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Southwest Washington Medical Center moving ahead with expansion plans

The first step in Southwest Washington Medical Center's \$123 million modernization and expansion project begins Tuesday, Sept. 2, with demolition of the adjacent former Bill Hannah Chrysler dealership building getting underway.

At a 9:30 a.m. public ceremony, medical center president and CEO **Joe Kortum** will take a backhoe to one of the walls of the 44-year-old structure, in a symbolic gesture marking the beginning of a new era at Southwest.

Acquisition of the building and property will add 2.5 acres of Mill Plain Boulevard frontage to the largest medical center in southern Washington.

Part of the site will be incorporated into the medical center's plans for a new surgery patient tower and surgery suites.

The center has been given permission to expand by as many as 82 additional hospital beds. Most of the existing multiple-patient rooms will be replaced with single beds.

Kortum says all of the hospital's existing operating rooms will be replaced with state-of-the-art surgery suites. In addition plans call for significant improvements in the medical center's three centers of excellence, cancer, heart and vascular and musculoskeletal. In addition, there will be significant infrastructural upgrades throughout the center.

Southwest is licensed as a 360-bed non-profit medical institution, offering a full range of outpatient and inpatient diagnostic, medical and surgical services.

The medical center employs 3,100 persons and has an active medical staff of 443 persons.

Absentee ballots and county voters' pamphlet in the mail

Ballots, along with a voters' pamphlet prepared by Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey**, have been sent to all registered voters for what will be an entirely vote-by-mail primary election in Clark County.

The election is officially Tuesday, Sept. 16. Ballots may be returned by mail or turned in to drop-off locations listed in the voters' pamphlet. Only votes postmarked or turned in by 8 p.m. Sept. 16, will be counted.

Kimsey says the elections department will begin counting ballots at 5 p.m. on election day but will not release results until after 8 p.m.

Results will be posted on the county's website and will be released to the public and news media in Gaiser Hall at Clark College.

Voters not receiving ballots by Thursday, Sept. 4, should call the auditor's Elections Department, **397-2345**.

Vancouver Lake is off limits to swimmers

A toxic algal bloom found at Vancouver Lake has prompted the Clark County Health Department and the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department to issue an advisory to the public to avoid direct contact with the water.

The blue-green algae produces toxins that are

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potentially hazardous to human beings and can be deadly to small pets that drink the water.

Restrictions at the lake include no swimming, no wind surfing or sail boarding. Boating and fishing are allowed, however.

Restrictions could be in place for several weeks, according to county health officer **Karen Steingart**.

Foundation gives principals \$14,000 to help school children in need

School principals in 13 school districts in southwest Washington have been awarded \$14,000 in grants to be used to provide immediate cash for children in urgent need.

The grants, which come through the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington's Children's Trust Fund, are augmented by First Independent Bank, which provides checkbooks and banking services for the principal's use.

Principals can write a check on the spot to help a child with such immediate needs as shoes or clothing—a frequent occurrence.

Home builders offering sales certification course

A national sales certification course leading to a Certified Sales Professional designation, is being offered by the Building Industry Association of Southwest Washington. Classes will be Tuesday, Sept. 2, through Thursday, Sept. 4. The cost for members is \$300, for non members, \$450. For further information, call **Mary Gould, 694-0933**.

Thursday on the air

Tampa Bay at the Seattle Mariners (live)—1:30 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Vancouver city and port candidates forum—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Sacramento State at Oregon State (live)—7 p.m. KPDX, KEX

Tacoma at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003

Alaska Air Group	27.04	+24	Linear Technology	41.38	+21
Alcoa	28.35	+73	Microsoft	26.51	+09
Amazon.com	45.94	+06	Nautilus	11.46	+01
Bank of America	78.30	+67	Nike	56.12	+45
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	25.69	+75
Bemis	45.35	+39	PepsiCo	44.77	+74
Boeing	36.98	+84	Precision Cast	24.22	+02
Boise Cascade	27.10	+55	RLRN	24.93	+28
CenturyTel	34.66	+71	Starbucks	27.64	+52
Costco	32.18	+39	TSM	11.70	-10
Expeditors Intl.	37.69	+49	Tektronix	23.11	+44
Georgia Pacific	23.28	+66	US Bancorp	23.68	+23
HPQ	19.77	+25	Wash. Mutual	38.47	+17
Intel	28.30	+28	W. Coast Bancorp	19.12	+08
Kyocera	61.70	-45	Weyerhaeuser	59.27	+73

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Bill Marshall says secret to success is 100 words-per-minute.— Manny Helm unable to dodge bullet.— Jack Hart making neighborly appearance.— Ken Cole taking care of the answers.— Charley Masco telling enormous fish stories.— Gene Lynch organizing chaos.— Thursday , sunny and warm, 83. Friday , continued warm and sunny, 86. Saturday , gardens need watering, sunny, 88.	Acapulco 91/75 Athens 89/73 Chicago 84/68 Dallas 96/76 Hong Kong 91/79 Los Angeles 84/66 London 66/50 New Orleans 90/76 New York 81/71 Orlando 90/74 Paris 80/55 Phoenix 96/81 Rome 89/71 Seattle 76/54 Sydney 65/45 Tokyo 81/73 Washington 90/74
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