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Outdated, outmoded community library kinda like dirty underwear

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An outdated, outmoded, inadequately accessible community library is a little like dirty underwear. You might get away with it if there is no other choice, but it's still a bad idea.

As my wife, Nancy, cautions me, "If you ever are injured in an automobile accident wearing dirty underwear, you'd better hope that the injuries are fatal."

The trustees of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board don't have to put up with any more "dirty underwear" if they follow the lead of voters who last Tuesday created the Greater Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area

Those same voters, and more, can in the November 2004 general election approve a \$48 million bond issue designed to bring the library to the level of other quality-of-life amenities Vancouver offers—If the library board of trustees resubmits exactly the same ballot issue that got a nearly 54 percent majority last week.

A 60 percent majority vote is there for the asking.

By slightly over the magic 60 percent majority, voters have already approved the library area boundaries.

Maybe these voters voted heart's desire on one hand and purse strings on the other, but they seem ripe for responding to a dynamite message from library backers.

Why then didn't those same voters vote for the bond issue? Because the library election was a "ho hum" issue. It wasn't a matter much discussed. Promoters barely began talking about the issue a month earlier. Phone calls and promotion pieces primarily were made and sent to "known" library supporters.

Now that the bond issue failed, it has created some talk and some second guessing.

Also, more voters will turn out in the November general election. With more time, more controversy and more pizzazz, the library backers can generate a change of underwear.

March 9 was not a fatal accident.

Taxpayers in Evergreen School District to save an average of \$7 a year

The Evergreen School District has made strategic bond sales both this year and last, that translate into an average homeowner's getting an annual tax break of \$7 over the next 20 years, according to district spokeswoman Carol Fenstermacher.

Bond sales from last year, combined with an early sale of \$30 million in bonds for school building construction this year that came in under interest estimates, has resulted in a total savings of \$9.265 million over the life of the bonds.

Marc Grignon joins First Independent Bank

Marc Grignon has joined First Independent Bank as senior vice president and manager of trust and investment

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services in the First Indy's Private Banking Division.

Grignon is a native Portlander, whose 30 years of banking experience includes service with Union Bank of California and Wells Fargo. He is a graduate of Portland State University and the Pacific Coast Banking School.

Grignon is a former chair of the Portland State University Foundation, a member of the board of regents of the Pacific Northwest College of Art, a member of the Oregon Symphony Planned Giving Steering Committee, and a member of the Portland Society of Financial Analysts.



Marc Grignon

News briefs

The Vancouver City council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today and will hear a report on actions being taken by the Port of Portland to mitigate air noise over the city. The city council also meets in a formal session at 7 p.m. and, among other things, will consider a ten-year street lease for the Vancouver Farmers Market. ~~SES~~ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 16. ~~SES~~ U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray** (D-Wash.) is the speaker at the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Series luncheon at noon Tuesday, March 16. Murray will host a veterans community roundtable discussion, at 1:30 p.m., the same day in Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. 5th Street. Call **696-7797** for reservations.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, March 12, 2004

Alaska Air Group	23.60	-.52	Linear Technology	36.88	-1.42
Alcoa	34.11	-1.01	Microsoft	25.16	-.22
Amazon.com	41.08	-1.36	Nautilus	15.85	-.43
Bank of America	79.39	-.93	Nike	74.40	-.40
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.47	-1.23
Bemis	25.01	-.30	PepsiCo	51.35	-.20
Boeing	39.78	-.52	Precision Cast	42.70	-.64
Boise Cascade	30.96	-1.01	RLRN	25.28	-.35
CenturyTel	28.62	-.10	Starbucks	37.02	-.58
Costco	37.42	-.88	TSM	10.25	-.29
Expeditors Intl.	35.75	-.99	Tektronix	28.75	-.84
Georgia Pacific	30.50	-1.57	US Bancorp	27.65	-.57
HPQ	21.71	-.57	Wash. Mutual	43.14	-.44
Intel	27.10	-.59	W. Coast Bancorp	21.45	-1.17
Kyocera	73.91	-.78	Weyerhaeuser	61.64	-1.49
DOW: 10,102.89 -137.19 NASDAQ: 1939.2 -45.53 S&P: 1104.43 -16.14					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Tom and Jeri Reis leading stage-door congratulatory procession. SES	Acapulco	91/75
Wayne Clemetson reporting more than 100 percent. SES	Athens	60/46
Jeremy Brandt delivering as promised. SES	Chicago	38/25
Christine Pienkhowski cutting a deal. SES	Dallas	68/51
Garen Horgen making things easier. SES	Hong Kong	74/68
Monday , mostly sunny, 62.	Las Vegas	84/56
Tuesday , clouds mixed with sunshine, 62.	Los Angeles	77/56
Wednesday , sunny and clear, 65.	London	57/46
	New York	51/43
	Orlando	82/66
	Paris	55/45
	Phoenix	87/63
	Rome	62/47
	Seattle	52/41
	Sydney	80/62
	Tokyo	57/42
	Washington	60/37