

### **Clark College, YWCA pick women of achievement**

Eight Clark County women have been named Clark College and the YWCA of Clark County women of achievement for 2005. In addition, the YWCA named **Alaina Green**, Ridgefield High School, as the Clark County Young Woman of Achievement and selected seven high school students for community service awards.

The Women of Achievement awards will be presented at 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Women of Achievement are as follows: **Becky Archibald, Launda Carroll, Susan Courtney, Becky Merritt, Betty Sue Morris, Mary Robinson, Joan Wolverton and Dorothy Wright.**

Community service award winners are the following: **Katie Allen**, Battle Ground High School, **Kate Castenson** and **Jill Yuzuriha**, both of Mountain View High School, **Amber Cruz**, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, **Simone McAlonen** and **Whitney Pollock**, both of Camas High School, and **Natalya Skiba**, Skyview High School.

### **Elected officials form roundtable, weigh casino impact on county**

An informal group of elected officials, called together by state Rep. **Richard Curtis**, became an intergovernmental roundtable last week, with the objective of researching and analyzing the pros and cons of the proposed Cowlitz Casino Resort near La Center.

During an hour-and-a-half meeting Saturday, attended by council members, commissioners, state representatives, and an audience of another 60 persons, the group of elected officials agreed to maintain an informal status under the name of Intergovernmental Roundtable and restrict membership to official governmental representatives.

The group heard **David Barnett**, Cowlitz Tribal manager, outline what the tribe hoped to achieve when its 152-acre site west of Interstate 5 at the La Center Junction was fully built: 160,000 square feet of gaming, 210 square feet of restaurant and retail facilities, 150,000 square feet of convention and entertainment facilities, a 250-room hotel, and a tribal cultural center and government offices.

Before that can happen, an environmental impact statement must be completed and, following that, the U.S. government must provide tribal trust status for the land.

Participating in Saturday's meeting, in addition to Curtis, who is also a member of the La Center City Council, were State Sen. **Don Benton** (R-17), Cowlitz County commissioner **Kathleen Johnson**, Vancouver City Council members **Larry Smith** and **Tim Leavitt**, Battle Ground mayor **John Idsigna** and deputy mayor **Sandra Barnes**, Clark County commissioners **Steve Stuart** and **Marc Boldt**, State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th), La Center mayor **Jim Irish**, Ridgefield City Council member **Gladys Doriot**, Port of Ridgefield commissioner **Joe Melroy**, and Cowlitz Tribal Council member **Philip Harju**.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Clark County Public Service Center.

**Jeanne Lawson**, Portland is the facilitator for the roundtable.

### **Planning Commission to talk neighborhood traffic planning**

The Vancouver Planning Commission will discuss neighborhood traffic planning at its informal First Thursday Presentation at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, in City Hall.

Planning commissioner **Michael Heywood** will moderate a panel consisting of **Todd Boulanger, Jim Etzkorn, Tim Shauer**, and traffic consultant **Bruce Appleyard**.

### **People**

**Amanda Mayoral**, a sophomore at Ridgefield High School, has returned from a week in Olympia as a page for state Rep. **Ed Orcutt** (R-18th). Pages perform many official duties on behalf of their respective legislators.

### **News briefs**

The Vancouver City Council does not meet this evening. ☞ Clark Public Utilities commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1. ☞ The Southwest Washington Regional transportation Council meets in regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1.

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## Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (1/24)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver City Council (1/24)—7 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and the weather

.**Jon Thrift** explains how Don Quixote got in a corner. 📍 **Anita Elliot** gets A+ for social directing. 📍 **Cris Kelley** demonstrates paella recipe to die for. 📍 **Pat Kelley** suave and debonair sans black tie. 📍 **Colleen Thrift** scoring two hits in one weekend. 📍 **Monday**, gray day in the morning, sun later, 52. **Tuesday**, looks like more sunshine, 56. **Wednesday**, maybe a little gray in the morning followed by more sun, 56.