

Meeting about Highway 18 to be held

The portion of Highway 18 from Willamina to the Van Duzer Corridor is being studied to develop a 20-year plan for highway improvements. Public input is a vital part of the study process. Please join the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) staff and steering committee at a second open house on **Monday, November 9** from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The open house will be held at Grand Ronde Elementary School. Some possible alternatives have been developed and this is an opportunity to comment on those and/or suggest new ideas. If you have questions regarding this study, please call Wayne Rickart (503) 588-6177.

Man sought in slaying of Colville member

OMAK, WA. (AP) — A resident alien from Mexico is sought in the drug-related slaying of a Colville Confederated Tribes member, Okanogan County sheriff's officials said Friday. An arrest warrant charging Jose Luis Gonzalez Castaneda with first-degree murder was issued in Superior Court, chief criminal deputy Brad Wilson said.

Castaneda, a 39-year-old farm laborer, may be headed for Mexico, or may already be there, Wilson said.

Castaneda is wanted in the slaying of Thomas W. Marchand, 35.

Colville tribal police called the county for investigative help after Marchand's body was found Oct. 16 on a road about 20 miles east of Omak. The location is on tribal trust land.

An autopsy indicated Marchand died of a single gunshot wound to the head. Investigators believe Marchand was killed in a dispute over a drug deal at a home south of Okanogan about September 29 and the body was dumped, Wilson said.

The home was searched by local drug task force agents on October 3 in a raid that resulted in the arrest of one person for investigation of delivery of cocaine, Wilson said.

Another search of the home, conducted after Marchand's body was found, turned up bloody evidence that indicated Marchand had been killed there, Wilson said. Drug agents who first searched the home found no obvious evidence of a homicide, he said.

Ballot measures: vote on Nov. 3

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Measure 56: Requires cities and counties to notify affected property owners when changes are made in state or local land use regulations that limit or prohibit currently allowed activities.

Measure 57: Recriminalizes marijuana by making possession of less than an ounce a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail, plus a \$500-\$1,000 fine.

Measure 58: Requires the state to issue copy of original birth certificate to any Oregon-born adoptee 21 years of age or older.

Measure 59: Prohibits expenditure of public funds to collect funds that will be used for political purposes, such as payroll deductions for PAC contributions, or union dues that would be used for political purposes.

Measure 60: Requires that biennial primary and general elections be conducted by mail, eliminating polling places on election day but retaining absentee and election office ballot voting.

Measure 61: Provides increased minimum sentences for "major crimes," including property crimes, sex offenses, and robbery — for repeat offenders.

Measure 62: Increases campaign finance reporting for contributions over \$500; expressly allows payroll deduction of PAC contributions; and allows regulation of petition signature gatherers.

Measure 63: Requires that any measure imposing a "Super Majority" to pass laws must itself first be passed by the same "Super Majority."

Measure 64: Restricts timber cutting and use of pesticides and herbicides in private, state, and federal forests. Allows citizen suits to enforce these regulations.

Measure 65: Establishes a process for citizens to petition for legislative review of administrative rules for state agencies. Rules are repealed if not specifically approved by legislature.

Measure 66: Dedicates 15 percent of net lottery revenues to programs — half for parks and beaches, and half for salmon, watershed, and wildlife habitat improvements.

Measure 67: Authorizes limited medical use of marijuana with state permit issued under a physician's prescription.

For more detailed viewpoints on these ballot measures, please see your Voter's Pamphlet.

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Chinook and Cowlitz tribes take next step toward recognition

LONGVIEW, WA. (AP) — A federal court judge has dismissed a lawsuit against the Chinook and Cowlitz Indian tribes, enabling them to take the next step toward federal recognition.

The Quinault Indian Nation sued for access to Chinook and Cowlitz membership rolls and genealogical material, arguing it needed the information to challenge the two tribes' requests for recognition by the U.S. government.

A lawyer for the Chinook and Cowlitz tribes claimed their privacy rights would be violated if the information was granted under the Freedom of Information Act.

The lawsuit was dismissed by U.S. District Court Judge Robert J. Bryan.

Federal recognition would give the

Chinook and Cowlitz access to a range of federal programs, including health and housing benefits, tribal hunting and fishing rights and casino-operating privileges.

It would also entitle them to allotments on the Quinault Reservation in Grays Harbor County, under a 1931 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

"The Quinault made clear in court that their sole interest was to block Chinook and Cowlitz tribal recognition because of our tribal interests in the Quinault Reservation," Chinook Tribal Chairman Tim Tarabochia said in his ruling. The Quinault Nation's chairwoman and secretary could not be reached for comment.

Though the Quinaults' suit has been dismissed, the tribe can still contest recognition.

Lisa Watt updates members at October General Council meeting

By Tracy Dugan, Editor

At the October General Council meeting, Lisa Watt, the new Executive Director for the Culture Board, spoke about the program plans for the future, and the conception of a Cultural Center.

She also introduced a number of other staff working in Cultural Resources and who are members of the Kwelth Tahlkie Culture and Heritage Society.

"I know that the idea of a Cultural Center is something the Grand Ronde Tribe has been wanting to do for a long time. I was very impressed by the quality of work that has been done by the Culture Board so far on this project," said Watt.

Watt said that through the help of folks who worked on the Museum at Warm Springs project, the Cultural Board and staff have been able to get valuable information about how the Grand Ronde Tribe can begin to formulate plans for its own Cultural Center. The Board envisions the center appealing to the general public and its interest in learning more about the

Tribe; but more importantly will offer a place where tribal members will be able to take language, basket-making, and other classes. And that the Tribe's Cultural Center will really be for tribal members, and the cultural heart of the community. Watt said the Culture Board and staff team members will be seeking the help of the membership in planning this project.

"What we need is the input and help of tribal members," she said. "We will be asking members to participate in the development of our Cultural Center to try to find out what exactly you would like to see in a Cultural Center."

In Other Business, there was some discussion about the name change of the tribal newspaper (see story, page 1) and the membership was asked to complete the survey in *Smoke Signals* about the newspaper name change and mail it in.

Door prize drawings were won by: Darin Crane, Marlana Lancour, Jackie Whisler, Kim Contreas, Linda Brandon, Sylvia Fuller, and Marce Norwest.

The November General Council meeting will be held on November 8 at 11:30 a.m.

A Public Hearing on the 1999 Proposed Budget will be held.

This is an opportunity for tribal members to comment on tribal programs and funding.