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### Wim Guerden named WSU Vancouver's director of information technology

**Wim Guerden**, Ridgefield resident, former chief of information technology architecture for JP Morgan Chase, Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed director of information technology at Washington State University Vancouver.

Guerden is a former senior executive in Accenture's Financial Services Practice and a former senior technology strategist for banking at the Microsoft Corporation.

The position is new at WSU Vancouver. It had formerly been part of the Library and Information Services.

### Murdock Trust award will enable St. Helens visitors to feel volcano

The M.J. Murdock Trust has awarded the Mount St. Helens Institute a \$163,000 grant to develop a new seismic exhibit at the Johnston Ridge Observatory, it was announced today by institute director **Jeanne Bennett**.

The new exhibit, according to Bennett, will allow visitors to literally "feel the pulse" of an active volcano. They will view real-time earthquakes and explore the relationship between shrinking and swelling of the earth's crust.

While the grant provides the initial funding, the trust still needs to raise a minimum of \$60,000 in matching funds to complete the project, according to Bennett.

Prospective donors may go to the institute's website, [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org), or call Bennett at **891-5107**.

### Denny Heck's one-man show comes to Vancouver Saturday

**Denny Heck**, former Clark County Democratic representative in the state legislature, stars in the one-man show he wrote, *Our Times*, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in Columbia River High School.

Heck, a graduate of Columbia River High School, became house majority leader and, later, clerk of the house before becoming chief of staff for Gov. **Booth Gardner** in 1989. Heck went on to create TVW, the State of Washington's equivalent of C-SPAN. Heck wrote and directed the documentary on the Washington State Supreme Court, *Supreme Justice*, for which he was awarded an Emmy. He has written two books, including a mystery, *The Enemy You Know*.

In *Our Times* Heck plays himself in recounting, with humor, 30 years of politics in Olympia, beginning in 1975. At the age of 24 he was elected from the 17th District on the slogan, "Give Olympia Heck."

The show is produced by Heck's wife **Paula** a retired educator.

All proceeds from the show are being donated to the Vancouver School District Foundation's Principal Checkbook Program. For further information on the \$25 tickets, call **313-4370**.

### Ballots on \$56 million emergency services communication fix due by 8 p.m. Tuesday

Clark County's analogue emergency communications system, installed in 1997, must be updated to a digital system at a cost of \$45 million, say Clark County emergency services organizations, including the police departments of each city, county and municipal fire departments, and the county sheriff's office.

Thus voters are presented with an opportunity to increase their sales tax by one-tenth of one percent (one cent on a \$10 purchase) to pay for the new system.

Voting began two weeks ago and so far has been slow. By this morning fewer than 30 percent of the county's 194,832 registered voters have responded.

To count, votes must be returned to the county Elections Department by 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. Mail will no longer count tomorrow, according to elections officials. Ballots not yet returned should be taken to drop-off



**Wim Guerden**

locations throughout the county or to the Elections Department's drive-by drop-off box at 1408 Franklin Street and dropped off by 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22..

### **Columbia Credit Union puts green all over new Washougal branch**

Clark County's first all-green financial institution building was opened today in Washougal by Columbia Credit Union. An open house and business after hours celebration is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at 271 C Street in The Crossing retail development in Washougal.

The building conforms to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design criteria developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The credit union's next branch, due to open this spring in the Grand Central shopping center in Vancouver, is also an all-green building.

### **Problem Solved**

The state Department of Licensing expects to issue Washington motorcycle plate number 999998, the last in the current series, later this month. The agency will then begin issuing plate numbers with a letter in place of the second number. The first will be 0A0001. The new series should last another fifty years, says **Brad Benfield**, DOL spokesperson. The current series began in 1975.

### **People**

**Ryan Hart** was elected chairman of the Clark County Republican Party Saturday. He succeeds **Anna Miller**, who resigned last month after having served two years as chair. Hart was a delegate to the National Republican convention in 2004, and is a former vice chairman of the local organization.

### **Calendar**

Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet at 4 p.m. this afternoon. <> The Vancouver City Council meets in a workshop session at 4 p.m. today and will discuss the results of its successful pilot program to increase recycling based on using fewer containers. The council also meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. <> Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 22. <> The Clark County Board of Health meets at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Public Service Center. <> Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 22. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 22. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drawing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the St. John Medical Center, 1615 Delaware Street, Longview.



Greg Gavett, Fred Meyer store manager, second from right, presented Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation with \$1,000 from the opening of the Grand Center Fred Meyer store last week. Pictured from left are Kwang Kye, library technology director; Merle Koplan, library board of trustees; Jane Higgins, foundation board, Gavett and; Rick Smithrud, foundation director.

### **Monday on the air**

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

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

**Salt Lake at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD**

**Growth Management Hearings Board (4/8)—10 p.m. CVTV**

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Gary Miller** explaining how he won the Piacintini Prize. <> **Paul Kretschmar** recalling 3/31/29. <> **Gary Salstrom** doing Charles Atlas routine. <> **Bud Weis** showing off his improvements to Wenatchee. <> **Mark Matthias** doing a little upstaging. <> **Edna Jean Easter** enjoying the good times. <> **Kathy Helgason** wearing hostess sign with aplomb. <> **Julie Anderson** tracking down leads. <> **Monday**, showers, sunbreaks, 40-49. **Tuesday**, April showers, 41-52. **Wednesday**, light rain, 40-48.