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Herrera elected assistant floor leader for House Republicans

State Rep. **Jamie Herrera** (R-18th), serving her second term in the Washington State House of Representatives, has been elected assistant Republican floor leader. Herrera will work with Republican floor leader **Dan Newhouse**.

Herrera is also the assistant ranking Republican on House Health and Human Services Committee Appropriations Committee, and is a member of the House Transportation Committee and Technology, Energy and Communications Committees.

Workforce Development Council busy filling job slots last year

Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and its partners helped more than 500 local businesses find skilled employees, and placed some 1,800 adult jobseekers and laid-off workers in jobs last year, according to **Lisa Nisenfeld**, executive director of the council.

An additional 415 at-risk youth were given academic and occupational training, enabling them to enter post-secondary training and employment.

For further job information, go to www.swwdc.org.

State of County Address to be delivered in Camas

Marc Boldt, chair of the board of Clark County Commissioners, will deliver the State of the County address in the Camas High School Theater, 26900 SE 15th Street at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

There is no admission charge, but reservations are required. To reserve seating, call **Tina Redline**, 397-2232, or go by email at tina.redline@clark.wa.gov.

Emergency response training offered

People interested in serving the community during a disaster are being offered emergency training by the Vancouver Fire Department and Fire District 6.

The training, which culminates in awarding Community Emergency Response Team certification, consists of disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical treatment, light urban search and rescue, disaster psychology and terrorism awareness.

Training begins in February. For further information, go to www.cresa911.org/cert/index.html.

Puppeteer training available

Kids on the Block, a nonprofit program that presents free educational puppet shows in local schools, is seeking new volunteers for training, according to county representative **Nancy Gaston**.

An orientation session is at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street in Vancouver. Training sessions will be held this winter. Volunteers spend about six hours per month presenting shows.

For further information, call **Lynette Jelinek**, 433-5697 or send an email to Lynette@powerfulpuppetry.org.

News briefs

IQ Credit Union is offering a \$10,000 reward related to two credit union robberies that occurred on January 7 and 12 in the 601 E 16th Street branch. Vancouver police are also asking help in locating the gun-wielding robber, who was caught on camera both times. The male suspect is described as white, in his late 20s, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, with blue or green eyes. Information should be called to the Vancouver police department, 487-7420, or the FBI, 695-5661. <> Innovative Services NW, serving over 750 children, adults, and



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families, is seeking nominations for its 7th annual Caring Heart Awards Dinner and Celebration. Eight awards, established in 2003, honor individuals, businesses or organizations within the community providing services for children with special needs, adults with employment barriers and families in crisis. Deadline for nomination submissions is 5 p.m. tomorrow, January 15. For further information, call **Dawn Johnston, 823-5171**.

Calendar

Port of Ridgefield Commissioners meet at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street. <> Learn about the tradeoffs with an 8, 10 or 12 lane I-5 bridge at a hands-on workshop on light-rail alignment, station location, and park and ride integration in Vancouver's downtown at a 6-to-9 p.m. workshop this evening in Discovery Middle School, 800 E 40th Street. The workshop is sponsored by the Columbia River Crossing group. For further information, go to <http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/GetInvolved/TransitWkshps0109.aspx>. <> The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Speed Networking group meets at 7:30 a.m., tomorrow, Jan. 15, in the Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 4708 NE Thurston Way.

Wednesday on the air

Portland Blazers at Philadelphia (live)—4 p.m. CSN, KXTG

Port of Vancouver Commission (1/13)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Winter Hawks at Spokane (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

49th District Town Hall (1/10)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (1/11)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (1/4)—10:15 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (12-21)—11 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Health (12/17)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Justin Myers giving helpful banking advice. <> **Michael Van Winkle**: "add Formula One." <> **Arch Miller** deeply cogitating. <> **Doug Palin** making a bid. <> **David Kern** facilitating. <> **Ronda Peck** setting up conflag. <> **Celinda Rupert** taking names and numbers. <> **Phil Elrod** using 600,000 miles to see New Year in comfort and style. <> **Wednesday**, cloudy, 37-53. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, some sun, 37-55. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 39-57.