

President V. Lane Rawlins retiring from Washington State University post in June

V. Lane Rawlings, Washington State University president for the past six years, who with Washington State University Vancouver chancellor **Hal Dengerink** shepherded the transition of the Salmon Creek branch campus from an upper division school to a full-fledged four-year research university in the WSU statewide system, will retire in June, it was announced today by Gov. **Chris Gregoire**.

Rawlings is the ninth president of the university and the first former faculty member to become president.

Gregoire said today: "Lane raised the stature of WSU as a premier research institution, a designation affirmed by the Carnegie Foundation when they named the school one of 96 top-tier research institutions in the country. Washington is now the proud home to two top-caliber research schools.

"Since I have been Governor, Lane and I have worked together closely to respond to a shortage of nurses by improving WSU Spokane's College of Nursing facilities. We expanded four-year degree programs on the WSU Vancouver and Tri-Cities campuses.

"He has been a Cougar for many years and has served the students and the state well."

Rawlings was a graduate of Brigham Young University and received his doctorate at the University of California. He joined the WSU faculty in Pullman in 1968 and later became vice provost before moving on to become president of the University of Memphis. He returned to WSU in 2000.

Local 'stars' headline Pearson

Hangar Dance competition Saturday



A bona fide, real live dance contest knock-off is expected to knock the socks off those attending the Pearson Air Museum Hangar Dance with Local Stars Saturday evening in Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E 5th Street.

The dancing 'stars' who have been in training at the local Arthur Murray Dance Studio in recent weeks are as follows: **Jodi Campbell, Jeannie Firstenburg, Dan Kim, Bob Knight, Ginger Metcalf** and **Dean Sutherland**. On the panel of judges are **Dollie Lynch, Terry Murphy** and Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard**.

The professional dancers with the Vancouver studio are as follows: **Stacy Barlow, Rachel Ghormley, Alex Lopez, Chris Shockley, Damion Stearman** and **Rebecca York**.

Music is by the big band **The Pranksters**. KATU personality **Rod Hill** is master of ceremonies.

Dancing is from 7 to 11 p.m. The museum will open at 6 p.m., however, for patrons who may wish to take free dance lessons. Admission is \$20 a person. For further information, call **694-7026**.

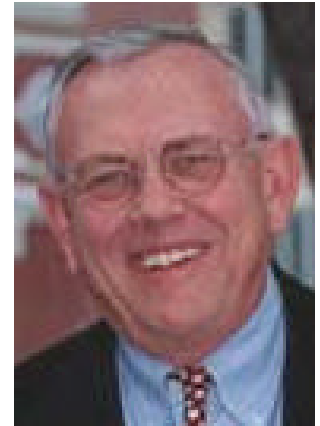
Freeway, off-ramp traffic to be messed up in Salmon Creek

Construction work on two projects in the Salmon Creek area require, at various times, ramp, lane and complete closures of I-5 and I-205 between Sunday, July 30, and Friday, Aug. 4, reports the state Department of Transportation.

For the most part, complete closures occur after 10 p.m. Traffic lanes will open before 6 a.m. Construction is progressing in the vicinity of the 134th Street interchange, which results in reduced speed limits and frequent delays.

Calendar

The New Blue Parrot Theatre presents Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at 7 p.m. this evening, tomorrow evening and Sunday, July 30, in the Washburn Performing Art Center at Washougal High School, 1201 39th Street. Further information, **696-1155**. **♫ Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young** headline the Amphitheater at Clark County at 7:30 p.m. this evening. **Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers with Trey Anastasio** perform at 7:30 p.m.



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Saturday, July 29. For further information, go to www.ampatclarkcounty.com. ☞ Slow Food Southwest Washington's second annual farm potluck is 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Toadstone Farms, 23706 NE 182nd Avenue, Battle Ground. For further information, call **750-6655**. ☞ Vancouver's 36th annual International Festival, sponsored this year by the Port of Vancouver, is noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 30, in Esther Short Park. Kids' activities, entertainment, food and crafts are being offered. In addition the port is conducting bus tours of the Port of Vancouver. Buses leave every half hour. There is no charge. ☞ One-man musical *Herringbone*, continues in the air-conditioned Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street, Thursdays through Saturdays through Sept. 1. Tickets range from \$8 to \$23. For further information, call **695-3770**.

Friday headlines

[Eyman's \\$30 car tab measure fails to qualify for ballot--Seattle P-I, AP, David Ammons](#)
[La Center brass to tribe: Open wallet wider--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#) (Go to this link to offer comments on this Columbian story)
[Pat Campbell, who ran as a Republican two years ago has filed as a Democrat to face Democrat Jack Burkman in 17th District Legislative primary race--Columbian, Kathis Durbin](#)
[Businesses oppose Vancouver's B&O tax proposal--Columbian, Courtney Sherwood](#)
[Big Hawaiian festival takes over Esther Short Park Saturday--Columbian, Matt Wastradowski](#)
[One-man musical Herringbone mesmerizing--Oregonian, iolly Johnson](#)
[Sniper deaths rising in Iraq--USA TODAY, John Diamond](#)
[Bush, Blair urge U.N. approval for international Mideast force--Washington Post, William Branigin and Robin Wright](#)
[Bush sees a chance for change to sweep Mideast--New York Times, David Stout](#)

Friday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Cleveland (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFXN
Port of Vancouver and Prosperity (7/11)—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver East Precinct Dedication and Open House (7/22)—6 p.m. CVTV
Oklahoma at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Vancouver Business Journal Top Project Awards—7 p.m. CVTV
Thompson Annexation Meeting (7/26)—8:30 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: American Jazz Experience—9:30 p.m. CVTV
AARP Cyber Safety Seminar (6/14)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Brian Willoughby checking west Vancouver real estate. ☞ **Brad Jefferson** reciting points of interest. ☞ **Ted Van Arsdol** keeping cool a mile high. ☞ **Flossy Wager** warmly welcoming. ☞ **Ed Lynch** dapper, debonair and full of elan. ☞ **Don Russo** making points in the hot sun. ☞ **Nancy McKibbin** refreshingly relaxed. ☞ **Susan Edwards** eager to strike. ☞ **Friday**, cloudy, good sailing winds, 76. **Saturday**, calm seas, 73. **Sunday**, dog days on horizon, 74.