

# State ballot measure proposes casino in Portland

(AP) - Two Lake Oswego men are mounting an initiative campaign for a ballot measure to clear the way to build a 1 million square-foot private casino south of Portland.

Voter approval would be needed because the state constitution forbids casinos in Oregon. Tribal casinos are allowed by federal law and cannot be prohibited by the state.

Bruce Studer, senior vice president of Grifphon, a Portland investment firm, and Lake Oswego attorney Matthew Rossman have pitched the proposal to lawmakers, Gov. Ted Kulongoski's staff and others.

The proposed \$490 million "Oregon entertainment center" would be on an unspecified site

south of Portland, according to the plan by Oregon Gaming & Entertainment Co.

The business was registered with the state in November by Studer and Rossman.

Studer said Friday the plan mainly would involve about 3,500 video gaming terminals. He said other games might follow.

The plan would be for the state lottery to operate the terminals and share in the revenue. Studer estimates the operation would generate about \$100 million a year for the state from gaming revenues, income taxes paid by employees and money from the lodging tax on a hotel proposed for the center.

The lottery nets about \$350

million a year for the state, mostly from video poker terminals. Bars and taverns are allowed up to six terminals each.

Studer said he is dealing with a consortium of enterprises to build and operate the proposed center. He declined to identify them Friday.

Plans are for up to 1,000 video terminals at first.

The operation would employ 2,000 people and include restaurants, a multi-screen movie theater, a bowling alley, shops, a hotel, an arcade and an events show room, he said.

Senate President Peter Courtney said he was approached several weeks ago and was noncommittal. "I told them nothing. I just listened," the Sa-

lem Democrat said last Friday.

Aides to Gov. Kulongoski and state Lottery Director Dale Penn also have been briefed.

Marian Hammond, a spokeswoman for Kulongoski, said the men have met with MardiLynn Saathoff, the governor's legal counsel and chief adviser on casino issues.

Kulongoski has taken no position on the proposal, Hammond said.

"We don't have enough information to evaluate it. It's too early to tell if it has legs," she said.

Studer said he has outlined the plan to some lawmakers because the Legislature itself could put a measure to end the constitutional ban on casinos on

the ballot as soon as this year.

Gathering 100,000 petition signatures by July 2006 would put the proposal on the ballot that November.

Lottery Director Dale Penn said he told Studer and Matthews that the lottery would be neutral on the idea and that they needed to contact legislators and the governor.

"We haven't done any analysis of their proposal at all," Penn said.

The plan would be expected to draw opposition from the state's Indian tribes, all nine of which operate casinos.

The gaming center would compete most directly with the Spirit Mountain Casino about 60 miles southwest of Portland.

It's the state's biggest casino and closest one to the metropolitan area and run the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Justin Martin, lobbyist for the tribes, said he had heard of the gaming center proposal and that the tribes were concerned with any expansion of gambling in the state.

Len Bergstein, a lobbyist for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, which wants a casino in Cascade Locks about 40 miles east of Portland said he doubts if citizens would favor the proposal.

"It would be quite a radial departure for Oregon," he said.

## Howlak Tichum

Janice M. Gilbert

Janice M. Gilbert passed away January 8, 2005 at the East Cascade Assisted Living Center. She was 47.

Ms. Gilbert was born February 9, 1957 in Warm Springs to parents Allen Gilbert Sr. and Dora Meanus.

Ms. Gilbert was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs. She worked for Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

Ms. Gilbert is survived by her son James Johnson of Warm Springs; her father

Allen of Warm Springs; brother Allen Gilbert Jr. of Warm Springs; sisters Lucille Aguilar, Susan Gilbert, Jessica Finch, Evelyn Gilbert, all of Warm Springs, and Ellen Gilbert of Eugene.

Prayer services were held at the residence of Ms. Gilbert in Warm Springs on January 11. Dressing ceremonies were held January 12 at the Agency Longhouse. Burial was January 13 at the Agency Cemetery.

## Births

Keanu Mikye Miller

Cody Lee Miller and Monica Lynette Frank are pleased to announce the birth of their son Keanu Mikye Miller, born Jan. 4. Father's parents are Gail Frank and Duane Miller. Mother's parents are Lillian Cuevas and Eduardo Cuevas. Great grandparent is Edna Gonzalez of Warm Springs.

Levi James Frank

Kyle Frank Sr. and Jamey Wesley are pleased to announce the birth of their son Levi James Frank, born Jan. 1.

Jasper Switzler Jr.

Jasper Switzler Sr. and Kristy Johnson are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jasper Switzler Jr., born Jan. 1.

Natalie Moses

Warren Moses and Christina Moses are pleased to announce the birth of their son Nathan Lee Moses, born Jan. 10. He joins sister Natalie Moses. Father's parents are John and Billie Moses of Pendleton. Mother's parents are Robert Johnson of Eugene, and Jackie Johnson of Oklahoma.

Jazell Marie Allen

Jarrod M. Allen and Shanell M. Kalama are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jazell Marie Allen, born Jan. 6. Father's parents are Orvie and Sheila Danzuka of Willamina, and Leroy Allen Jr. of Warm Springs. Mother's parents are the late Perry Kalama Jr., and Debra Kalama of Warm Springs.

## Wolves pounce on hunting dogs

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) - Mountain lion hunters who use dogs to chase their prey have been losing some of the hounds to wolves this winter.

Steve Nadeau, the wolf coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, said there has been a flurry of hounds killed by wolves in recent weeks.

Wolves do not tolerate other canines in their area and will attack the domestic animals.

Nadeau said one dog was killed recently near Salmon and he has heard of two others in the Clearwater Region.

Kevin Stamper of

Grangeville lost Katie, a 2-year-old blue tick/walker hound mix, to a wolf pack in the Service Flats area near White Bird and Grangeville on Jan. 2. Stamper said he shot his pistol into the air to ward off the wolves and one of his dogs escaped, but he found Katie dead with a bite through her neck and back.

"It was after dark and there were wolves howling all around and this was only three miles from my house. I've never seen wolves this low," Stamper said.

Snow and winter conditions can concentrate both elk and wolves at lower elevations, wolves can be a problem.

## Howlak Tichum

Louise Stwyer Hellon

Louise Stwyer Hellon passed away January 8, 2005 at her home in Warm Springs. She was 88.

Ms. Hellon was born May 23, 1916 at Warm Springs to parents Henry and Florence Stwyer.

Ms. Hellon was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs. She worked in the house-keeping department for Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Ms. Hellon was preceded in death by her husband Wilkins Hellon. She is survived by her son Samuel Starr of Warm Springs; daughter Cheryln Starr of Warm Springs; four grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Prayer services were held



at her residence on January 9, 2005. Dressing ceremonies were held at the Simnasho Longhouse on January 10. Burial was held January 11 at the Simnasho Cemetery.

## Little League coaches to meet

There will be a meeting of the Warm Springs Little League coaches at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Warm Springs Community Center education room.

Agenda items include fees, coaches for 2005, clean-up day, try-out date, and uniforms.

All coaches and their assistants who plan on coaching in 2005, please attend.

For more information call the recreation department at 553-3243.

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## Services on Feb. 5

The Queahpama and Greene Family extends an invitation to the community for the Stone Setting and Memorial Services for Conrad Maurice Queahpama, and Sidney Anson Greene on Saturday,

February 5, 2005 at the Simnasho Cemetery, beginning at 9 a.m. Followed by Washut, Re-Joining, and Giveaway at the Simnasho Longhouse. For more information contact Austin Greene at 553-1953.

## Powwow memorial

The Lincoln's Powwow Committee is announcing a memorial held at the Simnasho Longhouse at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005. The memorial pre-

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Anyone is welcome to this memorial.

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