



H1N1 Flu Outbreak

Public health system works to slow spread of virus
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All-Star Classic

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All-Star Classic features city's best high school basketball players
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Week in The Review

Medical Pot Law Survives

An effort to reform Oregon's Medical Marijuana Act has been defeated in the Legislature. Law enforcement insisted the law allows for abuse, while patients fretted about not having access to the drug. But in the end, lawmakers couldn't come to a compromise. See story, page A3.

Cleanup from Fierce Storm

Portland residents were still cleaning up tree limbs and debris Tuesday after a fierce thunderstorm raced through the Portland Metro area Saturday. One man was killed when part of a tree fell on his car along Southwest Barbur Boulevard.

Obama to Pick Next Justice

President Barack Obama said Friday he will replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter with someone who shares the president's respect for "constitutional values" and hopes to have "him" or "her" seated on the nation's highest court by the start of the next term in October. See story, page A2.

Enrollment Swells at PCC

The bad economy has pushed Portland Community College to historic enrollment increases, with the biggest gains at the north Portland Cascade Campus. See story page A2.

James Named League MVP

Unstoppable at both ends of the floor this season, LeBron James claimed the league MVP on Monday. The Cleveland Cavaliers star received 109 of a possible 121 first-place votes to easily outdistance Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Comedian Dom DeLuise Dies

Dom DeLuise, the portly actor-comedian whose affable nature made him a popular character actor for decades with movie and TV audiences as well as directors and fellow actors, died Monday after a long illness. He was 75.

Stamps Go Up to 44 Cents

The price of stamps goes up on Monday, May 11 from 42-cents to 44-cents for first-class mail. However, customers can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing the Forever Stamps which are honored whenever they are used.

Precinct Mergers Approved

The Portland City Council has approved a plan to shrink the city's police precincts from five into three. The plan will cut \$7 million from the budget, but keep neighborhood police patrols and staffing at current levels.

Can Adams Survive?

Embattled mayor in political pressure cooker

BY JAKE THOMAS
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Take a look at some of Sam Adams' old mayoral campaign videos; it's like they're from another city.

They feature a brainy, forward-looking, and inclusive politician who seemed to perfectly Portland with a diverse

group of citizens backing him.

But Adams' rising star started to flicker fast.

Just three weeks after being sworn into the job, Adams admitted that he was not honest during the course of the mayoral campaign when he



Adams

mentally denied a sexual relationship with an underage intern.

Rushing back to Portland from President Obama's inauguration on Jan. 20, Adams apologized for his 2005 liaison with Beau Breedlove, calling it inap-

propriate, but legal because Breedlove had turned 18.

The revelations opened a floodgate of calls for his resignation.

Since then, Adams has been snubbed by U.S. senators. He's routinely blasted during the public comment period at City Hall meetings. The Oregon At-

torney General has an investigation open to see if Breedlove was in fact 18 when the affair occurred, and Adams has alienated some of his natural allies in his frenzied effort to show he's not politically handicapped.

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Blues Diva Clears the Air

Linda Hornbuckle promotes wellness

BY JAKE THOMAS
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Linda Hornbuckle used to spend nearly seven nights a week signing in jazz clubs, and spending even more time trying to get the stench of cigarette smoke out of her clothes.

She remembers sending her clothes to the dry cleaner and even then they still came back reeking like an ashtray.

"You were dead meat. You were going to smell like smoke wherever you went," said Hornbuckle.

The problem eventually took on a new dimension, as the local jazz and blues diva found herself performing at benefit shows for fellow musicians who were strapped with medical bills from illnesses incurred from spending so many evenings playing in smoky bars. She can't even remember how many



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Local blues diva Linda Hornbuckle pauses during a performance at Original Halibut's on Northeast Alberta Street with her husband and manager, Mark Young.

she's played.

When local blues singer Curtis Salgado fell ill in 2006, Hornbuckle decided enough was enough, and embarked on

bars starting this year. Hornbuckle also won the Multnomah County Health Department's ninth annual Public Health Hero award, which

to Bruce Fife, the president of the local Musicians' Union. He explained that some musicians worried that a ban would turn off a club's clientele and cause them to miss a payday, others worried about the health effects of smoke.

"Musicians are pretty much on their own for healthcare," said Fife, who said that Hornbuckle had been on the forefront of this issue within the union for years.

Hornbuckle has earned a reputation as one of Oregon's premiere musicians by spending decades in jazz clubs belting out her mixture of jazz, blues, and gospel. She's wracked up numerous awards

and has been featured as a backup signer in Quarterflash and fronted Linda Hornbuckle and the No DeLay Band, in addition to many others.

She was able to use her clout in Portland's music scene to get clubs to snuff smoking in their bars even before the ban.

One of those establishments was Jimmy Mak's, downtown, one of the Pacific Northwest's premiere jazz clubs.

"People thought it was going to hurt the crowd," said Hornbuckle, which was a concern held by many club own-

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"I don't want to condone [smoking] any more. You are imposing on other people's health." —Linda Hornbuckle

a personal crusade to stop smoking in the bars.

Her efforts eventually paid off when the Oregon Legislature banned smoking inside

recognizes people working to improve the health of others.

The issue of smoking in bars has long an issue of controversy for musicians, according

Local Executive Shifts Gears

Helps inner-city youth at De La Salle North

De La Salle North Catholic High School, a college preparatory high school for inner-city youth in north Portland, has announced the appointment of Ben Root to the role of vice president of institutional advancement.

Root will be responsible for cultivating and maintaining excellent relations with donors as well as coordinating annual fundraising and major gifts.

Most recently, Root was employed at Friends of the Children in Portland, as director of corporate and major gifts, with previous employment at Friends of the Children as national director of development.

At Friends of the Children, he was responsible for identifying and cultivating major gifts while tracking large donor portfolios. He also

worked as the liaison development officer to Friends of the Children Foundation.

His previous employment was at St. Andrew Nativity School in northeast Portland where Root served as project coordinator, operations and development director, raising and securing major gifts and donor profiles while supervising and staffing the school's board of finance, investment committees and general operations.

Root received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Grinnell College in Iowa and a Masters of Public Administration in Non-Profit Management from Portland State University.

De La Salle North Catholic High School prepares young men and women for college through a rigorous faith-based high school education

with an emphasis on math, science, and language arts.

The racially, spiritually, and culturally diverse school advances more than 95 percent of its graduating class on to college each year. De La Salle North offers a college preparatory education to students from families with limited economic means and turns away no one due to an inability to pay.

Known as the "School that Works," students are employed one day per week in a Corporate Internship Program to lower the cost of their education.

Established in 2001, De La Salle North is co-founder of the nationally recognized "Cristo Rey Network" of 23 schools providing educational opportunities in urban areas including Boston, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.



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