortum was referring to the medical center's Cancer Center, Heart and Vascular Center and Rebound.

Kortum said he envisions the medical center's continuing to provide facilities for southwest Washington Kaiser Permanente members. He added that Southwest Washington Medical Center will cooperate with Legacy Health System's Salmon Creek Hospital.

"We will be partners with the community," Kortum declared.

Filing period for nonpartisan elective offices begins July 28

Candidates for a slew of elective offices in Clark County have from Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1, to file for office, according to county auditor **Greg Kimsey**.

There are no partisan offices open for 2003 elections. The primary election is September 16. The general election is November 4.

Offices include city council positions, school boards and special purpose district boards, such as port and fire districts.

The 2003 Election Guidelines pamphlet is now available from the auditor's office. Kimsey said he encourages all prospective candidates to become familiar with the information in the guide. For further information, call the county Elections Department, **397-2345**.

Fireworks sales begin today

Fireworks in Vancouver and Clark County went on sale at noon today. The sale continues through noon, Sunday, July 6.

FRIDAY

June 27, 2003

There are 22 fireworks outlets in Vancouver, most of which turn over revenue to support the annual Fourth of July fireworks show.

Those which support the fireworks program are designated by Save Our Show placards.

Home-business owners without employees won't need county permits in rural areas

Permits won't be required of businesses operated entirely within a residence by someone who lives there and has no employees, according to the draft Home Based Business Ordinance now available from the county Community Development Department.

Permits would be required if residents on lots of 10,000 square feet or larger were to have employees.

A county-appointed task force has been developing the proposed ordinance for the past several months. For further information, call **Gordon Euler, 397-2395**.

People

Carol Keljo was recently presented Women of Distinction Award by the Camas-Washougal chapter of the Soroptimist Club for her many community activities, including 15 years as a job search mentor for high school and college students. ~~SES~~ **Jan Gourlie** has been named director of information services for Clark Public Utilities. ~~SES~~ **Larry Bekkedahl** has been appointed director of engineering for the utility.

Friday on air

Clark County Focus—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—4 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council Workshop (6/23)—5 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Salt Lake City (live)—6 P.M. KKAD

San Diego at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Calgary at Portland Timbers (live)—7 p.m. KKPZ

Vancouver City Council (6/16)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, June 27, 2003

Alaska Air Group	21.22	-.15	Linear Technology	32.17	-.68
Alcoa	25.09	-.15	Microsoft	25.63	-.12
Amazon.com	36.30	-.42	Nautilus	12.40	-.37
Bank of America	79.61	-.05	Nike	53.08	-3.85
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	19.39	-.20
Bemis	47.17	-.51	PepsiCo	43.84	-.32
Boeing	34.22	-.18	Precision Cast	30.56	+0.09
Boise Cascade	24.14	-.60	RLRN	22.13	+0.03
CenturyTel	34.70	-.26	Starbucks	24.55	+0.10
Costco	36.01	-.29	TSM	9.96	-.06
Expeditors Intl.	33.88	+.69	Tektronix	21.84	+.69
Georgia Pacific	18.96	-.89	US Bancorp	24.59	-.29
HPQ	20.89	-.41	Wash. Mutual	41.54	-.26
Intel	20.57	-.06	W. Coast Bancorp	17.93	+0.01
Kyocera	58.05	+.55	Weyerhaeuser	53.25	-.31130

DOW: 8989.05 -89.99 ~~SES~~ NASDAQ: 1625.26 -8.75 ~~SES~~ S&P: 976.22 -9.69

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Carol Marquez dazzling new audience. SES Karala Rowe giving smooth performance. SES Ruth Elliott representing Westsiders. SES Gerald Baugh cataloging achievements. SES Bob Rhodes giving jazz scene update. SES Friday , continued sunshine and blue sky, 90. Saturday , another warm day, a few clouds, 86. Sunday clouds will gather but won't bring rain, 78.	Acapulco 82/73 Athens 90/73 Chicago 78/60 Dallas 86/66 Hong Kong 90/80 Los Angeles 88/64 London 73/50 New Orleans 88/75 New York 93/68 Orlando 91/74 Paris 76/51 Phoenix 108/83 Rome 93/70 Seattle 76/56 Sydney 67/50 Tokyo 77/66 Washington 92/68
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