

Elson Strahan presented education grant by First Lady Laura Bush



Elson Strahan received \$40,000 educational grant from First Lady Laura Bush, left, on Capitol Hill last week. With Strahan and Bush is former Interior Secretary, Gale Norton

A \$40,000 educational grant for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust was presented to trust president **Elson Strahan** by First Lady **Laura Bush** in Washington last week.

Bush is the honorary chairwoman of Preserve America, a White House initiative that recognizes communities that have made commitments to historic preservation and related education programs. Strahan said that the Preserve America program recognized Vancouver for its commitment to historic preservation and related education programs. He added, "The funding will enable us to secure the expertise to review and revise K-12 curriculum to ensure that our educational programming at Fort Vancouver, Pearson Air Museum and the Water Resources Education Center is consistent with both Washington and Oregon standards."

According to **Tracy Fortmann**, superintendent of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site: "We have well over 30,000 students who come to the historic reserve each year. This grant will help launch our

new education plan. We will bring more life to the Historic Reserve's rich legacy."

Noted conductor Peter Boonshaft to lead Mountain View bands

Peter Boonshaft, professor of music and director of bands at Hofstra University, who has performed for President **George W. Bush** and former British prime minister **Margaret Thatcher**, will conduct at Mountain View High School at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16.

Boonshaft will conduct Mountain View's 9th grade Thunder Band, 10th grade concert band and 11th-12th-grade wind symphony. The concert in Mountain View High School, 1500 SE Blairmont Drive, is open to the public, and there is no charge for admission.

Vancouver Farmers Market opens Saturday

The Vancouver Farmers Market opens its 17th season at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 18, on Esther Street, between 6th and 8th Streets, just west of Esther Short Park.

The open air market is open on weekends through October, closing at 3 p.m. It is adjacent to the year-round indoor market. Parking is available at the Vancouvercenter for 50 cents an hour.

People

St. Joseph Catholic School girls, **Jewell Armstrong, Beth Biggs, Monica Bottleberghe, Molly Brown, Ari Busch, Nina Duerk, Hannah Hendrickson, Mary Leighton, Stephanie McDonagh, Christine Miller, Colleen Murphy, Rachael Oester, Hailey Reynolds and Vi Tran**, coached by **Steve McDonagh and Arch Miller**, won the fourth grade girls' basketball CYO City Championship, which includes the entire Portland Diocese and Clark County.

News brief

Deadline for nominations to be submitted for Library Service Awards, sponsored by Altrusa International, is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Employees of both public and private libraries in Clark County are eligible for the award. For further information, call **Kathy Dietrich, 574-7019**, extension **109**. The award will be presented in May. The 2005 winner was **Heather Rhone**, early learning project coordinator for the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District.

Calendar

The C-TRAN board of commissioners meets in regular session at 5:15 p.m. today in C-TRAN administrative offices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue. ☞ An informational program on annexations is being presented by the City of Vancouver at 6:30 p.m. this evening as part of the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association meeting this in the Walnut Grove School media room. ☞ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners will discuss regional energy issues with Bonneville Power Administration administrator **Steve Wright** at a special commissioners' meeting at

9 a.m. Wednesday, March 15. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Vancouver boundary expansion to be reviewed--Columbian, Jeffrey Mise](#)
['California dreamin' in Duluth produces mini Golden Gate Bridge--Columbian, Jose Paul Corona](#)
[Vancouver bingo parlor succumbs to smoking ban--Columbian, Jose Paul Corona](#)
[Evergreen School Board to ponder future--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)
[Sky's almost the limit for \\$215 million mixed use project at former Evergreen Airport--Cami Joner](#)
[Gov Chris Gregoire to sign million-dollar tax deal for high techs in Vancouver Thursday--Columbian](#)
[Bellevue Republican state rep says he will run for the state senate as a Democrat--Seattle Times, David Postman](#)
[Reprisal killings leave at least 85 dead in Baghdad--New York Times, Jeffrey Gettleman](#)
[Moussaoui trial to continue without key witnesses--New York Times, Neil A. Lewis](#)

Tuesday on the air

City Minutes (3/5)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at Chicago Bulls (live)—5:30 p.m. FSN, KXL, KMUZ
Clark County Focus (3/2)—6 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Planning Commission (2/28)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clark County 2006 Women of Achievement—9 p.m. CVTV
Cowlitz Casino-Resort Forum (3/1)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Brian Scott playing harbinger role. ☞ **Barry Bush** presenting billion-dollar case. ☞ **Jim Sanders** letting last words be known. ☞ **Will Pollard** selecting pre-natal reading material. ☞ **Cindy Gipson** slashing red tape. ☞ **Vanessa Skillern** says the filet Diane at Gray's is superb. ☞ **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, 51. **Wednesday**, lightly showery, 50. **Thursday**, drismal get-out-of-town weather, 49.