

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School gets reading award from Gov. Gary Locke

Gov. Gary Locke and Terry Bergeson, state superintendent of schools, this morning presented Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School with the Reading School of the Month Award.

The percentage of the Vancouver School District's school's fourth grade students meeting or exceeding standards on the reading portion of the state Assessment of Student Learning jumped from 56 percent in 1998 to nearly 79 percent in 2002.

Bergeson congratulated the students, parents, staff and community for the overall improvements in student academic achievement.

"You should be very proud of the hard work that has led to more students learning how to read," she said. "Schools selected for this honor do more than just increase their reading test scores. They demonstrate a commitment to providing a high-quality education to all their students, regardless of the challenges of poverty or high student mobility. Martin Luther King Elementary has been making these great strides."

"No matter what you want to do when you grow up, you have to start by being a good reader," Locke told students.

Locke, Bergeson and Miss Washington, Amanda Beers, read to students during an all-school assembly.

Michael Liu, Betty Sue Morris join Vancouver Symphony board

Michael Liu, Vancouver family practice physician and pianist, and Clark County commissioner Betty Sue Morris have been appointed to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra board of directors.

Liu, who completed his medical degree at the Mayo Clinic, holds a bachelors degree in music from the University of Illinois. He has performed as a soloist for several orchestras and is co-founder and pianist for the Gioioso Trio and the Tasir Trio.

Morris is a former journalist and state representative.

Other board members are Steven Hill, president, Carolyn Shefler, secretary, Lester Mischke, treasurer, and Salvador Brotons, music director.

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, in its 25th year, is a 65-member professional orchestra currently presenting a six-concert season.

Humane society has a deal on microchips on national Tag Day, Saturday, April 5

The Southwest Washington Humane Society and Clark County Animal Protection and Control are teaming up with PETCO and AVID Microchips to offer pet owners microchips and registration for their companion animals on National Tag Day, Saturday, April 5.

Identification microchips and registration, which usually costs \$35 to \$45, are being offered for \$20 each,

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says Rick Collord, humane society executive director.

The microchip implants will be performed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at PETCO, 308 SE Chkalov Drive. For registration information, call 750-0847.

Clark College nursing program gets boost from Kaiser Permanente and its employees

This year, Kaiser Permanente's Vancouver operations has matched local Kaiser Permanente employees' contributions to provide six \$1,000 scholarships for Clark nursing students.

The Kaiser Permanente scholarship program is designed to assist middle-income students who are not eligible for need-based grants.

Students submitting standard scholarship applications prior to the April 11 deadline will be considered for scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year.

News briefs

Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center's 8th annual Splash celebration is from 5 to 8 p.m. today in the center at the end of Columbia Way. ■■■ Phillip Thurtle, assistant professor of the Mediated Culture Program at Carleton University, Ottawa, will discuss why people love comic books at a free forum at 7 p.m. tonight in Washington State University Vancouver's multimedia building. ■■■ Blue herons retugning to their rookery near Vancouver Lake Regional Park can be seen from the park entrance on Lower River Road. Phil Oaks, parks spokesperson, advises bird watchers who want to get up close to the nests to wear rain gear or use a large umbrella.

Thursday electronic events

Arizona State at Oregon Ducks (live)—3:30 p.m. FSN, KXL
Animal Control Hearings (live)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Denny Heck's Inside Olympia—7 and 11 p.m. TVW
California at Oregon State Beavers (live)—9 p.m. FSN, KEX

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, March 13, 2003

Alaska Air Group	18.45	+1.00	Linear Technology	32.35	+2.66
Alcoa	19.88	+1.01	Microsoft	24.67	+1.28
Amazon.com	24.42	+1.06	Nautilus	13.73	+4.47
Bank of America	67.60	+1.76	Nike	49.00	.99
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.89	+5.53
Bemis	41.49	+1.71	PepsiCo	38.83	+1.13
Boeing	25.35	+2.20	Precision Cast	23.36	+1.46
Boise Cascade	22.18	+1.19	RLRN	17.20	+1.19
CenturyTel	26.76	+1.00	Starbucks	24.06	+1.56
Costco	29.99	+1.42	TSM	7.72	+5.55
Expeditors Intl.	34.25	+83	Tektronix	16.15	+1.10
Georgia Pacific	13.70	+63	US Bancorp	19.50	+5.0
HPQ	15.00	-.57	Wash. Mutual	33.34	+3.36
Intel	17.35	+1.15	W. Coast Bancorp	15.25	+1.5
Kyocera	51.24	+1.34	Weyerhaeuser	48.76	+2.48

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Elson Strahan taking brief break.	Acapulco	88/72
■■■ Bob Bedrossian honking for service.	Athens	66/46
■■■ Larry Smith looking like a contender.	Chicago	42/28
■■■ D'Alene White hitting the books.	Dallas	78/54
■■■ Bob Kaletta's retirement a work in progress.	Hong Kong	75/68
Ilene Ferrell reconnecting.	Los Angeles	72/54
Thursday, could hit 62 degrees, but still wet.	London	51/39
Friday, rain continues, so does warmth, 60.	New Orleans	78/62
Saturday, continued rain, possible sunbreaks, 58.	New York	37/23
	Orlando	85/65
	Paris	49/35
	Phoenix	85/57
	Rome	60/35
	Seattle	58/46
	Sydney	79/60
	Tokyo	46/32
	Washington	54/31