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Donna Overman has been appointed director of Physician Recruitment and Development at Southwest Washington Medical Center.

Overman will report directly to **Gil Rodriguez**, SWMC's chief medical officer. Rodriguez says that, in addition to recruitment efforts, Overman will work with physicians and medical groups in the community to help plan to meet the community's needs for health care delivery in the future.

In recent years the medical center has worked closely with physicians practices to help recruit 180 new physicians to the community.

Overman most recently was director of human resources and physician recruitment and retention for Pacific Medical Group, a five-clinic care practice with 35 physicians in Oregon.

SWMC, southern Washington's largest employer with over 3,200 on the payroll, is served by 520 medical staff members, who support 32 different medical specialty services in programs, focused on cancer, heart, emergency, trauma, neuro-musculoskeletal, family birth and primary care.

County growth rate accelerates

Clark Public Utilities added 416 new families to its list of customers during August, bringing the annual growth rate for the county to 2.86 percent. The rate of growth for all of 2003 was 2.65 percent, when the electric utility signed up 4,011 customers. Through Aug. 31, this year Clark's residential customer base has grown by 2,937 families.

Revenues from residential customers and combined commercial and industrial customers were both above budget for the month, reported the utility's chief financial officer **Rick Dyer**. The industrial and commercial power use suggests an economic turn-around in Clark County, according to Dyer.

Oregon Chamber Players opening 10th anniversary season Saturday

The Oregon Chamber Players, composed of professional musicians from throughout the Northwest, opens its 2004-2005, 10th anniversary season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, in All Saints' Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Boulevard, Portland.

Saturday's concert features selections by Handel, Grieg, Gluck, Dvorak and Boyce. General admission is \$14; student and senior admission, \$12. Tickets are available through Safeway TicketsWest and at the door. For further information, call **(800) 927-8788**, extension 1.

Medical thermometer exchange set for Southwest Washington Medical Center

County residents may exchange household medical mercury thermometers for non-mercury thermometers beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, in Room 5 at Southwest Washington Medical Center, 400 NE Mother Joseph Place, according to Clark County Public Works spokesperson, **Jim Mansfield**.

The medical center has 200 thermometers available for the exchange program. For further information on hazardous waste disposal, call **397-6118**, extension 4352.

Win Vancouver Symphony Orchestra tickets

Win two tickets to either of two performances of the Vancouver Symphony this weekend. Winners will be selected from those who correctly answer the following question:

Tchaikovsky was so entranced by Mozart's music that he orchestrated and compiled a number of his pieces - what were they called?

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra season opening concerts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, in the Skyview High School Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street.

To be eligible, responses must reach the *Insider* by 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7.

News briefs

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets in regular session at 4 p.m. today in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. 🗳️ An open house hosted by C-TRAN will present facts related to the .03-cent sales tax measure, to restore the transit agency's post-Initiative 695 budget, that is on the Nov. 2 general election ballot. The open house is at 5:30 p.m. today in Clark Public Utilities' Orchards Service Center, 8600 NE 117th Street. 🗳️ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in Conference Room B in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Mt. St. Helens spits out another batch of steam--KATU, Gene Johnson](#)
[49th District Senate: Carlson-Pridemore: a choice of styles--Columbian, Don Jenkins](#)

[17th District House: Money big issue in Rhine-Wallace race--Columbian, **Don Jenkins**](#)
[Hambleton Lumber looking to expand markets--Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)
[Congressional delegation still working on income tax break for Washingtonians who can't deduct sales tax from federal bill--Seattle P-I, **Charles Pope**](#)
[Major flu vaccine shortage likely after Britain suspends license of major supplier--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Nice guy vs. The Ice Guy, tonight in Cleveland--USA TODAY, **Bill Nichols** and **Martin Kasindorf**](#)

Tuesday on the air

49th District Senatorial Debate (8/24)—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Gubernatorial Candidates Forum—6:30 p.m. CVTV
County Commissioner District 2 Candidates—8:30 p.m. CVTV
Women in Action, Emerging Leaders Forum—9 p.m. CVTV
City Council Retreat (7/26)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Gregory Robinson in the know. ☞ **Ty Wells** says “mangiamo.” ☞ **Marissa Madrigal** gets an R for an L. ☞ **Larry Blaufus** inundated with kudos, encomiums and official praise. ☞ **Kim Capeloto** getting to the top and bottom of things. ☞ **Tuesday**, cloudy, turning to sun in the afternoon, 72. **Wednesday**, gray in the morning, possible precipitation, 68. **Thursday**, light showers likely, 66.