

GOOD MORNING

LIBERTY, N.Y. (AP) — Eva-Noel Bevilacqua got the audience's full attention when she went to the podium to read a graduation poem.

The 35-year-old woman dropped her gown — leaving her naked except for her leather boots — before reading "Love Is a Challenge" at a ceremony where she got her high school equivalency diploma.

School officials let her finish the three-minute reading.

"It would have been a real pretty sight to see us wrestling with a nude woman," said Kevin Colpoys, superintendent of the Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Educational Services, which held the graduation Friday.

Most of the 250 people in the audience couldn't see below Bevilacqua's shoulders because of the lectern.

While Bevilacqua was reading her poem, a teacher walked up and draped the gown over her. When she was done, she put the gown back on and walked to her seat amid scattered applause.

Although Bevilacqua could be charged with indecent exposure, no complaint will be filed, Colpoys said.

NORTH POLE, Alaska (AP) — The jolly old elf is working on his Hawaiian tan.

That's the line at Santa Claus House, where a red-suited, white-bearded mannequin occupies Santa's throne.

Good Santa help is hard to find.

Former Santa Con Miller retired his red suit. Last summer's Santa became a sales clerk. The Santa from last Christmas made other plans this summer.

"I thought there was going to be a real Santa Claus here," said shopper Tami DeMarcy, as disappointed as her 3-year-old son Bryan to find Santa was stuffed.

Just about everyone asks after Santa. "We just detour them to the reindeer," clerk Angela Rickels said.

With the shop's brochure promising "Christmas every day at Santa Claus House, because Santa lives there the year 'round," the search for a live Santa continues.

This week, the shop ran its second series of ads in the Fairbanks *Daily News-Miner*. "Jolly 'stereotypical' Santa needed immediately for summer season."

Citizens question Hyundai project

PROJECTED IMPACTS

Jobs: Hyundai plans to employ 800-1,000 people in skilled and semi-skilled jobs. Compensation plans have not been finalized, but Hyundai is expected to provide wages and benefits comparable to those at similar factories.

Utility needs: Hyundai officials expect Phase One of the project to require 30 megawatts of electricity. After expansion, the plant could consume as much as 110 megawatts. Water consumption is projected at 2.3 million gallons per day, but eventually the plant could consume 9.9 million gallons per day.

Environmental: The plant is required to meet all federal, state and local environment laws, and will be periodically inspected by local authorities.

Hyundai has not decided which chemicals will be used at the plant or what will be done with them. State officials are working on plans for dealing with any hazardous waste spills.



Young Maia Wisner, one of several hundred to meet on Monday to discuss the proposed Hyundai plant, isn't the only one who thinks the city gave too much.

Forums: Environmental, economic impacts top list of concerns

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Eugene citizens debated the proposed Hyundai semiconductor plant this week at two public forums exploring environmental and economic concerns.

Supporters and opponents of the factory met with scientists, politicians, city officials and a Hyundai project manager to ask questions and make statements about the proposed project on Monday and Tuesday nights.

New information and affirmations about the project surfaced in both the meetings.

Dong-Soo Shyn, Hyundai project manager, made few promises about the plant at the Tuesday-night forum but did say a day-care facility for employees would be provided. Although day care was not one of the main issues raised in either forum, the announcement drew cheers and applause from the audience.

Shyn told the mostly supportive audience at the second forum that Hyundai will be a good corporate neighbor and will stay in Eugene for a while. Some citizens expressed concerns about the longevity of the project, citing a closing factory in Colorado, but Shyn reassured the audience that the project is long-term.

"When we commit a \$1.3 billion investment, it's not a child's game," he said.

He also said the company

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Buildings, hopes falling again at Amazon

Demolition: A state land use board rejects the Save Amazon Coalition's appeal

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Demolition resumed Wednesday afternoon at Amazon Family Housing, despite numerous attempts by Amazon residents and low-income housing advocates to prevent the razing of buildings.

The state Land Use Board of Appeals lifted the stay that had been delaying the demolition in a written ruling released Tuesday afternoon, finding against the Save Amazon Coalition.

"All appeals to LUBA have been exhausted for the coalition," said Maureen Shine, deputy director of communications for the University.

Mike Eyster, director of University Housing, agreed. "There's nothing that they can do legally to prevent us from implementing our plan." However, he said, there might be ways to further delay the demolition.

Perhaps the only avenue left for the Save Amazon Coalition is the state Court of Appeals, which

has jurisdiction to review LUBA's order.

In its statement, the board found that the University had complied with Eugene's city code for obtaining a demolition permit for a historic district.

"We are very pleased LUBA has affirmed what we've been saying all along," Shine said.

On the other hand, David Zupan, member of the Save Amazon Coalition and Citizens for Low-Income Housing, said he is disappointed with the board's ruling.

"We have an emergency housing crisis in this community — it's criminal to allow them to be destroyed," Zupan said.

"From [the University's] perspective," Shine said, "we're very thankful we're back on track. It's good to know LUBA believes the city of Eugene was right and, therefore, we were right."

But Zupan still believes the University didn't follow city codes and that it clearly violated the law.

Nancy Wright, director of facilities for University housing, said even though the project has been delayed by the coalition, the Uni-



Crews resumed tearing down the Amazon Family Housing complex Wednesday, after a temporary stay against the demolition was lifted.

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