

## Nierenberg elected to First Independent Board of Directors



David Nierenberg

Prominent business and community leader **David Nierenberg** has been elected to the board of directors of First Independent, the region's largest privately-owned, locally-managed bank. Nierenberg, founder and president of Camas-based Nierenberg Investment Management Company, has been involved in a wide range of community and economic development endeavors in Clark County and beyond.

"Reflecting our position as a true community bank, First Independent has enhanced our board with the addition of several outside directors who bring energy and unique perspectives to our organization," said **William J. Firstenburg**, chairman and president, son of First Independent founder **E.W. Firstenburg**. "In addition to his valuable experience in strategic planning and corporate governance, David Nierenberg understands the financial services business and our family's commitment to building community health and our clients' wealth. We are delighted that he has joined our board as the bank moves into its second century of serving families and businesses of SW Washington and the Vancouver-Portland metro region."

After graduating from Yale College and Yale Law School, Nierenberg was a management consultant and a partner at Bain & Company, a global consulting firm. He was a partner in Trinity Ventures before founding his own investment firm 14 years ago.

Nierenberg is chair of the Millstein Center for Corporate Governance & Performance at Yale University. He serves on the Washington State Governor's Council of Economic Advisors and the Washington State Investment Board. Past president of the Evergreen Schools Foundation, he also is a board director emeritus of the Southwest Washington Medical Center and currently chairs the board of the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington.

In 2007, **Patricia and David Nierenberg** were named Philanthropists of the Year by the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, one year after First Independent founder E. W. Firstenburg and his wife, Mary, were awarded the same honor.

"I greatly admire the commitment of the Firstenburg family to ensure that we continue to have a locally owned and managed bank in SW Washington," said Nierenberg. "By reinvesting their earnings in the bank, they have strengthened its capital position and enhanced its ability to grow as the region grows. I am very pleased to join with them and their very capable senior management team as First Independent embarks on its next 100 years."

## Battle Ground detective honored for advocacy of vulnerable adults



Battle Ground Det. Kim Armstrong and Deputy Prosecutor Jim David

Battle Ground Police Detective **Kim Armstrong** was honored this week for her work on the Clark County

Vulnerable Adults Task Force. Kim was a member for four years and chaired the task force in 2009. During this time, Armstrong worked with organizations throughout Clark County to protect vulnerable adults, such as elderly residents at risk of being taken advantage of by caregivers. Kim was recognized for her work on multiple cases involving the theft of funds from vulnerable adults and the mistreatment of vulnerable adults.

## I-5 Bridge closures planned this weekend

Ramp and lane closures start Saturday evening at 10 p.m. on the Interstate 5 bridge to allow for repairs. Crews will close the right and center lanes northbound from Jantzen Beach. The auxiliary lane from Marine Drive, the Jantzen Beach on-ramp to I-5 northbound and the northbound sidewalk on the bridge will also be closed. The lane from Marine Drive will close at 10 p.m., and the center lane of I-5 northbound will close at 11 p.m.

Drivers can detour by taking the I-5 southbound to the Interstate Ave/Portland International Raceway off-ramp, exit 306, back to I-5 northbound. Bicyclists and pedestrians can take the southbound sidewalk.

The closure will allow Oregon Department of Transportation crews to straighten damaged beams and perform maintenance.

Updated road information is available at [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com).

## News Briefs

The Center for Social and Environment Justice at Washington State University Vancouver is hosting a spring conference on Saturday, March 27, entitled "Mobilizing Community Health, Well-Being and Equity." More information is available at [www.vancouver.wsu.edu](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu). <> Bravo! Vancouver's concert series continues Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S. Andresen Road, Vancouver. The chorale will be performing "The Creation" by Joseph Haydn. Ticket information is available via e-mail at [tickets@bravoconcerts.com](mailto:tickets@bravoconcerts.com) or by calling 360-906-0441. <> Seattle novelist **Erica Bauermeister** will discuss and sign her book *The School of Essential Ingredients* at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. The book centers on eight students taking a monthly cooking class and the class instructor. <> The Nutter Foundation is accepting community grant applications. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations that focus on youth development programs. In 2009, the foundation awarded more than \$100,000. Applications are available online at [www.nutterfoundation.org](http://www.nutterfoundation.org). <> The city of Vancouver is seeking applicants for a full-term position on the new Clark County Arts Commission. The 11-member commission will work to enhance and support the growth of the local economy through collaboration among patrons of the arts, artists, the business community, service groups and schools. Applications are due on April 5. Contact **Cara Cantonwine** at 360-487-8630. <> Those interested in attending the Clark County Mural Society's "Art on the Block" on Thursday, April 8, at the Vancouver Marketplace are asked to RSVP by April 5 to **Lynn Krogseng**, 360-852-1165 or via e-mail at [lynn@krogseng.com](mailto:lynn@krogseng.com). <> Admission to the Marshall Lecture on Thursday, May 20, is free, but tickets are required and seating is limited. **Jonathan Jarvis**, the director of the National Park Service, is the speaker. The lecture begins at 11:30 a.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 East Reserve Street in Vancouver. Tickets can be printed from the Fort Vancouver Reserve Trust's Web site at [www.fortvan.org](http://www.fortvan.org). <> State transportation officials are reminding Washington drivers that April 1 is the deadline for removing studded snow tires. The fine for driving after April 1 with studded tires is \$124. The deadline is the same in Oregon.

## Calendar

The Vancouver Downtown Association invites volunteers to help with the beautification of downtown by planting 40 new street trees starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 27. Volunteers will meet at 819 Main Street. Breakfast will be provided by Chronis' Restaurant. Tools, gloves & training provided. Call 360-619-1108 or go to [Vancouver-Clark Washington Parks & Recreation: Urban Forestry](http://Vancouver-Clark Washington Parks & Recreation: Urban Forestry) for more information. <> Project Homeless Connect will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay's Centennial Center, 100 Columbia Street.

## Friday on the air

Clark County Board of Health (3-24) —6 p.m. CVTV 21

2010 Women of Achievement Celebration (3-19) — 6:30 p.m. CVTV 23

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### **Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Mint Tea** offers Turkish/Balkan music. <> **Pollard** fans gathering stories. <> **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 56-38. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 68-48. **Sunday**, light rain, 58-49.