

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Michael Kern named 2004 Mr. Hudson's Bay

Michael Kern, Hudson's Bay High School senior, Saturday was named Mr. Hudson's Bay for his having raised \$11,740.13 for Doernbecher Hospital



Michael Kern, center won the 2004 Mr. Hudson's Bay contest for having raised over \$11,700 for Doernbecher Hospital's Kids Making Miracles Program. With Kern are members of the committee, from the left, Molly Christensen, Lauren Simpson, Jennie Phillips and Lexie Hovee.

Kern was one of 12 seniors competing for the past several weeks to see who could raise the most money for the hospital's Kids Making Miracles Program.

The dozen seniors raised a record \$65,094.50 this year, according to co-chairs of the contest, Lauren Simpson and Jennie Phillips.

More than 900 people attended the Mr. Hudson's Bay Pageant in the auditorium of Skyview High School.

Over two-thirds of Vancouver's employed residents work in Vancouver or Clark County

Over two-thirds of Vancouver residents who work have jobs in Vancouver or Clark County, according to a recent survey completed for the city by Intercept Research Corporation.

The 2004 study, a random survey conducted by telephone, follows a similar study conducted in 2002. It was undertaken to identify citizens' perceptions of key issues and programs.

Thirty-eight percent of employed Vancouver residents work in the city. Thirty-two percent work in Clark County. The remaining 32 percent work in Oregon.

Vancouver residents view city government's performance as improving over the performance measured two years ago.

Livability was rated very high, neighborhood safety is improving, but road congestion is more of a problem, according to the survey. Fifty-six percent of the respondents said traffic congestion on city streets and thoroughfares is a "severe" problem.

Somewhat incongruously, more respondents rated convenience and accessibility better than two years ago, up from 18 percent to 34 percent.

These same respondents rated fire service, police service and jobs as the top three concerns, with parks and

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recreation and new road construction at the low end.

One-third of those interviewed said voter-approved taxes should be used to cover budget shortfalls, and another third recommended user fees. Six percent suggested raising taxes, while 8 percent said eliminate programs.

More than half of the city's residents are involved in volunteer activities, averaging 8.75 hours a month of volunteer work.

The survey of city residents 18 years or older was concluded February 28.

Vancouver's 2003 general fund revenues beat expectations

Overall, the City of Vancouver's general fund revenues increased 3.7 percent in 2003, beating estimates by \$343,000, according to the city's 4th quarter financial report.

General fund expenses were below estimates for the year by 2.9 percent.

According to the report, the city's preliminary 2003 financial results generally reflected improved performance in the local economy, including significant increases in new construction and in home sales.

City sales tax revenues increased 6.3 percent, \$900,000 in 2003, after declining 3.6 percent in 2002. Building permit revenue increased 63 percent, a \$450,000 increase. Property tax revenues, however, were up only one percent.

News briefs

Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 30. ~~SES~~ The Vancouver City council does not meet today.

Monday on the air

Portland Blazers at New York (live)—4:30 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ
Vancouver City Council Workshop (3/22)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (3/15)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, March 29, 2004

Alaska Air Group	24.23	+.52	Linear Technology	37.20	+.27
Alcoa	34.63	-.01	Microsoft	25.31	+.28
Amazon.com	42.76	+1.06	Nautilus	15.38	+.19
Bank of America	81.04	+.94	Nike	76.60	+.35
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	38.67	+.99
Bemis	25.80	+.45	PepsiCo	52.21	+1.15
Boeing	39.93	+.58	Precision Cast	43.95	+.93
Boise Cascade	34.31	+.69	RLRN	25.59	+.13
CenturyTel	27.50	+.24	Starbucks	37.67	+.85
Costco	37.18	+.56	TSM	10.39	+.41
Expeditors Intl.	39.34	+1.17	Tektronix	31.47	+.72
Georgia Pacific	32.72	+.44	US Bancorp	27.71	+.35
HPO	23.17	+.81	Wash. Mutual	43.00	+.64
Intel	27.69	+.31	W. Coast Bancorp	22.35	+.15
Kvocera	83.80	-.29	Weverhaeuser	65.20	+.54
DOW: 10,329.63 116.66 NASDAQ: 1992.557 +32.55 S&P: 1122.47 +14.41					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Patricia Nierenberg's table linen way past elegance. ~~SES~~ Gary Locke encouraging work ethic. ~~SES~~ Brian Baird stumping for a favorite. ~~SES~~ Jean Pridemore delightfully encouraged. ~~SES~~ Tom Burkholder explaining defense system. ~~SES~~ Monday, mostly sunny, 72. Tuesday, clouds mixed with sunshine, 62. Wednesday, more clouds expected and possible showers, 58.

Acapulco	91/72
Athens	60/46
Chicago	60/38
Dallas	75/49
Hong Kong	74/68
Las Vegas	82/54
Los Angeles	87/56
London	57/44
New York	53/38
Orlando	81/55
Paris	57/43
Phoenix	92/64
Rome	58/41
Seattle	68/48
Sydney	81/60
Tokyo	65/51
Washington	54/39