

David Beck



Gretchen Schlueter

First Independent launches “premier banking” and adds new team members

First Independent has launched premier banking, with a new team and a full suite of financial solutions to meet the particular financial needs of a growing affluent market in SW Washington.

“Premier Banking” is part of First Independent’s wealth management department, which includes “private banking”, “trust and estate planning”, “brokerage services,” and “asset management”. “Premier banking” is designed for individuals with household incomes of \$150,000 and over, or assets of at least \$250,000, excluding their primary residence.

David Beck and **Gretchen Schlueter** have joined the new team as premier banking specialists and are available at First Independent’s two largest financial centers, Fisher’s Landing, at 1408 SE 164th, and Salmon Creek, 2515 NE 134th.

Beck has more than 15 years of financial advisory experience and has worked for both national and community banks. Schlueter, premier banker at Salmon Creek, has more than seven years of financial advisory experience in both the brokerage and banking industries.

Both Beck and Schlueter hold their Series 7, 65, 63, and 6 investment licenses and Washington/Oregon Health, Life and Disability Insurance licenses.

United Malt Holdings acquired by Graincorp

United Malt Holdings has announced the acquisition of UMH by GrainCorp, the second largest agribusiness listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. “This sale is good for our employees, and good for our customers,” says **Jim Anderson**, CEO of UMH.

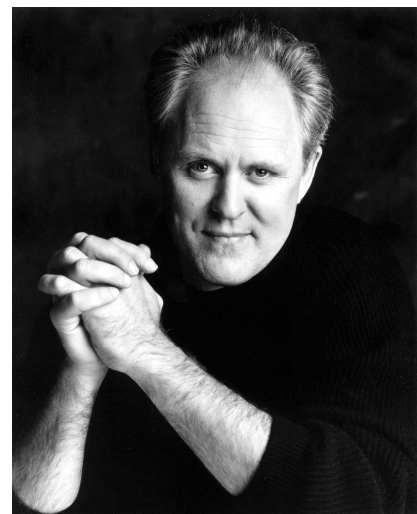
Locally, UMH is the parent company of Great Western Malting, which is located at the Port of Vancouver. “We’ve operated here at the port for 75 years, and we’ll be here for another 75, as long as people keep drinking beer,” says **Greg Friberg**, president of Great Western Malting. Due to a major re-engineering as well as increased worldwide demand for malt, GWM has seen their competitive profile greatly enhanced in last three years.

Great Western Malting was formed in 1934 by NW brewers to ensure they had local and high quality supply of malt. Over time, ownership has changed but the employees of both Great Western Malting and the Country Malt Group continue to share the common focus and passion, ensuring its customers high quality products that meet the brewer’s needs.

Great Western provides 87 family wage jobs.

FVRL Foundation brings John Lithgow to Authors and Illustrators fundraiser

Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation will hold an Authors and Illustrators dinner and auction fundraising event featuring guest speaker **John Lithgow**, actor and best-selling author, from 5 to 9 p.m.



John Lithgow

Tuesday, Nov. 17, Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. 6th Street.

The event is Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation's signature fundraiser. Funds from this event are used to support vital library programs, services and building projects for the four counties, 13 libraries and three bookmobiles.

Cost is \$60 per person. Tables of ten are also available. To RSVP, or for more information, call **699-8846** or visit www.fvrlf.org.

Classified employees of Evergreen public schools challenge community to "Stuff the Bus" for hungry and homeless

The Classified Employees of Evergreen Public Schools invite community members to help them "Stuff the Bus" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Walmart at 192nd Avenue and Fred Meyer on 117th Avenue.

"We have felt the pain of job and hour losses and want to help others in our community who have as well," says **Debra Long**, a classified employee at Silver Star Elementary and representative of the Stuff the Bus campaign. "We will be accepting non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies to donate to Share, a nonprofit that serves the hungry and homeless in Clark County."

Donated items will benefit Share clients, including those living in Share shelters, Share outreach clients, and, of particular note, Share's Backpack Program, which provides food packs to children at risk of going hungry during the weekends. For the 2009-2010 school year, Share will provide 650 food packs each week to 28 schools.

For more information and a complete list of items needed, visit www.sharevancouver.org.

News Briefs

YourBabyYourWay.com, which launched in April 2008, has reached a membership level of 1,250, which makes it the largest locally produced online resource on parenting and pregnancy. YourBabyYourWay.com is sponsored by Southwest Washington Medical Center. Members and visitors are encouraged to suggest potential editorial content for the coming year through a special reader poll. Whether it is raising a "green" baby or bargain-buying for baby or traveling while pregnant, YourBabyYourWay.com wants to know what parenting information readers feel they need most. The poll is active and available on the home page at YourBabyYourWay.com.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Watercolor Society is having its 2009 fall art show, open to juried members, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in Vancouver Mall, 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Drive. Email smartinson57@q.com for more information. <> Magenta Theater's presentation of *Wait Until Dark*, a play by **Frederick Knott**, with **David Roberts** directing this performance, starts at 7 p.m. tonight, Oct. 6, in the Magenta Theater, 606 Main Street. Cost is \$10 to \$15 per ticket. To purchase tickets or for more information on future dates, visit www.magentatheater.com or call **635-4358**. <> Civil Service Commission starts at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Oct. 6, in the City Hall Council chambers, 2nd floor, 109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground. For more information, call **342-5008**. <> League of Women Voters is holding its voters candidates debate at 7 p.m. tonight, Oct. 6, in the Clark County Fire & Rescue Station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue, Battle Ground. Visit www.lwvwa.org/clark/calendar.html for more information. <> Port of Ridgefield is having a special meeting for the waterfront tour and debriefing workshop, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Port of Ridgefield offices, 111 W. Division Street.

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Board of Commissioners (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

September 11th Commemoration-Patriots Day (9-11)—9 p.m. CVTV

36th Annual Natural Areas Conference: Opening Plenary Session (9-15)—9:30 p.m.

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kim Capeloto featuring events. <> **Sandra Hughes** providing an inside view. <> **Ken B. Cole** making things of importance known. <> **Gregg Herrington** guiding people along. <> **Tuesday**, sunny, 51-71. **Wednesday**, a.m. clouds/p.m. sun, 46-66. **Thursday**, sunny, 46-70.