

## **Pearson hangar dance tickets now on sale**

Tickets for the Pearson USO-style Hangar Dance, a centerpiece of Vancouver's three-day celebration of American service persons, in particular those who served during World War II, are now on sale, reports **Tami Kihs**, Pearson Air Museum Director. Tickets are \$35 each.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, the first day of the three-day celebration, is expected to draw 1,300 to 1,400 people, according to Kihs. Kihs says the Pearson can easily handle that number in the 11,100-square-foot main museum hangar.

Pearson's smaller historic hangar will be turned into a quiet bar for the occasion, and hangar doors will remain open for dancing on the tarmac under the stars. Vocal recording artist **Valerie Day** will be accompanied by the big-band musical group **Knights of Swing**.

Vancouver's America's Celebrate Freedom Salute is one of six official tributes sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Defense to honor the 60th anniversary of the end World War II. The Vancouver program includes a special tribute to the entire World War II generation, including home-front workers. It will also honor all U.S. veterans, including those currently serving at home and abroad.

Tickets can be bought at Pearson Air Museum and can be reserved calling the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, **992-1825**, or by going to the website, [www.americassalute.org](http://www.americassalute.org). The website provides an opportunity for veterans to register or for someone to register on behalf of a veteran.

## **Health care workers in highest demand**

Demand for all workers and particularly registered nurses rose dramatically this spring, according to data released Tuesday by the state Employment Security Department. During the late spring there were an estimated 70,653 unfilled jobs statewide. Of those, 4,473 were openings for registered nurses.

Job vacancies increased by 40 percent since last October, **Rick Kaglic**, the Employment Security Department's chief economist, said. But vacancies in nursing positions rose 53 percent during the same period.

"We are seeing two interesting trends playing out," Kaglic said. "The overall economy continued to add jobs in the spring and the demand for healthcare workers rose even higher. Unfilled jobs in healthcare accounted for one out of every five job vacancies."

The overall number of job vacancies is the highest it has been in the three years the Employment Security Department has been doing job vacancy surveys.

According to Kaglic, the highest number of unfilled positions was in King County. However, Southern Washington experienced the fastest growth in openings.

## **People**

**David Stewart** won the pie-eating contest during the Ridgefield Fourth of July celebration, reported *The Columbian*. Second place went to **Ken Perry** and third place, to **Caitlin Matley**. The Country Cafe donated the pies. Banana cream was the most popular flavor.

## **Grunes gives good marks to Spielberg's War of the Worlds**

Reviewed today in the *Insider's Arts and Films* section is **Stephen Spielberg's War of the Worlds**. Movie essayist **Dennis Grunes** produces a good read, and overall gives the new motion picture good marks. Also up on the growing Arts and Film's section is the latest revision of Grunes's 100 Greatest Films.

## **Jo Jones named to PIC Board**

**Jo Jones**, business partnership manager for the YWCA of Clark County, has been elected to the board of directors of Partners In Careers, a private nonprofit agency serving local job-seekers and employers.

Reelected to the board were **Jeanne Harris**, Vancouver city councilwoman, and **Kristen Wong**, employment specialist at Oregon Health Sciences University.

## **Calendar**

The Vancouver Rotary Club's 84th annual installation banquet begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. this evening in the Centennial Room of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Clark County commissioners continue public discussions on amendments to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan during a meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. Property owners may make specific requests for

changes in urban growth boundaries this evening.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Greg Biffle, near top of the NASCAR heap, remembers local roots and Portland Speedway--Columbian, Nick Daschel](#)

[Vancouver's Independence Day extravaganza among the all around best--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)

[Camas ward boundary shifts bounce eight-year councilwoman--Columbian, Dean Baker](#)

[County commissioners to schedule a second hearing on Watershed Management Act plan--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)

[Monorail within reach, leader says--Seattle Times, Eric Pryne](#)

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[New York Times' Judith Miller ordered to jail for refusing to reveal news source; Time reporter capitulates to government demand--New York Times, Adam Liptak and Maria Newman](#)

[London edges Paris to host 2012 games--Washington Post, Ellen Nakishima](#)

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### Wednesday on the air

First Citizen Award Reception—5 p.m. CVTV

**Seattle Mariners at Kansas City (live)—5: p.m. FSN, KFX**

Telecommunications Commission (6/1)—7 p.m. CVTV

Intergovernmental Roundtable on Cowlitz Casino (6/30)—8 p.m. CVTV

Increasing Success in Home Ownership in Washington—10:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Pat Stryker's** bugging pays off. ☞ **Elson Strahan** receiving high praise. ☞ **John McKibbin** summoning the troops. ☞ **Heather Melton** taking names. ☞ **Helen Erickson** feted by daughters on birthday. ☞ **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, 74. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 76. **Friday**, possible showers, 69.