

IGI moves headquarters to Vancouver from Wilsonville

IGI, a gasket and seal manufacturer with manufacturing plants in Portland, Seattle, Denver and Salt Lake City, is moving its executive offices from Wilsonville to 1111 Main Street, reports **Bart Phillips**, Columbia River Economic Development Council executive director.

IGI, founded in 1962, manufactures specialty engineered products used in aerospace, medical, national security, and personal electronics.

Mike Smith, IGI president, says: "We chose Vancouver for its easy access to the airport, major freeways, attractive lease rates and what we consider to be forward thinking civic leaders. The beautiful downtown area, along with the affordability of doing business here, makes Vancouver a logical option."

Vancouver mayor **Royce Pollard** responded: "We welcome IGI to our community with open arms and know that it will add to the continuing diversity of business in our downtown. A strong private-public partnership has been working to make downtown Vancouver a place where people will gather to live, work, shop and relax."

According to the mayor, since 1998, the private-public partnership has developed \$200 million of mixed-use, residential, retail and office additions.

Clark College reserves expected to go to one-time-only expenditures

About \$17.4 million of a \$22 million reserve held by Clark College will be used for one-time-only expenditures to meet increased enrollment demands as well as facilities and infrastructure priorities, college president Wayne Branch told campus staff and faculty this week. The balance of the \$22 million is already dedicated to help cover costs of current construction projects.

Branch says that the college will take the time necessary to ensure the money is allocated wisely, using Clark's newly approved strategic plan as a guide.

According to Branch, some of the potential uses of the reserves over the next three to four years may include the following:

\$5 million to renovate buildings on the triangle property, acquired by the Clark College Foundation from Clark County, west of the campus on Fort Vancouver Way.

\$1.5 million to construct a pedestrian overpass or tunnel across Fort Vancouver Way.

\$2 million to serve as seed money for construction of parking garage as proposed as part of the college's master facilities plan.

\$1.2 million for implementing the college's technology plan, including updating technology in classrooms.

\$300,000 for new campus signs.

\$100,000 for a low-wattage radio station to be used as a parking advisory system.

\$1 million to develop Clark's new Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division —a program that is expected to become self-sufficient and ultimately generate revenue for the college.

Branch said the reserve balances he reported to the college trustees this week were part of the 150-page, 2005 fiscal budget. They were accumulated by the college over a period of years and were consistent with the prevailing interpretation of college policy governing reserves, which was focused on assuring that the college possessed resources to develop facilities for future growth.

Bruce Cross named fleet manager for City of Portland

Bruce Cross, who retired as deputy director of Clark County Public Works in May 2003, has been appointed fleet manager for the City of Portland.

Cross, one of the founders of the interagency cooperative Grounds Equipment Maintenance, a regional network of public agency employees who meet regularly to promote efficiency in government, reports that Portland has joined GEM.

GEM is currently preparing a multiple agency auction of equipment and vehicles, which will include surplus vehicles from Clark Public Utilities. For further information on GEM, go to www.gematwork.org.

10,249 saw free movies in Vancouver this year

A project to promote family summer activities sponsored by First Independent Bank and Regal Cinemas issued 10,249 free passes to moviegoers at Regal Cinema 99 in Hazel Dell this year, according to spokesperson **Kim Dalton**. Dalton said the sponsors last year issued 7,564 movie passes.

People

Mark Ross, Mountain View High School principal, has received the Washington State Secondary Administrator of the Year Award from the state Library Media Association. The award recognized Ross's "exceptional promotion of the school library program."

News briefs

Betty Sue Morris supporters are holding a fundraising function for her campaign for reelection as Democratic Clark County commissioner at 5 p.m. today in Bethany Vineyards, 4115 NE 259th Street, Ridgefield. For further information, call **903-2890**. ☞ A reception in a warehouse at 4th and Columbia Streets between 4 and 7 p.m. today will honor the top construction projects of 2004 as selected by the *Vancouver Business Journal* and Columbia River Economic Development Council. ☞ The Clark County Long Range Planning Department is holding an informational meeting about the county's new home business regulations at 5 p.m. today in the Camas Police Station, 2100 NE 3rd Avenue. ☞ The Clark County Animal Protection and Control Advisory Board meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Hazel Dell Sewer District offices, 8000 NE 52nd Court. ☞ The quarterly luncheon meeting of the Columbia River Economic Development Council is at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, in Royal Oaks Country Club. ☞ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of trustees meets in a budget session at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, in the district operations center, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

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Thursday on the air

Craig Pridemore-Don Carlson election debate—5 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Tacoma (live)—6 p.m. KKAD

Kansas City at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Terry Lenhart, **Tina Picchioni**, **Kathy Condon**, **Kathy Deschner** and **Nancy Simmons** were the first five *Daily Insider* readers to correctly identify the Velveteen Rabbit. ☞ **Jim Tyrell** said Roger Rabbit. ☞ **Joanne Berg** was the first to say Harvey. ☞ **Linda Jones** opted for Peter Rabbit. ☞ **Thursday**, rain letting up, sunbreaks, 72. **Friday**, clearing, mostly sunny, 78. **Saturday**, sunny and jazzy, 82.