

taxes. Tourism also provided 3,950 local jobs, with earnings of \$102.4 million.

For further information, call Kirby, 750-1553, extension 18.

#### News briefs

**Ralph Stevens** is holding a job seeker's conference from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday May 15, in the iQ Credit Union Conference room at 305 NE 81st Street. Conference fee is \$39. For further information, go to

[www.creatingleadersllc.com](http://www.creatingleadersllc.com). <> Clark County's 49th District Democratic state delegation, members Sen. **Craig Pridemore** and Reps. **Jim Moeller** and **Jim Jacks**, have scheduled a legislative town hall meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service Center.

#### Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in a workshop session at 4 p.m. today. At 6 p.m. the city council will consider a consent agenda. <> The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board meets at 6 p.m. this evening in the La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street. <> The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the conference room in the Public Works Department, 4700 NE 78th Street. <> Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 12. <> Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12.



Ace photographer Larry Easter was out and about this past weekend and spotted The Lady Washington in the Columbia River at Vancouver

#### Monday on the air

##### Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council (5/4)—7 P.M. CVTV

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (4/19)—9:15 p.m. CVTV

Beyond Shareholder Focus (4/10)—11 p.m. CVTV

#### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Dean Sutherland** preparing to counsel. <> **Jack Hardy** gets positive response. <> **Tim Propst** sharing college tuition-break information. <> **Kurt Snyder** says 2009 sales up. <> **Jenifer Tingey** taking care of details. <> **Lee Coulthard** prepping for Thursday session. <> **Monday**, showers, sunbreaks, 46-60. **Tuesday**, mostly showers, 42-58. **Wednesday**, more showers, 52-58.

**First Independent promotes Wealth managers Joline Ortiz and John Gomez**



**Joline Ortiz**



**John Gomez**

First Independent has promoted **Joline Ortiz** and **John Gomez** to vice presidents in the bank's Wealth Management Group. They manage investment portfolios for trust and advisory clients, and set investment strategy for the Asset Management Group within Wealth Management. Ortiz and Gomez, who joined First Independent in 2007, have both helped to build the bank's Wealth Management Group into a high-performing forecasting and investment strategy team with more than \$550 million in assets under management, according to **Jennifer Rhodes**, senior vice president and head of the Wealth Management Group. Ortiz has earned the designation of chartered financial analyst with experience in exotic derivatives, fixed-income portfolio and trade compliance, and real estate portfolio analysis and

management.

Gomez is a portfolio manager with seven years' experience in financial markets.

**CREDC offering free workshop in obtaining business capital**

The Columbia River Economic Development Council is offering the second in its series of free workshops, "Tools For Tough Times: Accessing Capital," from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in the Discovery Ballroom in the Hilton Vancouver, Washington.

The topics to be covered are as follows: which lenders in Clark County are using the SBA programs; current and historical loan numbers for Clark County; and permanent and temporary changes to the SBA Loan program as a result of the Recovery Act.

Speakers are **Dennis Lloyd**, lead lender relations specialist with the Portland District Office of the US Small Business Administration, **Matt Mylet**, commercial lending officer at ShoreBank Pacific, the first sustainability-focused community development bank in the country, and **Lucas Krebs**, business banking officer, US Bank.

[Click here to register.](#)

**The Vancouver Lake Sailing Club offering summer sailing school**

The Vancouver Lake Sailing Club will hold a summer sailing school program for juniors (8-12 years) and for those 13 and older.

The program will offer a series of classes for varying skill levels. All classes, which will include 20 hours of instruction on land and water, will be taught by U.S. Sailing-certified instructors.

Half-day classes for juniors will be offered in five-day sessions from June 15-July 17. The cost is \$150 per student. Registration is limited, and pre-registration is required. For a complete schedule and registration form, go to [www.vlsc.org](http://www.vlsc.org). For more information, call **David Collins**, sailing school director, at (503) 313-5356.

**"Tourism Matters" rally is Tuesday in Esther Short Park**

Southern Washington's Convention and Visitors Bureau staff is holding a rally for business leaders and personnel from hotels, meeting facilities, transportation providers, attractions, and restaurants at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the Bell Tower Plaza in Esther Short Park.

Visitor spending in Clark County in 2007 was \$392 million, a 7.8% increase over 2006, according to **Jennifer Kirby**, spokesperson for CVB. This visitor spending generated \$28.3 million in state and local