

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Avenue of the Roses Parade Scheduled

Plans set for Saturday, April 25 event

It's time for the 2009 Avenue of Roses Parade, a sanctioned Rose Festival event, coming Saturday April 25, at Eastport Plaza.

This year's parade will feature

the first public appearance of the full 2009 Rose Festival Court and the fabulous and renowned "One More Time around Again Band," celebrating its 25th year of playing entertaining music.

Another of Portland's favorites, "Kell's Irish Pipe and Drums" will play popular Irish tunes and medleys.

Over 40 other entries are

scheduled to participate, including the Rose City Corvette Club, Loose Ends Car Club, Eastport Izzy's Car Cruz-In participants, Ronald McDonald, Chucky Cheese, the Royal Rosarians, the Portland Rose Society, the Army with a 1952 jeep, the Navy with the model of The USS Enterprise and many more from local neighborhoods and organizations.

Additional fun activities are scheduled at Eastport Plaza and in the Montavilla-East Tabor business district the rest of the day.

The Parade begins at 9 am sharp from Eastport Plaza Shopping Center, 4000 S.E. 82nd Ave., going north on 82nd Avenue of the Roses to Southeast Yamhill Street and disbanding in the Montavilla area.

'South Park' puts Kanye's Ego in Check

But Rapper gets over himself

(AP)-- "South Park" may have accomplished the impossible — getting Kanye West to check his ego.

The Comedy Central show

form live. Yet, on his blog Thursday, West appeared chastened, and ready to turn over a new leaf.

In typical all-caps mode, he

happens referring to his well-documented meltdowns at awards shows when he didn't win what he expected).

"I just want to be a dooper person which starts with me not always telling people how dope I think I am," he said.

And perhaps to show that he's really serious about making that change, he provided a link to one of the most biting moments from the "South Park" show, and thanked the writers as well.



In this animated still released by Comedy Central, a cartoon version of rapper Kanye West is shown on an April 8 episode of the Comedy Central animated series, 'South Park.'

skewered the famously self-important rapper on its show Wednesday night, painting him as a narcissistic figure so out of touch with reality he couldn't even take a (very politically incorrect) joke.

West's love of himself and his work has been almost as integral to his image as his music: Just last year, he told The Associated Press that he was the "voice of this generation." Also recently, he was quoted as saying his greatest regret was not being able to see himself per-

wrote: "South Park murdered me last night and it's pretty funny. It hurts my feelings but what can you expect from South Park! I actually have been working on my ego though. Having the crazy ego is played out in my life and career."

West said that he started stroking his ego long ago to build up his self esteem — but he now realizes he needs to "get past myself."

In the self-reflective post, he said that people won't take him seriously if he keeps it up (per-

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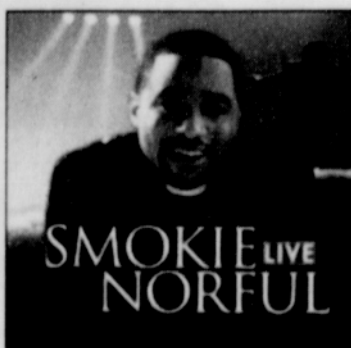
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