

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

FRIDAY

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p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Rex Putnam High School Auditorium, 4950 SE Roephe Road, Milwaukie. The program will be broadcast live.

Sky isn't falling, Pridemore says in State of County address, just gradually lowering

While he declared in his State of the County Address today that the state of Clark County remains good, commission chair **Craig Pridemore** added, "Barring a significant change in how we fund county government, or a significant change in how we develop the future of this community, however, we have now begun a downward spiral with literally no end in sight."

Pridemore's three topics were declining per-capita tax income, economic development, and growth management.

The county's share of property and sales tax revenues of about 3 percent per year doesn't match an increase in general fund spending of 5 percent a year, according to Pridemore. "We have already begun scaling back our road construction and community planning efforts," he said, adding, "the impacts to our criminal and civil justice system have begun, and they will get worse."

On the economic bright side is the county's just completed Public Service Center, according to Pridemore. The center will save the taxpayers \$46 million dollars in rent during the life of its 25-year mortgage.

The county's number one priority over the past two years has been economic development, according to Pridemore. Some of the things on Pridemore's list of county achievements are:

- With the Columbia River Economic Development Council and other private and public agencies, it developed countywide economic development policy for inclusion in the county comprehensive plan.
- It dedicated 50 percent of a real estate excise tax add-on for public improvements that spur economic development.
- It entered a partnership with the City of Vancouver to help finance the city's downtown convention center.
- It made a commitment to make full use of the Clark County railway line.
- It developed a 90-day permitting process for projects of economic significance.

Pridemore promised that the county's comprehensive plan update will be finished by Dec. 31, 2003.

The commissioner said, "While it's premature to say exactly what the final plan will look like...we are heading in a direction of being considerably less encouraging of expansive residential sprawl, but considerably more supportive of economic development and jobs growth...What we are trying to do is nothing short of revolutionary. We are trying to turn the direction of a thirty-year-old path of development in Clark County."

Brian Baird joins Iraq discussion with ABC's Peter Jennings on KATU Town Hall Sunday

Southwest Washington's U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd) will be part of a panel discussion on Iraq hosted by ABC's **Peter Jennings** during KATU's *Town Hall* at 6

Vancouver looking for two salary reviewers

Applications are being accepted by the City of Vancouver for two positions open on the five-member Salary Review Commission. Applicants must be both city residents and registered voters.

The commission sets the salaries of the mayor and city council members. For further information, call **Carol Hansen, 696-8001**.

Library board to discuss proposed bond issue

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of trustees meets in regular session at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the community meeting room, Fire Station 83, 213 NE 120th Avenue.

Items under discussion include a report by **David DiCesare** on the proposed bond issue to finance expansion of the Vancouver Community and east Vancouver Libraries and a new district library main office.

People

MacKay & Sposito has hired **Nin Beseda** as survey manager for the Vancouver office. A licensed professional land surveyor registered in Washington and Oregon, Beseda is a graduate of Oregon State University. ■■■ State Sen. **Don Benton** (R-17th) has introduced a bill that would create a state account to accept gratuitous tax payments from state residents.

Friday electronic events

State of the County Address (2/7)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Winter Hawks at Brandon (live)—5:30 p.m. KUPL
Animal Control Hearings (2/5)—7 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (2/5)—9 p.m. CVTV
State of the County Address (2/7)—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of northwest interest at 4 p.m. EST, Friday, Feb. 7 2002

Alaska Air Group	18.78	-.66	Microsoft	46.58	-.84
Alcoa	19.59	+1.13	Nautilus	14.00	+5.55
Amazon.com	21.44	-.65	Nike	42.48	-.78
Bank of America	67.94	-.48	Nordstrom	16.85	-.49
Bemis	44.25	+1.10	PepsiCo	39.01	-1.21
Boeing	30.00	-.55	Precision Cast	24.15	-.85
Boise Cascade	24.58	-.18	RLRN	17.33	-.77
CenturyTel	27.89	-.24	Starbucks	21.98	-.12
Costco	28.52	-.43	TSM	6.68	-.11
Expeditors Intl.	30.89	-.76	Tektronix	16.58	+1.14
Georgia Pacific	15.47	+2.22	UPS	59.15	-.57
HPQ	16.48	-.55	US Bancorp	20.24	-.25
Intel	15.05	-.33	Wash. Mutual	34.84	-.11
Kyocera	52.60	-1.25	W. Coast Bancorp	15.43	-.12
Linear Technology	25.98	-.30	Weyerhaeuser	49.56	-.39

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Ginger Kleweno walking the talk.	Acapulco	91/73
■■■ Charlotte Lukas dispensing frame job.	Athens	42/28
■■■ Kay Angelo doing Friday marketing.	Chicago	20/15
■■■ LaVonne Beatty having only good words for nephew Craig Pridemore .	Dallas	37/24
■■■ David Bragdon in the audience.	Hong Kong	72/60
Friday , breezy, cool, dry, 52.	Los Angeles	69/46
Saturday , sunshine all day, 54.	London	52/44
Sunday , sun comes out after cold fog, 54.	New Orleans	50/38
	New York	30/20
	Orlando	76/55
	Paris	39/33
	Phoenix	64/43
	Rome	46/30
	Seattle	48/32
	Sydney	84/66
	Tokyo	51/39
	Washington	36/21