

Tom Zellers named administrator of Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital



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Tom Zellers, former University of Virginia football player and former U.S. Navy pilot who earned his masters degree in health services administration from the University of Washington in 1979, has been appointed vice president of clinical operations and administrator for Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital.

Zellers comes to Legacy Health System from Vail Valley Medical Center, Vail, Colo., where he was president and chief executive officer of a regional health system with hospital and medical centers operating in seven locations.

Zellers was named by Legacy president and CEO **Robert Pallari** to lead the first new hospital to be built in Washington in 25 years. Pallari says that, although the new Salmon Creek campus won't open until next summer, Zellers' job begins December 6.

The new administrator has extensive experience in Washington. Zellers was on the staff at Spokane's Deaconess Medical Center for 16 years, where he rose to chief operating officer. For three years he was an assistant hospital administrator at the 410-bed University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. Early in his career Zellers was chief CEO of Unicare, a long-term care company in Seattle. He had also served as executive vice president and hospital administrator for Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, Maine.

Zellers' wife, **Kerry**, is a registered nurse, having earned a masters degree in nursing from the University of Washington. A son is attending Washington State University, and a daughter is already attending Columbia River High School in Vancouver.

Part of the Oregon-based nonprofit, tax-exempt Legacy Health System, the 220-bed Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital will provide general medical, surgical, cancer, diagnostic, obstetrical and

emergency services. It will also offer pediatrics and a neonatal intensive care unit. The campus, just north of NE 134th Street, will include two medical office buildings and a five-story parking garage.

When open, the campus is expected to provide employment for about 900 people. The Legacy system also includes Emanuel Hospital and Health Center and Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center in Portland.

Dave Campbell elected Skills Center advisory council chair

Dave Campbell, retired information technology consultant, has been elected chair of the Clark County Skills Center General Advisory Council. He succeeds **Ruth McColley**.

The General Advisory Council provides workplace, education and community perspectives to Skills Center director **Dennis Kampe**. Its membership represents southern Washington school districts, colleges, Educational Service District 112, Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, the state legislature, state Department of Labor and Industries, local business and industry, Skills Center staff and parents, and the community at large.

WSU Vancouver holding public hearing on four-year plan Tuesday

Washington State University president **V. Lane Rawlings** and WSU Vancouver chancellor **Hal Dengerink** will make presentations on the Washington State University Vancouver plan to add freshmen- and sophomore-level classes at the Salmon Creek campus beginning in 2006, at a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in the Student Services Building.

The plan drawn up by the Vancouver university followed a directive by the state legislature that WSU Vancouver and other branch campuses produce detailed plans for future operations.

The WSU Vancouver plan would see the local institution become an urban university, tied to the parent university in Pullman, but providing research opportunities as well, and expanding its higher education offerings to take into consideration southern Washington industries' requirements for skilled personnel. .

The new kind of university would continue with its 2 plus 2 status that enables graduates from Clark College and Lower Columbia College to matriculate at WSU Vancouver.

Deadline for YWCA Young Women of Achievement nominations Monday

The deadline for receiving nominations for YWCA of Clark County Young Women of Achievement Awards is 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15. Nominees must be young women in grades 11 and 12 in Clark County high schools, who have not previously won YWCA awards. Judging is based on community service, academic achievement, volunteer activities and demonstrated leadership.

For further information, call **696-0167**.



Pat Campbell

News briefs

The Clark College Drama Department's presentation of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* is being presented at 7:30 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Decker Theatre in Frost Hall. Tickets are \$8. 📍 The Vancouver Symphony, led by **Salvador Brotons**, performs the world premier of Vancouver composer **Matt Doran's** *Symphony #3* in concerts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, in the concert hall at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th Street. For further information, call **735-7278**. 📍 The Evergreen School District's 3rd annual benefit auction is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Hudson's Bar and Grill. For further information, call **604-4022**. 📍 The Columbia River Mental Health Services benefit dinner and auction is at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Royal Oaks Country Club. For further information, call **993-3049**. 📍 Foam blocks and television sets, computers, monitors and printers may be disposed of free between noon and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Water Resources Education Center, 4500 SE Columbia Way.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Cowlitz tell community leaders that \\$400 million casino, convention facilities and hotel will mean big tourist bucks for Clark County--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[Events will pay tribute to Vancouver Marine staff sergeant who died in Monday in Iraq--Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)
[As Rossi inches ahead in the delayed vote count Democrats sue King County over disputed ballots--Seattle P-I, **Angela Galoway**](#)
[Bush has friends at Crossroads Church--Columbian, **Gregg Herrington**](#)
[Vancouver antique shops ripe for treasure hunting--Columbian--**Tricia Jones**](#)
[Southwest Washington Medical Center braces for growth, competition--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Columbian's best bets for entertainment](#)
[Scott Peterson found guilty of first degree murder of his pregnant wife--USA TODAY](#)

Friday on the air

Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV
 City Minutes—6:30 p.m. CVTV
 Animal Control Hearings (11/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Winter Hawks at Vancouver (live)—7:30 p.m. KUPL
 Animal Control Hearings (11/3)—9 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Land Use Hearings (11/9)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Ray Johnson brightening the day. 📍 **Elson Strahan** displaying well-reasoned poultry acumen. 📍 **Cassie McVeety** again a home town hit. 📍 **Darby Bacon** adding to her list of achievements. 📍 **Kurt Creager** having nice things to say. 📍 **Al** and **Nancy Williams** deserving of their busted buttons. 📍 **Friday**, partly sunny, 57. **Saturday**, possible drizzles, some sun, 56. **Sunday**, gray day, possible precipitation, 55.