

# Coliseum Demolition Reconsidered

Portland Mayor Sam Adams has postponed for one week a decision on tearing down the Memorial Coliseum in order to make room for a new triple-A baseball stadium.

The mayor had called for a City Council vote on the proposal this week, but backed away from that plan Monday in order to consider alternative uses for the coliseum while looking at the feasibility of building the ball park somewhere else in the Rose Quarter.

The city needs a new home for the Portland Beavers baseball club after agreeing to plans from Beavers and Portland Timbers owner Merritt Paulson to refurbish PGE Park, downtown for a new major league soccer team.

Financing for both stadiums and an entertainment district in



the Rose Quarter, another plan proposed earlier this month by the Portland Trail Blazers, has not been resolved.

Monday, Adams floated a plan to redraw the boundaries of the Interstate Urban Renewal district of north of northeast Portland so that public monies will be available for the projects.

Mayor Sam Adams has postponed a decision on tearing down the Memorial Coliseum for a baseball park. The mayor now wants to consider alternative uses for the building while looking at the feasibility of building a triple-A baseball stadium somewhere else in the Rose Quarter.

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## Young Woman Gives Back

### Honored by Boys & Girls Club

Delores McDaniel, an 11-year member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland has been named the Youth of the Year for the state of Oregon.

In addition to winning this prestigious title, McDaniel will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Reader's Digest Foundation.

She is among hundreds of Youth of the Year winners across the country recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

McDaniel survived foster care and was adopted when she was 8 years



Delores McDaniel is the Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of the Year.

old. Now 18, she recognizes the importance of the Club and the impact it had on her.

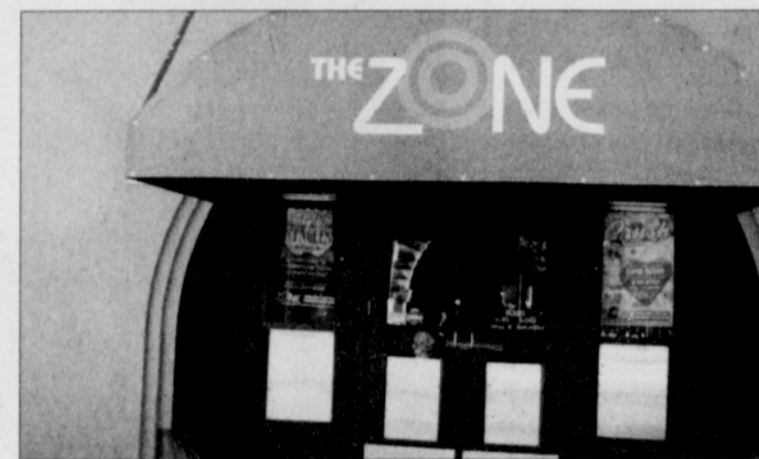
"The statistics say that I should not be who I am today -- a strong and confident young woman about to complete high school and begin my next journey through life, into college. I owe this to my family, both my

mother and the Boys & Girls Club. Being a member of the Club is like having a family that will never turn their back on you; a family that will support you until you have the skills to coach and encourage others."

McDaniel is an active member of the Inukai Family Boys & Girls Club, volunteering over 200 hours in the past year. She has been involved with Keystone Club, SMART Girls, Kids in Control, Triple Play and is now a teen leader at the Club.

"The Club and its programs have transformed me," reflects McDaniel. "Supporting and uplifting youth is my way of giving back to my Club and to my community."

This summer, McDaniel will compete against other youth from states for a \$10,000 college scholarship and advance to the national competition in Washington. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and will be installed by President Barack Obama during a ceremony in the Oval Office.



The Zone, an underage nightclub that was the scene of a sidewalk shooting last January that killed two teenage girls is closing.

### The Zone Closes Doors

(AP)--The manager of the Zone, the underage nightclub where Portland's worst mass shooting took place last January, says it is closing.

General Manager Beth Lopes told The Oregonian Thursday that all events are canceled.

She said the economy was part of the problem but that the club never recovered after a 24-year-old Milwaukie man fired on a crowd out-

side the entrance, killing two teenage girls and wounding seven other people.

Before the shooting police had considered the Zone a safe place.

Lopes said upset teenagers have been calling and texting her all day.

She said the club may open for private rentals and that she will promote the teenagers who performed at the Zone.

## Schools Brace for Deep Cuts

### Bad economy blamed

Portland Public Schools leaders are wrestling with much deeper cuts to the district's 2009-10 budget because of lower state revenue predictions.

The \$434 million budget that Superintendent Carole Smith presented to the school board in March assumed a \$6.4 billion budget for K-12 schools for the biennium with more than \$14 million in reductions from current service levels.

This included a net loss of 40 positions and a slight increase in class size. It was based on the principle of shared sacrifice: a cost-of-living freeze for all employees, subject to union negotiations.

Now in the wake of news about still deepening unemployment, state legislators and the governor say a \$6.4 billion schools budget is out of reach.

Sen. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, and co-chair of the legislative Joint Ways and Means Committee, told Smith and Portland School Board members by video last Wednesday that they should plan for a \$5.9 billion K-12 budget. Meanwhile, Gov. Ted Kulongoski and state schools Superintendent Susan Castillo are suggesting revenue as low as \$5.4 billion.

Options for additional cuts include additional central office reductions, the use of reserves, cutting more staff positions and raising class sizes higher, cutting non-instructional and instructional days, salary reductions and decreasing the district's contribution to employee health benefits.

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## PGE to Install 'Smart' Meters

Portland General Electric is rolling out more than 800,000 "smart meters" across its 4,000-square-mile service area after testing the new technology.

Company officials say the next-generation electrical meters, which will be read remotely by PGE, will help the utility and its customers manage energy use, as well as enhance customer service and reduce operating expenses.

The new meters communi-

cate over a wireless network much like a cell phone system.

PGE anticipates millions in operational cost savings per year once the system is fully up and running. Fewer meter-reading vehicles will eliminate 1.2 million miles of driving, save 80,000 gallons of gasoline and reduce CO2 emissions by 1.5 million pounds every year.

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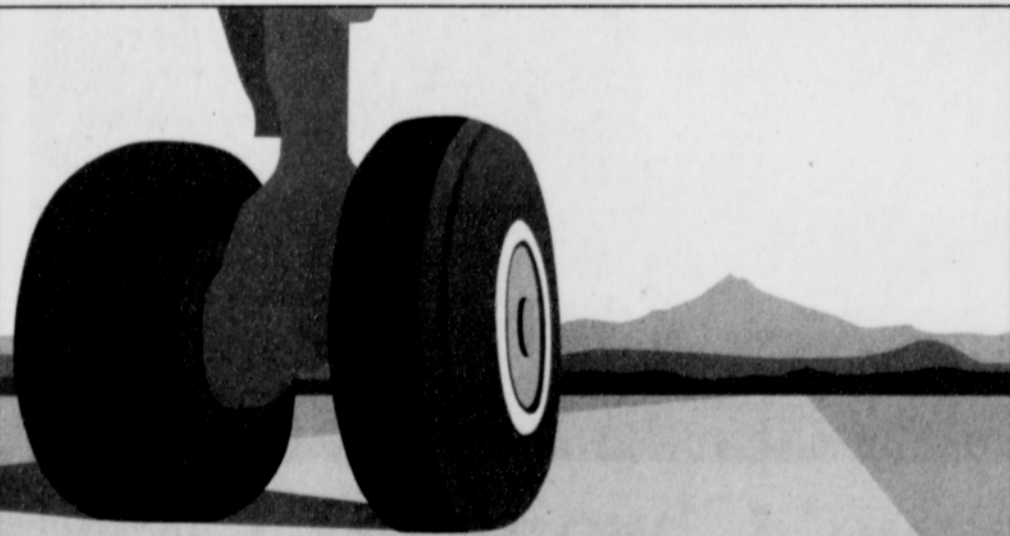
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