

Firstenburg and Kojis earn Community Foundation awards

Ed Firstenburg, retired founder of First Independent Bank, has been named the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington's Philanthropist of the Year, and **Jeannie Kojis**, founder of the Nonprofit Network, has been named the foundation's Friend of the Foundation for 2006.

Firstenburg and his wife, **Mary**, recently have made major gifts to Southwest Washington Medical Center, the Firstenburg Community Center, and Washington State University Vancouver.

"Kojis has worked tirelessly to bring structure to the network of local nonprofit organizations in Southwest Washington. Her vision of expanding the capacity of nonprofit organizations through mutual cooperation has been a regional model and the envy of communities throughout the northwest, said **Nancy Hales**, president of the Community Foundation.

The awards will be presented at a luncheon Thursday, May 4, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Camp Bonneville transfer getting closer

The long-sought transfer of the U.S. Army's 3,020-acre Camp Bonneville, five miles east of Vancouver and north of Camas, hinges now on clean-up agreements between the Army and the Washington State Department of Ecology. The process began ten years ago.

DOE has scheduled a open house, public meeting and public hearing on the matter at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Marshall House, 1301 Officers Row. The official comment period on the cleanup and land transfer continues through Friday, May 5, according to **Ben Forson**, site manager for the department.

When the site was being phased out as a military base in 1995, the Army began investigating cleanup activities and discovered that contamination of various sorts, including unexploded shells and ordnance, would cost multi-millions of dollars to cleanup.

Early transfer of the site is being proposed by DOE and Clark County, which would allow some parts of the site to be used by the public while areas needing remedial work would be cleaned up through a local contract team, with the cleanup being paid by the Army.

County officials envision both active park-like activities on portions of Camp Bonneville and possible wilderness and conservation areas on the rest.

Camp Bonneville was activated in 1910; until 1995, it was an active military training area. It was used extensively for training during the Vietnam War. But the base was also utilized by public organizations, such as 4-H clubs, for community activities.

Further information can be obtained by sending an email message to Forson at bfor461@ecy.wa.gov.

Auditor begins town hall series

Clark County auditor Greg Kimsey begins a series of three town-hall meetings to discuss the inner-workings of the auditor's office, including the new county voting system at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the county Elections Department, 1408 Franklin Street.

Similar town hall discussions will be held Wednesday, April 26, in the Port of Camas-Washougal board room, and Thursday, April 27, in the Dollars Corner Fire District 11 community room. For further information about the auditor's office, call Kimsey at **397-2078**.

People



Stanley Arthur Pollard, a shade under nine pounds, 21 inches tall, was born to **Will** and **Kelsi Pollard** at 5:36 a.m. this morning. Stanley joins sisters **Libbie** and **Dori**. They are the grandchildren of Vancouver Mayor **Royce** and **Margaret Pollard**. Maternal grandparents are **Stan** and **Nancy Bisoprick**. **Will Pollard** is president of the Clark College alumni board of directors.

Miss America 2002 to sing for Vancouver Symphony

A vocal performance by Katie Harman, Miss America 2002, will highlight an 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, luncheon and tea fundraising event in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Portland television KATU's **Corinna Allen** will be mistress of ceremonies for the annual Vancouver Symphony Orchestra benefit. Tickets are \$50. For reservations, call **735-7278**.

Future Penguin

Calendar

A Columbia River Crossing Project open house to share ideas about major improvements to the Interstate 5 bridges between Washington and Oregon is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. today in Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 E Reserve Street. A second open house is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Red Lion Inn Jantzen Beach. ☞ Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. ☞ The Three Creeks Library in Salmon Creek is holding a free Open-Mic poetry night at 7 p.m. this evening in the library at 800-C NE Tenney Road. ☞ Former attorney general **John Ashcroft** is the Washington State University Vancouver Distinguished Lecture Series speaker at 7:30 p.m. this evening in Sky View High School, 1300 NW 139th Street. The title of his talk is "National Security and Civil Liberties in the 21st Century." For further information, call **Carolyn Long, 546-9737**.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Former Broughton lumber mill at White Salmon could become world-class windsurfing resort—Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[Library plans bond issue for downtown location—Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)

[Library may ask for \\$44 million to relocate and do upgrades—Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)

[State Fish and Game commission feeling heat for not managing elk herds at Mount St. Helens—Columbian, **Tom Koenniger**](#)

[Why are so many elk on Mount St. Helens dying?—KATU, **Grant McOmie** \(includes video\)](#)

[Home building faltering in rural Clark County—Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Rice urging 'strong steps' against Iran—USA TODAY](#)

[Blast in Shiite mosque kills 20—Washington Post, **Sameer N. Yacoub**](#)

[Iran allowed to continue exporting caviar—New York Times, **C.J. Chivers**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Cleveland (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Young Artists—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Colorado Springs at Portland Beavers (live)—6:30 p.m. KKAD

City Minutes (4/2)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD

Telecommunications Commission (4/5)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at L.A. Clippers (live)—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KMUZ

Bravo! Vancouver: St. Paul-An Oratorio—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (4/2)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Susan Autry putting out welcoming mat. ☞ **Edna Jean Easter** filling up dance card. ☞ **JJ Wells** stocking up on sun-screen. ☞ **Cheri Cole** creating big news. ☞ **Machelle Campbell** announcing announcements. ☞ **Wednesday**, light showers, sunbreaks, 60. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 59. **Friday**, likely rainy day, 54.