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## **Joseph James announces candidacy for 17th District representative**

Republican **Joseph James** announced his candidacy for the state House of Representatives from the 17th District. He said he will file for position 1, currently held by Republican **Jim Dunn**.

Twenty-six-year-old James is a chief executive officer of two companies, Joseph James Enterprises, a clothing company, formerly known as Cobra Clothing, and Dog Adventure Camp, a Columbia Gorge dog boarding facility.

He graduated and earned a masters in business administration from Alameda University.

## **Innovative Services gets \$200,000 grant from Community Foundation**

Innovative Services NW has received a \$200,000 grant to finance and name a community room in the organizations \$7.3 million, 36,000-square-foot community building under construction by RSV Construction Services near the Westfield Vancouver Mall.

The community room will be named the Mary Firstenburg Family Center, in honor of one of the major donor families contributing to the facility when it opens later this year.

Innovative Services, formed 45 years ago, annually serves over 750 individuals who have disabilities or other disadvantages. Its programs include child care, employment training, job placement and family support.

The grant brings Innovative Services to within \$500,000 of its campaign goal.

The grant is also the first impact grant awarded by the Community Foundation. The purpose of the impact grant is to provide funding for one-time projects that will serve the community in the broadest sense, according to **Sue Keil**, chair of the Community Foundation board.

## **Clark College-SWWDC offering employer-based training**

Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council has contracted with the Clark College Corporate Education unit to increase the region's total training capacity by helping southwest Washington companies improve in-house training.

Clark College will provide "train-the-trainer" training focused on teaching adult learning principles and training delivery skills for approximately 60 workers who will be recruited from southwest Washington businesses.

The program that will provide new educational skills for workers involved in in-house training was developed at the direction of SWWDC board member **Bob Lewis**, CEO of Columbia Vista Corporation.

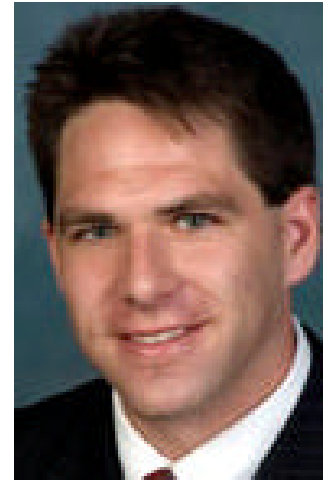
**Todd Oldham**, Clark College executive director of corporate and continuing education, says the program will not only enhance traditional training but also will provide the basis for developing Clark's eLearning curriculum.

Clark's corporate education unit provides a wide range of customized training solutions for southwest Washington and Portland-area businesses. SWWDC helps develop a trained workforce in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties.

## **Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy accepting students for classes**

Applications are being accepted for the 10-week Clark County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy, which begins Wednesday, March 5, reports sheriff **Garry Lucas**.

The academy is conducted each year for 35 persons who are interested in learning more about local law enforcement. According to Lucas, the academy helps citizens become more familiar with the many facets of the



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sheriff's office and the law and justice system so that they can become partners with law enforcement officers in achieving realistic solutions to neighborhood problems relating to crime and the fear of crime.

Class topics cover patrol functions, specialty units, canine units, drug task force, crime scene investigation, the court system and the 9-1-1 center.

There is no fee for attending the academy. All applicants are subject to a criminal history check. Classes are given from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday through May 7, in the West Precinct office, 505 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield.

For further information, call **397-2366**.

### **Calendar**

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council board meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the 6th floor training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

### **Tuesday on the air**

Sheriff's office Awards Ceremony (1/31)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (1/27)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Governors' Columbia Crossing News Conference (1/18)—7:15 p.m. CVTV

Columbia River Crossing Task Force (1/22)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (1/24)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Jackie Godfrey** lending a hand. <> **Sheila Ensminger** promoting *Little Women*.<> **Luisa Eding** looking for watershed stewards. <> **Elinor Perlich** reporting good news. <> **Celinda Rupert** pointing out technical deficiencies. <> **Tuesday**, mostly rainy, 38-44. **Wednesday**, lots of light rain, 40-44. **Thursday**, gnarly and rainy, 41-47.