

Mayor throws down gauntlet to mayor



Mayor Royce Pollard

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** had thrown down the gauntlet to Portland Mayor **Tom Potter**—the challenge—to see who can raise the most money for Portland Radio station KPAM 860's Operation Santa Claus, a fundraiser for military families.

The losing mayor must attend one of the winning mayor's city council meetings and recite 15 things he likes best about the rival city.

Pollard called in his challenge to **Bob Miller's** show Monday morning while Potter was working the KPAM telephones for the fundraiser, sponsored by the radio station and Pamplin Media, in partnership with the Salvation Army, to assist military families from Oregon and Southwest Washington suffering financial hardship.

Now in its fourth year, the effort has raised \$500,000 for distressed military families in the region.

Pollard will do his stint on KPAM in the morning on Thursday, Dec. 6.

"I'm calling on all my military friends and Vancouver residents to support me in this effort," Pollard said.

Contributions may be made by calling **(866) 617-2682**.

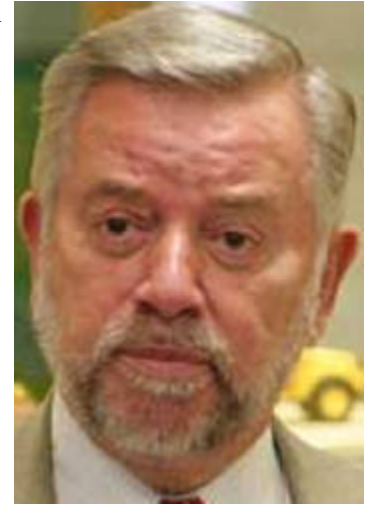
Local artist creates White House Christmas tree ornament



Washougal artist **Elida Field** created a Christmas Tree ornament for the White House tree, where it is displayed on the official White House Christmas.

The tree celebrates the theme "Holiday in the National Parks," according to **Tracy Fortmann**, superintendent of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. The tree is decorated with ornaments representing the country's 391 national park service sites.

Field's design was chosen by the Friends of the Arts Board. Field used a collage painting technique, one of her specialties, to wrap a six-inch gold ball with maps, dates and images of Fort



Mayor Tom Potter



Elida Field

Vancouver.

While the ornament will remain part of the White House collection, it may not be reproduced. However, Field created another Fort Vancouver ornament that includes some of the same concepts. A limited number are on sale in the Historic Reserve Gift Shop on Officers Row. Field will sign copies of the ornament on Saturday Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9. The price of the ornament is \$19.95.

Storm causes transportation woes

Remnants of the Monday rain and windstorm still plague transportation corridors in and out of Vancouver.

Interstate 5 remains closed between mileposts 68 to 88 (the Chehalis and Centralia areas) due to floodwaters from the Chehalis River. The Washington State Department of Transportation advises that motorists will not be able to travel between Vancouver and Seattle for at least the next few days.

This is the first time since 1996 that I-5 has been completely closed in both directions.

The Sunset Highway (U.S. 26) between Portland and Seaside is closed from milepost 47 to milepost 2, at Seaside. Numbers of other Oregon costal highways are closed, including U.

S. 101 north of Tillamook.

Clark College offers "Native Vision," a story of Navajo girl growing up in World War II

A performance group, **Living Voices**, will present *Native Vision*, a story of a Navajo girl growing up during World War II, who became a Navy nurse in San Diego, and about her brother who became a "code talker" for the U.S. Marines.

The show is in the Gaiser Student Center on the Fort Vancouver Way campus. There is no charge for the program presented by the Clark College Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs. For further information, call **Samantha Lelo, 992-2809**.

News briefs

The Prevent! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Clark County is presenting a discussion about underage drinking at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, in the auditorium in Mountain View High School, 1500 SE Blairmont Drive. The lead speaker is **Sheryl Smith**, Vancouver School District prevention specialist. Other sponsors are the Battle Ground and Evergreen School Districts, First United Methodist Church and Southwest Washington Medical Center. <> State Rep. **Deb Wallace** is holding a town hall meeting to discuss senior and education issues from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Firstenberg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue. For further information, call **260-6110**.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. today in the training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. <> The Vancouver Transportation Services Department is holding the second of two meetings at 7 p.m. this evening in Fire Station #89, 17408 SE 15th Street, to discuss public transportation safety improvements planned for SE 15th Street between SE 164th and SE 192nd Avenues. <> The Puget Sound Blood Center is holding a blood drive at St. Philip Church, 430 Bozarth Avenue, Woodland, from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. <> Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

Tuesday on the air

City Minutes (12/2)—4:45 p.m. CVTV

Clark, Cowlitz County Commissioners Joint Meeting (11/29)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Winter Hawks at Kamloops (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Vancouver Business Journal Under 40 Awards (11/8)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Commissioners Land Use Appeals (11/7)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Maddy Bosch getting Fifth Avenue hairdo. <> **Natalie Bosch** learning what New York minute is. <> **Jerry Watkins** blowing out candles today. <> **Matt Schoolfield** explaining continuous looping file. <> **Pam Brokaw** keeping good company. <> **Marsha Manning** getting the word out. <> **Tuesday**, warmer, rainy and sunbreaks, 60. **Wednesday**, showers, 50. **Thursday**, cooler, partly cloudy, 42.