

Auditor's report: roads better, sheriff slower, park growth better, mental health service declines

Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey** today issued a four-year report on county government achievements that showed improvement through 2004 in two of four categories audited.

Kimsey said that during the four year period, the county has significantly increased the proportion of its roadways in satisfactory or better condition. By the end of 2004, 82 percent of county roads were in good condition, according to a county pavement rating system.

During the four-year-period county sheriff officer response times for priority 1 calls slipped from 5.8 minutes to 6.8 minutes. Response times for priority 2 calls also increased. The number of arrests increased from 5,798 in 2000 to 7,272 in 2004.

According to the Kimsey report, there has been a 12 percent growth in parks since 2000, tracking closely to the county's 11 percent population increase.

Kimsey says a change in funding source restrictions caused the Regional Support Network to serve only Medicaid eligible individuals, which has decreased the total number served by 11 percent.

The Service Efforts and Accomplishments report is significantly different from a financial report and does not constitute an audit, according to Kimsey.

The complete report, along with a citizen survey conducted earlier in the year, is available by going to www.clark.wa.gov/auditor/documents/audit/ServiceEffortandAccomRPT_05-01.pdf.

Commissioners make information available during process that may expand growth plan

It is likely that Clark County commissioners, by a split vote this fall, will expand the controversial county 20-year Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. But they won't do it without seeking as much public participation as possible.

Commissioners are unanimous in seeking public input. Comments can be made at public hearings during the process of revisiting the growth plan. And comments and questions can be sent to the commissioners by email, boardcom@clark.wa.gov, and by mail, Board of Clark County Commissioners, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Additional information is available at the commissioner's website, www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/index.html.

Those interested in the process may also ask to be placed on a mailing list for further information.

The growth management plan was adopted last year, but has since come under attack from those on every side of the growth question. More than a dozen appeals have been taken by the regional growth management appeals organization.

Bravo! contest winners will qualify for tickets to "Out of Africa"

Daily Insider readers who correctly answer the following question will be eligible for a pair of free tickets to the Bravo! Vancouver concert "Out of Africa," being presented in St. Joseph Catholic Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15:

Name the famous one-word spiritual that **Jester Hairston** composed for the 1960s movie *Lilies of the Field* starring Sidney Poitier. The name of Jester's song was also a TV show in the 1980s, in which Hairston played the role of "Rollie Forbes."

Email answers to **Michael Kissinger**, mkissinger@pacifier.com.

Clark County Chamber hosting business roundtable discussion

The Clark County Chamber of Commerce is holding its semi-annual Business Roundtable from 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

The event is open to the public and there is no admission fee, according to **Michael Golden**, spokesperson for the county chamber of commerce. For reservations, call **258-1181**.

News briefs

The annual Ridgefield Development Council meeting is scheduled with today's 6 p.m. meeting of the Port of

Ridgefield commissioners in the port office, 111 W Division Street. ☞ The annual Clark County Sammy Awards for contributions to salmon recovery will be presented during a program from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12, in the Water Resources Education Center.

[Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:](#)

[Two of three Clark County commissioners may amend the 20-year growth management plan by adding 30 square miles--Columbian, **Erin Middlewood**](#)

[Local Lewis and Clark organizers focusing on legacy, education--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

[Columbian planning six-story plant south of Esther Short Park--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Port of Vancouver's Gateway industrial site, that could provide 500 acres of industrial sites, inching along through maze of bureaucracy, still five years away--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Michael Allen Harrison and Peter Yarrow plan concerts for Vancouver's Rebecca Recht--Oregonian--**Holley Gilbert**](#)

[C-TRAN decides TriMet bus route better than C-TRAN shuttle to MAX line--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Light plane prompts evacuation of White House and Capitol, pilot and passenger arrested--New York Times, **David Stout**](#)

[At least 79 are killed in new round of attacks in Iraq--New York Times, **John F. Burns**](#)

Wednesday on the air

Albuquerque at Portland Beavers (live)—4 p.m. KKAD

City Minutes—4 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Community Foundation Annual Luncheon—5 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (5/4)—7 p.m. CVTV

Spring Festival of Dance: Coppelia—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Young Artists—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Maria Manzo conducting foot-stomping, hand-clapping rehearsals. ☞ **Jim Shinn**, still golf believer. ☞ **Keith Coats** checking in with neighbors. ☞ **Ken McCoy** looking for logo. ☞ **Steve Horenstein** grooving. ☞ **Jo Jones** checking her calendar. ☞ **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 69. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, warmer, 73. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, possible showers, 70.