

Arch Miller leading effort to help Portland get major league team; Vancouver a farm team

Arch Miller today said Southwest Washington Friends of Baseball, of which he is president, has 132 members and is growing rapidly.

“We support Portland’s effort to get a major league baseball team,” Miller says, “and we want Vancouver to come out of it with a minor league team.”

The new nonprofit corporation has three main goals, Miller says:

1. Bring major league baseball to Portland.
2. Bring to Vancouver a short-season Class A team, similar to the former Portland Rockies, who preceded the current Portland Beavers.
3. Support youth baseball in Clark County.

Miller says the idea of bringing professional baseball to Vancouver came as a result of his joining the Portland effort a couple of years ago. “If we can help Portland, then we should get something out of it,” Miller says.

A short-season Class A team is an entry-level team for players out of high school and colleges. Teams in the league play approximately 60 games a year, beginning in June.

No location has been selected for a baseball field for a professional team. Although Propstra Field at Hudson’s Bay High School is large enough and could accommodate professional ball with additional lighting and more seating, obtaining that site would entail considerable effort because of its public ownership.

Miller says there are plenty of other locations that could be developed into a suitable field in the county, some on public property.

Miller is joined on the board of directors of SWFB by **Ed Franks, DeEtte Kapustka, Steve Porter and Carol Schindler.**

According to Miller, SWFB has bought 2,000 tickets to the June 4 Portland Beavers, Fresno Grizzlies game at PGE Park., and is distributing them to baseball and softball players and honor students in the Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts.

Miller says he’s hoping to generate more serious interest locally with this effort.

Several levels of membership are available in SWFB, starting with youth membership at \$10, adult membership at \$15, family membership at \$40 and business membership at \$100. Individual, company and corporate sponsorships are available, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Becoming a member of SWFB is very easy. Click on www.swwbaseball.org and fill out the form, or call Miller at 992-4324.

Ray Hickey Hospice House opens today, public tours are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Ray Hickey Hospice House, southern Washington’s first inpatient hospice center opens today with public tours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The \$3 million, 20-private room, end-of-life care center is at 2112 Mill

Plain Boulevard, It was financed entirely by donated funds. Former owner and president of Tidewater Barge, **Ray Hickey**, was the major donor, but other donors through the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation included medical center employees and a broad spectrum of the Vancouver community.

Columbia Credit Union promotes Nancy Stickel to assistant VP of marketing

Nancy Stickel has been promoted to assistant vice president of marketing at Columbia Credit Union.



Nancy Stickel

Stickel, who has been marketing department manager with Columbia since 2002, is a five-time winner of the New York State Credit Union League Marketing Award. She also has earned awards for direct mail, card design and annual reports.

Columbia Credit Union which unsuccessfully attempted to become a bank earlier this year, is nonetheless the largest credit union in southern Washington, with assets of nearly \$620 million.

News brief

Tony Bump’s version of Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew* is being presented by the Clark College Theatre I the Decker Theater at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22. Admission is \$7.

Thursday on the air

City Minutes—5 p.m. CVTV
 Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Iowa at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Baltimore at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXS

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, May 20, 2004

Alaska Air Group	20.12	-.15	Linear Technology	37.57	+.01
Alcoa	29.30	-.26	Microsoft	25.73	+.11
Amazon.com	40.98	-.71	Nautilus	14.80	+.10
Bank of America	81.32	+.67	Nike	66.43	-.11
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	37.23	-.03
Bemis	26.50	unch	PepsiCo	53.80	+.90
Boeing	42.92	-.46	Precision Cast	42.30	-.60
Boise Cascade	33.09	+.06	RLRN	21.52	-.06
CenturyTel	29.43	-.06	Starbucks	38.47	+.93
Costco	36.69	+.17	TSM	9.30	-.07
Expeditors Intl.	43.56	-.09	Tektronix	29.58	-.09
Georgia Pacific	33.48	+.28	US Bancorp	26.58	+.03
HPQ	20.73	+.18	Wash. Mutual	39.65	+1.00
Intel	27.41	+.30	W. Coast Bancorp	21.80	+.09
Kyocera	74.20	-.87	Weyerhaeuser	57.55	-.05

DOW: 9937.64 -.07 NASDAQ: 1896.59 -1.58 S&P: 1089.19 +51

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Adam Paris trying Nome on for size.	Acapulco	90/76
ZZZ Joe Melroy working the room.	Athens	72/57
ZZZ Arch Miller visiting new stomping grounds.	Chicago	84/60
ZZZ Brent Grening saying hello.	Dallas	88/70
ZZZ Don Appert tuning up for June tunes.	Hong Kong	88/75
Thursday , cloudy, but warm, 75.	Las Vegas	86/64
Friday , high clouds, plenty of sunshine, 72.	Los Angeles	70/58
Saturday , cooling, clouding up, and some precipitation expected, 64.	London	66/45
	New York	69/62
	Orlando	88/69
	Paris	75/52
	Phoenix	96/68
	Rome	75/55
	Seattle	72/52
	Sydney	73/55
	Tokyo	69/59
	Washington	80/68