## Portland area casino less than month away

The Cowlitz Tribe is less than a month away from debuting its casino but opponents are still hoping the U.S. Supreme Court will derail the project.

The tribe has cleared numerous legal, regulatory and political hurdles in its quest to open the ilani Casino Resort in Washington. The last major one is *Citizens Against Reservation Shopping v. Hangrud*, a petition that has been submitted to the nation's

highest court.

The justices have been accepting briefs as they consider whether or not to hear the case. At issue is whether the tribe qualifies for the land-into-trust process.

The federal government is firmly in the tribe's corner and finally submitted a brief on March 1 that calls on the court to reject the petition.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Lottery will lose \$110 million a year in video lottery sales once the Cowlitz Tribe opens a casino in neighboring Washington, according to a new analysis. The ilani Casino Resort is set to open on April 17. It will be the closest tribal facility to Portland, the largest city in Oregon.

More than half of video lottery sales occur in the Portland area, according to the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis.

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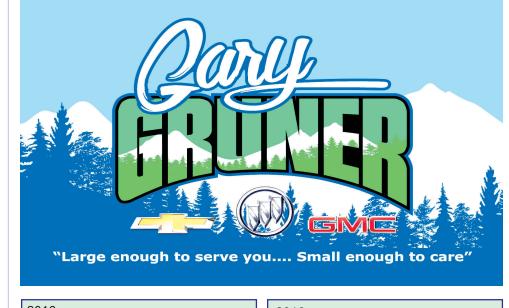
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## Adult GED class registration in W.S. starts soon

Spring term adult Basic Skills GED classes in Warm Springs are coming up.

Registration for Basic Reading and Writing is today through Friday, April 5.

Basic Math registration will be on April 4 and 6.

Classes are held in room 302 at the Education Building and begin at 9:30 a.m.

Classes will begin the following week after registration.

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