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We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year

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Santa Claus, after a hard day's night (right) was created by retired Vancouver school teacher Eleanor Green, whose hobby for many years has been creating Santa Claus dolls, and photographed by Larry Easter.

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Diana Olds

Diana Olds given Lions Club's highest honor

Diana Olds, an active member of the Lions Club since 2004, has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for exceptional service to the community by the Fort Vancouver Lions Club. The award is given in recognition of humanitarian service and represents the Lions Club Foundation's highest honor.

Olds, who serves as the club's secretary, was recently presented the Secretary of Excellence award. She was also Lions Rookie-of-the-Year in 2004.

Olds regularly volunteers her time to support club activities, including Lions Program Chair, council member, the board of directors and the scholarship committee. She also assists with various Lions projects, including Golden Ear Days and White Cane Days. She has volunteered for the Washington State School for the Blind track meet and regularly participates in all Lions activities at Washington Elementary School.

Old's day job is manager of Columbia Credit Union's Salmon Creek Branch. The Lions Club is a 1.3 million member humanitarian organization.

Karen Pohl's high school project helps the hungry

Karen Pohl's senior project at Ridgefield High School is to collect food, an endeavor that involved class competition. Of more than 2,000 pounds of food collected for local food banks, the sophomore class collected over 1,000.

Last fall, Pohl organized a student backpack program for Union Ridge Elementary School, modeled after a program that originated in the Evergreen Public Schools. Students whose families are in need are given 15 pounds of food to take home each Friday.

Summer picnic reservations begin Wednesday, 7 a.m.

Unlike Christmas shopping, making reservations for summer picnic shelters in Clark County is no last-minute matter.

Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation will begin processing 2008 picnic shelter reservations for Lewisville, Vancouver Lake and Leverich Parks beginning at 7 a.m.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-served basis starting at 7 a.m. Reservations can be made by either calling the new reservation phone number at **487-7100** or by going to the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E McLoughlin Boulevard. Doors to the Marshall Community Center open at 5:30 a.m.

Further information can be obtained by going to www.vanclarkparks-rec.org and clicking on the Reservations link under the "Parks & Trails" tab, or by calling **Brian Potter** at **619-1123**.

Historic trust visitor center place for last-minute gifts

The gift shop in the Vancouver National Historic Trust visitor center, 1501 Evergreen Boulevard, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 23, offers old fashioned children's games and other unique and historic gift items.

The reconstructed Fort Vancouver site also offers some gift items in the chief factor's house. However, there is a modest admission charge at the fort site.

Both sites will be closed Christmas and New Year's eves and days. For further information, call **816-6230**.

Friday on the air

Community Inspiration Awards (12/18)—4:45 p.m. CVTV

Denver at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. CSN, KXL

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (12/11)—7 p.m. CVTV

Northern Colorado at U. of P. (live)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Army News Watch—9 p.m. FVTV

Vancouver Sustainability Program (12/6)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Karen Savage making corrections. <> **Gwenda Morrison** telling a good story. <> **Sarah Prince** getting high marks. <> **Kelly Burns** saying OK. <> **Dayn Wilberding's** esoterica works miracle. <> **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 35-42. **Saturday**, mostly cloudy, 28-44. **Sunday**, mostly cloudy, 40-44.