



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending March 26, 2010

OREGON COAST

- **West Wind Dental** in **Seaside** is adding two dentists to its staff. *Daily Astorian, 3-18-10*
- **Oregon Resources Corp.** has the go-ahead to begin construction on its Bunker Hill ore processing plant between **Charleston** and **Bandon**. The company plans to hire more than 50 plant operators later this year and contract with another 25 truck drivers and miners. *The World, 3-11-10*
- The **Seaside School District** expects to cut 16 licensed positions next school year. *Daily Astorian, 3-19-10*
- **Bay Area Hospital** in **Coos Bay** plans to break ground in summer 2011 on a 97,000-square-foot expansion project. The four-story wing won't mean additional staff or services, but it will give caregivers more space so patients will have a better experience. The work is expected to cost \$39 million and take three years to complete. *The World, 3-11-10*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Mercy Flights** recently announced they have eliminated 10 positions; the first ever cuts to their employees. Mercy Flights provides ambulance services to most of **Jackson County's** residents. *www.localnewscomesfirst.com (KOBI), 3-8-10*
- A new **Figaro's Pizza** has opened at the old Piper Drive-in location on Redwood Highway in **Grants Pass**. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 3-6-10*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- Two general internists will join **Sky Lakes Medical Center** in **Klamath County** this summer with a possible third position that may also be filled. The center is now focused on filling positions in neurology, obstetrics, and dermatology. *Herald and News, 3-24-10*
- **Glass Symphony**, a downtown **Bend** art gallery, will close in April after a liquidation sale. The owners cite the economy as the reason for the closure. *Central Oregonian, 3-24-10*
- **RedFusion Media** opened in **Bend**. The Internet marketing and web development company is based in Redlands, CA. *The Bulletin, 3-19-10*
- **Sisters Charter Academy of Fine Arts** closed. The closure puts three teachers out of work and the students will have to find a new place to finish out the school year. *The Bulletin, 3-24-10*

EASTERN OREGON

- The **Center for Human Development** in **La Grande**, a private non-profit organization that provides Union County residents with a broad array of physical and mental health services, moved to new headquarters. CHD employs about 90 people, including doctors, nurses, social workers, counselors, and other health and rehabilitation specialists. *The Observer*, 3-3-10
- The **Baker City Café** is under new ownership and now serves dinner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. *Baker City Herald*, 3-17-10

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PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Atelier Dreiseitl's**, a German-based landscape architecture company, will open a studio in **Portland**. It will employ four people. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-19-10
- The **Saks Fifth Avenue** stores at the Pioneer Place Mall in downtown **Portland** will close later this year. The men's store will close on April 25 and the main store will close by July 31. About 100 people work at the two locations. *The Oregonian*, 3-23-10
- **Bull Mountain Bar & Grill** opened in **Tigard**. *The Oregonian*, 3-19-10
- **Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center Inc.**, a nonprofit arts organization in **North Portland**, will close on May 1 due to decreased donations and grants. It employed three people. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-19-10
- **Suzion Wind Energy Corp.** of Chicago, a wind turbine repair company, leased a 27,000-square-foot facility in northwest **Portland**. It will use the space to repair generators from existing wind turbines. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-19-10
- Soft-drink maker Coca-Cola is closing three local distribution centers – Tualatin, The Dalles, and Woodland, Wash. – and transferring that distribution work to a new center at the **Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Oregon's Wilsonville** headquarters. *KATU.com*, 3-18-10
- **Amedisys Home Health Care** will open at Vintage Place in **McMinnville**. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-19-10

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Mid-Valley Scrubs and More** opened in **Lebanon**. It offers scrub pants and tops, shoes, stethoscopes and other items for medical professionals. *Lebanon Express*, 3-17-10
- A **Safeway** store on Commercial Street Southeast in **Salem** will close on April 3. It employs 33 people, 31 of whom already have been offered other positions locally. *Statesman Journal*, 3-22-10
- **Helping Hands** thrift store will open in **Silverton** on April 2. It will offer vintage furniture, collectibles, used clothing, artwork, and other items. **Mt. Angel Developmental Programs** clients will staff the store. *Silverton Appeal Tribune*, 3-17-10