

'Hello Mudda, Hello Fadda'

Summer camp makes learning fun.

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## California Clears Fire Area

Dry, windy weather hampered efforts to contain a wildfire in northern Los Angeles County that has forced thousands of people to flee their homes, one of several fires that crews were battling in the state. Nearly 1,600 homes in Santa Clarita had been evacuated since the fire began Saturday, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or structural damage.

OutKast's Andre 3000  
'World's Sexiest Vegetarian'

The secret to Grammy-winning hip hop? Maybe it's the veggies. Andre 3000 of OutKast has been voted the "World's Sexiest Vegetarian" in PETA's annual online poll. He shares the honor with actress Alicia Silverstone.

## Withdraw Frees Hostage

A Filipino truck driver held hostage in Iraq for nearly two weeks was freed Tuesday, a day after his nation withdrew its final peacekeepers from Iraq—a move that met the kidnappers' demands but angered U.S. and Iraqi officials.

## CBS Fights Super Bowl Fines

CBS will fight any fines leveled against its television stations over Janet Jackson's startling Super Bowl performance, a top executive with parent company Viacom Inc. said. CBS faces a Federal Communications Commission fine of \$550,000 or a maximum penalty of \$27,500 for each of 20 CBS-owned stations.

## Kobe Awaits Word

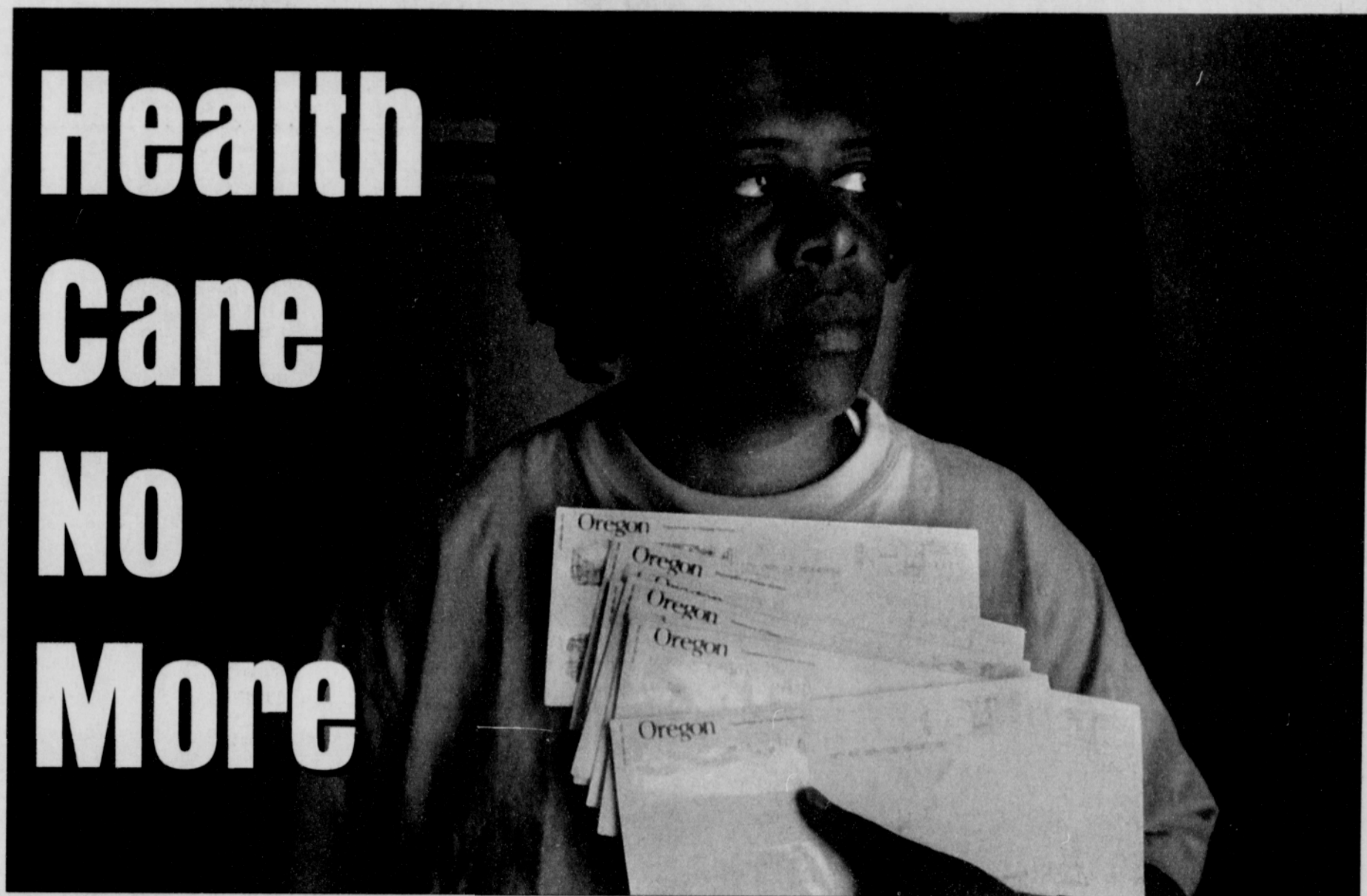
With jury selection less than six weeks away in his sexual assault case, Kobe Bryant is waiting for the judge's decision on an issue that could greatly affect trial strategy and witness lists: Whether the alleged victim's sex life can be used against her.

## FOX's Slogan Challenged

Fox News' use of the slogan "Fair and Balanced" constitutes deceptive advertising, two political advocacy groups claimed Monday in a petition filed with the Federal Trade Commission. Liberal MoveOn.org and historically nonpartisan Common Cause assert that Fox News' reports are deliberately distorted and twisted to promote the Republican Party and an extreme right-wing viewpoint.

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Smooth Carter, with her stack of Oregon Health Plan premiums, worries for the future of her state provided medical insurance, saying the program is being stripped down to its "bare essentials."

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## Oregon Health Plan Shrivels

By JAYMEE R. CUTI  
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Oregonians without health care are feeling the impact of the failure of Measure 30, a \$350 million tax package, which was voted down by voters last February.

Although the Oregon Health Plan survives in a scaled down form, covering pregnant women, the disabled and children living in poverty, it no longer accepts applications for Oregon's working poor.

On June 30, the Oregon Health Plan closed its enrollment to new applicants, and will reduce its clientele from 120,000 to a mere 24,000 by next January.

"They're still sick. Now they'll have to go to the emergency room, which will drive up premiums for the rest of us and they still won't get preventative care," said Maribeth Healey, director of Oregonians for Health Security, commenting on the drastic number of people without medical insurance.

Over the last two years, 968,000 Oregonians have been uninsured, representing one out of three non-elderly Oregonians, according to a new report by Families USA, a national nonprofit health care advocacy organization.

This creates a unique situation for 76

percent of the state's uninsured population who are working, without health coverage from their employers.

Smooth Carter, for example, says she has been job hunting, but fears she will lose her health care once she has a reliable income.

"I'm really worried that I'll be dropped from OHP," Carter said. "I've just interviewed for a job, but it doesn't have healthcare coverage. If I get the job, I'll be dropped from OHP because I'll make too much to qualify, but not enough to pay for private insurance. So my reward for finding a job will be to lose my healthcare coverage.

That's just crazy."

Carter, a poet and activist, volunteers for Sisters of the Road Café and Crossroads, working with homeless people and those suffering from mental illness. She has spoken at City Hall about issues affecting the uninsured.

The Oregon Health Plan, once a national model for health care coverage, has suffered drastic cuts over the last two years. Since March 2003, nearly 50,000 Oregonians have been dropped from OHP-Standard plan.

For more information, visit [www.oregoniansforhealthsecurity.org](http://www.oregoniansforhealthsecurity.org) or [www.oregonaction.org](http://www.oregonaction.org).

Loving Care Goes a Long Way  
Finding respect and responsibility through teamwork

By JOHANNA S. KING  
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What do you expect to see when you walk into a restaurant and there's a straggling troop of 50 little ones doing what kids do best, having fun?

The thought of rowdy, loud and obnoxious young people may be overwhelming, but try to visualize them as civilized, well-behaved team players.

This is exactly what you get from the young people involved in TLC TnT. This program for students and their families promotes self-esteem and is designed to offer everyone a chance to experience fun, love and accomplishment.

Headed by Faye Palmerton and Roy Pittman for the past 18 years, these quality community volunteers believe that all children, teens and parents need a little tender loving care and support to try and think, hence the name TLC TnT.

The main thrust of the program includes six, one-week summer day camps. Each week more than 100 youth between the ages of five and twelve participate in self-esteem and team building activities, as well as field trips.

Visits to local restaurants like Burger King and Dominos Pizza, Lloyd Center Mall, Oregon Zoo, the North and Northeast Police Precincts, and regular rides on TriMet, help kids learn the right way to act



Kids at north Portland's Domino's Pizza say, "I helped," after learning how to make pizza and behave in a public restaurant.



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Little ones learn to cook and cooperate at Domino's Pizza, with the help of a high school mentor.

in public. The activities are geared toward building awareness of education, literacy, responsibility and teamwork.

For a young person who has never been to a library, visited a community center or been given caring, construc-

tive direction about how to behave properly in a public setting, these activities help kids feel important while still having fun.

"We give them our expectations and help them to be successful," said program coordinator Roy Pittman. "Too many times young people are poorly labeled as disre-

spectful troublemakers, we believe differently about our kids because they are different. They show respect and they get respect."

Helping staff the camps are high school

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