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LOCAL NEWS



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Norman "Boogie Cat" Sylvester leads a rally earlier this year at the state capitol in Salem for legislation to provide health care for all Oregonians with no exceptions. The popular musician will again front the annual 'Healing the Healthcare Blues,' concert on April 11 to support the Health Care for All-Oregon Coalition.

Healthcare Blues

Music festival supports a system serving all

An all-star lineup of musicians who know all too well the struggles of affording health care will gather once again for the Inner City Blues Festival's 'Healing the Healthcare Blues' concert on Saturday, April 11 at the Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Ave. and

Lombard. The 4th annual event will support Health Care for All-Oregon, the statewide movement to reform our health care system by creating a comprehensive, equitable, affordable, publicly-funded, high-quality health care sys-

tem serving everyone. While the Affordable Care Act has resulted in millions of American gaining insurance, many people, including about 5 percent of Oregonians still lack any health

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Activist Teacher Remembered

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A longtime Portland educator who helped countless Portland students embark on careers in journalism and other pursuits, including the editor of the Portland Observer as a student at John Adams High School, is being remembered after his death at the age of 92.

Robert "Bob" Gerber taught **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



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Portland educator and community activist Bob Gerber (center) reminisces with other veterans during a 2013 forum at Portland Community College. Gerber, who died March 22 at the age of 92, was an advocate for civil rights whose view on race was forever transformed when his life was saved by members of the all-black Tuskegee squadron during World War II.