

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Paper vanishing from SWMC Radiation Therapy Department



Cheri Grove's Southwest Washington Medical Center Radiation Oncology Department becoming paperless

Southwest Washington Medical Center's Radiation Therapy Department is 80 percent paper free today, and the goal is to reach 100 percent by next summer, reports **Cheri Grove**, manager of the department.

The paperless system is run off a software program called IMPAC, which is also used in the Medical Oncology Department.

Now anyone on the staff can access nearly all information from a patient's chart from computer terminals all around the department.

Grove says the move to a paperless system has increased efficiency and productivity, decreased supply costs and improved the way the department tracks patient data. "And," she says, "We spend a lot less time filling out paper work and tracking down patient charts," she says.

According to Grove, adapting to a paperless environment has been a successful team effort involving brainstorming and good communication. "Once we got over the initial fear [that comes with change]," she explains, "we discovered we have a user-friendly system and that we can't erase anything."

Grove says the department has eliminated over ten thousand pieces of paper since switching over to electronic patient records.

Vancouver gets CREDC encomium for system that 'really works'

At its annual meeting last week, the Columbia River Economic Development Council, declaring that the City of Vancouver has streamlined the permitting process with a program that "really works," presented the city with the CREDC Pillar of Excellence in Economic Development Award.

The first-ever award was for the city's 90-day streamlined permitting process. Said **Bart Phillips**, CREDC president: "The review committee had unanimous praise for the city's efforts to develop an expedited permitting process [and was] impressed with their philosophy of continuous improvement and with their commitment to developing a system that really works."

Vancouver is a good place in which to do business, Phillips added.

Ports of Vancouver and Portland selected to participate in national environmental project

The ports of Vancouver and Portland, along with the Portland District Corps of Engineers, are participating in a

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two-year national Port Environmental Management Systems Assistance Project.

Joined by the Port of Los Angeles, the west coast ports will work with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Port of Houston Authority, Virginia Port Authority, Port of Corpus Christi, the Port of New Orleans and Port Everglades in a study sponsored by the Environmental Protection.

The participants are expected to develop a set of management processes that will help organizations analyze, control and improve environmental consequences.

"The Port of Vancouver has a long history of environmental stewardship, including annual audits, protective lease language, and responsible mediation of inherited cleanup sites," says **Larry Paulson**, executive director of the Port of Vancouver.

People

Michael Cooper and the staff of Family Medicine of Southwest Washington were recently honored by the ARC of Clark County with the organization's Outstanding Service Award. The doctor and clinic were recognized for providing high quality health services for members of the developmentally disabled community for the past eight years.

News brief

Clark County commissioners begin public hearings on the update of the 20-year Growth Management Plan at 6:30 p.m. today in the Public Service Center. Maps outlining urban expansion surrounding the county's cities will be available at 4 p.m. in the center.

Tuesday on the Air

Congressional Update—4 p.m. CVTV

County Growth Management Public Hearing (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Washington at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL

Clark County Focus—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003

Alaska Air Group	28.84	+40	Linear Technolog	42.70	+38
Alcoa	32.34	+66	Microsoft	25.40	-33
Amazon.com	52.47	+1.14	Nautilus	14.36	+31
Bank of America	75.05	+15	Nike	67.17	+2.50
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	35.25	+46
Bemis	45.50	+34	PepsiCo	47.70	-30
Boeing	38.26	-63	Precision Cast	40.26	+23
Boise Cascade	28.10	-05	RLRN	23.50	-09
CenturyTel	32.66	+37	Starbucks	31.51	+41
Costco	35.40	+25	TSM	10.93	+04
Expeditors Intl.	39.24	+05	Tektronix	26.36	+19
Georgia Pacific	26.92	+23	US Bancorp	27.70	+22
HPQ	21.66	-24	Wash. Mutual	44.95	-1.60
Intel	33.07	-39	W. Coast Bancorp	21.74	-07
Kyocera	59.70	unch	Weyerhaeuser	56.64	+19

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Patrick Lee watching the rubber hit the road. **Ron Frederiksen** joining in national celebration Thursday. **Marsha Olsen** gets surprise sendoff. **David Bragdon** including southern Washington. **Kelly Sills** right on schedule. **Tuesday**, gray, rainy, windy, 48. **Wednesday**, gray, showers, 50. **Thursday**, precipitation abates, but still mostly gray, 50.

Acapulco	92/77
Athens	66/55
Chicago	42/29
Dallas	56/48
Hong Kong	77/64
Los Angeles	66/46
London	49/43
New Orleans	57/50
New York	47/36
Orlando	76/60
Paris	46/37
Phoenix	66/46
Rome	65/50
Seattle	46/40
Sydney	65/43
Tokyo	62/50
Washington	50/34