

Machining and welding competition at Clark College open to the public

Regional welding competition at Clark College, which begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and concludes in mid-afternoon, is open to the public. There is no admission fee.

For the 29th consecutive year the Clark College Machining and Welding Technology Program is the host for regional high school machining and welding contests. Saturday's winners will advance to state contests in the Tacoma Dome later in the year.

The competition is being held in buildings AA5 109 and AA2 101 on the college campus at 1800 E McLoughlin Boulevard.

Share schedules second annual Mardi Gras Gala & Casino Night

Share, which last year raised \$75,000 for care of the homeless and hungry in the greater Vancouver area with its first Mardi Gras Gala & Casino Night, is repeating the function at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

The \$75-per-person event offers food, wine, casino-style gaming and prizes, and a silent auction. A portion of the proceeds this year will be used to assist victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita who are currently living in Clark County, reports Share executive director **Diane Christie**.

Founded in 1977, Share helps care for the homeless and hungry. Last year, 3,868 people, were helped, of whom 473 were children. Share operates four shelters for the homeless, a transitional housing program and case management programs, and provides daily meals. For further information on Share, go to

www.sharevancouver.org.

For reservations, call **Joan Caley, 695-9675**.

Sheriff's Academy is free

Applications to participate in the 11-week Clark County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy are being accepted through Monday, Feb. 13, reports academy spokesperson **Kari Schultz**. There is no charge for the academy, which meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each Thursday between Thursday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, May 4.

The academy provides participants with a general overview of the major functions of the county sheriff's department, as well as of the local law and the justice system.

The academy is limited to 25 people. Applicants are subject to a criminal history check. For further information, call **397-2244**, or go to www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/inter.

People

Milada Allen, vice president of Friends of Clark County, and **George Vartanian**, member of the advisory board of Friends of Clark County, have been appointed to the Clark County Planning Commission.

Calendar

The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society is conducting a \$20 pet micro-chipping clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Cascade Park PETCO, 305 Chkalov Drive. No appointments are required. For further information, call **835-3464**. ☞ Tears of Joy Theatre presents the puppet production of *Monkey King* in the Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, at 7:30 p.m. this evening, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Tickets are \$12 and \$15. For further information, call **695-0477**. ☞ Volunteers are being sought by Clark Public Utilities to assist with tree and shrub planting along the Salmon Creek area on 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. To register for the event, call **992-8585**. ☞ The monthly stewardship project at the Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, on the center grounds, 12208 SE Evergreen Highway. Volunteers are asked to dress for working outside. Tools, gloves and refreshments will be provided. For further information, call **882-0936**.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world

[Ed Firstenburg helps break ground on Washington State University Vancouver student services center--Columbian, Margaret Ellis](#)

[Old man and the seat--Columbian, Tricia Jones](#)

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[Puget Sound salmon recovery plan could cost \\$1.1 billion--Seattle P-I, **Lisa Stiffler**](#)
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Friday on the air

Portland Blazers at Boston (live)—4:30 p.m. FSN, KXL, KMUZ
Battle Ground State of the City Address (2/8)—6 p.m. CVTV
Animal Control Hearings (2/8)—7 p.m. CVTV
Seattle at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD
Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony (2/10)—8 p.m. KGW-TV
Telecommunications Commission (1/18)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Firefighters Recruit Graduation (2/1)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Jim Shinn working out with vacuum. ✂ **Kevin Kelly** revving up cross trainer. ✂ **Lane Rawlins** calls for absolute best efforts. ✂ **Greg Kimsey** hunting up shamrocks. ✂ **Marie Sullivan** diagnosing spam filters. ✂ **Gerry Short** making inquiry. ✂ **Tricia Jones** gets great headline. ✂ **Friday**, windy, but more sunshiny, 59. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 54. **Sunday**, partly sunny, 52.