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WHO RULES THE GLOBAL ECONOMY?

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It seems that many of today's economists see the global economy as a "decentralized competitive market that cannot be ruled." They no longer ask who controls the global economy even though new evidence suggests that interlocking transnational companies have a high concentration of global economic clout.

ALASKA AIRLINES TO START USING BIOFUEL THIS WEEK

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Alaska Airlines said it will begin using biofuel to power 75 of its flights beginning on Wednesday. Those 75 flights will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 10 percent, or 134 metric tons. Bill Ayer, Alaska Air Group chairman and CEO, said, "This is a historic week for U.S. aviation."



STOCKBOX BRINGS GOOD FOOD TO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

[SEATTLE TIMES](#)

On Sunday, Stockbox, the grocery store in a re-purposed storage container, ended its trial run of what two local business-school grads hope will be an answer to the national problem of "food deserts" - high-density, often low-income neighborhoods that lack access to healthful foods. As part of a local effort to address these "food deserts," the Seattle Office of Economic Development helped Stockbox buy its refrigeration units through the [Healthy Foods Here](#) program.



VIRGINIA MASON, EVERGREEN HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

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Seattle-based Virginia Mason and Evergreen, in Kirkland, have agreed to enter into a "partnership" to improve patient care and to control costs. Both stressed that they are entering a contractual partnership centered on patient services, and that they will remain independent while collaborating on shared use of medical services and on development of new treatments and technologies.



GOOGLE EYES CABLE TV MARKET

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The [Wall Street Journal](#), citing unnamed sources, reports that Google has discussed the idea of a paid cable TV service as an expansion of Google Fiber. While no final decisions have yet been made, such a move could upend the traditional television model that consumers and content providers have grown accustomed to.



SONOSITE SEEKS BUYERS, HOLDS TALKS WITH SAMSUNG

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SonoSite, the Bothell-based ultrasound and cardiograph maker, is attracting interest from bidders looking to expand in medical equipment. SonoSite is asking for second-round bids and aims to reach a sale agreement by mid-December, said a person with knowledge of the talks.



WASHINGTON HOLDINGS SEEKS PERMITS FOR FAIRVIEW BUILDING

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Washington Holdings has filed plans with the city of Seattle to construct a large, life sciences building on Lake Union. The building could also accommodate traditional office use, said Ric Anderson, the Seattle firm's chief operating officer. "We'll have to just test the waters when we get there," said Anderson. Washington Holdings wants tenants to know it's serious about moving forward, he said.



NEPTUNE SAILS ON AS CONCERT HALL

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The 90-year old Neptune Theater reopened this past summer. And while it may look the same and have the same feel, there is a big difference. Instead of showing movies, the venue has been transformed into a bustling concert hall. The Office of Economic Development and other city departments helped the theater with permitting and inspections promptly to ensure an on-time opening.

OED ANNOUNCES AN INTEGRATED BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION SERVICES REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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The City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development (OED) currently seeks partners with strong industry expertise and the capacity to support the retention and growth of Seattle businesses in one or more targeted sectors including maritime, clean tech, life sciences, industrial, logistics, information tech, and more.

WHERE IN THE WORLD? START A BUSINESS IN ONE DAY

INC.

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