

Cristina Kelley to manage First Indy's Portland private banking office



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Cristina Kelley has been named manager of First Independent Bank's new private banking office in the KOIN Center in Portland and promoted to senior vice president of the Vancouver-headquartered bank.

Kelley will maintain offices in Portland and Vancouver, where she has been with First Independent's Premier Banking Group for the past two years. Kelley has 25 years of banking experience. Prior to joining First Independent she was a senior vice president and team leader with the Bank of America.

Kelley is a member of the board of Boys and Girls Clubs in Southwest Washington, the Children's Auxiliary Trust for Vancouver and is a past co-president of the Vancouver Symphony.

Utility commissioners endorse bill to legalize appliance repair

Although they have consistently and publicly supported Clark Public Utilities' appliance repair program, the utility board of commissioners today officially endorsed the program by resolution. This afternoon in Olympia, the Senate Water Energy & Environment Committee is holding its first hearing on Senate Bill 5348, introduced by first-term state Sen. **Craig Pridemore** (D-49th), which would give Clark statutory permission to continue the program it has carried with it since it was formed in 1940. The proposed bill is straightforwardly aimed solely for Clark Public Utilities by stating: "A public utility district located within a county that has a contiguous border with the state of Oregon and a population of three hundred forty thousand or more that provides electrical, water, and sewer service to its customers may operate an electrical appliance repair service."

Twice since, however, the utility has been sued and twice courts have declared the popular program illegal. The utility has persisted, though, and currently the state Supreme Court is considering whether to uphold or reverse lower court action.

Opposition to the program has come primarily from local heating and ventilating contractors who view the practice by the utility an incursion into private business territory.

One of those, Miller's Heating, yesterday in a quarter-page advertisement in the *Columbian*, said in part, "...Small business families of all kinds must rise up to defeat this misguided bill [SB 5348], or it will lead to government takeover of auto repair, plumbing, electrical, groceries, etc. We will all end up standing in lines to buy toilet paper with our tiny government issued paychecks while the savior public servants sit on the beach sipping exotic drinks."

Rosalyn Hart, running start student, to get Marshall Youth Leadership award

Rosalyn Hart, Washougal High School and Clark College Running Start program student, has been named 2005 winner of the Gen. George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award, Vancouver mayor **Royce Pollard** announced yesterday.

Hart is one of two Clark College students named to the All-Washington Two Year College Academic Team for campus involvement and academics. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college honor society, and was selected as the 2004 Running Start Student-of-the-Year.

The Running Start program gives high school students an option of attending Clark during their final two years of high school and thus earning a two-year college associate in arts degree at the same they graduate from high school.

Hart will be presented the award at a reception at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the Marshall House on Officers Row. With it she earns a \$1,000 scholarship and a paid summer internship with the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, a sponsor of the award.

PDX noise committee to hold Vancouver meeting to review recommendations

Although a three-year noise compatibility study conducted by the Port of Portland on behalf of its Portland International Airport found there was little that could be done to mitigate airport noise in Vancouver and Clark County, the committee which conducted the study will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 E Reserve Street, to give citizens an opportunity to review committee recommendations.

The committee is also holding a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Hayden Island Double Tree Hotel, and another in east Multnomah County at 6:30 p.m. in The Lake House, 21160 NE Blue Lake Road, Fairview

Fairy Godmother puts out call for gowns and fancy accessories

Gently used but still in-style gowns are among high school prom wear items being sought by The Vancouver School District Foundation's Operation Fairy Godmother, which, for the second year, will make gowns and accessories available at modest prices to all Clark County high school girls headed for school proms.

In addition to gowns, semi-formal dresses and such accessories as evening bags, shawls and gloves are also being sought.

Gowns and accessories will be on display and ready for sale on Saturday, March 19, in the Roosevelt Elementary School.

Prom items may be taken to the following locations: Nordstrom, Vancouver Mall, The Clothes Closet, 6405 Mill Plain Boulevard, Jim Parsley Community Center, Hostess House/Bridal Arts, 10017 NE 6th Avenue, and two Spanky's locations, 812 Main Street and 13503 SE Mill Plain Boulevard. Monetary contributions may be mailed to the Vancouver School District Foundation, Operation Fairy Godmother, P.O. Box 6039, Vancouver, WA 98668. Donations of clothing or money are tax deductible. For further information, call **313-4722**.

News brief

Clark County Commissioners meet in an informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Mistakes

The Vancouver Planning Commission's First Thursday informal session on neighborhood traffic planning is, of course, on Thursday, Feb. 3, not Tuesday, and the correct spelling of the name of one of the presenters is **Tim Schauer**. That takes care of most of the mistakes in the Monday, Jan. 31, edition of the *Daily Insider*.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Utility shines light on program for renewable energy--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)

[Roots gets *Bon Appetit* boost--Columbian, Angela Allen](#)

["Strawberry blond" Craig Pridemore getting good marks as freshman senator--Oregonian, Brian Turner](#)

[Army, tribes to talk about Hudson's Bay graveyard--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[Northwest utilities' bills for Enron fiasco as high as \\$1.8 billion--Seattle Times, Christopher Schwarzen](#)

[U.N. to put former president Clinton in charge of tsunami reconstruction--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Medicare to cover Viagra, other sex performance drugs--Washington Post, AP, Laurie Kellman](#)

Tuesday on the air

Building vs. Buying Talent for Tomorrow—4 p.m. CVTV

Capital Perspectives—6 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Vocal Jazz Festival—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at Lakers (live)—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ

Clark College Jazz Band Festival—9 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Mostly Mozart—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

John Bryden offering aid and comfort. ☞ **Judith Davis** filling up birthday dance card. ☞ **Nancy Kerfoot** getting extra ink. ☞ **Sue Groth** supplying approbation. ☞ **Denisse Haney** wielding wand. ☞ **Tuesday**, sun follows fog, 55. **Wednesday**, sun may foil ground-hog's hoped for prediction, 57. **Thursday**, mostly sunny as some clouds gather, 59.