



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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For the week ending March 27, 2009

## OREGON COAST

- **Sea Breeze Day Spa** has opened in **Tillamook**. *Headlight-Herald*, 3-11-09
- **The Virginia Street Day Spa** has opened in **North Bend**. *The World*, 3-4-09
- **Spoiled Silly Children's Boutique** has opened in **Depoe Bay**. It employs two people. *News Guard*, 3-25-09
- **Tillamook County Department of Community Development** cut four jobs. *Headlight-Herald*, 3-11-09
- **Sea Towne Pub**, a brew pub and restaurant, has opened in **Newport**. *News Times*, 3-25-09

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Java Juice Extreme** coffee shop has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review*, 3-15-09
- **Eagle Point School District** will lay off 13 teachers and counselors and 15 support staff at the end of the current school year. *Medford Mail Tribune*, 3-18-09
- **The International Grocery and Deli** has opened in **Winston**. It offers hot cooked meals and groceries from a variety of cuisines including Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Indian, Thai, and American. *The News-Review*, 3-15-09
- **Spirit of Shakti**, a yoga apparel store in Ashland, will close. *Ashland Daily Tidings*, 3-7-09

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Luxe Home Interiors** has opened in **Bend**. It offers professional interior and design services. *Bend Bulletin*, 3-13-09
- **Bad Monkey Pub** has opened in **Culver**. *Madras Pioneer*, 3-13-09
- **Risse Racing**, a machining company that makes mountain bike and airplane parts has relocated from Redding, Calif., to **Redmond**. It brought four employees to Central Oregon and expects to hire a couple more over the next few months. *Bend Bulletin*, 3-13-09
- **Wild Red Energy**, an energy bar maker, has opened in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin*, 3-13-09
- **Plenty**, a women's boutique in **Bend**, will close in April. **Bella Moda**, a consignment store will open at the location in May. *Bend Bulletin*, 3-25-09

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## EASTERN OREGON

- **Korner Pocket Billiards** will open in **Hermiston**. *East Oregonian*, 3-8-09
- The **Baker School District** will close **North Baker Elementary School** for the next school year in response to funding shortfalls. It will reduce staff by 7.5 teaching positions, 7.2 classified workers, and one administrator. *Baker City Herald*, 3-11-09

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- About 200 construction workers will build a 210,000-square-foot facility at the 100-acre **SolarWorld** property in **Hillsboro**. By 2011, the Hillsboro campus is expected to employ up to 1,000 people and make enough cells to generate 500 megawatts of electricity a year. *KRDV.com*, 3-23-09
- **Element Power**, a global renewable energy company, has chosen **Portland** as its North American headquarters. The company works on utility-scale solar and wind energy projects across the country. It will employ 50 people. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-23-09
- **Cascade Steel Rolling Mills** in **McMinnville**, which laid off 73 people in December, will lay off 76 more workers. *New-Register*, 3-25-09
- New York-based household goods giant **Colgate Palmolive Co.** will open a Pacific Northwest distribution facility at the **Rivergate Corporate Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-2-09
- **Portland**-based retailer **Kitchen Kaboodle** will close its five metro area stores three days a week in an effort to drive down costs. This will allow it to cut prices by 15 to 30 percent, which the company hopes will bring in new customers. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-4-09
- **D & D Automotive and Electrical** has opened in **Sandy**. *Sandy Post*, 3-24-09
- **The Oregon Zoo** in **Portland** plans to fill about 150 seasonal vacancies for mostly part-time jobs in the warehouse, catering, food service, security, and custodial operations. *KGW.com*, 3-20-09

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **RainSweet** in **West Salem** will close its onion processing operation by May 1. About 118 workers will be affected by the closure and some will be laid off. *Statesman Journal*, 3-25-09
- The **Lebanon Coffee House** will open in **Lebanon**. *Lebanon Express*, 3-10-09
- **The Half Penny Bar and Grill** has opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal*, 3-8-09
- **Lithia Motors** will close its **Eugene Saturn** dealership on March 30. Some of the 30 employees will be offered transfers to other jobs within the company. *Register-Guard*, 3-21-09
- **Treasure Island Antiques & Gallery** will open in **Salem**. It will offer vintage and antique furniture, art, books, postcards, and collectibles. *Statesman Journal*, 2-14-09