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Amber Starks Queen of Rosaria

An accomplished athlete, Amber was the 1998 PIL District Longjump Champion and she competes for Cleveland as well in the 4X100 relay race, triple jump and javelin throw. Amber is also co-captain of the varsity cheerleaders, co-organizer of the Jam Masters Dance Team, senior class historian and president of the CHS Conservationist Recycling. Outside of school,

Amber is a seven-year member of the "I Have A Dream Foundation." She hopes to attend Hawaii Pacific University and plans to earn a doctorate in marine biology.

Amber Starks was chosen from the 14 members of the Rose Festival Court from Portland area high schools on June 5. She will be representing the state in appearances throughout the country.



Congratulations to Amber Starks of Cleveland High School for being selected as the 1999 Queen of Rosaria.

Special Seating For The Grand Floral Parade



Commissioner Jim Francesconi announced special seating will be available for senior citizens and individuals with special disabilities who want to view the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, scheduled for Saturday, June 12 at 10:00 A.M.

Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The location is on N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in front of the Convention Center Parking Lot and offers park bench seating and an open area. Six portable toilets will be at this location, with two accessible to the handicapped.

Parking for vehicles with disabled parking permits has been reserved in two areas. The east side parking location is in the Convention Center Parking Lot for a \$5.00 charge for passenger cars and vans. Larger vehicles will be charged more. (This parking lot is not limited to handicapped access only). The west side location is on S.W. Ninth between Stark and Oak, and can accommodate about 30 vehicles on a first-come, first-served basis. This is on-street parking that has been bagged and marked for handicapped vehicles. Volunteers from Luxury Towing will assist with the procurement and placement of the benches for the MLK seating area. Volunteers from Meadows Group Realtors will assist with monitoring the seating area and assisting the special citizens seated in this special area.

Commissioner Francesconi urges people to come early for the best viewing points.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Serbs Withdraw

A Pentagon representative recently announced that Serb forces in Kosovo are making preparations to withdraw from the Yugoslav province. There are no signs that the troops have begun moving or assembling for a pullout.

Theaters Ask for ID

President Clinton challenged the movie industry to enforce the rating system more strictly. The National Association of Theaters will be adopting a new policy requiring youths unaccompanied by an adult to produce a photo ID before being admitted to R-rated films. They represent about 20,000 screens - 65 percent of the motion picture screens in the United States.

Summer Flights Discounted

Ticket prices for off-peak summer travel were slashed 25 percent by United Airlines. Delta Air Lines, Continental Airlines and Northwest Airlines were among the first to slash the United promotion on domestic and international travel.

Burnside Bridge to Close

The Burnside Bridge will close to river traffic for two events in June. The bridge will close from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, June 12 for the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. On Sunday, June 27 the bridge will close from 6 AM to 8:15 AM for the 6th annual River City Distance Classic.

Overtime Law

Up to five-thousand employees of the State of Oregon may be in line for a larger paycheck. The Oregon Court of Appeals has ruled the state must pay several million dollars in overtime to salaried employees and managers. The decision involves people working for the state between 1995 and 1997 and a new overtime law enacted by the legislature in 1995.

Gun Safety Courses

Oregon children in grades K-through-Six could soon be exposed to an NRA gun safety course in school. Oregon's House has passed legislation that would require school districts to acquire the "Eddie Eagle" gun safety course from the National Rifle Association. Supporters of the bill say the course could help save lives.

Light Rail Goes to Airport

Another expansion of the light rail system in the metro Portland area has been approved. The Federal Aviation Administration has O-K'd plans by the Port of Portland to use passenger facility charges to help pay for the five-mile extension of the light rail from the Gateway district to the airport terminal. The money will be used to pay for bonds sold for the project.

Quality Time with Governor Kitzhaber

Oregon Outreach students were honorary pages at the legislature in May. They were able to spend some quality time with Governor Kitzhaber during the day. This was the same day that the Governor agreed to sign the Charter School bill. Participants (from left to right) are JJ Villanueva, Isaias Valenciano, Gov. John Kitzhaber, Marlo Molino, Gabe Gonzalez, and Denise Ward. For more on Charter School, see Focus.

