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Obama Defends Gulf Effort

National anger rising, President Barack Obama Tuesday was defending his efforts against the country's worst environmental disaster and hoping his first Oval Office address later that night would stoke confidence that he can see the job through until the gushing oil is gone and Gulf Coast lives are back to normal.

Oregon Jobless Unchanged

The jobless rate in Oregon is still pretty much the same as it was seven months ago, standing virtually unchanged in May at 10.6 percent. Although the May unemployment rate is a point better than the 11.6 percent rate in May 2009, it has barely nudged since the end of last year.

Local Boy Still Missing Tuesday was the last day of school at Skyline Elementary but 2nd-grader Kyron Horman was still missing and searchers were focus-





ing on Sauvie Island. Kyron went missing June 4, the morning of a science fair. Police say the case has been moved into a criminal investigation.

Afghan Mineral Wealth

U.S. geologists have discovered vast mineral wealth in Afghanistan, possibly amounting to \$1 trillion, President Hamid Karzai's spokesman said Monday. The official told reporters the findings were made by the U.S. Geological Survey under contract to the Afghan government.

Fewer Vehicle Registrations

Officials with the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services say that vehicle registrations dropped by 32,000 last year, the largest amount in recent state history last year. Transportation officials say the drop probably is due to the bad economy, with people buying fewer new cars and not renewing tabs for some old ones.

Kennedy Lived with Threats



The late Sen. Edward Kennedy lived under constant assassination threats, sometimes chillingly specific, as he

became a target for extremist rage, according to previously private FBI documents disclosed Monday. He was the sole surviving Kennedy brother after the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy.

20 Killed in Flash Floods

Crews on Monday found a 20th victim of a flash flood that swept through a popular campground in Arkansas. Dozens of people were feared missing after the pre-dawn Friday flood, but authorities on Sunday narrowed their search to just one person known to have been camping at the Albert Pike Recreation Area.



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