

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Nez Percé bringing back colorful memorial celebration to Vancouver Barracks

Both somber and colorful, the traditional Nez Percé memorial ceremony commemorating their winter of 1877 ordeal of captivity in Vancouver Barracks returns to the barracks for the sixth year Saturday, April 19.

The three to four hours of pageantry that begins at 10 a.m. includes smoking-the-peace-pipe among Indians and military veterans, a riderless horse ceremony, music, dancing and speeches galore and traditional gift giving.

The ceremony, which the public is encouraged to view, is on the barracks parade grounds just north of the 5th Street entrance to the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

The Vancouver ceremony is particularly meaningful to the Nez Percé because the barracks is the site of the confinement of 33 members of Chief Redheart's Band, who were released on April 22, 1878.

In August 1887 Vancouver Barracks commanding general O. O. Howard's troops seized the Nez Percé band and brought them to Vancouver for further relocation at a new reservation in Idaho.

One member, an infant boy, Little Bear, died during captivity.

The ceremony revives another Nez Percé connection to Vancouver. Erskine Wood (1879-1983), who was born at the barracks, spent part of his childhood with the Nez Percé Chief Joseph and in later years entertained Nez Percé members at his Columbia River home.

Members of the Wood family have participated in each of the Nez Percé Vancouver Barracks ceremonies. This year, the Wood family will host a dinner for tribal members at the historic home of their grandfather.

At the first Nez Percé ceremony in Vancouver in 1998, tribal elders presented a blanket in remembrance of Little Bear to six-week-old **Conner Erskine Sage Wood**, Erskine Wood's six-week-old great grandson.

Clark County unemployment rate soars by 2.5 percent in February

Clark County's unemployment rate rose from 6.8 percent in January to 9.3 percent in February, according to the monthly report by the state Employment Security Department.

The state unemployment rate rose only by a tenth of a percentage point, from 7.4 to 7.5 percent in February compared to January.

The national rate declined from 6.5 percent to 6.4 percent in the same period.

News briefs

Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. ~~ZZZ~~ Newly appointed Vancouver City Council member **Tim Leavitt** has scheduled a coffee break at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 3, in the Vancouver Market Place Courtyard to announce his candidacy for a full four-year term on the council. For further information, call **600-1239**.

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Salmon Creek moratorium extended a week

Clark County commissioners today extended the development moratorium for the Salmon Creek 134th Avenue corridor area for one more week, following deliberations today.

Commissioners are considering whether to reduce the speed standards for the corridor at peak times from 22 miles an hour to 13 miles an hour as a way of helping end the moratorium.

Clark College alumni give away money

Clark College Alumni, in random acts of kindness, today handed out \$25 gift certificates to students in cash register lines at the college bookstore, reports **Ceci Ryan-Smith**. A special alumni fund is used for similar assistance at the beginning of each quarter.

People

Bill Ward, owner of Camas-based Management Engineering Associates, has been named Washington 2003 Businessman of the Year by the NRCC Business Advisory Council. Ward also was designated honorary co-chair of the council in recognition of his efforts to promote a pro-business agenda in the U.S. Congress.

March fool

On the day prior to April 1, 2003, the editor of the *Daily Insider* foolishly reported that Vancouver City council member **Pat Jollota** was up for re-election in November. Not so. Jollota will be up for re-election in November 2005.

Tuesday electronic events

Clark County Focus—3:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—4 p.m. CVTV
2003 Women of Achievement—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Caring Heart Awards—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Golden State at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL
Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK
Vancouver Student Government Day—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Alaska Air Group	15.78	+12	Linear Technology	31.38	+51
Alcoa	19.41	+03	Microsoft	24.35	+14
Amazon.com	25.54	-49	Nautilus	14.70	+44
Bank of America	68.00	+1.16	Nike	50.80	-62
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	16.00	-20
Bemis	42.53	+47	PepsiCo	39.98	-02
Boeing	25.67	+61	Precision Cast	24.19	+36
Boise Cascade	22.15	+30	RLRN	18.45	+82
CenturyTel	27.89	+29	Starbucks	25.33	-43
Costco	30.41	+38	TSM	6.90	+06
Expeditors Intl.	35.55	-40	Tektronix	17.77	+62
Georgia Pacific	13.95	+05	US Bancorp	19.30	+32
HPQ	15.62	+07	Wash. Mutual	35.68	+41
Intel	16.42	+14	W. Coast Bancorp	14.83	+65
Kvocera	49.71	+42	Weverhaeuser	48.05	+22

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

David Smith blows whistle, gives away cash. ~~ZZZ~~ **Kristin Alexander** making stats easy ~~ZZZ~~ **John Fratt** allocating federal care packages. ~~ZZZ~~ **Mark Pridemore** surveying political scene. ~~ZZZ~~ **Amy Hanson** offering sensible help. ~~ZZZ~~ **Tuesday**, light showers, some sunbreaks, 55. **Wednesday**, gray with showers, 52. **Thursday**, some sun returns amid showers, 53.

Acapulco	88/70
Athens	61/43
Chicago	70/49
Dallas	80/60
Hong Kong	82/72
Los Angeles	72/54
London	52/36
New Orleans	72/58
New York	44/41
Orlando	72/47
Paris	59/33
Phoenix	87/57
Rome	62/45
Seattle	48/36
Sydney	74/57
Tokyo	61/44
Washington	54/50