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County to lose \$5.5 million in federal funding for mental health, affecting 1,500 residents

Changes in Medicaid effective Jan. 1, 2004, will cut \$5.5 million out of Clark County's \$18 million spending for mental health, according to **David Weniger**, chair of the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Weniger says, "Unless alternative funds are found, approximately 30 percent of the mental health services now offered in Clark County may be eliminated."

More than 1,500 low income residents of Clark County currently receive Medicaid support.

"The Mental Health Council has informed us of the pending changes, and we are working feverishly in partnership with other providers to secure other funding sources to maintain the level of services now available," says **John Magnano**, executive director of Columbia River Mental Health.

"The federal changes will have devastating effects on low-income people with mental illnesses," says **Sally Erickson**, director of the Council for the Homeless.

"Those not receiving needed medications, or individuals removed from adequate housing, may require crisis care. Many times the end result is incarceration in jail and/or treatment in area hospitals."

Homeless Council advocates recognized

Columbia River Mental Health and seven individuals were recognized by the Council for the Homeless for their commitment to and compassion for the homeless at council's fourth annual recognition luncheon today.

Columbia River Mental Health received the council's Community Partner award.

James De Long was honored for his community volunteer work. **Dollie** and **Edward Lynch** were recognized for their community support. **Ron Morrison** was presented the Community Advocate award. Named Quiet Heroes were **Shirley** and **Cliff Barnes**.

The Council for the Homeless Volunteer of the Year is **Val Ogden**.

Third annual open house and safety fair at Public Safety Complex includes free lunch

The third annual open house and safety fair at the Public Safety Complex, 505 NW 179th Street, just west of the Clark County fairgrounds, from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, includes a free lunch from noon until 2:30 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Fairgrounds Fire Facilities Board, Clark County Sheriff's office, the county Fire Marshal's office and the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, the event includes fire engine rides, demonstrations of emergency and safety equipment, kids contests, and a display of antique fire engines and SWAT vehicles.

In addition, 20-year plans from Clark County, C-TRAN, the Clark County Fair Association, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, Legacy Hospital and Washington State University-Vancouver will be exhibited.

The free lunch, to which the public is also invited, is provided by the Outback Steakhouse.

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FRIDAY

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Main Street in Battle Ground to be closed at night as final layer of asphalt is applied

Battle Ground's W Main Street will be closed between 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, to 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, from Highway 503 to NW 12th Avenue; between 7 p.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, from NW 12th Avenue to NW 20th Avenue; and between 7 p.m. Tuesday to 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, from NW 20th Avenue to NW 29th Avenue.

The project, which widens one-mile of W Main Street to five lanes, will be completed this month when lane striping is completed.

News briefs

U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) is holding a town hall meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in the 6th Floor commissioner's hearing room in the Clark County Community Services Building. ~~SES~~ CVTV 20th anniversary dinner featuring television clips and **Bravo! Vancouver** musical entertainment, begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Water Resources Education Center. ~~SES~~ St. Luke's Episcopal Church's 150th anniversary commemorative service is at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, inside the grounds at the Fort Vancouver stockade. The public is invited to attend. ~~SES~~ CPR training for adults associated with childcare is being offered Monday, Sept. 22, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the Health Education Center at Southwest Washington Medical Center. For further information, call **514-2190**.

Friday on the air

City Minutes—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus: 20 Years of County Government—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes: Anniversary Special—6 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Oakland A's (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK
Animal Control Hearings (9/11)—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (9/3)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Every Fifteen Minutes Program—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 19, 2003

Alaska Air Group	29.10	+01	Linear Technology	38.90	-44
Alcoa	28.45	+15	Microsoft	29.94	+46
Amazon.com	47.58	-31	Nautilus	13.60	-29
Bank of America	79.22	-47	Nike	61.50	+4.25
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	25.82	-12
Bemis	45.16	+16	PepsiCo	45.76	+04
Boeing	35.79	-35	Precision Cast	36.58	-22
Boise Cascade	28.84	-01	RLRN	25.06	+11
CenturyTel	34.47	-25	Starbucks	29.19	-39
Costco	32.58	+83	TSM	11.58	-14
Expeditors Intl.	36.15	-2.84	Tektronix	25.67	+1.32
Georgia Pacific	24.95	-28	US Bancorp	24.74	-04
HPO	21.15	+18	Wash. Mutual	38.46	-58
Intel	29.17	+01	W. Coast Bancorp	20.91	+09
Kyocera	64.68	-4.57	Weyerhaeuser	60.85	-83

DOW: 9644.82 -1441 ~~SES~~NASDAQ: 1905.7 -3.85 ~~SES~~S&P: 1036.3 -3.28

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Craig Walker expanding all kinds of horizons. ~~SES~~ **Amy Schwartz** providing details. ~~SES~~ **Bruce Cross** once again heard from. ~~SES~~ **Buzz Underwood** finishing birthday week. ~~SES~~ **Mat McCudden** offering "big-game" tickets. **Friday**, after morning moisture, clearing and warming, 74. **Saturday**, expect much more sunshine, 75. **Sunday**, sunshine all day, 80.

Acapulco	91/75
Athens	77/58
Chicago	68/48
Dallas	76/56
Hong Kong	91/80
Los Angeles	84/62
London	75/59
New Orleans	90/71
New York	72/68
Orlando	92/68
Paris	79/60
Phoenix	102/75
Rome	80/61
Seattle	64/50
Sydney	80/57
Tokyo	88/70
Washington	78/64