

Governor, congress people to help welcome Joint Chiefs of Staff

When Gen. **Peter Pace**, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrives at the podium in the Hudson's Bay High School gymnasium next Wednesday to deliver the George C. Marshall Lecture, he will not only get the All-American Mayor **Royce Pollard** welcome, he will also be welcomed by U.S. Sen. **Patty Murray**, Gov. **Chris Gregoire**, U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** and Lt. Gov. **Brad Owen**.

Tickets to the event are free but are being rapidly snapped up, according to **Elson Strahan**, president of the sponsoring Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. There is seating for 5,000. Nearly half that number has already been reserved for students from schools throughout the county.

The lecture series was established in 1988 to honor Marshall, considered one of Vancouver's greatest citizens. Previous speakers are former Secretary of State **Colin Powell**, former U.N. Ambassador and New Mexico's Gov. **Bill Richardson**, former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**, former NBC news anchor **Tom Brokaw** and Hawaii U.S. Sen. **Daniel Inouye**.

Brooklyn-born Pace, a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, earned a masters degree in business administration from George Washington University. He was a combat officer with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star with combat V. He is also the holder of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Pace became the 16th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2005. In this capacity he serves as the principal military advisor to the president, the secretary of defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council.

The lecture begins at 11 a.m. Attendees are advised to arrive early since no one will be seated after 11 a.m. Tickets can be had by going to the historic reserve website, www.vnhrt.org, or by calling **992-1800**.

Nutter and Qualman elected to Identity Clark County board



Jerry Nutter



Roger Qualman

Jerry Nutter, president of the Nutter Corporation, and **Roger Qualman**, executive vice president and partner in NAI Norris, Beggs and Simpson, have been elected to the board of directors of Identity Clark County.

Vancouver-based Identity Clark County is a nonprofit organization focusing on the economic health of southern Washington. Current projects include support of public-private initiatives that link civic improvements with a healthy economic environment, according to executive director **Ginger Metcalf**.

Recently re-elected to their current positions on the board were **Ed Lynch**, chairman, **Scott Horenstein**, vice chairman, **Joe Kortum**, secretary, and **Eric Fuller**, treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors are **Patti Bishop**, **Bob Byrd**, **Scott Campbell**, **Parker Cann**, **Kim Capeloto**, **Paul Christensen**, **Ron Frederiksen**, **David Groth**, **Elie Kassab**, **Lance Killian**, **Tom Mears**, **Scott Milam**, **Tami Nesburg**, **Pat Schaeffer**, **Tom Van Sweringen** and **Keith Wallace**.

Free Clinic books John Reid for March art auction benefit

Comedian **Bill Reid** will be the master of ceremonies for the Free Clinic art auction "Affair of the Arts...Mardi Gras Style!" Saturday, March 3, in the Vancouver Clinic, Salmon Creek, 2525 NE 139th Street. The silent and oral auctions are from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The selection of art work includes the following:

Art Glass, **Peggy Byrd** and **Susan Cole**; photography, **Gerry Bader**, **Jason Friesen** and **R. W. Meyer**; water color paintings, **Dave** and **Bonnie Deal**, **Stephen Ebert** and **Jeannie Juster**; and color pencil portraits, **Kathee Nelson**.

Admission is \$40 per person. For further information, call **Shirley Gross**, **313-1397**.

Calendar

Arts Equity Onstage presents *Hot 'N' Throbbing* at 7:30 p.m. this evening and Saturday evening, Feb. 17 in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. For further information, call **695-3770**. ☞ Bravo! Vancouver presents an evening of "Hot Music for a Winter Day" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in St. Joseph Church, 400 S. Andresen Road. Musical selections are from Schubert, Bruch and Bernstein. Featured is the Washington Chamber Orchestra. Reserved seats are \$20 and available through TicketsWest and online at www.bravoconcerts.com. For further information, call **906-0441**. ☞ The Vancouver's Water Resources Center, 4600 S.E. Columbia Way, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, with special activities for the whole family. There is no charge. ☞ Monday, Feb. 19, is Presidents' Day and in observance of this schools, most governmental offices and the editorial offices of the *Daily Insider* will be closed.

Friday headlines

[Negative response prompting parking advisory committee to rethink proposed increases--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)
[New Betts Bridge across Salmon Creek opened--Columbian, Michael Andersen](#)
[Coldwater Ridge, St. Helens viewing center likely to be closed because federal government is short of money--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)
[Store Dahl loses in court over gravel mine claim near the Lewis River--Columbian, Stephanie Rice](#)
[Brian Hopper and Tom Dennis parlay \\$1,200 into major regional engineering firm--Columbian, Cami Joner](#)
[General Motors in talks to buy Chrysler--MSNBC, Reuters](#)
[Paraglider survives after soaring to 32,000 feet--MSNBC News](#)
[House passes meaningless rebuke--USA TODAY, Kathy Kiely](#)
[Pace of homebuilding drop](#)

Friday on the air

Home is Where the Heart Is (2/9)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
The High Cost of Free Parking (2/1)—5 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (1/28)—5:45 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus (2/8)—6:30 pm. CVTV
Animal Control hearings (1/24)—7 p.m. CVTV
Colorado at Portland Lumberjax (taped)—8 p.m. KPDX
Childhood Obesity (2/8)—8 p.m. CVTV
SW Washington Bio-fuels Summit (2/2)—10 p.m. CVTV
Development Review (2.6)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Greg Kimsey checking March calendar. ☞ **Kelly Cooke** offering spacious Black Butte accommodations. ☞ **Marilee McCall** amending schedule. ☞ **Donna Roberge** noticing problem, getting fix. ☞ **Bill Aldridge** reporting success. ☞ **Friday**, foggy, rainy but warm, 55. **Saturday**, warmest day of the year, but cloudy and wet, 59. **Sunday**, occasional drizzles, 49.