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SWMC Child care and Early Learning Center ground breaking is Monday

The three partners in the innovative SWMC Child Care and Early Learning Center at 310 Lieser Road will assemble at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, to break ground on the innovative center.

The partners are Southwest Washington Medical Center, providing the financing for the \$2 million facility, Education Service District 112, which will operate the center, and the Vancouver School District, which will provide a learning environment for high school students interested in careers in early education and health care.

The center will provide 135 child-care spaces. While the spaces primarily are for employees of the medical center, a percentage will be available for community use, according to **Joe Kortum**, medical center president and CEO.

The medical center, with 3,100 employees, is the county's largest employer.

The center will help alleviate a critical shortage in child care and early learning in Clark County, but the community still has a long way to go.

There are over 40,000 children in Clark County under the age of 13 who live in households that need some type of child care, according to the state Child Care Resource and Referral Network. It is estimated there are only 8,613 child care slots in the county.

"Our employees consistently tell us they have a very difficult time finding quality, affordable child care for their children," Kortum says. "By leveraging the resources of the educational districts we strengthen the entire community by supporting working families."

County begins to energize new Economic Development Fund

The mechanism that will pump as much as \$10 million into economic development projects in Clark County is now being put in place as county commissioners call for two public members for the new Economic Development Fund Review Committee.

The source of funding is a portion of the county's Real Estate Excise Tax, which is expected to produce about \$200,000 a year. It is a portion of the REET that had been given over entirely to park development in recent years.

During the past two years the county has made economic development a priority, and the development of the fund is a key element in the county program.

The fund, in addition to directing a specific amount of financial assistance also provides a way for public-private partnerships to obtain bonding for capital projects that support economic development.

Only infrastructure-related expenditures will be financed, such as streets, water mains, sewers and electric power.

According to **Marlia Jenkins**, spokesperson for the Clark County Community Development, the fund will help finance capital improvements that support major economic development projects in the range of \$10 million and up.

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The committee will have representation from the county, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Clark Public Utilities, in addition to the two public members.

Applicants are asked to have some knowledge of capital improvement, public and private finance and economic issues in Clark County. Applications, including a letter of interest and resume, are due by Wednesday, Oct. 15. For further information, call Jenkins at **397-2375**, extension **4405**.

Region-wide bands marching into McKenzie Stadium for annual competition

The eighth annual McKenzie Classic Marching Band and Color Guard Competition begins at noon, Saturday, Sept. 27, and concludes with final competition at 6:30 p.m.

The competition, sponsored by the Evergreen School District is in the stadium at 2500 NE 138th Street. Tickets at the gate are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

Katie Foehl named foundation director

Katie Foehl, former corporate relations executive with the University of Portland, has been named director of development for the Clark County Skills Center Foundation.

Foehl has also worked with the Oregon Graduate Center, and Oregon Museum of Science and Technology.

News brief

Highway 500 between NE 112th Avenue and Gher Road and NE Fourth Plain Boulevard will be closed for about 30 minutes at 4 .m. Sunday, Sept. 28, to remove overhead power lines.

Friday on the Air

Oakland A's at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Animal Control Hearings (9/11)—8:00 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (9/3)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

InterACT: Our Transportation Future—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 26, 2003

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| Alaska Air Group | 27.64 | -.56 | Linear Technology | 35.88 | -.12 |
| Alcoa | 26.68 | -.48 | Microsoft | 28.19 | -.05 |
| Amazon.com | 48.56 | -1.49 | Nautilus | 12.35 | -.20 |
| Bank of America | 78.80 | +30 | Nike | 60.85 | +4.5 |
| Bank of Clark County | 15.00 | unch | Nordstrom | 24.88 | -.63 |
| Bemis | 44.23 | +17 | PepsiCo | 45.63 | +1.2 |
| Boeing | 34.01 | +25 | Precision Cast | 34.90 | -.06 |
| Boise Cascade | 27.73 | -.21 | RLRN | 22.75 | -.16 |
| CenturyTel | 34.25 | +33 | Starbucks | 29.57 | -.41 |
| Costco | 31.20 | -.60 | TSM | 10.85 | +0.1 |
| Expeditors Intl. | 34.30 | -.90 | Tektronix | 24.66 | -.35 |
| Georgia Pacific | 23.41 | +01 | US Bancorp | 24.01 | -.37 |
| HPO | 19.40 | +14 | Wash. Mutual | 38.93 | +4.3 |
| Intel | 27.27 | -.18 | W. Coast Bancorp | 19.48 | -.27 |
| Kyocera | 61.10 | +25 | Weyerhaeuser | 58.40 | -.50 |

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Brenda Birdwell getting star status.
Savannah Cooper winning regional first places.
Steve Runyan doing business as usual.
Gary Goodman getting retirement help.
Todd Hanson and **Jim Blevins** getting high praise for second opinion.
Friday, UV rays prevail, 88. **Saturday**, practically a scorcher, 90. **Sunday**, sunny but a little cooler, 80.

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| Acapulco | 91/75 |
| Athens | 75/58 |
| Chicago | 68/51 |
| Dallas | 88/68 |
| Hong Kong | 84/78 |
| Los Angeles | 82/62 |
| London | 62/48 |
| New Orleans | 88/72 |
| New York | 72/56 |
| Orlando | 87/72 |
| Paris | 62/46 |
| Phoenix | 102/76 |
| Rome | 72/55 |
| Seattle | 88/56 |
| Sydney | 85/55 |
| Tokyo | 78/66 |
| Washington | 75/65 |