

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## Gov. Gary Locke dedicates WSUV Engineering and Science Institute



...We dedicate ourselves to an innovative concept— Gov. Gary Locke

The sun shone on the Washington State University Vancouver Salmon Creek Campus today as Gov. **Gary Locke** put his official dedicatory blessing on the branch university's newest achievement, the WSU Vancouver Engineering and Science Institute in the newly completed Engineering life Sciences Building.

Starting in the fall, the institute will offer students in southwest Washington the opportunity to complete bachelors degrees in biology or computer science, as well as bachelors or masters degrees in mechanical engineering.

"As we dedicate this institute, we also dedicate ourselves to an innovative concept, the concept of a more open and accessible education system, offering unique opportunities in high-demand fields by working with local employers to meet critical skill needs."



Presidents **Wayne Branch**, Clark College, **Jim McLaughlin**, Lower Columbia College, and **Hal Dengerink**, chancellor, Washington State University Vancouver share leadership roles in WSUV Engineering and Science Institute on Salmon Creek campus. The institute is also a partnership with high-tech industry in southern Washington.

The institute was created in response to the needs of the high-tech industry in southwest Washington. Last year, Locke and the legislature allocated initial funding, enabling WSU Vancouver to become a partner with Clark and Lower Columbia Community Colleges to develop the institute. The state provided \$675,000 for infrastructure and an additional \$662,500 to help finance enrollments at the institute.

Prior to the dedication, Locke met with executives from the Clark County High Tech Community Council. After the dedication, Locke was the keynote speaker at a combined luncheon of the Port of Vancouver, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Columbia River Economic

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Development Council, which attracted nearly 400 people at noon.

"It's encouraging to come to Vancouver and witness a region that is surging ahead to become a competitive force in the 21st-century global economy," Locke said.

### Library board of trustees will hear comments on bond issue

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District trustees will discuss the recently failed \$48 million bond issue, which would have more than doubled library facilities in the greater Vancouver area, at a regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. this evening in the Three Creeks Community Library, 800-C Tenney Road.

While the bond issue failed for lack of a 60 percent majority, voters did approve a special library area, by a 60 percent-plus vote on March 9.

### 49th District legislators set town hall session

Clark County's 49th District legislators have called for a town hall meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, in the Clark County Public Service Center, room 608.

Hosting the session are Republican Sen. **Don Carlson** and Democratic Reps. **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller**.

### News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. ~~SES~~ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 23. ~~SES~~ Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 23. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 23.

### Monday on the air

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

Vancouver City Council (3/15)—7 p.m. CVTV

Houston at the Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, March 22, 2004

Alaska Air Group	22.90	-.60	Linear Technology	36.14	+26
Alcoa	34.13	-.73	Microsoft	24.50	-13
Amazon.com	40.85	-1.95	Nautilus	15.07	-.63
Bank of America	78.73	-1.12	Nike	76.58	-.29
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.05	-.28
Bemis	24.80	-.33	PepsiCo	50.79	-14
Boeing	38.68	-.75	Precision Cast	42.00	-.47
Boise Cascade	31.55	-.60	RLRN	25.15	-.32
CenturyTel	27.60	-.77	Starbucks	37.20	+41
Costco	36.71	-.52	TSM	9.30	-.88
Expeditors Intl.	36.63	+37	Tektronix	30.58	-.47
Georgia Pacific	30.40	-1.06	US Bancorp	27.25	-.41
HPQ	21.38	-.25	Wash. Mutual	42.93	-.38
Intel	26.23	-.26	W. Coast Bancorp	21.64	+19
Kyocera	78.05	-1.16	Weyerhaeuser	62.38	-1.77
DOW: 10,064.75		-121.85	NASDAQ: 1909.91		-30.56
			S&P: 1095.44		-14.34

### Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>Dave Kern</b> and Rockaroos opening new season. <del>SES</del>	Acapulco	91/73
<b>Steve Horenstein</b> tracking down cyber glitch. <del>SES</del>	Athens	67/50
<b>Carole VanArsdol</b> setting record straight. <del>SES</del>	Chicago	40/28
<b>Micheline Doan</b> goes to auction, comes home winner. <del>SES</del>	Dallas	65/49
<b>Mary Elizabeth Tesser's</b> grocery story warms hearts. <del>SES</del>	Hong Kong	71/68
<b>Monday</b> , mostly sunny, 68.	Las Vegas	90/62
<b>Tuesday</b> , more clouds roll in, but dry, 62.	Los Angeles	69/56
<b>Wednesday</b> , possible showers, 60.	London	46/30
	New York	37/25
	Orlando	74/51
	Paris	42/26
	Phoenix	96/70
	Rome	61/38
	Seattle	58/42
	Sydney	75/54
	Tokyo	46/37
	Washington	42/26