

CREDC honors Frederiksen and Ness

The Columbia River Economic Development Council today presented Pillars of Excellence Awards to two past chairmen of the board, **Ron Frederiksen** and **Doug Ness**.

Frederiksen was cited for his efforts as chairman during the past year and for his support for expansion of existing businesses, and for his efforts in leading CREDC's capital campaign.

Ness, retiring from the CREDC board after two six-year terms, was cited for his leadership of the CREDC Blue Sky Committee, promoting expansion of business recruitment and marketing, and subsequent transformation of CREDC from a membership to an investor-driven organization.

First Independent adds three persons to newly formed community banking

James Gasper has been promoted to vice president in the newly formed community banking department at First Independent. Gaspar has ten years' lending experience in agriculture, manufacturing, transportation and construction. Gaspar is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Jack Alvord has been named vice president in the community banking department and will focus on clients in the Portland area. Alvord is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College, the Northwest Intermediate Banking School and the Pacific Coast Banking School.

Tim Cross has been named branch support manager and assistant vice president in the community banking department. Cross has ten years' experience in business development, cash management and branch management.

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

Bravo! Vancouver performs Handel's *Messiah* Sunday

A Vancouver tradition opens Bravo! Vancouver's 14th concert season in St. Joseph Catholic Church, at Highland Drive and Andresen Road, with an all-star performance of George Fredric Handel's *Messiah*.

"From its brilliant solos to the popular 'Hallelujah' chorus, this eighteenth-Century masterpiece is sure to get you in the holiday spirit," says **Michael Kissinger**, Bravo! artistic director, and co-founder with his wife, **Maria Manzo**. Manzo is Bravo!'s music director.

The chorale performance is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

All tickets are \$20. Reserved seating may be obtained by calling **906-0441**, or going to TicketsWest.

Email to the editor:

Hi Tony

I was referred to you by **Shannon Decker** and **Kim Capeloto** at Bank of Clark County to see if you could help us get the word out about an account we just set up at the Bank of Clark County for our friend **George Wong**.

George is a bartender/server (formerly at the Restaurant at the Reserve and now at 1220 Main) and his loyal "followers" are known as "Friends of George" or "FOG" members.

George is having surgery today for diverticulitis at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital and may be in the hospital for up to 3 weeks. He is expected to make a full recovery. However, he doesn't have health insurance.

We'd like to get the word out to "Friends of George" about this account and give them the information they need if they would like to contribute to it.

Thanks

Maureen Burke



James Gasper



Jack Alvord



Tim Cross

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Calendar

The Clark County Meth Action Team is hosting a free public event from 6 to 9 p.m. this evening in Mountain View High School, 1500 SE Blairmont Drive. Specific actions that individuals and groups can take to battle methamphetamine will be discussed and workshops will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. <> The Forum at the Library will discuss the 2008 Washington primaries and political caucuses during a free 7 p.m. this evening program in the community room in Clark Public Utilities, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. Panelists are Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey**, political scientist **Dan Ogden**, and **Mark Stephan**, assistant professor of political science, Washington State University. <> Clark College presents a chorale concert at 7:30 p.m. this evening in Gaiser Hall on the college's Fort Vancouver Way campus. In concert will be the newly formed Clark College Chorale, the Women's Chorale Ensemble and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted at the door. <> Arts Equity Theatre is presenting the musical *Blood Brothers* at 8 p.m. tonight, tomorrow, Nov. 30, Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Tickets range from \$15 to \$24. For further information, call **653-3770**.

Thursday on the air

Port of Vancouver Commission (11/27)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Oregon at Kansas State (live)—6 p.m. ESPN2, KXL

Governor's Council on Substance Abuse (11/15)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

John and **Anne McDonagh** taking turkey on the strip. <> **Rose Hart** sending YWCA Christmas message. <> **Bruce Bosch** hearing ruffling feathers. <> **Dan Heine** paying attention the full 48 minutes. <> **Vic Townsend** minding groceries. <> **Cynthia Johnson** back on the A list. <> **Thursday**, cloudy, rainy, 46. **Friday**, rainy and possible snow or sleet, 42. **Saturday**, possible early snow mixed with rain, 39.