

Lillian Pitt giving arts lecture at historical museum Thursday

Lillian Pitt, Warm Springs and Yakima Indian sculpture artist and jewelry maker, will discuss her work in a program entitled, "Deeply Rooted: The Art of Lillian Pitt" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street.

Pitt is a 1990 recipient of the Governor's Award of the Oregon Arts Commission, "for significant contributions to the growth and development of cultural life of Oregon." Her work has been exhibited and reviewed in the United States, Europe and Asia, and is part of a collection in the University of Washington's Burke Museum.

Currently on display at the historical museum, her work is part of the museum's "Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio," an exhibit that runs through May 31.

There is no admission charge this evening, according to museum director **Susan Tissot**. For further information, call **993-5679**.

Asian markets driving

Port of Vancouver expansion

A 92 percent increase in dry bulk exports during 2005, as well as projected continuing growth in Asian markets, has prompted the Port of Vancouver to invest \$2 million in new dry bulk storage facilities and to extend a contract with bulk terminal operator Kinder-Morgan.

The new warehouse will provide 72,000 square feet of storage for copper concentrate. Kinder-Morgan currently manages over 160,000 square feet of bulk storage at the port.

"The storage capability gives the Port of Vancouver a competitive edge in capturing the emerging markets for copper concentrate and other minerals," according to port executive director **Larry Paulson**.

Paulson adds, "Over the long term, this agreement and the new facility, aided by proposed rail improvements, have the potential to bring significant growth and jobs to the port."

La Center city council to hear Cowlitz

Tribe's proposal for casino this evening

The La Center city council is holding a special hearing at 6 p.m. this evening to hear a Cowlitz Indian Tribe proposal that would help indemnify potential gambling revenue losses from card rooms located inside the city, should the tribe be given permission to build and operate a casino and resort west of the city on Interstate 5.

A major source of city revenue comes from gambling taxes paid by private card room operators.

The tribe has offered the city a memorandum of understanding that would spell out relationships between the casino operators and the city, including a payment of up to \$3 million a year, if the casino project is approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

At a debate presented by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Identity Clark County this afternoon, casino opponent **Craig Rowland** cautioned that governmental agencies should not enter into agreements with the tribe lest that be seen by the Department of the Interior as supporting the project. Cowlitz Tribal Council member **Phil Harju** argued that advance memorandums of understanding are a logical part of the process helping to ensure that community concerns are addressed.

The La Center council meeting is being held in the La Center High School, 725 Highland Road.

Sheriff advertising for job positions

Clark County sheriff **Garry Lucas** reports that applications will be available Friday, March 3, for custodial officers. "No experience is necessary," the sheriff says. All training, equipment and uniforms are supplied."

For further information, call **397-2302**.

Gail Pollock appointed to board of trustees for state School for the Deaf

Gail Pollock has been appointed by Gov. **Chris Gregoire** to the board of trustees of the State School for the Deaf.

Pollock recently retired from the staff of Washington State University Vancouver. Pollock has served on the Washington State Library Commission for 12 years, and for 12 years has been a member of the American Red Cross Clark County board of directors. She is also a member of the Clark County Democrats and is a state committeewoman from both the 49th Legislative District and Clark County.

Calendar

The second in a series of planning workshops by Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation is at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Luepke Center, 1009 E McLoughlin Boulevard. For further information, call **Michelle Kunec, 619-1144**. ☞ The City/County Telecommunications Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening and will begin an annual review of cable operator Comcast. Written comments will be accepted through Friday, March 24. The commission's report is expected in April. ☞ The first in a series of lectures, Lunch with the Challengers, sponsored by The Club at the Historic Reserve is at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Red Cross Hall, 605 Barnes Road. Call **906-1101** for required reservations for the \$20 lunch.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Libraries must not be smut police--Columbian, Tom Koeningner](#)

[Bellingham may has \\$5 microchip implants that allow him to open doors with a wave--Seattle Times, Kristi Heim](#)

[Vancouver urges Interior chief to dismiss Indian Gaming Commission ruling allowing Cowlitz Indians to operate a gambling casino if property at La Center is given federal reservation status--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[City seeks new casino study--Oregonian, Allen Brettman](#)

[Native American Pow Wow makes a return engagement Saturday in Covington Middle School--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[Port of Vancouver to delay decision on tax proposal for a year--Columbian, Jonathan Nelson](#)

[Brett Boone retiring from Mariners--Seattle P-I, John Hickey](#)

[Bush makes surprise visit to Afghanistan on way to India--New York Times, Elizabeth Bumiller](#)

Wednesday on the air

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: Celestial Navigation—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

L.A. Lakers at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KMUZ

Portland Winter Hawks at Everett (live)—7 p.m. KCMD

Bravo! Vancouver: Opera Rocks!—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Firstenberg Community Center Opening—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Greg Flakus honing competitive edge. ☞ **John Bryden** regretting not having had homing chickens. ☞ **Maija Mercer** marching (not backing) into a corner. ☞ **Roxane Sutherland** defining random. ☞ **Jim Raines** covers all the bases, gets kudos. ☞ **George Welsh** keeping things simple. ☞ **Kari Stanley** making the to-do list. ☞ **Wednesday**, rainy, sunny afternoon, 56. **Thursday**, rain letting up, mostly cloudy, 50. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, possible light showers, 50.