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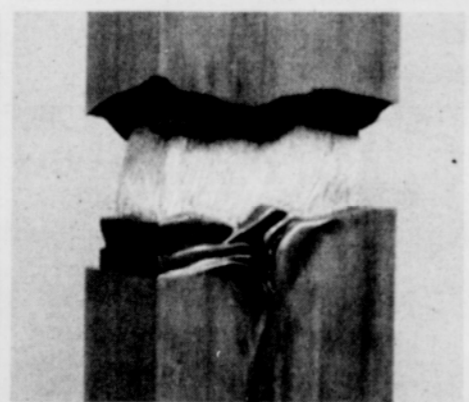
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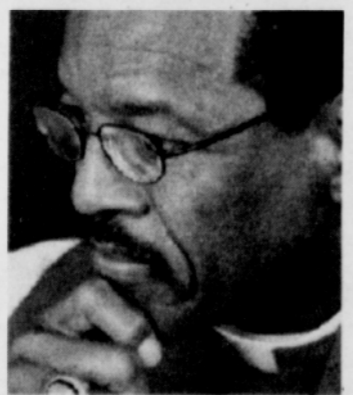
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Parade Camp Makes Point



Steve Alcorn (left) and Charles Johnson, part of a group of homeless and formerly homeless community members, pitch tents along the Grand Floral Parade route, downtown, to raise awareness about laws that criminalize camping.

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A public camp-out designed to raise awareness about the criminalization of homelessness in Portland and across the nation, was set up Friday at Southwest Fourth Avenue and Washington, downtown.

Participants from the group "Right 2 Survive" set up tents along the Rose Festival's Grand Floral

Parade route for the 24 hours that the city allows camping in the city.

Each year, the city permits pitching tents along the Grand Floral Parade route. Every other day of the year camping is criminalized, causing houseless people to seek shelter in doorways, under bridges and in bushes, in hope of surviving the rain and cold without shelter.

"What kind of message is the city sending?" asks long time homeless advocate Leo Rhodes.

"They are saying it is okay to camp for recreation, but if you are one of the thousands of people in Portland without housing or shelter you will be fined and harassed for erecting a structure for survival."

## High School Senior Crowned

Kate Sinnott, a senior at Central Catholic High School, was crowned queen of the 2012 Portland Rose Festival Saturday to officially leadoff the festival's largest single day spectator event, the Spirit Mount Casino Grand Floral Parade.

The Queen's Coronation presented by Pacific Power warmed up the house at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum before the 4.2 mile parade started with its array of amazing floats, beautiful costumes and fancy horses. It was the 100th edition of the Rose Festival's all-floral parade.

Sinnott is from southeast Portland, the daughter of Bill and Kathy Sinnott. She is a peer mediator at Central Catholic, a member of her school's junior varsity tennis team, and newspaper. She plans a future career in design.



Kate Sinnott