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The City is investing \$20 million in North/Northeast Portland over the next five years to help address the need for affordable housing. **We need your input to inform the housing strategy.**

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Highland Christian Center

7600 NE Glisan St
Thursday 9/18/14

Dinner 6:00 p.m. • Session 6:30 - 9:00

Matt Dishman Community Center

77 NE Knott St
Saturday 9/27/14

Lunch 1:00 p.m. • Session 1:30 - 4:00

Gresham City Hall

1333 NW Eastman Pkwy, Gresham
Thursday 10/9/14

Dinner 6:00 p.m. • Session 6:30 - 9:00

New Song Community Church,

2511 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Saturday 10/11/14

Breakfast 9:00 a.m. • Session 9:30 - Noon

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The Week in Review

Blazer Caldwell Jones Dies

Former Portland Trail Blazers center Caldwell Jones died Sunday from a heart attack at his home in Decatur, Ga. He was 64. Jones brought a fierce attitude and unselfish style of play to the court that made the Blazers one of the best defensive teams when he played for Portland from 1985-89. His quiet but engaging demeanor off the court made him a favorite with fans.



US, Allies Bomb Militants

The United States and its Arab allies unleashed deadly bomb and missile strikes on jihadists in Syria on Tuesday, opening a new front in the battle against the Islamic State group. Dozens of militants were reported killed in the raids, which Washington said had partly targeted extremists plotting an "imminent attack" against the West.

Mike Brown Memorial Torched

Anger spilled over Tuesday in Ferguson, Mo., after fire destroyed one of two memorials on the street where Mike Brown was



killed. How the fire happened wasn't immediately clear, but it stoked fresh resentment among those who question whether the shooting of the unarmed, black 18-year-old by a white Ferguson police officer on Aug. 9 is being adequately investigated.

Ebola could Infect 1.4 Million

U.S. health officials Tuesday laid out worst-case and best-case scenarios for the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, warning that the number of infected people could explode to at least 1.4 million by mid-January - or peak well below that, if efforts to control the outbreak are ramped up.

Child Killed in Window Fall

A 3-year-old Portland boy who fell from a second story window and landed on the concrete below did not survive his injuries despite the life-saving efforts of medical staff at a Portland hospital. Police said the fall happened Sunday afternoon as he was playing with other children in an upstairs bedroom. The case is a sad reminder of the dangers of upper floor windows.

Record Chinook Salmon Run

For the second consecutive year, fall Chinook salmon returning to the Columbia River Basin are shattering modern-day records. The Northwest's iconic fish are returning in numbers not seen since 1938—more than 75 years ago—when counting began after construction of the Bonneville Dam.

Low Income Adults Gain Coverage

Health insurance now covers most Oregonians

(AP) — A new study shows 95 percent of Oregonians now have health insurance coverage, largely thanks to the state's expansion of Medicaid to many previously ineligible low-income adults.

The study, released Thursday, was conducted by Oregon Health & Science University in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority.

It shows the number of uninsured Oregonians fell from about 550,000 in June 2013 to roughly 202,000 in June 2014, or about 5 percent of Oregon's population of 3.9 million residents.

Most of the newly insured gained coverage through the Oregon

Health Plan, Oregon's version of Medicaid, which expanded by 360,000 people. Some previously had private insurance, but it's likely the vast majority was uninsured.

While public insurance coverage increased in Oregon, private insurance coverage slightly decreased, by less than 1 percent.

The decrease was due to a drop in the number of people covered by employer-sponsored coverage—by 47,000 individuals, or 2.5 percent.

The trend isn't new: Employer sponsored insurance has been decreasing for more than a decade, said Peter Graven, a health economist at OHSU and the study's author. The drop in employer-sponsored coverage was likely caused by businesses closing, new ones opening and not offering insurance, and some employers dropping coverage, he said.

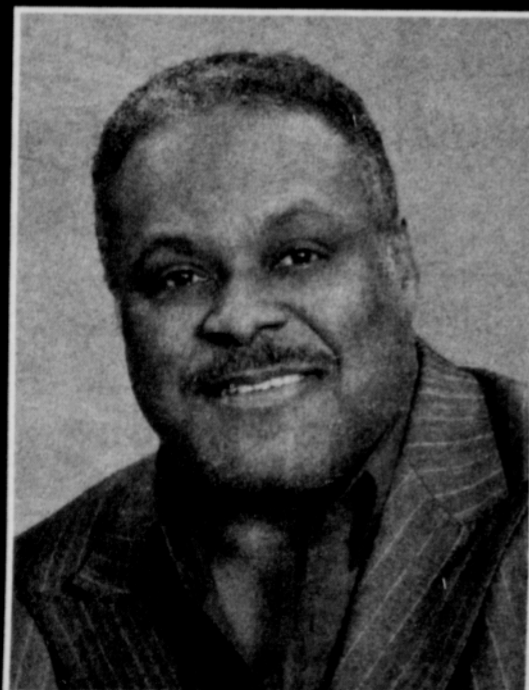
The number of Oregonians buying private insurance directly from

insurers also is on the decline in the state. It dropped by about 26,000 people, or 15 percent. Some carriers have reduced direct purchase options, directing people instead to buy plans via the Cover Oregon insurance exchange.

Those declines in private insurance coverage were somewhat offset by an increase in private, non-employer coverage purchased via the exchange. Eighty percent of the plans purchased through Cover Oregon were subsidized by the federal government.

The study shows 76,000 Oregonians bought private plans via the exchange, though the most current numbers indicate more than 100,000 people gained private coverage through Cover Oregon.

The study's author says it's not possible to tell exactly how many of those insured via Cover Oregon were previously uninsured and how many had other types of insurance.



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