

# The Daily Insider

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## Commissioners lobby legislators for money to pay for state-mandated programs

Clark County's three commissioners, **Craig Pridemore**, **Betty Sue Morris** and **Judie Stanton**, last week took their financial case to the state legislature.

"For more than five years we have been trimming our spending to live within state law, property tax limits and the rollback in motor vehicle fees," said commission chair Pridemore.

Her added, "We've run out of ways to trim around the edges. The level of local service is declining, and we are facing serious barriers to maintaining basic services such as criminal justice and public health."

The commissioners focused on three issues:

- The county's inability to pay for state mandated programs without state funding, which includes criminal justice, growth management and environmental protection.
- The need for funding for state facilities, in particular the NE 134th Street Interstate 5 and 205 interchange.
- Local options to raise money and allocate money from existing sources.

Pridemore concluded, "We have been a leader in stretching the dollars that we receive through taxes fees and grants. Now we need the flexibility to offer our citizens more choices to pay for the services they value. We cannot maintain previous levels of service due to population increases, inflation and revenue limitations."

## Southwest Washington Medical Center's Passport to Wellness gets Tom Grant kick

Pianist-vocalist **Tom Grant** kicks off Southwest Washington Medical Center's Passport to Wellness walking series with a concert in the Westfield Shoppingtown Mall at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

Food from ten restaurants will be available during the concert.

This year's Passport to Wellness events are:

- International Discovery Walk, April 25-27.
- March of Dimes Walk America, April 27.
- America's Walk for Diabetes, May 3.
- American Heart Walk, June 21.
- Morning River Walk, June 28.
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, July 19 and 20.
- Komen Portland Race for the Cure, Sept. 15.
- Westfield Shoppingtown Vancouver Mall-Walking, ongoing.

The walking events are part of a series of events sponsored by the medical center promoting healthy lifestyles.

The \$10-per-person charge for the concert is being donated to the nonprofit organizations sponsoring walking events. For further information, call **514-3105**.

## Bravo! Vancouver, Tears of Joy join forces to present Sunday concert, *A Soldier's Story*

Bravo! Vancouver presents its most ambitious concert in its eight-year history, a joint production with Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre: Igor Stravinsky's *A Soldier's Story*, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, in St. Joseph Church, 400 S Andresen Road.

Tears of Joy has produced life-size puppets especially for the concert, according to **Michael Kissinger**, Bravo! artistic director.

Tickets are \$12 and \$15 and are available by calling St. Joseph Church, **696-4407**, or FASTIXX, **(800) 992-8499**.

## Denny Heck to sign first novel Saturday

**Denny Heck**, Clark County native, president of TVW, Washington's statewide television system and a former Democratic state representative, will be in Vancouver Saturday, Feb. 22, to read from and sign copies of his first novel, *The Enemy You Know*, based on a state patrol case that occurred at Loon Lake, north of Spokane.

The reading from the book will be at 2 p.m. in the main branch of the Fort Vancouver Library.

## News briefs

Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. ■■■ U.S.Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) presents a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 in the main conference room of the Vancouver Operations Center, 4711 Fourth Plain Boulevard.

### Tuesday electronic events

Taking a Stand for Youth—5 p.m. CVTV  
Transportation Priorities—8 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Focus—10:30 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Close Up—11 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2002

Alaska Air Group	18.46	+31	Microsoft	24.96	+81
Alcoa	20.95	+90	Nautilus	14.58	+29
Amazon.com	21.39	+1.33	Nike	45.56	+42
Bank of America	69.81	+94	Nordstrom	17.70	+39
Bemis	43.94	+90	PepsiCo	40.24	+38
Boeing	30.00	-.15	Precision Cast	24.89	+24
Boise Cascade	24.95	+52	RLRN	17.58	+34
CenturyTel	27.64	+54	Starbucks	22.91	+39
Costco	29.84	+92	TSM	7.07	+22
Expeditors Intl.	33.31	+81	Tektronix	16.05	-.05
Georgia Pacific	15.15	+48	UPS	59.49	+49
HPQ	18.44	+65	US Bancorp	20.70	+31
Intel	16.76	+56	Wash. Mutual	35.64	+31
Kyocera	55.75	+75	W. Coast Bancorp	15.73	+40
Linear Technology	29.86	+1.41	Weyerhaeuser	80.45	+40

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

**Paige Parker** displaying encyclopedic acquaintance with masters of reruns.

■■■ **Neil Branze** selectively clear cutting. ■■■ **Tom Hunt** mixing ham and bacon. ■■■ **Casey O'Dell** less than ten minutes behind. ■■■ **Nancy Millar's** Valentine mode continuing. ■■■ **Tuesday**, gray with faint sunbreaks, 52. **Wednesday**, gray with rain, 50. **Thursday**, gray and rainy, 50.

Acapulco	90/70
Athens	42/27
Chicago	38/26
Dallas	67/50
Hong Kong	73/63
Los Angeles	68/48
London	43/34
New Orleans	62/48
New York	32/28
Orlando	41/22
Paris	35/27
Phoenix	70/49
Rome	45/27
Seattle	48/40
Sydney	74/59
Tokyo	45/34
Washington	35/28