

Nierenbergs going begging



David and Patricia Nierenberg have increased their gift to Southwest Washington Medical Center to \$15 million. Shown in the foreground is David's mother, Lynn, for whom Nierenberg's earlier gift for SWMC intensive care nursery suite is named

David and Patricia Nierenberg are matching an earlier \$15 million Ed and Mary Firstenburg pledge to Southwest Washington Medical Center by upping their previous pledges to \$15 million and earmarking them primarily for women's and children's services.

Further, David, who made the announcement during a Sunday evening fund raising party at Bob and Sally Schaefer's home, announced they are leading a "begging tour," similar to the begging tours undertaken by Mother Joseph two centuries ago, to help sustain the first hospital in the northwest, St. Joseph Hospital, which she founded in Vancouver in 1858.

The Nierenberg pledge includes a \$1 million endowment fund for child care scholarships at the Patricia Nierenberg Child Care and Early Learning Center and a \$2.5 million donation to build SWMC's new Holtzman Twins Special Care Nursery, a facility for fragile and premature babies, which is named for David's mother and godmother. Most of Nierenberg's \$15 million gift will be earmarked for challenge grants benefiting the medical center's Women's and Children's Center of Excellence. The Nierenberg

and Firstenburg gifts are cornerstones of a \$50 million medical center "begging tour" capital campaign ramping up early next year.

The medical center is in the midst of a nearly \$200 million expansion on its Mill Plain campus, which is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

Said Nierenberg: "Southwest Washington Medical Center is governed by a volunteer board of directors consisting entirely of people, like me, who live in the community and doctors who practice medicine at the hospital. The hospital is owned by all the people of this community. Its only mission is to serve the health needs of all who live here. Patricia and I believe that SWMC is a true jewel of our community. In making this gift, and in leading this capital campaign for SWMC, we believe we are helping to maintain the tradition of caring for our neighbors which was established by the medical center's founder, Mother Joseph, 147 years ago.

"We ask everyone here tonight, as well as our neighbors who aren't here tonight, to find the right way for them to join us in this 'begging tour.'"

The Nierenbergs came to Vancouver from New Jersey nine years ago. Since then, Patricia has become a member of the boards of the Humane Society, Foundation for Early Learning, and Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation, and is a volunteer in the Evergreen Schools. David is a founder and former president of Evergreen School District Foundation and has served on the board of directors of the Confluence Project. He is vice chairman of the medical center's board of directors and a member of the Community Foundation board of directors. An investor, David is a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors and the Washington State Investment Board.

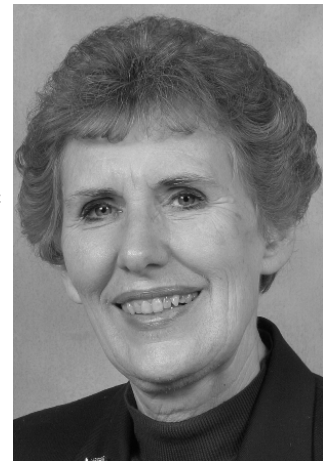
MarCine Miles announces county clerk candidacy

Vancouver attorney MarCine Miles has announced that she will be a Democratic candidate for Clark County Clerk in the November, 2006 election. The office is currently held by Jo Anne McBride, also a Democrat.

Miles is a member of the Chinook Trail Association, the Institutional Review Board for Southwest Washington Medical Center, the Vincent Weber Arboretum Board and the Clark County Bar Association.

Memorial service held for Larry T. Tarrant

A memorial service was held this morning for Larry T. Tarrant, Clark County building inspector for the past 13 years, who died last week at the age of 53. Mr. Tar-



MarCine Miles

rant was also a noted cook and fisher.

Mr. Tarrant is survived by his wife, **Patty**; two sons, **Bailey** and **Alex**, both at home; his parents, **Ralph** and **Jennett**, Vancouver; a sister, **Linda Delauider**, Vancouver; and a brother, **Robert**, Cougar.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council will discuss the city's 2006 legislative priorities with the city's governmental relations consultant, **Mark Brown**, during its workshop session, which begins at 4 p.m. today. The council, meeting in regular session at 7 p.m., will consider extending C-TRAN's lease on its downtown transit center for an additional year. ☞ The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening in the Clark County Public Works conference room, 4700 NE 78th Street. ☞ The Clark County Chamber of Commerce is presenting Best-in-County awards to local businesses, based on best business practices, during a ceremony from 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Hostess House, 10017 NE 6th Avenue. There is no admission charge, but reservations are requested. For further information, call **258-1181**. ☞ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners are expected to adopt 2006 budgets for the electric utility, water utility, waste water utility and the electric generating system at its 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, public hearing. ☞ Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. Following the regular meeting a public reception, honoring retiring commissioner **Bob Moser** will be held. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. ☞ Clark County commissioners are holding a special meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, to consider calling for an environmental impact statement for proposed changes in the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (12/5)—7 p.m. CVTV

Monday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Nierenbergs up hospital contribution to \\$15 million--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[Library trustees to re-mull Vancouver expansion plans--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)

[C-TRAN likely to get more time at downtown transit center--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Santa arrives by BNSF diesel--Columbian, **Jose Paul Corona**](#)

[St. Joseph School wins top Lego awards--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)

[Cats and dogs to reign on Washington license plates--Oregonian](#)

[Arnold Schwarzenegger says no redemption for Tookie Williams--New York Times, **Sarah Kershaw** and **Shadi Rahimi**](#)

[Bush estimates 30,000 Iraqis killed--Washington Post, **Daniela Deane**](#)

[All you need to know about the Christmas Ships \(including maps\)--Columbian](#)

Town Tabloids and the weather

Patricia Nierenberg applauding speechwriter. ☞ **Renee Branch** checking list twice. ☞ **Sally Schaefer** naming rivals. ☞ **Bruce Paris** evening odds. ☞ **Margaret Kretschmar** graciously vigilant. ☞ **Nancy Biggs** dynamic in duo role. ☞ **Al Bauer** once again lending class. ☞ **Monday**, mostly cloudy, 45. **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 43. **Wednesday**, sunbreaks, 43.