

Marcia Fromhold retiring; Bill Bentley to become assistant school superintendent

Bill Bentley, for more than a decade superintendent of the Stevenson-Carson School District in Skamania County, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Evergreen School District.



Bill Bentley

Marcia Fromhold, who has held the position for the past 6 years is retiring, effective June 30.

Fromhold, began her career in education as a school teacher in Olympia in 1972.

Evergreen, with 24,000 students is the fifth largest district in the state and one of the fastest growing. It is a recent recipient of a \$9.3 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Construction on eastside Firstenburg Community Center to begin this month

Groundbreaking ceremonies at 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 25, will signal the beginning of construction of the 80,000-square-foot Firstenburg Community Center, on NE 136th Avenue.

A Native American blessing will precede the official groundbreaking.

The center, which will house a swimming pool, gymnasium, jogging track, community room, meeting rooms, game room and fitness and aerobics and dance space, was named in recognition of a \$3 million donation from the First Independent banker Ed and his wife Mary Firstenburg.

The Vancouver Parks Foundation will be selling inscribed one- by two-foot paving blocks that will form the terrace outside the community room.

The facility is scheduled to open next summer.

Seminar to show how to tap into \$1.6 billion in federal research and development funding

A seminar sponsored by the Columbia River Economic Development Council and the Washington Technology Center, is designed to provide local companies with information on how to prepare for federal research and development grants that are pumping in as much as \$1.6 billion annually into the economy.

The Wednesday, June 16, seminar begins with registration at 8 a.m. and runs through noon in the Sharp Laboratories, 5750 NW Pacific Rim Boulevard, Camas.

The cost is \$45, which includes breakfast and program materials. To register, call (206) 543-3059. Further information is available by clicking on www.watechcenter.org.

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Bravo! Vancouver night of sacred jazz includes Ellington and Kissinger

Bravo! Vancouver's final concert of the season, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19th, in St. Joseph Church, 400 S Andresen Road, is billed as a night of sacred jazz and includes the world premier of Michael Kissinger's jazz oriented *Sacred Cantata*.

Kissinger is the Bravo! artistic director. His composition, which is based on biblical texts, will be performed by a choir and jazz piano trio.

The centerpiece of the concert is Duke Ellington's *A Sacred Concert*. Ellington's work, which premiered in Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1965, was, according to Ellington, "About people talking to people about God; not a jazz mass."

Reserved seats are \$15; general admission \$12. Tickets may be obtained at the door or through all Safeway Tickets West outlets. For further information, call, Linda Marsh, 695-6207.

News briefs

The Vancouver Community Library program, Open-Mic Poetry Night, is at 7 p.m. tonight. Participants are urged to show up by 6:45 p.m. to sign up. ~~SES~~ Today's Cruz-In at Pearson Field has been canceled due to weather conditions. ~~SES~~ Although most federal offices will be closed Friday, June 11, in mourning for the death of former President Ronald Reagan, the Vancouver VA Medical Center outpatient clinics will remain open. ~~SES~~ The annual summer open house at Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, 12208 SE Evergreen Highway, is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

Wednesday on the air

Clark College Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert—5 p.m. CVTV
Houston at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFFX
Telecommunications Commission (6/2)—7 p.m. CVTV
County Commissioners: Home Building Ordinance (6/1)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, June 9, 2004

Alaska Air Group	22.50	+01	Linear Technology	38.14	-1.29
Alcoa	30.87	-73	Microsoft	26.47	-0.13
Amazon.com	50.24	-1.70	Nautilus	15.92	-0.06
Bank of America	83.55	-60	Nike	70.50	+0.02
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.98	-0.31
Bemis	27.96	-38	PepsiCo	54.60	-0.12
Boeing	48.66	+57	Precision Cast	48.52	-0.37
Boise Cascade	36.49	-61	RLRN	22.13	-0.62
CenturyTel	29.30	-50	Starbucks	42.75	-0.34
Costco	40.68	+63	TSM	9.24	-0.42
Expeditors Intl.	46.90	-70	Tektronix	30.72	-0.63
Georgia Pacific	35.49	-84	US Bancorp	27.95	-0.44
HPQ	21.92	-08	Wash. Mutual	40.90	+0.04
Intel	28.40	-59	W. Coast Bancorp	22.06	-0.44
Kyocera	81.38	-3.02	Weverhaeuser	60.40	-0.76
DOW: 10,432.52 -64.08 NASDAQ: 1990.61 -32.92 S&P: 1131.33 -10.85					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

George Propstra being offered cookie cooking lesson. SES	Acapulco	88/75
Emily Sullivan earning Most Professional Award. SES	Athens	76/63
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Mike Anderson serving ruffles with flourishes. SES	Dallas	82/75
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