

Sidewalk artists begin work early Saturday for two-day Uptown Village Street Festival

Professional and amateur sidewalk artists, 13 old and up, will begin their work as early as 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, on Main Street between Fourth Plain Boulevard and 25th Street. Their work will continue through 5 p.m. on that first day of the two-day Uptown Village Street Festival, reported by festival chairman **Steve Lenzkes** as being southwest Washington's largest street festival.

There is still time to register as a chalk artist. The fee is \$5 and includes a special box of chalk. To register, call **694-0079**.

The festival is free. Food and libations are available from vendors and from restaurants and cafés along the eight-blocks of upper Main Street. Many Uptown Village merchants are offering samples of their wares and discounts.

Three stages will offer a variety of entertainment from rock'n' roll, jazz, soup, pop and funk music, to folk dancing and cultural presentations.

A classic car cruise-in, sponsored by North County Cruisers, runs all day Sunday. More than 300 cars and trucks are expected.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21.

East Town Fest enlivens Columbia Tech Center

Both the Columbia Tech Center Amphitheater outdoor stage and the Columbia Valley Elementary School indoor stage will be offering musical entertainment during the first ever East Town Fest from 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Columbia Tech Center west of SE 164th Avenue and south of SE Mill Plain Boulevard.

The free event is sponsored by the City of Vancouver, *The Columbian* and Twin County Credit Union. The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Seafood Fest from 5 to 8 p.m.

The headliner in the outdoor amphitheater is **Aaron Meyer**, concert rock violinist, whose concert runs until 10:30 p.m. Sponsors of the event says the identity of the warm up entertainment will be a pleasant surprise. Indoor concerts conclude at 6 p.m.

For further information, go to www.easttownfest.com.

YWCA needs back-to-school supplies

Families arriving at the YWCA of Clark County SafeChoice Domestic Violence Shelter often have no more than the clothes on their backs, according to **Annie Gannon**, YWCA spokesperson.

The YWCA SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program serves victims of domestic violence by providing a 24-hour crisis line, shelter, a children's advocacy program, legal advocacy, counseling, support groups and community education.

The YWCA is collecting school supplies for children in the shelter. There is a special need for backpacks, Gannon says, and, in addition, pencils, pens, erasers, glue, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper, scissors, three-ring binders and calculators.

Last year, SafeChoice served 1,982 victims of domestic violence, including 168 children, and provided 8,744 bed-nights at the shelter. Program-wide, SafeChoice had 54,415 contacts with individuals seeking help with domestic violence.

Donations can be dropped off weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 3609 Main Street. For further information, call Gannon at **906-9153**.

Calendar

Electrical Vehicle Awareness Day is being celebrated in Pioneer Square in downtown Portland from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Two dozen electric and hybrid vehicles will be on display through the Oregon Electric Vehicle Association. There is no admission charge. ✂ The Camas Wine Art Music Festival is from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Birch Street and Fourth Avenue. Admission to the Rotary Wine Garden is \$10. The Camas-Washougal Rotary Wine Auction is at 6 p.m. ✂ The second 1860s vintage baseball game of the 2005 season begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Vancouver Barracks Parade Ground near the Restaurant at the Historic Reserve. Admission is free. The barehanded game is between the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry and the Vancouver Occidentals Base Ball Club. Old timey rules apply. Spectators may bring picnic dinners, but

no alcoholic beverages are permitted. ☞ Huge piano Sale! Emil Fries Piano Hospital is holding a sale today and tomorrow. The Emil Fries School of Piano Technology for the Blind is the only private school in the world that trains blind and visually impaired people for careers in piano technology. Every buyer of a piano from the piano school this weekend will receive a free Insider subscription for a full year. A \$315 value. Go to www.pianotuningschool.org for more information about the pianos.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Robert Harrington died as he saved his wife from shots--Oregonian, Wendy Owen](#)
[Relief for Salmon Creek traffic woes far away--Columbian, Erin Middlewood](#)
[Neighbors helping shape new parks--Oregonian, Bill Stewart](#)
[Former forest foes working together for Gifford Pinchot Forest--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)
[K-Rod run Saturday honors former Clark College athlete --Columbian, Howard Buck](#)
[Cascade Locks residents furious about racist rally Saturday--KGW-TV, Antonia Giedwoyn](#)
[Jury finds Merck liable in Vioxx death, awards \\$253 million--New York Times, Alex Berenson](#)
[Rockets just miss two U.S. ships in Jordan--New York Times, Edward Wong](#)
[Northwest Airlines prepared for strike if mechanics and company fail to agree on wage cuts by mid-night--Washington Post, Keith L. Alexander](#)
[Jimi Hendrix home in Seattle gets another reprieve--Seattle Times, Christine Clarridge](#)

Friday on the air

Fort Vancouver Tapestry Unveiling (8/12)—4 p.m. CVTV
First Citizen Awards (6/25)—5 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Minnesota (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX
NFL Exhibition: Minnesota at the Jets (live)—5 p.m. KOIN
City Minutes (8/14)—6 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (8/7)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Salt Lake at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Telecommunications Commission (8/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Sgt. Brad Crawford Park Dedication (9/13)—8:30 p.m. CVTV
Capt. William Clark Park Dedication Dinner (8/6)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Capt. William Clark Park Dedication (8/7)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Bill Woodard smoothing over rough spots. ☞ **Cal Clark** wearing Vote Yes for Libraries button. ☞ **Bill Hidden** curating. ☞ **Greg Shine** to sweat it out in wool uniform. ☞ **Tom Reis** championing civility. ☞ **Ozzie Coats** getting the details right. ☞ **Friday**, sunny and hot, 88. **Saturday**, sunny and a little hotter, 94. **Sunday**, continued sunshine, 89.