

Rose Festival Ready to Blast Off



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Holding on tight is part of the thrill for two boys at Portland's Rose Festival Waterfront Village. The annual event opens Thursday night for 11 days of fun.

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strels and family activities in every corner of Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Except for the Thursday's 5 p.m. opening, Waterfront Village is open from 11 a.m. to midnight each day through Sunday, June 12. Admission is \$5 for adults. Kids under 12 are free.

Thursday's entertaining Queen's Coronation event will be

held at 8:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The event can also be watched live, beginning with a preview show at 8 p.m., on WB cable channel 3 or over-the-air channels 4 and 32.

On Friday, a Fireworks Spectacular will light up of the skies over the Willamette River, downtown. The fiery show is scheduled to begin at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Saturday's Starlight Parade marches through Portland's down-

town starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Grand Floral Parade on June 11 starts from Memorial Coliseum on the east side and turns onto Northeast Broadway and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard before crossing the Willamette River into downtown.

This year, a Kids Pedal for youth ages 6 to 13 will precede the parade.

For a complete Rose Festival schedules, you can visit www.rosefestival.org.



Sowing Our Oats

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"Sowing our oats in every neighborhood in America" is the theme behind the natural and flavorful snacks made from rolled oats and other mixed grains and cereals some local entrepreneurs are selling at the new Interstate Farmers Market (above) and other locations. The faces behind the Nola "Nuggitz" company include Isaac Chambers (from left) Willie and Venessa Chambers, Stanley Jackson and Jael Chambers. The Interstate Market next to Overlook Park opens every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 28. A grand opening celebration is planned on June 1 at 5 p.m.

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Kids Pedal on Parade Day

Event to precede Grand Floral Parade

Has your child ever wanted to be in a parade? Do they love their bike?

A Kids' Pedal parade for youth ages 6 to 13, sponsored by the Community Cycling Center of northeast Portland, will precede this year's Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade on Saturday June 11.

The event kicks off at 7 a.m. with a safety skills rodeo at the firehouse located on the west side of the Steel Bridge. After the rodeo, the young riders will pedal along a 2-mile route, turning off the

official Grand Floral Parade route early - at Burnside and Second Avenue - so that they're end up back at the starting location. Hundreds of trained volunteers will accompany the riders to ensure a safe event.

The Kids' Pedal offers a fantastic opportunity to put children riding safely - all of them wearing helmets - in the spotlight with thousands of spectators cheering them on as they ride along before the parade.

The entry fee is \$20 per child and each rider will receive a free t-shirt and be able to take part in various competitions to win other prizes. There will be refreshments at the finish line.

For more information, visit www.communitycyclingcenter.org.

Dear Deanna!

I've been cheating on my husband with a guy I've known for a long time that's also married. I try to stay away from him, but he constantly calls wanting me to be with him. The intimacy isn't all that but he gives me money and is there for me when I get in a bind. I'm trying to end it because I love my husband and confess it'll be over with him and my 3 kids. My guy friend isn't happy in his marriage and has said he only likes our intimacy. What do I do? -Very Confused; Online Reader

Dear Very Confused:

Stop being a prostitute with this other man. That's what it is if he gives you money and admits he's only with you for intimacy. This involves four people and will result in pain, HIV or death. Eliminate your lover and immediately hire a marriage counselor. Bring honesty back to the marriage and tell your husband because if this skeleton comes out of your closet the wrong way, it's over.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a 37 year old Israeli Jewish man and thanking God I'm still a virgin. I know that's hard to believe. I would like to ask if you think I will be able to interact in a good and respectful way with an African American lady. I'm asking in sin-



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cerity and want to know how to make this approach. --Mr. Grossman; Online-Reader

Dear Mr. Grossman:

Regardless of race, you must first qualify yourself with employment, morals, values and faith. Once this checklist is complete, make the approach with good intentions at heart and introduce yourself. Invite the lady to a common place like a coffee shop for conversation and begin to seek things you may have in common. As for your virgin status, there's nothing wrong with that and at the end of the day, trust me, you're not missing much!

Dear Deanna!

I have a soon to be 17 year old son that's dating. My husband and I went out of town and my son was instructed to go to his aunt's home after school. Instead, he called my sister and she let him go to his girlfriend's home. When my husband found out he got upset. I don't know what was said, but my son and husband aren't speaking, the girlfriend can't come over anymore and my husband wants to put my son out of the house. I think my husband's scared he'll make the mistake he did by getting someone pregnant. What do I do? --VC; Online Reader

Dear VC:

You and your husband are still responsible for your son. Have a family meeting and share your concerns with him as an adult and not like a child. The only apology should be for tone and not the message. You can still reach him by talking but requires a joint effort of calmness and respect.

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