

La Center city council asks for resolution opposing Cowlitz casino

Following Vancouver's lead earlier this week, the La Center City Council last night unanimously declared its opposition to the half-billion-dollar Cowlitz Casino proposed for the La Center Interstate 5 interchange by asking the city attorney to prepare a formal document declaring that opposition.

The La Center City Council already had expressed its concerns in its April 23 response to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Administrative Draft of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The city's principal concern over the proposed casino is that its operations would cause a drop in city revenue of about 66 percent (income currently taken in by the city from card room taxes).

According to the council's April 23 response, the 66-percent loss in city revenue anticipated if the casino were built could only be mitigated by a memorandum of agreement between the Cowlitz Tribe and the City of La Center as a condition of approval of the casino by the BIA.

Clark County and the Ridgefield School District each have memorandums of agreement in place calling for cost mitigations if the casino project is approved.

The resolution will come before the city council on Wednesday, May 23.

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital earns environmental leadership award

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, the newest hospital within Legacy health System, has received the 2007 Environmental Leadership Award from the Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E), reports H2E executive director **Laura Brannen**.

Legacy was also inducted into the H2E Environmental Leadership Circle. "Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital is at the forefront of the trend toward a healthcare system that recognizes the fundamental link between healthy people and a health environment," Brannen added.

For the first time, all five Legacy Health System hospitals earned the leadership awards, and Legacy Health System earned a Sustained Leadership Award.

Last year Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital recycled 140 tons of material, equivalent to 1.5 pounds of waste per employee per day. In addition, the hospital, which opened in 2005, has a nearly paperless operation. During its first year in operation, Legacy Salmon Creek treated more than 7,000 inpatients, 27,000 emergency room patients and delivered 1,100 babies.

Riverview adds three more veeps

Monte Silliman has been named senior vice president and manager of Riverview Community Bank's east Vancouver Commercial Banking Group. **Terry Metz** and **Michael Bell** have been appointed vice presidents and commercial loan officers for east Vancouver and downtown Vancouver respectively.

Silliman, an experienced commercial banking team leader, has served the retail, medical and construction industries for over 20 years. He is a graduate of Central Washington University. Silliman is a member of the Columbia River Economic Development Council and treasurer of Innovative Services Northwest.

Metz, a graduate of Portland State University, has over 30 years' banking experience.

Bell is a graduate of Western Washington University, and is a volunteer in the Camas School District.

Wrongly arrested for Madrid train bombing, Brandon Mayfield speaks at WSU Vancouver this evening

Brandon Mayfield, wrongly arrested and accused of participating in the 2004 Madrid terrorist train bombing, is one of the main speakers this evening at a 7-to-9 p.m. forum this evening being presented by the



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Terry Metz



Michael Bell

Center for Social and Environmental Justice at Washington State University Vancouver.

There is no charge for the forum on civil liberties being held in room 110 in the university's Salmon Creek campus Administration Building.

Other panelists are as follows: **Tom Nelson**, human rights activist and co-counsel representing Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation; **Ashlee Albies**, chair of the Portland chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and co-counsel in the Al-Haramain case; **Sam Kauffman**, an attorney representing two Guantanamo detainees who have been imprisoned for five years without charge; and **Kayse Jama**, human rights activist, and founder and director for the Center for Intercultural Organizing.

Calendar

A Clark College forum designed to get public comments on the proposed appointment of interim president **Bob Knight** as permanent president of the community college is at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, in room 103 in Clark College at Town Plaza, 5411 Mill Plain Boulevard. | The Vancouver Design Review Committee meets at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in conference room 3-A, 440 NE 77th Avenue.

On the Air

Portland Beavers at Albuquerque (live)—5:30 p.m. KAAD

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

Using Technology to Job Search—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Bev Hooten keeping troops in line. | **Shee Grunes** soon to be celebrating 10th birthday. | **Katlin Smith** setting sail. | **Chris Casteel** providing VIP treatment. | **Eric Olmsted** trading pounds for dollars. | **Thursday**, morning clouds give way to more sun, 73. **Friday**, hazy, 74. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 68.