

First Indy gains senior VPs



Dick Perkins

Ron Bertolucci

First Independent Bank has promoted **Dick Perkins** to senior vice president and manager of its Commercial Real Estate Department, and hired **Ron Bertolucci** as senior vice president and director of Retail Banking.

Perkins, who helped expand the bank's Special Assets Group, will be responsible for expanding the Commercial Real Estate Department at 1207 Washington Street. Perkins joined First Independent in 2003. He is a graduate of Humboldt State University and earned a masters degree in urban planning from the University of Oregon.

Before joining First Independent last month, Bertolucci was for nearly 18 years with Washington Trust Bank, Spokane. He will be responsible for retail banking in the bank's 23 branches. A graduate of California State University, Fresno, Bertolucci earned a master of business degree from City University, Seattle. He is also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School

Neighborhood associations to give poor farm project the once-over

Although Clark County and Washington State University Vancouver, after first having hired a planner to develop alternative development plans for the former county poor farm, 80 acres in Hazel Dell, have now shelved those plans, the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County will focus on future development of the property, currently owned by Washington State University and used as an agricultural experiment station and extension projects

The property, which includes a small cemetery, currently is agricultural in nature.

The planning study was initiated by WSU Vancouver to see whether sale of the property would bring in enough money, possibly \$5 million, to cover the cost of relocating the agricultural and extension facilities to the WSU Vancouver Salmon Creek campus.

Neighborhood groups objected because they felt they had been out of the loop during initial planning. The county dropped the study. According to county commissioner **Betty Sue Morris**, the planning was getting ahead of public participation in the process.

The property was owned by the county but deeded to the state university in the 1940s, with a provision that title would revert to the county if WSU no longer used it for extension services.

A discussion of the future of the property is the main agenda item for the regular meeting of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County at its 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, meeting in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

People

Jerry Clark, owner of Clark and Son Homes, Vancouver, has been elected president of the Building Industry Association of Southwest Washington. Clark succeeds Jon Girod.

News briefs

The Historic Reserve Partners meet at 5:30 p.m. this evening in the O. O. Howard House to discuss updates on landscaping and construction in the west barracks area and will tour the refurbished Red Cross Building. The public is invited. For further information, call **735-8872**. 📞 A class in infant and child CPR is being offered by the American Red Cross, Southwest Washington Chapter, from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, in the Red Cross office, 3114 E Fourth Plain Boulevard. Class cost is \$25. For further information, call **693-5821**.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Mount St. Helens VolcanoCam \[updates every five minutes\]--USDA Forest Service, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument](#)

[Parents tell military not to call their children--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[Two fires strike house only 12 hours apart --Columbian, John Branton](#)

[Clark Trustees cautious about arts center--Columbian, Brett Oppegard](#)

[Section of 205 to close early Saturday--Columbian](#)

[Google reports first profit as public company -- New York Times, Associated Press](#)

[NPR 5-minute hourly news updates \(Audio\)](#)

Thursday on the air

17th District Senatorial Candidates—3:30 p.m. CVTV
17th District Position 1 Candidates—4 p.m. CVTV
17th District Position 2 Candidates—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals (live)—5 p.m. KPTV
18th District Senatorial Candidates—5 p.m. CVTV
18th District Position 1 Candidates—5:30 p.m. CVTV
18th District Position 2 Candidates—6 p.m. CVTV
49th District Senatorial Candidates—6:30 p.m. CVTV
49th District Position 1 Candidates—7 p.m. CVTV
49th District Position 2 Candidates—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Battle Ground Candidates Forum—8 p.m. CVTV
Ghost Stories on Officers Row Parade—10 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Judie Fuller putting on another great party. 🍷 **Kyra Smith** belts out another one. 🍷 **Kim Hash** putting smoothies on the evening. 🍷 **Doug Sessions** upbeat and on target. 🍷 **Dan Heine** opening a place to put his money. 🍷 **Kristin** successfully teaching old dog new tricks. 🍷 **Thursday**, cloudy, sunbreaks, mostly dry, 57. **Friday**, expect showers, 56. **Saturday**, gray day with morning showers, 55.