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Fighting for Health Care



President Obama said Tuesday that a government-run health insurance option is needed "to discipline insurance companies," part of his rallying cry for comprehensive health care overhaul.

Many private insurers, he said, spend too much time thinking about profits instead of helping people.

Swine Flu Kills Child

Oregon health officials say a young child in Marion County has died from the swine flu. Dr. Mel Kohn, the public health director, says the child had a two-day history of fever before dying June 15.



Commuter Trains Collide

Investigators looking into the deadly crash of two Metro transit trains focused Tuesday on why a computerized system failed to halt an oncoming train, and why the train failed to stop even though the emergency brake was pressed.

Voting Rights Upheld

The Voting Rights Act, the government's chief weapon against racial discrimination at polling places since the 1960s, survived a Supreme Court challenge Monday in a ruling that nevertheless warned of serious constitutional questions. See story, page A10.

Attorney Stole Home

Portland attorney Randy Richardson, a former deputy district attorney, was convicted of one count of aggravated theft by deception by helping another person steal an elderly woman's home by signing over her house as she was dying in a nursing home.

Despondent Man Saved

Portland police officers talked a despondent man with a knife and a bow and arrows away from the rail of the I-5 Bridge over the Columbia River Sunday. The southbound lanes were closed for four hours and boats were deployed below in case the man jumped or fell.

Black Family Targeted

A black Clark County family discovered KKK references, swastikas and racial slurs spray painted around their home and in their Vancouver area neighborhood Saturday. The family believes the hate was done in retaliation to complaining about racist language from another student at their daughter's school.

Adams Survives Conduct Inquiry

Mayor did not break the law, A.G. finds

(AP) -- Oregon Attorney General John Kroger said Monday there's no credible evidence that Portland Mayor Sam Adams broke the law in his 2005 relationship with a teenager.

Adams has admitted he lied while campaigning for mayor about his relationship with Beau Breedlove. But Adams denies that the two were involved in a sexual relationship before Breedlove was 18.

Kroger issued a report on his investigation into whether Adams had sexual contact with Breedlove before he

turned 18, which would have been a misdemeanor. Kroger also investigated whether Adams committed official misconduct in lying about the relationship.

Breedlove said he was 17 when he and Adams first kissed. But Kroger's report concluded that those accounts lacked corroborative evidence.

It also stated that Breedlove lacked credibility because of past inconsistent statements and a prior felony conviction, as well as evidence he sought financial gain from the scandal.

"At times, a responsible prosecutor may seek to charge an individual with a crime based solely on the uncorroborated testimony of a single witness," Kroger's report said. "However, a responsible prosecutor will do so only when there are no serious questions about the credibility of the witness's account."



Sam Adams is cleared of misconduct after a five month investigation.

"Here, there are serious questions about the credibility of Breedlove's account, due to his prior inconsistent statements, the lack of corroborating witnesses or evident, his attempt to gain personally from matters related to his involvement with Adams and his prior criminal record."

Kroger called a news conference to discuss the report on Monday. Mayor Adams issued a statement thanking Portlanders for their support and understanding.

"I made mistakes in my personal life that led to this investigation," a statement from the mayor said. "As a result, the city I love was put through an ordeal. I am gratified the investigation has been completed and I want to reiterate

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Lents Outrage Kills Stadium

City now open to other locations

BY JAKE THOMAS THE PORTLAND OBSERVER City Hall's efforts to bring major league soccer to Portland stumbled after a combative meeting last week involving residents of the Lents neighborhood.

In March, City Council narrowly voted for a proposal that would put major league soccer in PGE Park. But the move would displace the city's triple-A baseball team, the Beavers, which prompted the city to begin looking for a new baseball stadium location.

After an aborted attempt to raze Memorial Coliseum for the ballpark, proponents began eyeing Lents Park, which sparked intense outrage from nearby residents who worried that the increase in traffic and noise



Residents get support from Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish during a rally against a proposed new minor league baseball stadium for Lents Park in southeast Portland.

generated by the stadium would render the area unlivable. Lents, a neighborhood in outer southeast Portland, has struggled with its image as an

impoverished area which sometimes gets referred to as "felony flats."

The neighborhood has been quietly getting a

makeover since 1998 when the city established an urban renewal area in Lents. Urban renewal areas siphon off property tax revenues and direct

them towards loans for local businesses, housing improvements and general infrastructure.

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Diversity Takes Festival Stage

For Good in the Neighborhood

BY LEE PERLMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Good in the Neighborhood continues to evolve and change.

The 17th annual multicultural music and food festival and community parade will occur this Saturday and Sunday celebrating the diverse populations of inner north and northeast Portland. The main events will occur at the King School Park and parking lot in the 4800 block of Northeast Sixth Avenue, just south of Alberta Street. However, this year, the grounds will be shared on Sunday with the new King Farmers Market.

"We've actually joined forces, and we're doing this together as one event," Good in the Neighborhood organizer Cheryl Roberts told the Portland Observer.

To make sure it all fits,

Sunday's market will be slightly smaller than usual and, to create more space, Northeast Seventh Avenue in front of the school will be closed to traffic for the day.

Other aspects of the festival will go on as before. On Saturday, there will be a parade along



Normal Sylvester

Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, starting at 11 a.m. at Dawson Park.

Once again there will be two full days of free music, Noon to



Patrick Lamb

9:30 p.m. Saturday and Noon to 8 p.m. Sunday featuring the likes of Ocean 503, Cool Breeze, Norman Sylvester, Patrick Lamb and the Erotic City Prince Tribute Band.

A multicultural stage will feature ethnic entertainment, including Mexican and Cambodian artists. A food court will be dispensing multi-ethnic culinary delights. The McMenamin brothers will host a beer garden, and once again, there will be a community village of 150 booths manned by public and private agencies and organizations dispensing useful information.

Also returning is a special Kids Space with clowns and face painting among other things; and local entrepreneurs,



Julian Ride of Portland fronts the Erotic City Prince Tribute Band.

offering unique goods and crafts for sale.

To do all this with free admission requires more than a little

help from friends. Roberts said this year was especially

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39 years of community service