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Ventures Rock Seattle, Seek Hall of Fame

Fifteen hundred cheering fans can't be wrong.

Neither can the mayors and city councils of Seattle and Tacoma, the Washington State Senate, and thousands more signing petitions at every Venture Bank financial center in Western Washington.

All are in agreement that the Ventures, the first nationally known, popular rock band to come out of the Seattle-Tacoma area, should be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

A petition kick-off concert co-hosted by KBSG 97.3 FM Radio and Venture Bank drew a standing-room-only crowd of 1,500 enthusiastic fans to the Premier Club in downtown Seattle on March 12.

The band—who have been making music together for more than 45



Lt. Governor Brad Owen holds State Senate proclamation at recent Seattle concert

years—have also produced 14 Top 100 singles in the 1960s and 1970s, including such instrumental classics as "Wipeout," "Walk, Don't Run," and the original theme to the TV show *Hawaii Five-O*.

Overall, they produced 250 albums— 37 of which hit the U.S. sales charts— selling 90 million album copies, plus wrote or recorded more than 3,000 songs.

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KBSG disk jockey Mark Christopher displays Ventures' guitar given away at Kent financial center



Business Loans More Accessible

Take advantage of new competitive program!

Business loans are more accessible than ever, thanks to a new, one-step commercial loan program designed for businesses needing \$250,000 or less.

Featuring the same competitive rates as Venture Bank's larger commercial loans, the new loan program allows business owners quick and convenient access to funds for new equipment, inventory expansion, or other needs.

Business owners can start the process by simply speaking to their financial cen-

ter manager.

"Managers at our financial centers are specially trained to administer the new loan program," says **Bruce H. Marley**, Chief Lending Officer with Venture Bank.

"Our managers are extremely adept at recognizing needs and finding solutions for all types of businesses. The managers remain the primary contact through the whole loan process. It's personal, friendly and very convenient," Marley says.

Businesses Manage Bills Easier with VISA Check Card

Managing your business expenses becomes a little easier with a VISA Business Check Card.

Totally effective for "real time" tracking of purchases, you can use your card just about anywhere in the world, and manage cash flow easily by going online to review your account activity and updating your balance.

"Real time" tracking makes your VISA Business Check Card also ideal for ordering supplies or other items over the phone or on the Internet.

As an additional accounting feature, all purchases are also recorded on your monthly checking statement.

VISA Business Check Cards are recognized by more than 3 million mer-

chants worldwide. Such a high level of universal acceptance is something you may not have when trying to use business checks on the road.

Far safer than cash, your VISA Business Check Card from Venture Bank also allows you to get **cash back** with purchases at many merchants.

Rogue River and Shakespeare Festival

SOUTHERN OREGON
August 9-12, 2005

**Premier 50 Club
Members**
(10% discount)

\$ 498 per person,
dbl. occupancy

\$ 698 per person,
single occupancy

HIGHLIGHTS:

Three-night stay at the *Seven Feathers Resort Casino* with indoor pool, spas, and optional daily trolley rides into Canyonville cafe and antique district

Round-trip Rogue River jet boat tour with country BBQ dinner

Albertina Kerrs luncheon

Visit to a wildlife safari

Shakespeare Festival,
Ashland, Oregon
Guided Backstage tour,
lunch/shopping and premium
tickets to "Richard III"

Lunch at Northwest's largest
Chinese buffet

Explore the Oregon Gardens
by tram or walking

and lots more!



PREMIER 50 TRAVEL CLUB
RESERVATIONS DUE BY JUNE 24

-VENTURES, CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Popular worldwide, the Ventures enjoyed cult status in Japan, where their album sales **doubled** those of the Beatles throughout the 1960s.

Their musical style has influenced such rock greats as Jimmy Page, Steve Miller, George Harrison, Dire Straits, Aerosmith and the Ramones.

Petitions supporting the Ventures' nomination into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame may be signed at all Venture Bank financial centers. The petitions will be gathered, and together with the Seattle, Tacoma and State Senate proclamations, will be submitted to Hall of Fame officials in Cleveland.

In the future, look for more exciting events featuring the Ventures and Venture Bank.

IMPORTANT VISA NOTICE

Please be advised that VISA International is changing the method that will be used to convert transactions made in foreign countries or initiated in a foreign currency into U.S. dollars. This change will apply to all foreign currency transactions involving VISA branded cards, including credit and debit cards.

This **does not** effect the average consumer making purchases within the U.S.

Effective April 2, 2005, purchases, cash withdrawals and cash advances made in foreign currencies will be debited from your account in U.S. dollars. The exchange rate between the transaction currency and the billing currency used for processing international transactions is a rate selected by VISA from a range of rates available in wholesale currency markets for the applicable central processing date, which rate may vary from the rate VISA itself receives or the government-mandated rate in effect for the applicable central processing date. The exchange rate used on the processing date may differ from the rate that would have been used on the purchase date or cardholder statement posting date.

A fee of 1% will be imposed on all foreign transactions, including purchases, cash withdrawals, cash advances, and credits to your account. A foreign transaction is any transaction that you complete or a merchant completes on your card outside of the U.S., Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Large Print Slips

All Venture financial centers now have **large print** deposit slips available.

These handy, easy-to-use slips can be quickly encoded with your account number. It's one more way of making banking easier for you.

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