

# The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

## Insider readers say they prefer a nonpartisan primary election system

By slightly over two to one, *Daily Insider* readers who participated in this week's survey of their preferences for primary election systems gave first place votes for a nonpartisan open primary system that would allow voters to cross political party lines to vote for candidates of their choice. Under this kind of system, they would not be required to disclose their party preference, if any.

Last week Washington's 70-year-old blanket primary, which gave voters choices of all candidates regardless of party affiliation, was laid to rest when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the state's appeal to maintain the current system.

It's now up to the legislature to enact new primary election laws, or at least an interim system, in time for the September 2004 primary.

At the recommendation of State Reps. **Bill Fromhold** (D-49th), **Jim Moeller** (D-49th) and **Deb Wallace** (D-17th), the *Daily Insider* polled its readers on choices, ranging from caucuses and conventions to a nonpartisan system very much like that dismissed by the Supreme Court.

The results of responses from 113 readers were tabulated today.

Some of the most vocal responses came from those whose first choice was that primary voters should declare their party and be restricted to voting only for candidates of that party. But they were in the minority.

Unrestricted primary systems got 80 first-place votes in the poll, while primary systems restricted to party voters got 33 first-place votes.

When first-, second- and 3rd-place votes were added, 190 votes were cast on the unrestricted side, and 108 on the side restricted to party.

Neither the state representatives who asked for the poll nor the *Insider* claim that the poll of *Insider* readers reflects any constituency beyond the readers who responded.

Fromhold from Olympia today said that other polls have produced results similar to the *Insider* poll, likewise favoring an open primary.

Fromhold said that, while both open and closed primaries currently are being discussed among legislators, at least for now he favors an open primary.

## Vancouver's accounting manager Linda Gellings and city get national recognition

**Linda Gellings**, Vancouver's accounting manager, and the city's comprehensive annual financial report, for which she primarily was responsible, earned national accolades from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Gellings received an award for Financial Reporting Achievement. A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded Vancouver for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The awards are the highest form of recognition for

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governmental accounting and financial reporting given by the association.

## Native American Pow Wow needs a little help

The annual Native American Pow Wow, this year being held from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Covington Middle School is just a few hundred dollars short of being able to pay for the free educational program.

Readers who feel they can help with a small contribution should call **Gary Wallace, 604-4013**.

## Solid Waste Advisory panel has opening

Clark County commissioners are seeking candidates for a position on the county Solid Waste Advisory Commission who will represent county public interest groups.

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, March 30. For further information, call **Anita Largent, 397-6119**, extension 4484.

## News briefs

Clark College Theatre presents the dinner show *Working* at 6:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday night, Feb. 28 in Gaiser Hall, and a non-dinner show at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29. Call **992-2815** for further information. ~~SES~~ The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra presents concerts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, in Skyview High School's concert hall, 1300 NW 139th Street. **Salvador Brotons** conducts and **Nicholas Crosa** is the violin soloist for Samuel Barber's *Violin Concerto*. Tickets are usually available at the door.

### Friday on the air

**Portland Blazers at Houston (live)—5:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ**  
Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes—6:30 p.m. CVTV  
**Seattle at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KUPL**  
Animal Control Hearings (2/12)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (1/21)—9 p.m. CVTV  
State of the County Address—11 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 27, 2004

Alaska Air Group	25.54	-.26	Linear Technology	40.03	-.92
Alcoa	37.47	+.30	Microsoft	26.53	+.03
Amazon.com	43.01	-.64	Nautilus	16.34	-.01
Bank of America	81.92	-.08	Nike	73.25	-.65
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	39.14	+.31
Bemis	51.08	+.18	PepsiCo	51.90	+.16
Boeing	43.37	+.93	Precision Cast	45.15	-.05
Boise Cascade	33.70	+.40	RLRN	25.56	+.23
CenturyTel	28.57	+.57	Starbucks	37.40	-.01
Costco	38.86	+.26	TSM	10.39	-.10
Expeditors Intl.	38.48	+.17	Tektronix	32.05	+.11
Georgia Pacific	32.05	+.27	US Bancorp	28.53	+.13
HPQ	22.71	-.51	Wash. Mutual	44.94	+.15
Intel	29.20	-.30	W. Coast Bancorp	21.95	-.06
Kyocera	73.60	-.75	Weyerhaeuser	65.25	+.18
DOW: 10,583.92 +3.78					
NASDAQ: 2029.82 -2.75					
S&P: 1144.94 +.03					

### Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>Krista Hildebrand</b> closing the circle.	Acapulco	88/68
<del>SES</del> <b>Ceci-Ophelia Ryan-Smith</b> getting great cast support. <del>SES</del>	Athens	70/53
<b>Barbara Chen</b> using nose for news.	Chicago	46/30
<del>SES</del> <b>Larry Blaufus</b> gets in last word. <del>SES</del> <b>Rose Wiley</b> has great daffodil deal. <del>SES</del> <b>Friday</b> , mostly gray, a little faint sun, damp, 51. <b>Saturday</b> , mostly dry but little chance of sun, 50. <b>Sunday</b> , mostly gray, some rain expected, 50.	Dallas	64/44
	Hong Kong	72/61
	Las Vegas	57/40
	Los Angeles	60/46
	London	39/28
	New York	43/32
	Orlando	64/44
	Paris	34/18
	Phoenix	65/48
	Rome	51/34
	Seattle	50/38
	Sydney	78/60
	Tokyo	49/34
	Washington	46/28