

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Hilton VP says company is 60 to 70 days from inking deal to operate convention center hotel

Chris Pfohl, Hilton Hotels western region vice president of management development, told a joint meeting of the Vancouver Downtown Redevelopment Authority and the city's Public Facilities District today that Hilton is within 60 to 70 days from completing a proposal for operation of the city's downtown convention center hotel.

Hilton became the prospective operator after Marriott backed away from the project it had jointly won with hotel builder FaulknerUSA.

FaulknerUSA, which has built hotels for Hilton in the past remains part of the proposed convention center and 226-room hotel south of Esther Short Park.

Pfohl said he did not envision any major changes in the project already under consideration. He said the company wants to make sure all the elements are in place before going ahead.

Although Hilton also owns DoubleTree, Embassy Suites and Homewood Suites, all of which are already in the Vancouver-Portland market, the proposed Vancouver convention center hotel would carry the Hilton name. Medium sized, the hotel would be an upscale four-star property, according to Pfohl.

The city's Downtown Redevelopment Authority would be owner of the convention center and hotel, under current planning.

The city, and county Public Facilities Districts would pledge their shares of tax-backed funding to the DRA. Those tax shares are from hotel-motel taxes and rebates of state sales taxes. Since the beginning of the year tax revenues have been running ahead of projections.

Legislators do good for southern Washington

The good news from Olympia is that the state budget was passed and the sessions are over, reports State Sen. Don Carlson (R-49th). Carlson's report is on the modest side.

Vancouver's governmental relations consultant Mark O. Brown, recaps 2003 legislative sessions as "successes for our region."

Here is some of the things southern Washington got from this year's legislative sessions:

- ?? \$210.7 million highway construction
- ?? \$18 million, Clark College building at WSUV
- ?? \$17.7 million, Columbia River channel deepening
- ?? \$10 million, Washington State Patrol Vancouver Crime Lab
- ?? \$8.3 Clark College buildings
- ?? \$3.7 State School for the Blind
- ?? \$3 million, Lewis and Clark Confluence Project
- ?? \$2.3 million, aquatic (parks) land program grants
- ?? 2 million, reapportionment for Vancouver Barracks

Benny Rides Again, a 'hot jazz' concert concludes Bravo! Vancouver's series

Artistic director Michael Kissinger will be conducting Bravo! Vancouver's season finale and hottest concert of

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the year, "Benny Rides Again," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, in the St. Joseph Parish church, 400 S Anderson Road.

Swing, bebop and jazz of Benny Goodman, Jimmie Dorsey, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Miles Davis and Sonny Rolling are featured. Tickets at the door are \$12 and \$15. For further information, call 906-0441.

Cultural Commission has vacancy

Deadline for applications for appointment to Vancouver's Cultural Commission is 5 p.m. July 1, says Carol Hansen, Vancouver Community Resources Manager. There is no city residency requirement according to Hansen.

The 11-member volunteer commission advises the city council on matters relating to arts, culture, heritage, and international events and activities.

Call Hansen at 696-8001 for further information.

News briefs

A reception for Vern Peterson, 2003 First Citizen, begins at 4 p.m. today in the Heathman Lodge. A formal presentation begins at 5:15 p.m. Discussion of changes being planned for the Clark County comprehensive plan will be discussed in a joint meeting of the county commissioners and the county Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. today in the commissioners training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Friday and will discuss a proposed European marketing trip.

Thursday on the air

County Youth Achievement Celebration—5 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Colorado Springs (live)—6 p.m. KKAD
Montreal at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK
Vancouver at Portland Timbers (live)—7 p.m. KKPZ
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 12, 2003

Alaska Air Group	20.14	+0.20	Linear Technology	33.01	-1.06
Alcoa	26.14	+0.06	Microsoft	24.99	+1.11
Amazon.com	35.20	+0.55	Nautilus	11.66	-0.34
Bank of America	78.44	+0.05	Nike	55.20	-1.10
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	19.49	+0.06
Bemis	47.72	+0.49	PepsiCo	44.60	+1.17
Boeing	35.75	+0.35	Precision Cast	30.56	+0.21
Boise Cascade	24.92	-0.16	RLRN	23.39	-0.22
CenturyTel	33.79	-0.26	Starbucks	24.16	-1.18
Costco	35.55	+0.27	TSM	10.37	+1.18
Expeditors Intl.	33.47	+0.02	Tektronix	22.58	+0.68
Georgia Pacific	18.30	+0.61	US Bancorp	24.77	+0.15
HPO	21.24	+0.04	Wash. Mutual	42.93	+0.26
Intel	22.14	+0.25	W. Coast Bancorp	17.66	+0.13
Kyocera	59.25	+0.08	Weyerhaeuser	50.94	-0.09

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Neva Morken getting fond farewell party. Dorothy Graham providing deft touches. Bill Knight showing the way. Lisa Goecke getting spotlight treatment. Maureen Keller rounding up troops. Thursday, clouds could break down into rain, 70. Friday, cooling, a good chance of light rain, 68. Saturday, sunbreaks outnumber clouds, 72.	Acapulco 93/78 Athens 90/71 Chicago 72/54 Dallas 94/74 Hong Kong 84/77 Los Angeles 72/60 London 72/54 New Orleans 87/67 New York 78/66 Orlando 92/73 Paris 79/58 Phoenix 100/74 Rome 90/73 Seattle 68/52 Sydney 70/54 Tokyo 74/65 Washington 88/72
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