

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Local political season starts early; VEA executive board recommends Pridemore

Following the lead at the national level, local politics is beginning to heat up in Clark County.

The Vancouver Education Association's executive board today announced it is recommending to its 1,300 members Democrat Clark County commissioner **Craig Pridemore** for the 49th Legislative District senate position currently held by Republican **Don Carlson**.

The VEA, which represents teachers in the Vancouver School District, does not formally endorse candidates for public office. Instead, the organization's executive board makes a recommendation to its membership after reviewing qualifications and interviewing candidates.

VEA president **Phil Harding** said, "We believe Pridemore will be a strong leader from the day he enters the senate and for many years to come."

The executive board had supported Carlson for the past 12 years.

Carlson, completing his first term as senator, is chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and a member of the Senate Education Committee.

Pridemore, in the middle of his second four-term on the three-member county board of commissioners, announced he would run for Carlson's job in February.

Largest plant sale in the region part of 2004 Home and Garden Idea Fair

Clark Public Utilities' all-volunteer, three-day Home and Garden Idea Fair at the Clark County Fairgrounds will again feature the largest plant sale in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan region.

The fair, originated by the utility in 1991 to help promote wise use of electricity, has grown into one of southern Washington's major events. Attendance this year could breach the 50,000 mark.

The fair dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 23 through 25. Admission is free, but there will be a charge for parking.

Clark College joins national campaign to motivate students to attend college

Clark College is one of 24 colleges and universities in the nation, and the only community college in the Pacific Northwest, called to participate in the national College Is Possible Initiative.

The campaign targets middle and high school students with information on financial assistance and academic preparation.

Clark's role in the initiative begins in southwest Washington with meetings between the college and middle and high school administrators.

Successful strategies developed locally will be shared nationally.

Landlord training seminar Thursday

A day-long Landlord Training Seminar is being presented by the Vancouver Police Department at 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

March 24, 2004

Thursday, March 25, in the NE Regional Training Center, 11606 NE 66th Street.

Pre-registration is required. For further information, call **Marion Swendsen, 735-8770**.

Dayton Duncan to sign books before free program on Lewis and Clark

Award-winning author **Dayton Duncan**, who presents a program about the historic Lewis and Clark decision to take a vote on where to spend the winter of 2005, will be available to sign his book *Scenes of Visionary Enchantment, Reflections on Lewis and Clark* at a 6-to-7 p.m. reception, Tuesday, March 30, in the George C. Marshall House on Officers Row.

The reception, a fund raiser for the Vancouver-Clark County Lewis and Clark Committee, precedes the 7:30 p.m. free program in Clark College's Gaiser Hall. For further information on the reception, call **906-7119**.

People

Kyle Cahoun, Pacific Middle School sixth grader, has been selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Cahoun was one of 200 middle school students chosen from across the country.

News briefs

The Enterprise/Paradise Point Neighborhood Association and the East Fork Hills Rural Association meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street. ~~SES~~ Port of Ridgefield commissioners meet in regular session at 6 p.m. today in port offices, 111 W Division Street.

Wednesday on the air

Building SW Washington Regional Economy—4 p.m. CVTV
Integrity of Leaders in the Public Sector—6 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (3/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clippers at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KRMZ
Portland Winter Hawks at Tri-City (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Clark County Land Use Hearings (3/23)—9 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Alaska Air Group	22.43	-.47	Linear Technology	36.71	+.75
Alcoa	33.12	-.71	Microsoft	24.41	+.26
Amazon.com	39.63	-.60	Nautilus	15.32	-.21
Bank of America	78.31	-.22	Nike	76.60	+.30
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.43	-.02
Bemis	24.76	-.06	PepsiCo	50.79	-.17
Boeing	39.03	-.08	Precision Cast	42.15	-.10
Boise Cascade	32.01	+.11	RLRN	24.98	-.02
CenturyTel	26.98	-.33	Starbucks	36.98	+.18
Costco	36.44	-.03	TSM	10.25	+.35
Expeditors Intl.	36.90	+.36	Tektronix	29.95	+.21
Georgia Pacific	31.06	-.01	US Bancorp	27.21	-.37
HPQ	21.62	+.23	Wash. Mutual	41.99	-.60
Intel	26.53	+.37	W. Coast Bancorp	21.73	-.17
Kyocera	78.52	-.65	Weyerhaeuser	62.78	+.15
DOW: 10,048.23 -15.41 NASDAQ: 1909.48 +7.68 S&P: 1091.33 -2.62					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Tim Welch and Bob Kinghorn flying high in New Zealand. SES Dan Heine Keeping promises. SES Kerry Peck getting help from top 100. SES Mark Dodson saying hello. SES Allen Foulstone's technical drafting taking first prize. SES Wednesday , many showers, 60. Thursday , occasional rain, sun breaks, 56. Friday , light showers, sunbreaks, 56.	Acapulco 93/73 Athens 61/43 Chicago 58/48 Dallas 69/61 Hong Kong 77/65 Las Vegas 85/55 Los Angeles 67/56 London 48/36 New York 51/43 Orlando 74/60 Paris 44/28 Phoenix 89/62 Rome 51/38 Seattle 54/42 Sydney 77/57 Tokyo 55/46 Washington 58/42
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