

**Vancouver City Council expected to approve contract to build eastside Firstenburg Center**

Additional financing from real estate excise taxes will be used to cover the increased cost of the eastside Firstenburg Center, if the Vancouver City Council follows a Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation staff report tonight.

The center, for which ground-breaking ceremonies are set for 3 p.m. Friday, June 25, was expected to cost \$19.6 million. The lowest bid received by the city last week was from Berschauer Phillips Construction, Olympia, for \$16,724, 922.55, about \$1.5 million higher than expected, raising the total cost to \$21.5 million. Real estate excise taxes were already pledged for most of the cost of the project.

The primary private contributor to the project was the **Ed and Mary Firstenburg** family, in the amount of \$3 million.

**Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation awards \$100,000 in scholarships**

The Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation has awarded a total of \$100,000 to a record 67 academic scholarship recipients, high school students and healthcare workers in southwest Washington.

The awards are made to help meet community need and to help strengthen the medical center's position as an employer of choice.

Profits from sales in the two medical center campus gift shops support the scholarship program.

Clark County recipients, whose awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000, are **Sara Brugger, Michelle L. Johnson, Megan Patterson and Heidi L. Puttkammer**, all of Evergreen High School; **Rachel D. Daily**, Fort Vancouver High School; **Kathryn A. Fuller, Stephanie Shinn and Melinda F. Tampani**, all of Battle Ground High School; **Alan J. Hsieh, Tristan N. Orford and Luke B. Rosen**, all of Columbia River High School; **Melissa Ju and Weijie (Jeff) Yuan**, both of Mountain View High School; **Mei Lou**, Skyview High School; **Stephanie D. Roberts**, Washougal High School; and **Chandni K. Virdi**, Heritage High School.

**Pinocchio in Spanish is Clark College Children's Touring Theatre offering**

The Clark College Touring Children's Theatre, just returned from a week-long tour in Mexico, will present *Pinocchio* in Spanish at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, in the O'Connell Sports Center on the college campus.

The play is targeted to kindergarten-through-6th grade audiences, but is free to playgoers of all ages.

The touring theatre was formed in 1981 and has toured mainly in the local northwest area, putting on as many as 64 performances each year.

**Prizes available for alternative commuting**

Employees of local companies who sign up for the C-TRAN commute trip reduction program this week will

receive sports water bottles and will be entered in a drawing for other prizes.

To be eligible, they will be required to use alternative means of getting to work at least once this week. Alternative means include walking, bicycling, riding on a bus or carpooling.

Employers must register with C-TRAN in order to make their employees eligible. For further information, call **Jan Bowers, 696-4494**.

**People**

**Gregg Brown** athletic coordinator at Evergreen High School, and **Anne Sosky**, assistant principal at Heritage High School, have been named assistant principals at Evergreen High School, succeeding **Dick Scobba** and **Peggy Graves**, who are retiring. **Lisa Emerich**, a language arts teacher at Heritage High School, will become assistant principal at the school. ~~SSS~~ State Sen. **Don Benton** (R-17th), who earlier was endorsed by the state Public School Employees Union, also has been endorsed by the state Services Employees International Union. Benton, who currently has no primary competition, will face **John T. Davis** or **Paul Waadevig**, both Democrats, in the November general election.

**News briefs**

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 5 p.m. today. The council reconvenes at 7 p.m. tonight and is expected to accept a bid for construction of the eastside Firstenburg Center, even though it exceeds the estimate by \$1.5 million. ~~SSS~~ Neither the board of Clark County Commissioners nor the county Health Department board meets on Tuesday, June 22.

Monday on the air	
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—5 p.m. CVTV	
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV	
Fresno at the Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD	

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Monday, June 21, 2004					
Alaska Air Group	22.77	+24	Linear Technology	37.08	+14
Alcoa	31.98	-55	Microsoft	28.35	unch
Amazon.com	49.77	+17	Nautilus	16.56	+41
Bank of America	84.94	+43	Nike	71.19	-43
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	42.26	+57
Bemis	27.74	-04	PepsiCo	54.90	-10
Boeing	49.50	-30	Precision Cast	50.50	-01
Boise Cascade	36.93	-80	RLRN	21.74	+10
CenturyTel	29.64	-14	Starbucks	43.76	+06
Costco	41.82	-20	TSM	7.25	-15
Expeditors Intl.	47.24	-95	Tektronix	30.57	-53
Georgia Pacific	34.70	-35	US Bancorp	28.25	-07
HPQ	20.79	-13	Wash. Mutual	40.69	-06
Intel	27.52	-12	W. Coast Bancorp	21.62	-10
Kyocera	79.51	+126	Weyerhaeuser	60.75	-40
DOW: 10,371.47 -44.94 NASDAQ: 1974.38 -12.35 S&P: 1130.3 -4.91					

Town Tabloids and The Weather	
Gary Miller and Dell Ann Dyar showing what marching is all about. <del>SSS</del> Nigel Start getting belated results. <del>SSS</del> Erin Middlewood on the deaf side. <del>SSS</del> Edith Woods taking long vacation. <del>SSS</del> Rebecca Tilton hoping to make a couple of sales. <del>SSS</del> Monday, sunny, hazy, 89. Tuesday, nice, a few light clouds, 84. Wednesday, clouds bring cooler temperature, 80.	Acapulco 93/77 Athens 87/69 Chicago 73/56 Dallas 96/73 Hong Kong 87/80 Las Vegas 102/76 Los Angeles 76/62 London 64/48 New York 80/66 Orlando 90/76 Paris 62/41 Phoenix 106/78 Rome 79/58 Seattle 84/58 Sydney 65/42 Tokyo 83/75 Washington 81/70