

Special care nursery gets \$2 million boost from Nierenberg family

David and Patricia Nierenberg have made a gift of \$2 million to Southwest Washington Medical Center's Special Care Nursery in the Family Birth Center in honor of twins born prematurely 77 years ago, one of whom is David Nierenberg's mother.

When Sue and Lynne Holtzman were born two months early in New Jersey in 1928, their combined birth weight was just 4 pounds, 12 ounces. "Thanks to good fortune and a lot of love, our family overcame some early obstacles. We want to help other young families poster despite early challenges," says Nierenberg.

The Nierenberg gift allows the medical center to expand its Special Care Nursery from ten stations to 15 private rooms. The nursery is designed to treat some of the sickest newborns, including babies struggling with jaundice, infections, low birth weights and those needing short-term ventilation.

When completed and dedicated on Nov. 18, the birthday of the twins, the \$2.7 million nursery will have private patient rooms with overnight accommodations for parents and family members.

Nierenberg, who is vice chair of the medical center's board of directors, says he hopes the gift will motivate others to give generously to help support the future growth of the medical center and its new patient tower project.

Vancouver Cultural commission begins year with new leadership

Jill Botvinik has been elected chair of the Vancouver Cultural Commission. A licensed certified public accountant and a glass blower, Botvinik had been manager of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for the past four years. A member of the cultural commission since 2002, Botvinik is also a member of Southwest Washington Center for the Arts, whose mission is to build an arts center in the Vancouver area.

Dennis Koga has been elected vice chair of the cultural commission. Koga has been a member of the commission since 2000 and previously was a board member and consultant to Portland Center State, Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center and the New Rose Theater. He is also a theater reviewer for Oregon Public Broadcasting radio.

The 11-member cultural commission advises the Vancouver City Council.

Webster and Diaz join partnership Group at McKay & Sposito

Damon Webster and Henry Diaz have joined the MacKay & Sposito partnership group to manage the firm's Project Development and Planning Departments.

Webster, a 19-year veteran in the civil engineering, land surveying and land-use planning company, will manage MacKay & Sposito's Project Development Department. Webster, a registered professional engineer in Washington and Oregon, is a graduate of Portland State University.

Diaz, who worked for MacKay and Sposito from 1977 to 1982 and then rejoined the firm in 1987, is a former member of the Vancouver Planning Commission. He will serve as the company's vice president of planning..

Contributions to salmon recovery to be recognized

Nominations are being solicited for this year's Sammy Awards, which honor individuals, groups or projects for contributions that lead to salmon recovery in Clark County.

The annual Sammy Awards program is sponsored by Clark County. Deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, March 11. For further information, call Joni McAnally, 397-2022, extension 4306.

Million Dollar Babies



The Holtzman twins, Sue and Lynn, were the inspiration for a \$2 million gift from David and Patricia Nierenberg for Special Care Nursery for Southwest Washington Medical Center. Lynn Holtzman Nierenberg is David's mother.

News briefs

Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in conference room B, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Vancouver soldier Justin Wright wounded in bomb blast to his humvee in Iraq--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)
[Former mayor Bruce Hagensen thinking about running for Vancouver Port Commission--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[House endorses simple majority school levy elections--Columbian, **Don Jenkins**](#)
[Baird and Cantwell to introduce bill that would outlaw states from collecting income tax from non residents--Columbian, **Ken Olson**](#)
[Ridgefield's Pioneer Cafe gets high marks--Columbian, **Angela Allen**](#)
[Arts community has ambition plans--Oregonian, **Megan McMorran**](#)
[Stock market drops 174 points--USA TODAY, MarketWatch, **Susan Lerner**](#)

Tuesday on the air

City Minutes—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—4 p.m. CVTV
Lincoln Day Dinner—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Kelowna at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD

Town Tabloids and the weather

David Kenny taking charge on route 23. 📍 **Karen Ciocia** out among the glitterati. 📍 **Ginger Metcalf** explaining the next 20 years. 📍 **Michael McCabe** preparing solo event. 📍 **Debbie Nelson** calling attention to InterACT festivities. 📍 **Tuesday**, good weather continues, 59. **Wednesday**, more sunshine, 62. **Thursday**, clouds may stray into sun's path, but still comparatively warm, 60.