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Southwest Washington Medical Center hires director of clinical informatics

Van Hardison has been named director of clinical informatics at Southwest Washington Medical Center, according to **Joe Kortum**, the medical center's CEO/executive director.

In this new position, Hardison will be in charge of the clinical information system that provides real-time simultaneous access of patients' medical records for all appropriate physicians and medical staff. The primary purpose of the system is to improve patient safety and quality of care.

Hardison most recently was with the Cerner Corporation, Kansas City, Mo. Hardison is a registered nurse and holds a doctoral degree from Columbia Pacific University. He is a certified professional in healthcare information and management systems.

I-5 bridge groups meet Sunday and Monday

The first interstate bridge connecting Vancouver and Portland was completed in 1917. Forty-one years later, 1958, that bridge was raised to allow for more barge traffic to go through without requiring use of the lift span and a twin bridge, exactly doubling capacity on the I-5 corridor was completed. Twenty-four years after that, 1982, the I-205 bridge was opened to traffic.

From time to time other transportation corridors have been considered, between Camas and Gresham, and an I-605 corridor west of I-5. Oregon transportation planners put the kibosh on the I-605 corridor in 1990.

An organization for which the Website address is www.ThirdBridgeNow.com, spearheaded by north Portland businesswoman **Sharon Nasset**, is holding an open house and public meeting from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, in the 6th floor meeting room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The focus of this "citizen transportation summit," is a third bridge west of I-5 that would cross the Columbia River near the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge in the Port of Vancouver, Hayden Island and Northwest Portland industrial areas.

The public is encouraged to attend, says Nasset. For further information, call **(503) 283-9585**.

A Regional Transportation Open Forum, sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee, is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, at Washington State University Vancouver.

Presenters are the Southwest Washington Transportation Council, C-TRAN, Oregon Department of Transportation and the Columbia River Crossing Task Force.

That session is restricted to chamber of commerce members, who should call **692-2588** for further information.

Three Creeks planners calling first meeting

The Three Creeks Advisory Council has scheduled its first official meeting for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Clark Regional Wastewater District offices, 800 NE 52nd Court.

The new organization put together by county commissioners is charged with assisting the county with planning for transportation, land use and related issues, according to council chair, county commissioner **Betty Sue Morris**.

The Three Creeks planning area includes unincorporated urban areas around Hazel Dell, Felida, Lake Shore, Salmon Creek and the county fairgrounds.

People

Clark County patrol deputies **Seth Brannan** and **Jeremy Koch** have earned honorable mention in the Top



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Cops Awards category by the National Association of Police Organizations. They were the only officers from the state of Washington to be honored for heroism by the national organization. The pair successfully pulled a man from a burning wrecked car to safety last May.

News brief

Applications are being accepted locally for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary World Peace Fellowships. Ambassadorial Scholarships, available to students who have completed two years of college, are valued up to \$24,000 and available to more than 160 countries. Rotary World Peace Fellowships are available at the post-graduate level for study in one of seven leading universities. The programs are sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Clark County and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 11. For further information, call **Susanne Cox, 737-0442**.

Calendar

The three-day regional meeting of the two-year college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, opened at Clark College today and concludes Sunday, March 9. Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in America, has over 2 million members. <> Watershed Stewards are building an outdoor interpretive trail behind South Ridge Elementary School, 502 NW 199th Street, Ridgefield, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, reports steward **Gary Bock**. To sign up to help work on the trail, call **Jeanne Simon, 727-3141**. <> A traditional American Indian Pow Wow is being presented twice Saturday, March 8, in the Covington Middle School, 11200 NE Rosewood Road. Opening grand entry processions are at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Vendors will be on hand with Indian tacos, fry bread and arts and crafts. Entertainment includes Native American dancers and drum groups. There is no charge. For further information, call **604-4000**, extension **1261**. <> The Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, offers free fun with water for kids and families from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8. For further information, call **487-7111**. <> The Junior Symphony of Vancouver, led by conductor **Timoteus Racz**, presents a concert including music by Handel, Purcell, Granados, Beach and others at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, in the Vancouver First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th Street. Tickets available at the door are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and seniors. <> Before setting clocks back one hour before arising Sunday, March 9, Clark County families should check to make sure smoke alarms have fresh batteries and that they have an emergency stockpile with at least three days' worth of bottled water, medications and non-perishable foods, according to Clark County Public Health.

Friday on the Air

Portland Blazers at Milwaukee (live)—5:30 p.m. CSN, KXL

Clark County Focus (2/14)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (2/13)—7 p.m. CVTV

Everett at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7:30 p.m. KKAD

GOP Lincoln Day Dinner (3/1)—8:15 p.m. CVTV

U. of P. at Pepperdine (live)—8:30 p.m. KBNP

Army News Watch—9 p.m. FVTV

State-of-the-City Address (2/28)—10 p.m. CVTV

Alternative Energy (2/18)—11:01 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (2/14)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ginger Metcalf checking on orchestra seats. <> **Steve Bullinger, Mark Burk, Dave Eccleson, Jesse McClennan** and **Zack Muonio** getting special notice for quick reaction. <> **KC Fuller** rounding up trombones and drums. <> **David Gray** parceling out Walla Walla shipment. <> **Tina Barsotti** going the distance to simplify. <> **Friday**, partly cloudy, possible showers, 41-60. **Saturday** cloudy, possible shower or two, 38-59. **Sunday**, a few showers expected, 46-60.