

## Death claims Eleanor Van de Water, founder of the Fort Vancouver Tapestry project



Eleanor Van de Water at the tapestry project opening at Clark College

Death last night claimed **Eleanor Van de Water**, co-founder, with **Sherry Mowatt**, of the Fort Vancouver Tapestry project. Mrs. Van de Water was 74. No further details were available this afternoon.

The tapestry project depicts, in 20 miles of yarn sewn into 108 feet of historic panels, the history of Clark County from the time before the Lewis and Clark expedition through 2005. It is believed to be the largest historical tapestry ever created in the United States. Currently the project is on display at Clark College. It goes to the state capitol in Olympia in 2007.

Mrs. Van de Water lived to see its completion, although she was already blind in one eye and had nearly lost sight in the other.

Mrs. Van de Water was already an accomplished, nationally known professional fiber artist in 1999 when she and Mowatt turned a \$9,000 grant from the City of Vancouver into an over half-million-dollar art-history project. An estimated 96,000 hours went into the project and involved more than 57 volunteers, who worked with the founders.

To see the tapestry on-line, go to <http://www.fortvancouvertapestry.org>.

## John Handy to headline Clark College Jazz Festival

Grammy-nominated alto saxophonist **John Handy** will headline the final day of the 44th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, being presented Thursday, Jan. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 29.

Handy performs during a 3 p.m. concert Sunday, backed up by local musicians **Greg Goebel**, piano, **Phil Baker**, bass, **Ron Steen**, drums.

Jazz competition among 59 northwest high school jazz bands and vocal ensembles begins at 11 a.m. Thursday and continues Saturday. The competitive events are being held in Gaiser Hall. Day tickets are \$5 each. Reserved tickets for the Handy show are \$15 and are available at the college bookstore. For further information, call **992-2662**.

## Clark County has planning commission vacancy

Clark County is calling for applications for a position open on the county planning commission, reports commissioner **Betty Sue Morris**.

The seven-member commission makes recommendations to the board of commissioners on land-use planning, zoning, and development.

For further information, call **Jennifer Clark, 397-2232**.

## County Fair offers stocking stuffers

All-day wristbands, entitling the holder to a complete day of unlimited carnival rides at the Clark County Fair next August, are being offered for \$20 each, officials report. In addition, books of 30 discount carnival tickets are being offered for \$15.

Ten-day passes are being sold for \$99. The passes include parking, admission to the fair and reserved seating to five concerts during the fair. They are transferable. For further information, call **397-6180**.

## News brief

Due to flu-type illnesses showing up in Battle Ground High School, today's basketball games with Skyview and the afternoon dance have been canceled. The Battle Ground Girls Gymnastic meet at Camas High School has also been canceled.

## Calendar

An adaptation of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* is being presented at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday night, Dec. 17, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Slocum House Theatre, 605 Esther Street. Admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. For reservations, call **696-2427**.



John Handy

### Friday on the air

2006 Legislative Outlook (12/9)—3:30 p.m. CVTV  
Tree Planting Demonstration (12/3)—6:25 p.m. CVTV  
**Seattle Sonics at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KXMG**  
**Portland Winter Hawks at Kelowna (live)—7 p.m. KCMD**  
Clark County Animal Control Hearings (12/14)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Bravo! Vancouver: Handel's The Messiah—9:30 p.m. CVTV

### Friday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Espinoza's Parker House Restaurant opens at 5 p.m. Saturday, Columbian](#), [Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)  
[Christmas Tree runs end this weekend--Columbian](#)  
[Giving gift of sobriety - County felony drug court graduates thank Judge Rulli for his inspiring service--Columbian](#), [Don Hamilton](#)  
[Coffee shop owner Tom Boyd presents teacher with trip to Las Vegas as reward for her random acts of kindness--Columbian](#), [Jose Paul Corona](#)  
[U.S. District Court Judge James Redden urges warring parties to negotiate fish pact--Columbian](#), [Erik Robinson](#)  
[All you need to know about the Christmas Ships \(including maps\)--Columbian](#)  
[Millions of Iraqis vote during day remarkable for its calm--New York Times](#), [Dexter Filkins](#)

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**David DiCesare** shuffling schedule. ☞ **Leann Johnson** taking diversity to the college level. ☞ **Sam Jones** keeps conversation moving briskly. ☞ **Gene Lynch** thinking mayoral boulevard. ☞ **Robert Bradley** sharing sad news. ☞ **Analese Forster** needing no introduction. ☞ **Amy Wharton** earning black belt in liberal arts. ☞ **Glenys Hill** looking forward to cheeseday. ☞ **Friday**, cold, but sunny and clear, 39. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 40. **Sunday**, possibility of snow or freezing rain, 39.