

Letters to the Editor



Every year since we have lived in the area we have made it a point to attend the Multnomah Days festival. We begin with the pancake breakfast, watch the parade (we used to walk to it without dog), and visit the various street and village vendors, which seem to grow greater in number every year.

It is a great, "local" day, a festival aimed at families—the spectators of the parade seem mostly that—AND it is that parade that causes us to write: It was grossly abuses this year by one

Jawana take your transvestite selves someplace else?

of the entries.

We welcomed the apparent decision to remove "politics" from the festival, especially the more aggressive persons and groups we encountered in recent years, though one non-cooperator did manage to crash the parade restrictions.

That was simply rude, inconsiderate and we hope it does not happen again, but that entry offends only those who don't agree with the message; many do.

What was completely unacceptable for a mostly family-intended and family-attended venue, however, was the parade entry from "Jawana," a crude group celebrating transvestitism, an entry that surely caused many a parent to wish he

or she had not brought children to the event.

With innocent groups participating in the parade from churches, schools, community groups, businesses, etc., that form of "adult" behavior has no place in a venue that seeks family involvement.

If we sponsored a business or group entry in the parade, we surely would not re-enter without a commitment from the event organizers to ban such "adult" entertainment from the day's events, especially the parade. We hope groups that DO sponsor entries take such a position.

Arthur and Suzy Henry
Southwest Portland

Wilson senior pranksters planted flowers for peace

Your anonymous letter writer uttering disgust at the anti-peace Wilson principal spoke for many of us ["All we are saying is give peace a chance," July 2007]. Imagine young people in these wretched times expressing their enthusiasm for peace and being punished for it.

The mind boggles at how much the authorities are getting away with. The anonymous writer needs to know that 93 percent of the people on my block would have contempt for the principal. Today's youth deserve better.

Gail Jacobson
Southwest Portland



Editor's Note: When shown a copy of this letter, Ty Steinbach, owner of Thinker Toys, and co-organizer of the Multnomah Days Festival and Parade had no official comment. But after some cajoling by this editor, Steinbach admitted that parade organizers accept all entrants. "The 'Jawana' group I believe was formed specifically for the Parade and has appeared the past 10 years." (Post photo by Anne Snedecor)

Crossword Solution Puzzle on Page 14

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