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Columbia Credit Union gets 5-Star rating as mail vote to retain board members continues

Columbia Credit Union, the largest in southern Washington, yesterday earned another 5-Star rating from BAUERFINANCIAL, which, according to credit union spokesperson **Michelle Brammer**, represents the highest level of credit union performance nationally.

Meanwhile, Columbia shareholders, who number nearly 60,000, are balloting by mail on whether to retain or oust the entire board.

Balloting by mail will continue through Saturday, March 27, when a 3 p.m. membership meeting is held at in Hudson's Bay High School.

At that special meeting, members attending will also vote on retention or removal and in addition will have the option of voting for new board members to succeed any who have been removed.

The controversy began late last year after the credit union announced its intention to become a bank and subsequently held a membership meeting early this year at which time the resolution to become a bank was adopted.

A group of opponents materialized, including a former Columbia Credit Union president, who petitioned the organization for a special meeting to rescind the bank proposal and vote on unseating the entire board.

The bank idea was subsequently dropped, but the battle continues.

BAUERFINANCIAL gives the credit union high marks. **Karen Dorway**, president of the Coral Gables, Fla., rating agency, said: "Columbia Credit Union is not simply one of the strongest credit unions in the nation, it represents the best in credit unions." The credit union was founded in 1952 and serves one in three Clark County households, according to its president, **David Doss**.

Battle Ground parks funding measures go to voters in April

In an all-mail election, Tuesday, April 27, Battle Ground voters will be asked to approve two measures for construction and maintenance of city park facilities.

If approved, a special tax levy and bond issue would begin to implement a 20-year \$37 million parks improvement plan adopted by a citizens committee.

Voters in Clark County's third largest and fastest growing city will be asked to approve an annual special property tax levy of \$368,000, beginning in 2005, that would raise approximately \$368,000 a year for operating, constructing and maintaining parks and recreational facilities. The levy would cost tax payers 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

Also on the ballot is a \$7.6 million 20-year bond issue, the proceeds of which would be used to develop and improve existing parks and open space, as well as sports fields and walking and hiking trails.

Deadline for mail-in voter registration is Saturday, March 27. Residents may register to vote in person at the Clark County Elections Department, 1408 Franklin Street through Monday, April 12.

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FRIDAY

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News briefs

SWMC's Tuxedos & Tennis Shoes Passport to Wellness kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Westfield Shoppingtown near the Outback Steakhouse. The event is headlined by jazz saxophonist **Patrick Lamb**, and Portland Trail Blazer **Dan Dickau**. Admission tickets are \$10 and can be obtained at the mall or by calling **892-6255**. ~~888~~ Portland Boat Show at Portland Expo Center runs from noon today through 5 p.m. Sunday, March 21. For further information, call **263-3371**, or click on www.familyboatshow.com/coupon2.asp for \$2 coupon.

~~888~~ Women in Action presents **Tamara Nelson** and **Max Synsvoll** in a program of handling stress, at 4 p.m. Monday, March 22, in the commons area at Hudson's Bay High School. Admission is \$10. Call **Anissa Russell** at **695-1224** for further information.

County animal protection board seeking five

The ten-member Clark County Animal Protection & Control Advisory Board has five vacancies, according to spokesperson **Linda Moorhead**.

Applicants must be county residents and qualify for positions separately as follows:

Affiliated with a county livestock organization.

Affiliated with a kennel.

Affiliated with a county animal welfare organization.

Does not own domestic animals.

May or may not own an animal.

Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 30. For further information, call Moorhead at **397-2096**.

Friday on the air

Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—6 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Animal Control Hearings (3/11)—7 p.m. CVTV
Tri-City at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Telecommunications Commission (3/3)—9 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Orchestra Winter Concert—11 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, March 19, 2004

Alaska Air Group	23.50	-.05	Linear Technology	35.88	-1.18
Alcoa	34.86	+.05	Microsoft	24.63	-.26
Amazon.com	42.80	-.21	Nautilus	15.70	-.10
Bank of America	79.85	-.60	Nike	76.87	+.05
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.33	-.32
Bemis	25.13	-.18	PepsiCo	50.93	-.49
Boeing	39.43	-.37	Precision Cast	42.47	-.70
Boise Cascade	32.15	+.29	RLRN	25.47	-.48
CenturyTel	28.37	-.46	Starbucks	36.79	-.27
Costco	37.23	-.15	TSM	10.18	-.20
Expeditors Intl.	36.26	-.74	Tektronix	31.05	+1.51
Georgia Pacific	31.46	-.35	US Bancorp	27.66	-.46
HPQ	21.63	-.44	Wash. Mutual	43.31	-.54
Intel	26.49	-.71	W. Coast Bancorp	21.45	-.21
Kyocera	79.21	+.40	Weyerhaeuser	64.15	+1.15
DOW: 10,189.6 -109.18 NASDAQ: 1940.47 -21.97 S&P: 1109.78 -12.54					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Joe King regenting in the bosky dells.	Acapulco	91/74
888 Dena Horton renewing connections.	Athens	63/51
888 Geoff Knapp sending his best regards.	Chicago	49/40
888 Jim McLaughlin engaging in spirited academic conversation.	Dallas	76/63
888 Ilene Ferrell gearing up.	Hong Kong	74/60
Friday , clouds and sunbreaks, possible precipitation. 62.	Las Vegas	86/56
Saturday , could be sunny all day, 68.	Los Angeles	73/56
Sunday , a few clouds, mostly sunny, 64	London	54/41
	New York	38/32
	Orlando	83/60
	Paris	51/40
	Phoenix	93/63
	Rome	65/49
	Seattle	50/38
	Sydney	81/63
	Tokyo	50/35
	Washington	52/32