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Southern Washington Edition

## Proponents of a vote on downtown convention center withdraw appeal

The committee of petitioners seeking a vote on Vancouver's downtown convention center project has withdrawn its appeal of the final superior court decision denying a public vote.

**Larry Patella**, the leader of the group that twice circulated petitions calling for a public vote on the project, today announced that "with concurrence of our committee of petitioners I have withdrawn our appeal of [Clark County Superior Court] judge **Barbara Johnson's** decision not to allow the issue of the special events center to be placed before the voters."

Patella said a serious illness in his family prevents him from devoting his energies to the cause.

Both times petitioners collected enough signatures on petitions to force a vote on the center, but both times the courts nevertheless ruled the petitions invalid.

Final design modifications are being made on the \$60 million plus hotel-convention center complex south of Esther Short Park, on which construction is expected to begin this summer.

## Ten young women being honored tonight as YWCA Young Women of Achievement

At a 6:30 p.m. reception this evening in YWCA of Clark County offices, 3609 Main Street, ten Clark County high school women will be honored as YWCA Women of Achievement. They were selected on the basis of service and leadership in making the community a better place in which to live.

A former award winner, **Jill Marie Huebschman**, who is attending the University of Oregon Law School, is the keynote speaker for the \$5 event, to which the public is invited.

The winners are **Veronica Bean**, Ridgefield High School, **Kendra R. Borja**, Camas High School, **Amy Collins** and **Melissa Ju**, both of Mountain View High School, **Sara Ruth Hacker**, Battle Ground High School, **Amy Jeffries** Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, **Mei Liu**, Skyview High School, **Leslie Parrish**, Prairie High School, **Hongngoc Pham**, Hudson's Bay High School and **Chandni Viridi**, Heritage High School.

## County fairgrounds master plan gets second exposure

The public will get a second look at the proposed \$36.5 million Clark County Fairgrounds master plan at an open house at 7 p.m. Thursday, May, 22, in the Fairgrounds Community Center.

The plan, predicated on opening up the 134-acre fairgrounds to year-round use by renovating and expanding existing buildings to more than 300,000 square feet, could generate another \$700,000 in annual revenue for the county, says Clark County commissioner **Judie Stanton**.

The county will begin to see continued revenue from the amphitheater, which opens next month, Stanton added.

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Stanton also said that the county hopes to be able to develop the adjacent Wineberg Community Park into a major community sports field

## Albert Schweitzer Award winner Billy Franks Jr. to keynote Sammy Award presentations

**Billy Franks Jr.**, chair of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and winner of the Albert Schweitzer Award for Humanitarianism, will be the keynote speaker at Clark County's Sammy Awards presentation at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the Water Resources Education Center.

The awards are made to groups and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to salmon recovery during the past year. There are nine winners this year.

The public is invited to attend and should call **397-2002**, extension **3** for reservations.

## News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today and will discuss a proposed \$19.25 million bond issue for construction of the propose Firstenburg Community Center. ~~SES~~ The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the 6th floor training room of the Public Service Center. ~~SES~~ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library board of directors meets at 6 p.m. today in the White Salmon Valley Community Library. ~~SES~~ Clark Public Utilities commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 13. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13. ~~SES~~ A presentation on childhood depression is being held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Maple Grove Middle School.

### Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver City Council (5/5)—7 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Monday, May 12, 2003

Alaska Air Group	19.52	+23	Linear Technology	36.77	+43
Alcoa	23.27	+18	Microsoft	26.21	-14
Amazon.com	31.70	+74	Nautilus	13.87	-09
Bank of America	74.51	+51	Nike	54.47	+42
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	16.44	+42
Bemis	47.48	+68	PepsiCo	43.68	-01
Boeing	29.82	+72	Precision Cast	29.80	+59
Boise Cascade	24.93	+33	RRLRN	20.35	+15
CenturyTel	32.49	+31	Starbucks	23.39	+16
Costco	36.20	+90	TSM	8.73	+50
Expeditors Intl.	34.34	-26	Tektronix	19.55	+55
Georgia Pacific	18.37	+38	US Bancorp	22.40	+26
HPQ	17.41	+07	Wash. Mutual	40.40	-16
Intel	19.99	+41	W. Coast Bancorp	16.21	+21
Kyocera	53.00	+1.04	Weyerhaeuser	50.83	+37

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>Eric and Emily Soumokil</b> welcoming seven-pound, 19-inch daughter <b>Madison Elizabeth Cecilia</b> , their first, as well as the first grandchild of <b>Dave and Ceci Smith</b> . <del>SES</del> <b>Bruce Cross</b> getting Tuesday morning attention. <del>SES</del> <b>Sue Eastgard</b> offering advice. <del>SES</del> <b>Monday</b> , early showers turn to mostly sunny skies, 66. <b>Tuesday</b> , clear and 70. <b>Wednesday</b> , gray with sunbreaks, 72.	Acapulco	91/77
	Athens	82/66
	Chicago	60/46
	Dallas	82/63
	Hong Kong	88/76
	Los Angeles	78/56
	London	52/36
	New Orleans	86/66
	New York	68/53
	Orlando	93/68
	Paris	57/41
	Phoenix	97/68
	Rome	81/61
	Seattle	64/46
	Sydney	67/48
	Tokyo	66/52
	Washington	70/50