

Up, up ... And away Devon goes with tower

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Devon Energy is officially under way with the construction of its new headquarters building. Watching the tower come to life figures to be something special for Oklahoma City.

Devon CEO Larry Nichols is optimistically moving forward with the 50-story, \$750 million structure despite energy prices and an economy that are much different than when Nichols first announced his plans last year. At a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday, Nichols said, "There has never been any doubt in our mind we need this building and that we were going to build it. We're planning for the future."

An important part of Oklahoma City's past is a reason why. Nichols said the original MAPS project, approved by voters nearly 16 years ago, was vital to his company. Without it, he said, Devon wouldn't be able to attract the sort of skilled work force it needs to be one of the world's top independent oil and gas companies.

How often does any city in America, of any size, get to see a 50-story building constructed? It'll take a few years to complete, but it figures to be worth the wait.

To say that the Devon tower will change the skyline of downtown Oklahoma City is an understatement. The entire area around Devon will be substantially changed as well. What Devon is doing, as an employer of good jobs, is matched and maybe even exceeded by its devotion to Oklahoma. The company's new tower is a testament to just that. Kudos.



**Flu vaccinations:
Monday, Oct. 5, 2009**

Photos from the flu vaccination clinic in Bethany Monday, Oct. 5, 2009



Fiestas de las Americas: Saturday,

Photos from the Fiestas de las Americas on Saturday, October 3, 2009



**Wanda Jackson Way:
Wednesday,**

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Comett and other city dignitaries participated in an outdoor ceremony



Enid, Oklahoma City drug busts: Tuesday,

Photos from the Enid and Oklahoma City drug busts Tuesday, September 29, 2009

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