

Port of Kalama in line for \$1 billion energy plant

Energy Northwest, a joint-operating agency of 19 public power organizations in Washington, has approved a 50-year lease with the Port of Kalama that would be the site of a \$1 billion coal gasification plant, which would produce 600 megawatts of electric power from two turbine plants similar to Clark Public Utilities' River Road Generating Plant, which produces just under 250 megawatt of power, supplying nearly half the county's electrical energy needs.

Clark Public Utilities is not part of the group. Clark spokesperson **Mick Shutt** today said: "We are, however, pleased to see that other entities are considering new generation. The region will need more capacity in the years to come."

There are hoops to go through, however. It will take nearly two years to secure environmental certification for the site. The organization predicts that the plant would be fully operational in 2012.

Project manager **Tom Krueger** said Kalama was selected because it offers easy access to the northwest power grid. Krueger said the 80-acre site to be leased also offers an attractive mix of adequate space, appropriate industrial zoning, utility infrastructure, diverse feedstock transportation options, and highly professional port management.

The livestock option is important to the organization's plans to spend at least \$35 million developing facilities that would capture methane from livestock, which would help run the energy producing turbines.

Energy Northwest currently operates a 64-megawatt wind farm and a solar collection project southeastern Washington.

A public meeting to answer local questions about the project has been called for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Kalama Community Building, 126 N 2nd Street, Kalama.

Clark's Larry Mains repeats Oregon's Chefs de Cuisine Society award

Larry Mains, Clark College culinary arts professor, has been presented the 2005 Charles Altorfer Professionalism award from the Chefs de Cuisine Society of Oregon. It was his second award, the first having been won exactly 20 years ago in 1985. Mains has been at Clark College since 1978.

In 2002 Mains was named Culinary Educator of the Year by the Chefs de Cuisine Society of Oregon.

The Chefs de Cuisine Society of Oregon is the local chapter of the American Culinary Federation, which promotes the image of American chefs worldwide.

Steve Dunn emcees Evergreen Schools Foundation auction Saturday evening

Steve Dunn, KATU news anchor, is the master of ceremonies for the Evergreen School District Foundation annual auction that begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Over 300 items are up for auction and more are being accepted, according to spokesperson **Robin Siebenthall**.

Admission is \$60 per person, and tickets are available by calling Siebenthall , 604-4022.

Bi-State Coordination Committee meets Thursday

The Bi-State Coordination Committee will discuss joint Washington and Oregon transportation funding approaches at its regular meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in the conference room 226, in the Clark County Elections building, 1408 Franklin Street.

The committee will also discuss briefly the approach each state is taking on the issue of tolls on transportation facilities. In addition, representative members from Washington and Oregon will discuss how Clark County might fit in with Oregon Metro land use planning.

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** is vice chair of the organization, which is chaired by Portland's **Rex Burkholder**.



Larry Mains

Calendar

This evening students from Silver Star Elementary, Covington Middle and Heritage High Schools are hosts of a 5-to-8 p.m. carnival in the Silver Star Elementary School, 10500 NE 86th Street, which is being presented to help raise money to help rebuild a hurricane-destroyed Mississippi elementary school. ✂ The Washington State School for the Deaf "Haunted House" is being presented from 7 to 10 p.m., this evening, tomorrow and Sunday, Oct. 30. Adult admission is \$3, children 4 to 12 are admitted for \$3.

Friday headlines at home and abroad

[Casino fears unfounded report says--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)
[Battle Ground police get credit for saving as many as 20 lives in Tuesday apartment fire--Columbian, John Branton](#)
[Human Rights Commission hears stories of local discrimination--Columbian, Kelly Adams](#)
[Boeing expects to defeat Airbus in record jet sales this year--Seattle Times, Dominic Gates](#)
["Scooter" Libby resigns after five CIA leak indictments--KATU, AP, John Solomon and Pete Yost](#)
[Economy soars despite hurrican disasters--Washington Post, Nell Henderson](#)

Friday on the air

Clark County Commissioner's Workshop (10/25)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
 City Minutes (10/23)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Focus (10-14)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
 Animal Control Hearings (10/12)—7 p.m. CVTV
 Mental Speed Bump Lecture (10/19)—8 p.m. CVTV
 Telecommunications Commission (10/19)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Chuck Dryke asking right questions. ✂ **Patrick McGary** demonstrating acumen. ✂ **John Watts** recalling Wampus Cat days. ✂ **Denny Henderson** taking mystery our of LNG. ✂ **Wayne Nelson** laying out the facts. ✂ **Troy Van Dinter** forwarding message. ✂ **Michelle Missfeldt** providing warm welcome. ✂ **Friday**, partly cloudy, showers likely, 58. **Saturday**, cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, 57. **Sunday**, sunbreaks and showers, 58.