



Richard Carson announces he is the “independent” candidate

Richard Carson announced his candidacy for a seat in the Washington House of Representatives in the 2010 election.

Carson currently volunteers time for CASE 31 (Citizens Against Segment 31). The group is one of many trying to get the BPA to build underground electric transmission lines that don't have the same health, environmental or visual impacts as the proposed 150 foot tall towers. Carson has also been a trustee of the Hockinson Public Schools Foundation and the Kit Carson Historic Museums in Taos, New Mexico. Carson says: “I am a descendant of Kit Carson, and my roots in this community go back over 155 years. That's when Kit Carson and Colonel John Fremont expedition reached Fort Vancouver. They created the Oregon Trail and opened up the American West. We need more of that same entrepreneurial spirit today.”

Carson will bring 30 years of budget and management experience to the job. Most recently he was director of the Clark County Community Development

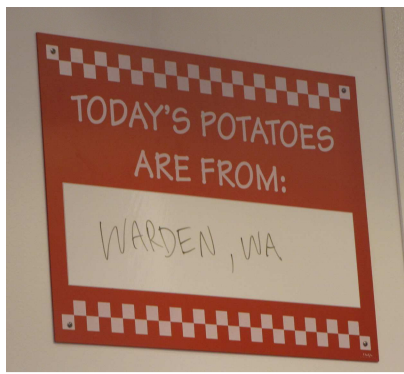
Department where he managed 165 staff, a \$17.5 million budget and reviewed over \$600 million a year in new projects. Carson holds a masters degree in administration from Lewis and Clark College and an undergraduate degree in geography from Portland State University. Carson is also a decorated Vietnam-era Navy veteran. Carson is a nationally known writer about over-regulation and property rights, and has published over 100 essays.

“Jobs and the economy are the central issues,” says Carson. “We have the highest unemployment the state! Instead of raising state and local taxes, we need to work to retain and create jobs.”

Carson is running as an Independent. “I have lost faith in the Republican and Democrat Parties,” says Carson. “Both parties are more concerned about the special interests who are lining their pockets than they are about what their constituents want. Southwest Washington needs a strong and independent voice!”

Carson is running for Position 1 in the 18th legislative district, now held by Republican **Jaime Herrera**. Carson, his wife, **Sue**, and their two daughters live on 20 acres in rural Hockinson with their three horses, three dogs and a lot of chickens.

Five Guys Burgers & Fries restaurants focus on “food,” not “fast”



A very popular and iconic hamburger chain in the nation's capital, frequented by First Lady **Michelle Obama** and others, opened in Vancouver yesterday at 310 NE 78th Street, near Hazel Dell.

Five Guys started in 1986 in Arlington, Virginia, by **Jerry** and **Jaine Murell** and their sons, and remains a privately owned family business. It has built a cult-like

following in the Washington, D.C., metro area, and has received the “Readers Choice” #1 hamburger award for the last nine years from *Washington Magazine*.

Five Guys is expanding nationally, with a goal of 27 locations in Oregon and Southwest Washington within five to eight years. “We will follow the same simple but effective formula that made Five Guys number one back east,” explained president **Bill Marble**. “Five Guys Burgers & Fries are famous because they use only fresh ground beef. Potatoes are sliced on site and fried in peanut oil to a golden brown. Everything is made from the best quality ingredients we can buy.”

Unlike most fast food places, Marble said, the focus of Five Guys is on “food,” not “fast.” Because it takes a little longer to cook the meal, Five Guys provides free in-the-shell peanuts for customers to munch on while

waiting for their order.

Marble said that the new Vancouver location represents a capital investment of \$500,000.00 that employs 45 to 55 people. Once it attains its goal of 27 outlets in our metropolitan region, Marble said, Five Guys will provide jobs for 1,200 to 1,500 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$8.6 million, and with a total capital investment of \$13.5 million.

Because Five Guys in Vancouver expects to be busy and popular, customers are urged to call-in their orders at **503-657-6049**. Business hours are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

For more information, contact Bill Marble, president of Northwest Burgers & Fries Inc., franchisee of Five Guys Burgers & Fries, at **818-399-3544** or duchter@aol.com.

Calendar

The Big Horn Brass Christmas Show featuring **Valerie Day** is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, LifePoint Christian Church, 305 NE 192nd Avenue. For more information, call **735-7278**. <> A lantern tour at Fort Vancouver is being held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 1001 East 5th Street. For more information, call **816-6230**. <> *The Nutcracker*, presented by Columbia Dance, is holding performances at 7 p.m. tonight, Dec. 18, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Royal Durst Theatre, 3101 Main Street. Call **737-1922** for more information. <> *Dad's Christmas Miracle* is playing at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday night, Dec. 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Slocum House Theatre, 605 Esther Street. For more information, call **696-2427**. <> Magenta Theater presents *Every Christmas Ever Told* with performances at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, 606 Main Street. Call **635-4358** for more information. <> Vancouver City Council will meet for a full Council meeting and public hearings at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in Council chambers, 210 East 13th Street. <> Battle Ground City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in Council chambers, 109 SW 1st Street, 2nd floor. Call **342-5008** for more information. <> Washougal City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in Council chambers. <> The Port of Camas/Washougal will meet for an executive session at 3 p.m. and an open meeting and 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21. <> Vancouver Farmers Market is holding its Holiday Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Hilton Vancouver, 6th and Columbia. The event is free and will include Santa's Elves and live music.

Photos of the Children from YWCA Clark County Christmas lunch with Santa at Beaches



Children from the Y's children's program were treated yesterday afternoon to a visit with Santa and a lunch provided by Mark Mathias and his staff at Beaches Restaurant. For more information about the YWCA Clark County, visit www.ywcaclarkcountv.org.

Friday on the air

Legislative Outlook Breakfast (12-11)--4:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Housing Authority: Housing Matters (12-6)--6 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert (12-2)--6:29 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (12-6)--8 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (12-9)--8:30 p.m. CVTV
Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council (12-4)--10:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and Weather

Cheri Martin keeping everyone aware. <> **Kristin Schuchman**, welcome aboard. <> **Gregg Herrington** wishing all "good reading". <> **Friday**, showers, 47-42. **Saturday**, showers, 51-45. **Sunday**, rain, 51-47.