

Local anti-casino group wants to delay environmental review

Citizens Against Reservation Shopping is urging the U.S. Department of Interior to block a regional Bureau of Indian Affairs environmental review of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's proposed \$503 casino resort between La Center and Ridgefield.

The BIA draft environmental review, now being studied by participating agencies, is expected to be released to the public in the first two weeks of April.

In a letter to The Department of Interior associate deputy secretary **James Cason**, CARS' Portland attorney **Peter D. Mohr** charges that the current draft environmental impact statement fails to consider an adequate range of alternatives and the need for a programmatic-type review to include other area casino proposals in addition to the 152-acre site on Interstate 5.

CARS is a local organization, headed by businessman and philanthropist **Ed Lynch**, dedicated to keeping large-scale casino gambling out of southwest Washington.

Brent Boger files candidacy for Washington Court of Appeals

Brent Boger, Vancouver assistant city attorney, today announced that he is a candidate for a District 3, Division II, seat on the Washington Court of Appeals.

Boger, 49, a lawyer for more than 20 years, began his legal career in 1985 as a staff member for California Gov. **George Deukmejian**. Before joining the City of Vancouver, Boger was head of the Pacific Northwest office of the Pacific Legal Foundation.

Boger, who lives in Washougal, is challenging Court of Appeals judge **Joseph Penoyar**, who was appointed to the court last fall.

District 3 includes Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum and Lewis Counties.

Park Service seeking volunteers for Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Volunteers to help show off the region's premier historic destination, the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, are being sought by the National Park Service.

Last year, 220 volunteers provided over 20,000 hours of volunteer service, according to **Tracy Fortmann**, superintendent of the National Park Service site, which includes the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, Fort Vancouver, and the McLoughlin House in Oregon City.

Volunteer positions range from re-enactors and guides to clerical positions, according to supervisory park ranger **Kimm Fox-Middleton**, who manages the volunteer program. "We're looking for history and archaeology buffs, carpenters, tailors, artists, students and gardeners to share their skills," Fox-Middleton says. She adds that volunteer opportunities include providing programs for school groups, working in the archaeology field school, and special events.

A volunteer orientation session is being held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30. For further information, call Fox-Middleton at **696-7659**, extension **14**.

News briefs

Nominations for Sammy Awards, presented by Clark County to more than 50 individuals and organizations for contributions toward salmon recovery over the past five years, are being accepted through Thursday, April 20. The awards will be presented on June 15. Further information is available by going to

www.saveoursalmon.com or by calling **Joni McAnally**, **397-2022**, extension **3**. Youth Achievement Award nominations honoring middle and high school students who have made personal or civic contributions to the community are being accepted by the Clark County Youth Commission through Friday, March 31. Awards will be presented on Saturday, April 29. For further information, call the Clark County Department of Community Services, **397-2130**.

Calendar

Lewis and Clark re-enactors are at Frenchman's Bar Park today through Friday, March 31. The public is invited to observe and participate between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Vancouver Fire Chief **Don Bivins** will present formal commendations and awards at the Vancouver Fire Department awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. this eve-

ning in the Water Resources Education Center. Two of the honorees, **Leo Gaul** and **Roger Gelvick**, will receive the department's highest honor, the Fire Medal, for outstanding lifesaving actions. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Pierce Transit in Tacoma made offer Lynne Griffith couldn't refuse--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)
[Best thing about Vancouver is it is next to Portland, nearly one in for say in Vancouver survey--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Andrew Card resigns as White House Chief of Staff; Josh Bolten will succeed him April 14--Washington Post, **Peter Baker** and **Debbi Wilgoren**](#)
[Mary Ann Newell present as governor signs bill to keep mercury out of medicines for pregnant women and young children--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)
[Columbia River spring salmon closure possible--Columbian, **Allen Thomas**](#)
[Powell's Book Store will continue in the family with daughter Emily Powell to take over in next four to six years--Oregonian, **Joe Rojas-Burke**](#)
[Man threatens to blow up his motor home at NE Killingsworth Street and 60th Avenue this morning--KATU \(video\)](#)
[Fed ups rates, stocks go down--USA TODAY, **Barbara Hagenbaugh**](#)
[Shiites say U.S. is pressuring Iraqi leader to step aside--New York Times, **Edward Wong**](#)

Tuesday on the air

Vancouver Business Journal Growth Awards—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Columbia River Crossing Task Force (3/22)—5 p.m. CVTV
Seattle at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD
City Minutes (3/19)—9 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (3/5)—10 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Orchestra Winter Concert—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jason Curtis enhancing family escutcheon. ☞ **Kathy Lipp** taking care of details. ☞ **Ken Cole** getting results. ☞ **Matt Schoolfield** getting credit for good job. ☞ **Kaitlin Smith** helping open doors. ☞ **Tuesday**, light sunshine, 62. **Wednesday**, gray with sunbreaks, possible light shower, 57. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, some drizzles, 54.