

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Craig Pridemore hits the campaign trail

Clark County Commissioner **Craig Pridemore**, a Democrat, will challenge Republican Sen. Don Carlson.

Pridemore, 42, is serving his second four-year-term as a county commissioner. Carlson, 65, has served in the Washington State Legislature for 11 years and is considered a moderate.

Though the word was out late last week, Pridemore will officially announce his candidacy today at a meeting of Clark County Democrats.

The news has created quite a stir, with the community abuzz about the implications of Pridemore's decision at both the county and state levels. Clark County commissioner **Judie Stanton** has already announced she will not run for reelection. Pridemore will remain in his current office while running the campaign.

Commissioners continue Comp Plan hearing

The Clark County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing as part of its process to wrap up the update of the county's Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. at the Public Services Building, 6th Floor Hearing Room, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

During the hearing, the Commissioners will consider:

*Proposed changes to the 20-year Comp Plan text and policies

*Implementation measures — proposed zoning ordinances.

*Land division moratorium.

Contact **Patrick Lee**, 397-2375, Ext. 4112 or **Bob Higbie**, 397-2375, Ext. 4113 for more information.

Clark College to hold Running Start Meeting

Clark College will hold a public information meeting about the Running Start program on Wednesday, February 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the O'Connell Sport Center gymnasium. Running Start is a program that allows high school juniors and seniors to take college classes and earn dual credit satisfying high school diploma requirements while receiving college credit.

College representatives will explain eligibility criteria, testing procedures, deadlines and other requirements for entry into the program for fall quarter 2004. About 750 Southwest Washington high school students participate in the Running Start program each quarter. Testing dates for fall 2004 entry will be held this spring.

For additional information, contact the Running Start Program Manager **Linda Calvert** at 360-992-2842.

Auditor's office achieves excellence

Clark County Auditor's office announced today that the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Clark County by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002 (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of

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recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the twenty-second consecutive year Clark County has received this award for its financial reporting.

An award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been presented to **Mary Zieman**, Financial Services Manager and **Sandra Barnes**, Senior Management Analyst in the Auditor's office who were primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

Greg Kimsey, County Auditor, said, "I'm very proud of Mary, Sandra, and the Financial Services staff's commitment to providing this valuable information to the public."

Baird wishes brigade "Godspeed"

U.S. Representative **Brian Baird** was in Tacoma Saturday afternoon to wish the 81st Armored Brigade well as they embark for duty in Iraq.

Rep. Baird joined an estimated 15,000 family members at the ceremony, saying farewell to the largest deployment of state guardsmen and women since World War II.

"It is so important to express respect and gratitude to our soldiers and their families for their commitment, service to our nation and their sacrifice," said Rep. Baird. "We all wish them Godspeed, a successful mission and a quick and safe return."

At 3,500 members, the 81st Armored Brigade is the largest unit of the Washington Army National Guard. Saturday's event will begin a year-long deployment for the 81st in support of the mission in Iraq.

Correction: Tauf Charneski never was good with numbers. He was incorrect when he stated that Gov. Gary Locke proposes raising the sales tax by 1 percent to pay for an education trust fund. The correct figure is 1 cent-per-dollar.

Monday on the Air

City Minutes—3 p.m., CVTV

City Council Workshops (LIVE)—4 p.m., CVTV

Vancouver City Council (2/2)—7 p.m., CVTV

Boston at Cleveland—4 p.m., TNT, Cable 54

San Antonio at Houston—6:30 p.m., TNT, Cable 54

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Patti Stander keeping the ball rolling.	Acapulco	92/73
☺☺☺. Nancy Williams proud grandparent of bowling prodigy.	Athens	60/43
☺. Tauf Charneski giving sand castle tutorial.	Chicago	36/24
☺☺☺. Nancy Wolf hoping for a ray of hope.	Dallas	48/37
☺☺☺. Monday , brilliant winter day, sunny & warmer than it's been in months, 51.	Hong Kong	52/35
☺☺☺. Tuesday , some morning fog, sunshine later, creeping up to 52.	Los Angeles	68/46
	London	39/30
	New Orleans	65/58
	New York	44/36
	Orlando	74/56
	Paris	35/26
	Phoenix	65/44
	Rome	53/35
	Seattle	49/34
	Sydney	96/64
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