



Emcee Daylight Cums struts down the runway in a refashioned wedding dress during the opening of the La Fête Fashion Show Saturday.

Heritage Square plan goes on a diet

Costly streetscape, underground parking are casualties of cuts

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

Lose the fancy streetscape. Forget the expensive underground parking.

The Astoria City Council, if it moves ahead with a new library and housing project at Heritage Square, wants the price tag reduced.

A pared-down project would still run about \$20 million to \$26 million, according to Kevin Cronin, the city's community development director, but that could be more palatable than the initial estimates of \$29.7 million to \$38.7 million.

"As we go through this process, we're going to have to look at trade-offs," Cronin told the City Council Monday night.

Removing the streetscape component would save between \$2.3 million and \$3.4 million, while eliminating underground parking would cut between \$5.2 million and \$6.2 million.

Shaving contingency costs and trimming open-space elements of the project could also bring the price down.

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FASHION CENTS

Local designers get crafty for a cause

Story and Photos

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Models strutted down the runway during the second annual La Fête fashion show fundraiser Saturday night at the Masonic Temple.

Challenged to only use items found at the Deja Vu Thrift Shop, local designers created a variety of outfits using everything from fur to wedding dresses. Emily Johnson won the Judges' Choice with a set of dresses made from sewing patterns while Mary de la Salandra won the People's Choice competition.

The event raised nearly \$4,000 to benefit The Harbor, which assists survivors of stalking, domestic and sexual violence.

All the outfits will be on display at Deja Vu thrift store.



ABOVE RIGHT: Leslie Grelle walks down the runway sporting an outfit crafted from sewing patterns during the La Fête Fashion Show Saturday. The outfit was designed by Emily Johnson, who won the Judges' Choice.

RIGHT: Susan Oxley shows off an outfit designed by Trixie Leone at the La Fête Fashion Show Saturday. Leone's theme was based on the James Bond film "From Russia with Love."



Council rebuffs late cell tower maneuver

Astoria city attorney made request on Verizon's behalf

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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The Astoria City Council on Monday night declined a request by Verizon Wireless to send a review of a new communications tower at Shively Park back to the Planning Commission rather than reject the project.

Verizon's late request was relayed to the City Council by City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard, a choice some councilors thought was unorthodox.

"How is this not our city attorney working for Verizon?" City Councilor Cindy Price asked Henningsgaard.

Henningsgaard explained that he volunteered to present Verizon's concept rather than have the company make the pitch, which could have been more adversarial given that the public hearing had closed and the council had tentatively moved in January to reject the project.

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Chamber taps tip-top locals

Those who help North Coast businesses thrive receive awards

By KATHERYN HOUGHTON
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WARRENTON — The Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce held its largest annual banquet with a theme that wrapped around the 50th anniversary of the Astoria Bridge.

On Saturday, more than 200 people connected to businesses on the North Coast filled the Astoria Golf and Country Club in Warrenton to celebrate



Katheryn Houghton/EO Media Group
Former and current public officials joined the Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. (Left to right) Warrenton Mayor Mark Kujala, former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen, Willie and Sheila Holden, Rose and Rich Mays, who is Clatsop County's interim manager and the former manager of Cannon Beach, and Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear and husband Cliff.

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