

Xiotech opens Tidewater Cove development center

Xiotech Corporation, a leading provider of data storage and data discovery solutions, today opened a development center in the new Tidewater Cove complex.

The Vancouver site will be used to develop the Minnesota-based company's evidence management programs.

Scott Winkler, formerly with Sequent Computer Systems, which was co-founded by Xiotech president **Casey Powell**, has been named to head the local Xiotech operations as vice president and general manager.

Powell, who spend several years in Portland, said, "the Vancouver-Portland area is an ideal place to find the top-notch software engineers we're looking for." He added, as if he were writing home, "Tidewater Cove is conveniently located with a beautiful view of the river, and within a year there will be a new marina just down the river. The quality of work and life here is unbeatable."

Clark County January unemployment drops

The unadjusted unemployment rate for Clark County dropped to 5.7 percent for January this year, compared to 6.1 percent in December, according to the January rate released by the state Employment Security Department today.

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for King County dropped to 4.3 percent in January, from 4.5 percent the previous month. The state rate dipped to 4.7 percent for the month, the lowest rate since 1999. The unemployment rate in Adams county went up by 2.1 percent for January to 11.4 percent—the worst rate in the state.

Clark College and YWCA honoring community builders and dreamers on International Women's Day

Clark College and YWCA of Clark County together are honoring eight local women, whom they consider community builders and dreamers, at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

The celebration is being held on International Women's Day, which, according to the news release, is designated in many countries as a national holiday. National Women's Day is also commemorated at the United Nations.

In the limelight on this year's National Women's Day are the following: **Jan Asai, Judi Brenes, Jeanne Kojis, Elise Menashe, Ginger Metcalf, Donna Roberge, Peggy Sheehan and Jan Truttman.**

Admission to the luncheon is \$30. For reservations, call the YWCA at **906-9129**.

Junior Symphony of Vancouver in Columbia Arts Center concert

The Junior Symphony of Vancouver is offering a concert featuring the music of Telemann, Quantz and Berlioz, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Columbia Arts Center, 400 W 8th Street.

The junior symphony is conducted by **Timoteus Racz**. General admission at the door is \$10. Student and senior tickets are \$8. For reservations and further information, call **696-4084**, or go to www.oregonchamberplayers.org.

People

Jilayne Jordan has been appointed public information officer for Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation. Jordan was most recently a public information officer for the state Department of Transportation's Southwest Regional Office in Vancouver, where she coordinated public involvement efforts through out a seven-county region, including Clark County.

Jordan, a graduate of Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif., held a public relations post in Atlanta, Ga.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation council board meets at 4 p.m. today in the Public Service Center. A discussion of Battle Ground mayor **John Idsigna's** proposed Battle Ground-Camas parkway is on the agenda. ⚡ Clark County Republican party precinct caucuses are being held in several locations at 7:15 p.m. this evening. For further information, call the Clark County Elections Department, **397-2345**. ⚡ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in conference room B in the Public Service Center. ⚡ The 2006 Marshall Youth Leadership Award will be presented to **Kate Castenson**,

Mountain View High School, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the Marshall House, 1301 Officers Row. For further information, call **Deborah Walstra, 992-1801**.

Electronic newsletters are forgiving

One of the best things about electronic newsletters like the *Insider* is how forgiving they are. After the editor makes an enormous faux pas, it's possible to revisit the website and make corrections. For example, after a mental gaffe yesterday in which *Columbian* publisher **Scott Campbell** was misidentified as his late uncle Jack Campbell in early editions before the emails came pouring in, it was possible to go into cyberspace and make corrections. Today, readers may go to the back issues section and pull up either the electronic edition or the print version where all is correct.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Construction projects put downtown Portland on course for 'perfect storm' gridlock--Oregonian, James Mayer](#)

[Columbian begins on new \\$30 million edition--Columbian, Julia Anderson](#)

[Vancouver hoping governor will sign tax break for SEH America if company expands--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[No double-wide lunchroom for employees says publisher--Columbian interview with Scott Campbell](#)

[Battle Grounders going for \\$3.8 million library--Columbian, Margaret Ellis](#)

[City gives Pat McDonnell raise--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[King County manager waiting home for 16 months to see whether she is fired still collecting salary--Seattle P-I, Neil Modie](#)

[Vice President Cheney threatened Iran today with "meaningful consequences" if it fails to cooperate with international efforts to curb its nuclear program--Washington Post, Fred Barbash, Daniela Deane and Bill Brubaker](#)

[Shiites may block start of Iraq's parliament on Sunday--New York Times, Edward Wong](#)

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Focus (3/2)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at Dallas (live)—5:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KMUZ

Clark County Close Up (3/5)—6 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (3/5)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (2/28)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Celestial Navigation—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Fire Department Recruit Graduation—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jerry Bodine stapleless and in excellent health. ☞ **Nancy Baker** leading the charge. ☞ **Larry Paulson** delivering the goods. ☞ **Addison Jacobs** paving the way. ☞ **John Fratt** doing what he does best. ☞ **Walt Evans** saying "good night and good luck." ☞ **Tuesday**, mostly gray, scattered showers, 50. **Wednesday**, more showers likely, 49. **Thursday**, grey and gnarly, 48.