

Luxe offering residential and office condos with view

The usual suspects were rounded up this morning to make the groundbreaking ceremony for **Elie Kassab's** Prestige Development's \$21 million, six-floor Luxe residential and office building at 412 E 13th Street official.

The Luxe, based on a European design, is the first major project in the transformation of the area south of Mill Plain Boulevard and east of Broadway, Kassab said at the groundbreaking.

"This location is the gateway to the city," Kassab continued. "We have strategically selected this first-class location for the Luxe Office Suites because it provides ultimate visibility and accessibility to I-5."

The 56,000 square-foot Class A building will offer first floor retail space, four floors of office space, and top floor office and residential space.

The building is being erected on the highest ground in downtown Vancouver, with top floors offering unobstructed views of the Columbia River.

The office condominium concept is new to Vancouver, according to **Eric Fuller**, head of the commercial real estate firm Eric Fuller and Associates. Fuller says the office condo concept offers ownership opportunities, tax advantages and a predictable fixed monthly expense.

Jerry Boehm to manage First Independent's new community banking department



Jerry Boehm has been appointed vice president and manager of First Independent's new community banking department, it was announced by **Brett Bryant**, First Independent's executive vice president.

With more than 35 years' banking experience, Boehm previously managed a commercial lending team for Banner Bank.

Boehm is a graduate of Oregon State University, the National Commercial Lending School and, with honors, the Pacific Coast Banking School. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Portland and serves on the board of the Classroom Law Project.

First Independent's community banking department focuses on small business clients with lending needs of up to \$2 million.

Notices of assessed value going to residential property owners

Notices of property values are being mailed out to approximately 140,000 residential, multifamily and condominium owners this week, reports Clark County assessor **Linda Franklin**.

The 2007 assessed values, which will be used to calculate 2008 property taxes, are based on sales of homes and properties with similar characteristics and conditions during 2006.

Each year, sales data from throughout the county is collected, analyzed and used to bring all assessments to full market value.

Franklin says that the notice of assessed value also provide information on how a property owner can question the value of his or her property.

Sales information is available by going to www.clark.wa.gov/assessor. For further information, call **397-2301**.



Commercial real estate guru Eric Fuller and developer Elie Kassab flank an architects drawing of the Luxe, Vancouver's first office and residential condominium high rise. The \$21 million "European design" Class A office space structure will be completed at 412 E 13th Street early in 2009.

Clark College groundbreaking is Monday

Yesterday's story about the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$27 million Clark College classroom building in the Columbia Tech Center was correct. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19. The headline was in error about the day.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council is holding an open house to discuss future transportation corridors from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the lobby of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. <> **Willy Russell's** musical, *Blood Brothers*, directed by **Llewellyn Rhoe** is being presented by Arts Equity Theatre at 8 p.m. this evening, tomorrow, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 17, and at a 2 p.m. matinee, Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Tickets range from \$25 to \$24. For further information, call **695-3770** <> The public's only chance to cross the **Maya Lin** land bridge from Old Apple Tree Park, 112 Columbia Way, to historic Fort Vancouver until 2008 begins at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the park. Engineers and artists will be on hand to discuss the over \$12 million Confluence Project commemorating the legacy of the Lewis and Clark exploration of 1805-1806. There is no charge.

Thursday on the air

County Commissioners Land Use Appeals (11/7)—5 p.m. CVTV

Oregon at Arizona (live)—6 p.m. ESPN, KXL

Cooking With Class—6 p.m. FVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Southwest Washington Wind Symphony—8 p.m. FVTV

Vancouver's Sustainability Program—11/6)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Edna Jean Easter pouring on the cashews. <> **KC Fuller** singing in the rain. <> **Karen Savage** taking pledge forms. <> **Gene Johnson** maintaining editorial responsibilities. <> **Ed Lynch** encouraged to try leaf blower on birthday candles. <> **Adam Roselli** offering real deal. <> **Thursday**, more showers, 55. **Friday**, heavy clouds, some precipitation expected, 55. **Saturday**, looks like rain most of the day, 52.