

### University of Maryland president to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. at Clark College Thursday

Educator and author **Freeman A. Hrabowski III**, president of the University of Maryland, will help celebrate the life and dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in Gaiser Hall at Clark College.

The celebration, which is free and to which the public is invited, will also include presentations by the Multicultural Students United Club of Clark College and Minorities Reconstructing Culture of Washington State University Vancouver. A performance by the Community A.M.E. Zion Church choir is also part of the program.

Hrabowski was prominently featured in a 1997 **Spike Lee** documentary, *Four Little Girls*, depicting the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Hrabowski co-authored two books, *Beating the Odds* and *Overcoming the Odds*, focusing on parenting and high-achieving African males and females in science.

Hrabowski is a consultant to the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health and Universities. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the American Philosophical Society and is a recipient of the McGraw Prize in Education and the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

After gradating from Hampton Institute at the age of 19, Hrabowski earned a masters degree in mathematics and a doctorate in higher education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

For further information, call **992-2000**.

### State-of-City address February 1

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** presents the 2006 State-of-the-City address Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The mayor's speech is at 10 a.m.

Seating is limited. Reservations are recommended, and a donation at the door of \$5 is suggested. To make reservations, call **696-8200**.

### Rural properties to get physical inspections by assessor's office

Physical inspections of property in rural areas around the cities of Amboy, Yacolt, Battle Ground, Camas and Washougal will be conducted by the Clark County Department of Assessment and GIS beginning this month and continuing through May.

Physical inspections include an exterior observation of properties to determine whether there have been changes in characteristics that affect value for tax purposes. In addition, properties will be photographed. Further information may be obtained by calling **397-2391**.

### Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation offering \$100,000 in college scholarships

Applications are being accepted by the Southwest Medical Center Foundation for \$100,000 in college scholarships, half of which are reserved for medical center employees and volunteers.

The scholarships, which range in value from \$1,000 to \$5,000, are available for students pursuing a health career course of study. Application information is available by going to [www.swmedicalcenter.com](http://www.swmedicalcenter.com).

### Calendar

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of trustees will discuss censorship during a workshop session at 4 p.m. today in the Washougal Community Library, 1661 C Street. No input will be accepted from the public, nor any action will be taken during the workshop session. The library board, however, earlier solicited written comments on its Internet filtering policy, which it will review at the meeting. A regular public meeting of the trustees follows at 6:15 p.m. The Vancouver City council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today to discuss design standards being developed for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve by the city, the National Park Service and the U.S. Army. The council will go into a closed session at 4:45 p.m. The council will convene



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a regular session at 7 p.m. and, among other things, will consider the creation of an auto dealership plan district. ☞ The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening in the Clark County Public Works conference room, 4700 NE 78th Street. ☞ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10.

### Monday headlines from at home and around the world

[Dow closes above 11,000 for first time since before 9/11--USA TODAY](#)

[Library board to discuss Internet policy--Columbian, \*\*Margaret Ellis\*\*](#)

[Fort Vancouver Regional Library District filters Internet more than most--Columbian, \*\*Margaret Ellis\*\*](#)

[James D. Zellerbach Elementary all jazzed up--Columbian, \*\*Howard Buck\*\*](#)

[Holiday giving surpasses hopes of local charities--Columbian, \*\*Kelly Adams\*\*](#)

[Hudson's Bay High School's 50th anniversary approaching--Columbian, \*\*Margaret Ellis\*\* and](#)

[Howard Buck](#)

[Wide areas of the Northwest under flood watch--KATU](#)

[Chris Vance leaving chairmanship of state GOP to pursue a job in the private sector--Seattle Times,](#)

[Jim Brunner](#)

[Insurgents kill another 18 in Iraq today--New York Times, \*\*Richard A. Oppel Jr.\*\* and \*\*John O'Neil\*\*](#)

### Monday on the air

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

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

University of Portland at St. Mary's (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Gonzaga at Santa Clara (live)—9 p.m. ESPN2

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Paul Liberty** putting on suit and tie. ☞ **David DiCesare** taking good news to heart. ☞ **Arch Miller** close to hooking a marlin. ☞ **Pam Brokaw** talking dollars and scents. ☞ **Monday**, rain, heavy at times, 52. **Tuesday**, more serious showers, 51. **Wednesday**, showers, 46.