

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Arch Miller takes lead in bringing Vancouver Barracks back to life

Today is Groundhog Day, but the shadow getting the most attention at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve is the one that was cast by Vancouver entrepreneur **Arch Miller**, who disclosed plans for putting life—and money—into moribund west Vancouver Barracks.

Miller's plans, which have gained initial approval from the Historic Reserve, the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Area Development Authority and the National Park Service, call for a strategic combination of hospitality related to open up the barracks area for public use.

At a news conference Monday in the O.O. Howard House, Miller announced, among other things:

Re-opening the Grant House Restaurant in April under the name Commanders Restaurant.

Opening a private executive club on the second floor of the Grant House in May, to be known as The Club at the Historic Reserve.

Opening the Red Cross Building for public use and events in June.

Offering culinary and restaurant classes and opening a bakery in July.

Miller is taking the lead in a public-private partnership at the reserve, with an expansion of the International Air Academy, which he founded in 1979, to include a culinary arts program, a restaurant management program and a hospitality and hotel management program.

The Air Academy's initial investment is \$1.2 million, all of which will be spent on physical improvements.

According to Miller, who is also founder of the Bank of Clark County and a Port of Vancouver commissioner, the reason the plan will work is because that in the sum its parts, each complements one or more of the other elements in the plan.

Miller stated, "The City of Vancouver's acquisition of the West Barracks resulted in our recognizing that our expansion plans fit perfectly with this historic and scenic area."

Miller's plan will occupy about 75,000 square feet of the West Barracks, about a third of the total to be developed for public use.

The seven non-commissioned officers duplexes will be developed as a 14-unit inn, the Inn at the Historic Reserve, with a capacity of 84 guests. A reception area and gift shop will be located at the north end of the Red Cross Building.

The Air Academy will lease the entire Red Cross Building, using the lower floor for classrooms for restaurant management and hospitality management courses.

The community room on the main floor, which will seat 150 persons, will be named the E. B. Hamilton Hall, honoring a long-time volunteer, who during World War I, helped care for convalescing soldiers. To be furnished in the 1917-18 style, Hamilton Hall will seat 150 persons.

The Air Academy will lease the Infantry Barracks

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Building, which will be operated as a 36-guest Elder Hostel, in cooperation with Clark College's Mature Learning program and Elderhostel International. That operation is expected to be in operation by mid-2005.

Jennifer Peterson's Carnelian Rose Tea Company will sub-lease the Quartermaster Building. Peterson will teach finer points of etiquette.

In all, Miller's plan will bring eight new businesses to the Historic Reserve.

Airline classes will be taught at the International Air Academy at Grand and Mill Plain Boulevards, which hospitality related courses will be taught at the Historic Reserve.

The Club at the Historic Reserve will not be a part of International Air Academy and will be governed by a 30-member board of directors. It will be managed by Hello World Travel's **Bob Woodard**. For further information on club membership, call Woodard at **695-2500**.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today and then convenes at 7 p.m. for a regular council session. ~~ZZZ~~ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in a workshop session at 9 a.m. Tuesday. ~~ZZZ~~ Clark County commissioners, meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, will take further testimony regarding the update of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. ~~ZZZ~~ The Vancouver Planning Commission's informal presentation on city revenues is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in City Hall. ~~ZZZ~~ A free forum addressing childhood obesity for parents is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the Kaiser Permanente Salmon Creek Medical office, 14406 NE 20th Avenue. To register, call toll-free, (877) 274-0824.

Monday on the Air
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at Denver (live)—6 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Monday, Feb. 2, 2004

Alaska Air Group	27.41	-.39	Linear Technology	39.31	-.66
Alcoa	33.48	-.70	Microsoft	27.40	-.25
Amazon.com	48.27	-2.13	Nautilus	14.27	+.09
Bank of America	81.55	+.09	Nike	70.25	+.59
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.00	+.70
Bemis	48.31	-.16	PepsiCo	47.94	+.68
Boeing	42.54	+.79	Precision Cast	47.02	+.23
Boise Cascade	32.38	-.078	RLRN	28.90	-.60
CenturyTel	27.02	+.62	Starbucks	36.23	-.38
Costco	36.94	+.04	TSM	10.92	+.26
Expeditors Intl.	37.22	+.28	Tektronix	31.43	+.36
Georgia Pacific	28.00	-.10	US Bancorp	28.57	-.30
HPQ	24.10	+.31	Wash. Mutual	43.82	-.48
Intel	30.32	-.20	W. Coast Bancorp	21.83	+.05
Kvocera	72.07	-3.33	Weyerhaeuser	61.36	-.10
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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Hal Dengerink getting photo credit.	Acapulco	88/68
ZZZ Dan Tonkovich quoting from Dr. Seuss. ZZZ Nancy Miller getting Best Looking Redhead title. ZZZ Lynn Rullman and Suzy Taylor sharing limelight. ZZZ Ed Geiger making appearance regardless. ZZZ Monday , blustery and wet, 46. Tuesday , gray, possible showers, 45. Wednesday , gray, but some sunbreaks, too, 46.	Athens	57/35
	Chicago	32/28
	Dallas	52/36
	Hong Kong	72/59
	Los Angeles	61/48
	London	64/54
	New Orleans	71/35
	New York	38/31
	Orlando	78/59
	Paris	51/43
	Phoenix	64/48
	Rome	58/47
	Seattle	49/34
	Sydney	81/55
	Tokyo	55/43
	Washington	38/30