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Beloved Paul Kretschmar died at home Saturday

Paul Otto Kretschmar, Vancouver Clinic internist, whose standard remedy was two parts medicine and one part humor, or sometimes the other way around, died of an apparent heart attack at his home Saturday at the age of 78.

Dr. Kretschmar, one of Clark County's most committed and compassionate physicians, is being remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, cousin and grandfather. Dr. Kretschmar is survived by his wife of 47 years, **Margaret Linton Kretschmar**: four daughters, **Janet Johnson**, Santa Rosa, Calif.; **Susan Greenbaun**, Carlisle, Pa.; **Katherine Jensen**, Bergen, Norway; and **Laura Kretschmar**, Oakland, Calif.; and nine grandchildren. A fifth daughter, Kristi Lynn Kretschmar, preceded him in death. In addition, Dr. Kretschmar is survived by the following: two sisters: **Esther E. Kretschmar**, Madison, Wisc.; **Eleanor K. Wenzel**, Eagan, Minn. He is also survived and a special cousin, **Billy Kretschmar**, Venturia, N.D.



Dr. Paul Kretschmar

Born in Eureka, S.D., Dr. Kretschmar was a graduate of Eureka High School, the University of South Dakota and The University of Illinois School of Medicine. After two years of service in the Navy, Dr. Kretschmar pursued a three-year residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. In 1961, at the age of 31, Dr. Kretschmar moved to Vancouver where he met Margaret and joined the Vancouver Clinic. He was the Vancouver Clinic's longest serving physician, practicing internal medicine for over 46 years and occupational medicine for the last ten years.

Dr. Kretschmar is a former member of the board of trustees of the Vancouver Clinic and of Vancouver Memorial Hospital. Dr. Kretschmar was also assistant professor of Medicine at OHSU, attending in the Rheumatology Clinic during the 1960s, and he was Board certified in Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine, and as an Independent Medical Examiner.

Dr. and Mrs. Kretschmar are lifetime members of the Cascade Society of Southwest Washington Medical Center. They have given generously to the medical center, Whitebird, Oregon Ballet Theatre and the Portland Opera.

A memorial service honoring the life of Dr. Kretschmar will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Fort Vancouver High School Auditorium, 5700 E 18th Street. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, 4100 Plomondon Street, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Gov. Gregoire to deliver WSU

Vancouver commencement speech

Gov. **Christine Gregoire** will deliver the commencement speech at Washington State University Vancouver during graduating ceremonies that begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Amphitheater at Clark County.

This 19th class from WSU Vancouver includes 585 undergraduate students and 126 graduate students.

There is no charge for attending or parking. For further information, call vice chancellor for student affairs **Nancy Youlden**.

Commissioners' bond energy program designed to save more than the cost

Clark County commissioners approved a county bond program of \$7.8 million, designed to save taxpayers \$10 million over the next 20 years, reports **Mark McCauley**, Clark County general services director.

McCauley said the bonds will buy 35 individual energy conservation and renewable energy projects that will reduce utility expenses and produce savings to fund other infrastructure improvement. The county will also receive about \$300,000 in energy incentives from Clark Public Utilities. The renewable energy programs promise another benefit, according to county administrator **Bill Barron**. They will reduce green-house gases. "This is an example of the county leading by example," Barron said.

Tamara Pegel promoted



Tamara Pegel who is branch team leader at First Independent's Van Mall banking center, has also been assigned management of First Independent's Orchards banking center.

Pegel was a lead personal banker for Baker Boyer National Bank, Walla Walla, before joining First Independent in 2006. Pegel is a member of the Clark County Family YMCA.

Notwithstanding new primary rules, Schwarz holding convention just in case

Community activist **Bridget Schwarz** has already announced she wants to be an Independent candidate for Clark County Commissioner.

New rules in the state of Washington say that the state's primary election will be used to pick the top two candidates for each partisan race, regardless of political party. For example, two Republicans could face each other in the general election, or it could be two Democrats, or one of each.

Tamara Pegel

The old rules state that for an Independent to be on the ballot the candidate must hold a nominating convention.

Schwarz says she is unwilling to take a chance that some court could change the new rules, thus she will hold a nominating convention from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the Three Creeks Regional Library Community Room, 800-C NE Tenney Road.

Schwarz will need signatures of 100 registered voters to qualify as an Independent candidate.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council (4/21)—7 p.m. CVTV

Oklahoma at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (4/19)—8:45 p.m. CVTV

Bravo! Vancouver: Triple Crown (4/20)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Arch Miller wins big prize. <> **Marge Martel** sparkingly elegant. <> **Gene** and **Marie Kemper** graciously accepting accolades. <> **Hans Olson** bids \$1,000, gets malfunctioning balloon. <> **John Beach** right on schedule. <> **Monday**, scattered showers, 44-62. **Tuesday**, light rain from time to time, 41-50. **Wednesday**, showers again, 41-54.