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Erin Overbay crowned Queen of the 2007 Clark County Fair

Erin Overbay, honor student, homecoming princess and senior at Heritage High School, has been crowned queen of the 2007 Clark County Fair.

The 18-year-old high school senior is the daughter of **Bruce** and **Jean Overbay**, is the cocaptain of the varsity dance team and member of the varsity track











Jessica Newcomb

team. She is a 4-H club member and member of the Clark County Saddle Club. She is an equestrienne and barrel races on her horse Charlie.

Serving as princesses on the fair court are Jillian Haverman and Jessica Newcomb.

Haverman, 17, a junior at Skyview High School, is the daughter of **Gordon** and **Jennifer Haverman** and **Jeff** and **Kelly McCoy**. At Skyview, Haverman is a member of the Red Cross Club and American Sign Language Club and is a volunteer in her younger sister's 4th grade class. Haverman is also active in 4-H and is a member of the Northwest Pinto Association, Northwest Paint Association and the United States Equestrian Federation.

With her horse, Overo-Gracie, Haverman won a top ten award in showmanship at the Puyallup State Fair. Newcomb, 17, a Battle Ground High School senior, is the daughter of **Paul** and **Debbie Newcomb**. Active

in 4-H, Newcomb is a member of the Washington High School Equestrian Team, the Clark County Saddle Club, Top Ten Gaming Association and the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association. She was also a member of the Latigo and Lace Drill Team when it won the Pacific Northwest Drill Team championship, the United States Drill Team championship competition, and the International Drill Team championship in Calgary, Canada.

The ten-day 2007 Clark County fair is Friday, Aug. 3, through Sunday, Aug. 12.

LaCenter council notes opposition to casino

As expected, the La Center City Council last evening unanimously approved a resolution opposing the proposed 152-acre Cowlitz Casino Resort, which would be built at the La Center, Interstate Highway 5 interchange.

The council also authorized two council members to hand deliver the resolution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., and to meet with the Congressional delegation. Mayor **Tim Irish** and two council members were also authorized to present their demands to the Cowlitz Tribe.

The resolution also threatened legal action, but was not without a caveat:

"Unless and until either the federal government or the Cowlitz Tribe provides adequate mitigation to the city and addresses these impacts and issues, the City of La Center remains opposed to this project, and will pursue all legal means available to the city to seek resolution."

The principal adverse impact to the city of La Center would be the potential loss of up to \$3.6 million a year in gambling tax revenue paid by card rooms located inside the city limits.

Other adverse impacts cited by the city include the following: transportation, La Center School District, La Center Police Department, urban area growth and possible expansion of the casino.

Earlier this month the City of Vancouver unanimously voiced its opposition to the proposed casino and invited other cities in the county to follow suit.

No power shortage expected locally

While the Pacific Coast power grid sometimes flirts with summer power shortages, none is expected in Clark county this year, reports Clark Public Utilities' spokesman **Mick Shutt**.

According to Clark Public Utilities' energy resources director **Jim Sanders**, Clark currently has surplus

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power available to meet the needs of its customers.

Says Sanders: "We are buying about 70 percent of our power this year from Bonneville Power Administration, with the balance coming from the River Road Generating Plant.

"And, unlike some regional utilities, our peak demand comes in the winter due to the amount of electric heat used by our customers. Our peak demand last year was 918 megawatts in February, while our summer peak was 746 megawatts in July.

"While a regional shortage could impact us, we're generally in a strong position."

Tall Jazz headline Daybreak

fundraiser in the Hilton

Portland's jazz combo, **Tall Jazz** headlines the 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, concert and live auction benefit for Daybreak, Clark County's in-patient rehabilitation program for pre-adult alcohol and drug addiction problems. The benefit will be in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Hearty hors d'oeuvres are included in the price of admission, which is \$50 per person, according to Daybreak spokesman **Cal Clark**. For further information, call **635-4120**.

Calendar

The Clark County Animal Protection & Control Advisory Board meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in room 678 in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

On the Air

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV Tucson at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD Vancouver Planning Commission (5/22)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Lee Davis having another good day. <> Sam Jones crossing Main Street in under 45 minutes. <> Bill Demme, in town from the chicken ranch. <> Jim De Long, visibly spruced. <> Bill Marshall researching Blair Road history. <> Ted Van Arsdol supplying missing links. <> Dean and Roxane Sutherland bicycle 200 miles collectively. <> Thursday, mostly sunny, 76. Friday, partly cloudy, 78. Saturday, still warm, some clouds, possible light showers, 77.