

Kids graduate in youth program

North Street Soccer Club held their third annual graduation Saturday for the Soccer in the Streets program.

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Doctor delivers important message

Dr. Lillian M. Beard touches on the value of milk and good nutrition for babies during a visit to Portland

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Nike Fills Gap

Nike has committed \$250,000 over the next five years for summer programs to aid, employ and educate north and northeast Portland youth. The pledge of support was presented to Charles Jordan, director of Portland Parks and Recreation and Lawrence Dark of the Urban League of Portland last Thursday at the Nike Factory outlet on Martin Luther King Junior Blvd.

Mayor greets Rose Festival

Mayor Vera Katz helped kick off Rose Festival by participating in Thursday's Queen Coronation and riding in the Starlight Parade on Saturday.

"It's always a pleasure to participate in the festival which means so much to our community," Katz said.

Arson fire draws rally

Community members and activists held a march Saturday to condemn the May 24 arson fire at a Portland abortion clinic. The fire at the Lovejoy Sugicenter is the 11th bombing or arson in the county in 1997 against clinics providing legal abortions.

Love doesn't hurt

Kids at Portsmouth Junior High School in north Portland got an important message about relationships Thursday. The group Sisters in Portland Impacting Real Issues Together talked to the teenagers about date rape, sexual harassment, verbal abuse and other forms of intimate violence that are too often common in the lives of teenage girls. SPIRIT has worked with the public schools to prepare a dating violence information brochure which has been distributed to students throughout the district.

PCC enrollment climbs

The overall number of students taking classes is up 1.4 percent from the same time last year at Portland Community College campuses. But at the Cascade Campus in north Portland, lower-division enrollments are slightly lower than last year.

Airport rises in ranks

Portland International Airport was the 31st busiest airport for passengers in the United States in 1996. By serving nearly 12.6 million passengers, Portland passed Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport to move from the 32nd to 31st position. Of the airports ranked higher than Portland for passengers, only Cincinnati, Salt Lake City and Tampa, Fla., grew faster. PDX is ranked 27th in the U.S. for air cargo.

Rose Festival 1997 reigns



Lincoln High School's Adrian Williams, crowned queen of Roseria for 1997, is a nationally ranked pole vaulter and a former exchange student in Thailand.

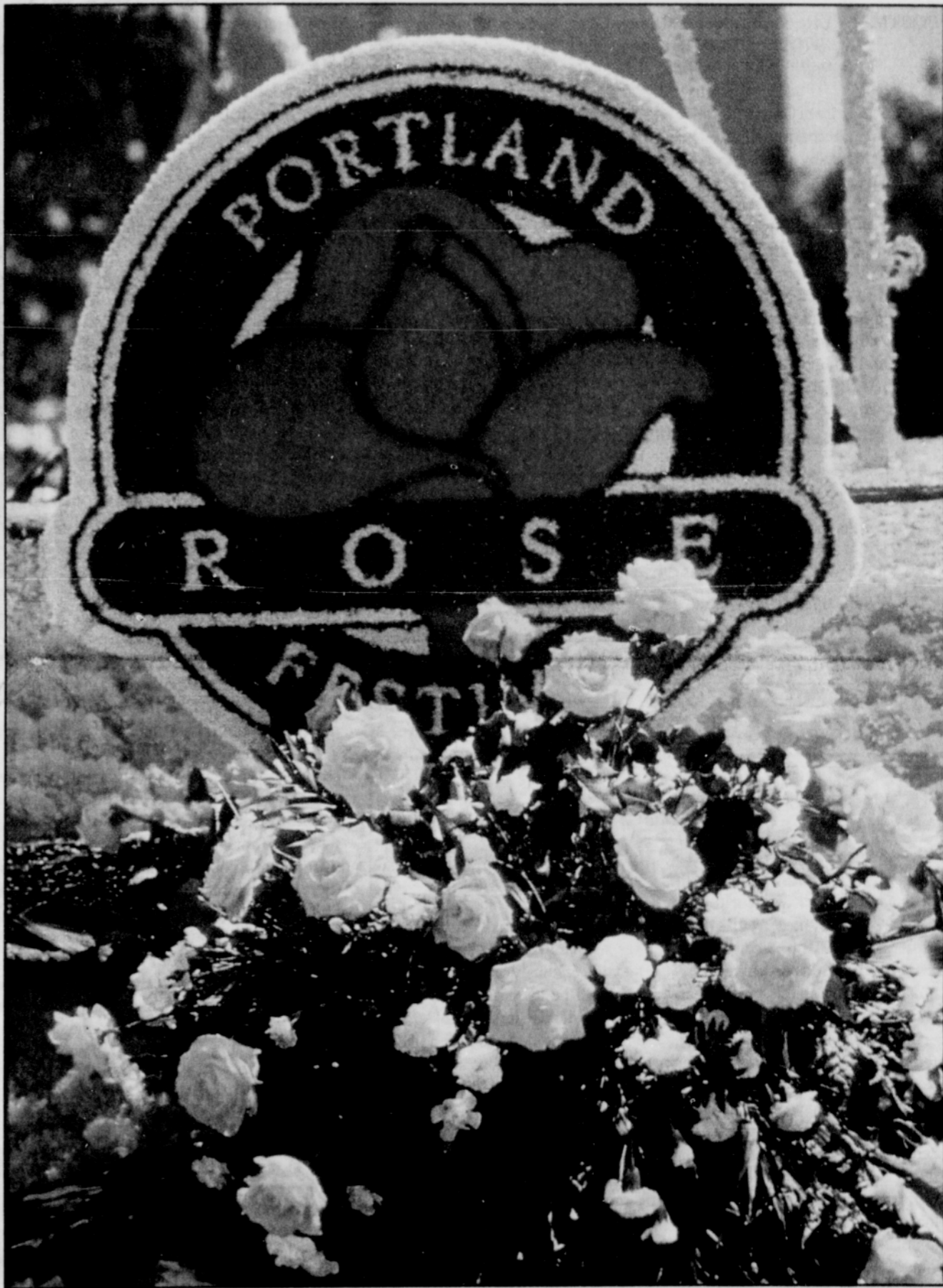


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The Portland Rose Festival's official history dates back to 1907; however, its roots may be attributed to an event that took place more than 150 years ago. In 1837, the first rose bush to reach the Northwest was brought around Cape Horn and presented to Anna Marian Pittman the day she married Jason Lee at Lee's Mission near Champoeg.

Years later, after the mission had been destroyed by fire, John Minto found the rose bush growing near the site of Lee's cabin. He carefully dug it up and transplanted it into his land where it flourished. He then began distributing cuttings throughout the countryside. Descendants of this historical "mission rose" still bloom today in the Pioneer Rose Garden in Portland.

Portland's climate was perfectly suited to growing beautiful roses, which led local rose enthusiasts to found the Portland Rose Society in 1887 to "encourage amateurs to cultivate and exhibit roses". The organization remains today as the oldest such group in the United States.

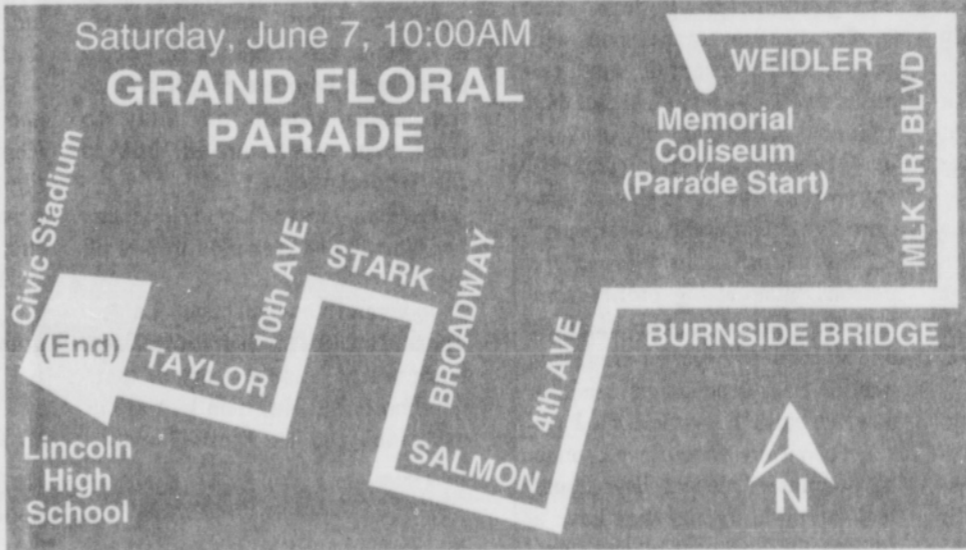
In 1889, the Rose Society held its first Rose Show in a tent. In 1904, it began holding a "fiesta" in connection with the annual exhibit and the city's first floral parade was held on June 10, 1904. It included elaborately decorated vehicles - surreys, carry-alls and four automobiles.

It was not until 1907 that another floral parade was staged. In that year, the floral parade was accompanied by a two-day festival to celebrate the rose - the "Portland Rose Carnival and Fiesta."

Civic leader E.W. Rowe is credited with the original idea of a "rose festival" Portland Mayor Harry Lane is also remembered for expressing a need for a "festival of roses" on the heels of the successful Lewis & Clark Exhibition in 1905. In these early years, the Rose Festival was highlighted by horse-drawn floats in the floral parade, aquatic events in the nearby harbor and fireworks at night. Never before in America had a large community dedicated an annual festival to the beauty of a single rose. The theme for many of the early festivals was "For You a Rose in Portland Grows," originated by Bertha Slater Smith.

Following the 1907 festival, a group of 10 businessmen formally originated the Portland Rose Festival into a non-profit civic enterprise to plan and finance the annual event. The organization, 1,000 shares of Capital stock were sold at \$10.00 per share.

Carrie Lee Chamberlain, the governor's daughter, reigned



as queen over the festival's inaugural year. From 1908 to 1913 a king, Rex Oregonus, ruled over the festival. The identity of this king was kept secret and he wore a huge beard to disguise himself until his identity was revealed at the festival's annual ball. In 1914, a festival queen, selected from among Portland's socialites, was again chosen to rule. This practice continued until 1930. From 1924 to 1929, Rex Oregonus returned to rule along with the queen of the mythical realm of Rosaria.

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Plea for mercy may be McVeigh's best hope

Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's best hope of saving his life may be to beg for mercy from the jury, but he has shown no sign he is ready to take such a step, legal analysts said on Tuesday.

McVeigh was found guilty on Monday of blowing up the Alfred P. Murrah federal building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people, in the worst mass murder in U.S. history.

When the penalty phase of the trial begins on Wednesday, the same jury of seven men and five women will be asked to decide whether McVeigh, a 29-year-old former sol-

dier, should be sentenced to life imprisonment or death by lethal injection.

Prosecutors will put dozens of bombing survivors and relatives of victims on the stand to testify about the pain they have endured and how the bombing wrecked their lives.

Nineteen children, many of them in a day care centre, died when a huge truck bomb brought the building crashing down.

The defence will try to show mitigating factors such as McVeigh's lack of a prior criminal record and his exemplary Army service, including action in the Gulf War. The penalty phase is expected to last about a

week.

Legal analysts say the defence has a daunting task to convince jurors they should spare McVeigh the death penalty for such a horrifying crime.

"Given the current climate ... it's hard to imagine he's going to escape the death penalty," said Robert Precht, director of the Office of Public Service at the University of Michigan Law School.

A death penalty verdict must be unanimous. If one juror opposes a death sentence, a life term would be imposed.

Mimi Wesson, a law professor at the University of Colorado and a former federal

prosecutor, said the defence would "try to make Timothy McVeigh into a human being like the rest of us instead of the monster that he appears to be."

Under federal law, aggravating factors which prosecutors can argue include particularly heinous crimes, premeditated murder and cases in which the victim was a federal law enforcement officer.

Possible mitigating factors include whether McVeigh was unable to appreciate that his actions were wrong, whether he acted under unusual duress or emotional disturbance and whether another equally guilty defendant will not be punished by death.