



Home heating oil prices go through the roof

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The nationwide average price for regular gasoline last week was \$1.32 a gallon, up four pennies from the week before. But the big spike was in the cost of home heating oil. It's one of the coldest Januaries in years in the Northeast. And that's putting the heat on heating oil companies to keep up with demand and the bite on millions of consumers. In Bristol, Conn., Peggy Diagle's bill

for two months of heating oil is \$354. "Oh my God, it's twice as high as last year. Unbelievable," she says. A year ago the price of a gallon of heating oil was about 80 cents. Last week it was \$1.20, and this week even oil retailers say they can't believe prices. "This week it's been frightfully high. It's gone as high as \$1.77," says Len Bicknell of Alvin Hollis oil company. The cost is even higher in Brooklyn, N.Y., where the price is \$1.89 a gallon. Analysts say the big culprits are the extended deep freeze and OPEC's decision to cut production of crude oil. "Looking forward, the expectation we have is that OPEC will at some

point release more oil and ease the supply crunch," says Michael Rothman of Merrill Lynch. At the same time, politicians in the Northeast, which uses 75 percent of the nation's heating oil supply, are asking the president to release some of the government's oil reserves. Many consumers are simply accusing oil retailers of gouging. But retailers are telling angry customers don't blame them for those sky-high bills. New shipments of oil from Russia are on the way, which could at least stabilize prices perhaps just in time. The national forecast for the next month calls for more record low temperatures.

Controversy arises in L.A. judges decision

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In the latest aftershock from a police scandal that has shaken Los Angeles, a judge on Tuesday dismissed 10 drug and weapons convictions because they were tainted by corruption. That brought to 22 the number of cases thrown out because of police misconduct. The scandal is "the most important case I have seen this office handle in my 31 years here. It goes to the heart of the criminal justice system," said Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti, who sought the dismissals. Garcetti said his office probably will seek reversal of another two to three dozen cases contaminated by false

testimony and the planting of evidence. The scandal, the worst for LAPD in decades, has centered on an anti-gang unit in the LAPD's Rampart Division. Twenty officers have either resigned or been suspended. Paul Thompson, 34, had his conviction overturned and was ordered immediately freed from prison. He has served half of a six-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Disgraced former LAPD officer Rafael Perez has admitted he testified falsely during Thompson's trial. Thompson plans to sue but remains fearful of police, said his attorney, Carlos Spiga. "He's afraid the police will try to dirty him up and compromise any civil action," Spiga told reporters.

Also reversed was the drug conviction of Octavio Davalos. The 41-year-old upholstery worker served 91 days and received three years of probation after pleading guilty to possessing and selling cocaine and marijuana. Perez has said he falsified the police report. "I was never guilty of nothing," Davalos told reporters. He said he agreed to a plea bargain because he was threatened with eight years in prison. Davalos' lawyer told Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler his client would like to recover expenses in connection with the case. Fidler said a civil lawyer would surely be able to advise him. "Since you are the first person present on this matter, the court's apologies," the judge told Davalos.

Group holds final public meeting about development along Vancouver, Williams avenues

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The Vancouver-Williams Task Force will sponsor its final public meeting this week to receive citizen input that will be used to create a development plan for the area along Vancouver and Williams avenues. The area is known as the Vancouver-Williams Corridor. The meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the OAME Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. The meeting will give the community a chance to share ideas about potential development opportunities and the vision for the area. Attendees also will have an opportunity to offer input about the results of a development tools survey and proposed design principles.

The Vancouver-Williams Corridor is bounded by Killingsworth to the north, Interstate 84 on the south, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 7th Street to the east and Willamette River/Interstate 405/Albina and Mississippi avenues on the west. Alex Dorsey of the Portland Development Commission said the role of the task force is to create a plan for future development of the Vancouver-Williams Corridor "based on a shared community vision that encourages vibrant, mixed-use development, supports new industrial and commercial opportunities, and balances business growth with community needs for affordable housing and job creation." The Vancouver-Williams Task Force, which has conducted two previous community meetings regarding the

corridor, is comprised of a diverse group of residents, business owners, property owners and community-based organizations. Dorsey, who is the coordinator for the Vancouver-Williams project, said PDC became involved with the project when task force members wanted to apply for a grant. PDC helped the task force acquire the funding. Assisting communities in redevelopment is part of the city's Albina Community Plan. According to that plan, PDC is to identify key development sites and partner with the community to spearhead develop that will create jobs, affordable housing and retail/commercial space in the Boise, Eliot and Humboldt neighborhoods. Call Alex Dorsey at 823-3311 or Sheila 813-6232 for more information about the meeting.

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not plan to boycott the game, but hopes players will show their distaste for the flag by altering their uniform. NFL spokesman Joe Browne said the league's stance hasn't changed since the last Super Bowl played in Atlanta, in 1994. "While we understand the concerns raised by this issue, we are not a political advocacy group," Browne said. "We are a football league in Atlanta to play our championship game, and our rules prohibit the wearing of any item on game day related to political causes or activities." Georgia's flag bears the state seal on the left and a representation of the Confederate battle flag on the right. The Confederate emblem was added by legislators in 1956, two years after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled racial segregation illegal in public schools. In 1993, former Gov. Zell Miller tried unsuccessfully to have the flag changed. The city of Atlanta flies an older state flag without the Confederate symbol on city property.

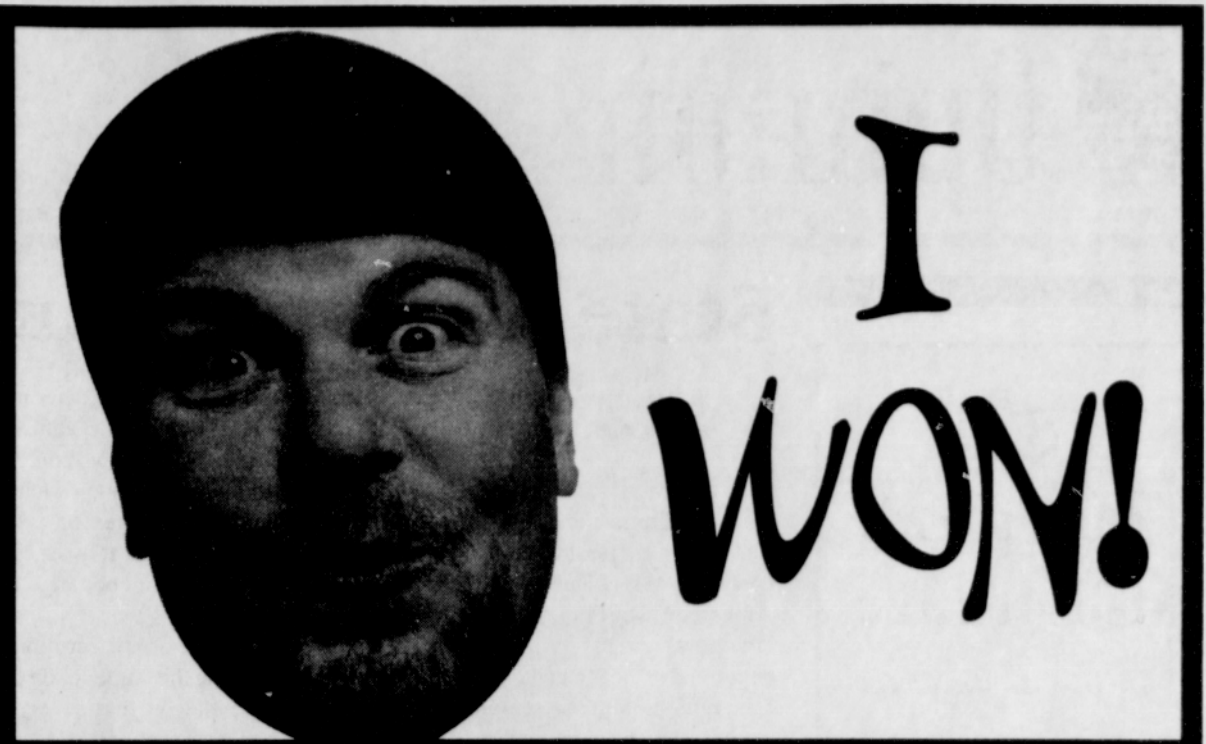
Jackson said he had asked the NFL and Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, to

support the protest. Neither group had committed to the idea Monday, he said.

The City of Portland's Water Bureau Lead Hazard Reduction Program - Community Education Project's

Train the Trainer Lead Poisoning Prevention Education Workshop

The Train the Trainers workshop is a FREE all day workshop for professionals and trainers working with health, environmental, and community organizations. Workshops are provided in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Russian. The Workshops will provide lead prevention awareness in daily work activities that will help organizations train and maintain their own lead prevention educators. Workshops are from 9:00-4:00 p.m. Dates: Wednesday, February 2 Wednesday, February 9 Wednesday, February 23 Bag Lunches provided. **Workshops Are Free** - Registration is necessary To register or for more information contact Stacey Drake Edwards at 823-1579 or sedwards@water.ci.portland.or.us



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NAME	CITY	GAME	AMOUNT
R Harless	Coos Bay	Crossword	\$15,000
J Allen	Portland	Keno	\$5,100
C Catlin	South Beach	Crazy 8's	\$888
W Basye	Portland	Megabucks	\$3,069
K Packer Jr.	Hood River	Cash Quest	\$750
P Pittenger	Klamath Falls	Keno	\$13,778
K Burton	Portland	Monte Carlo	\$5,000
B Christian	Depoe Bay	Powerball	\$100,000
C Caldwell	Gresham	Keno	\$1,600
S Doty	Kamath Falls	Megabucks	\$5,038
L Brown	Milton-Freewater	Keno	\$49,534
M Delgado	Portland	Powerball	\$5,000
N Mura	Garibaldi	Special Keno	\$1,750
J Blomquist	Springfield	Keno	\$13,791
V Fijak	Fairview	Beat the Dealer	\$10,000
G Kiefer	Sixes	Megabucks	\$4,461
L Erickson	Waldport	Keno	\$3,226
R Ericson	Woodburn	Powerball	\$5,000
M Jolley	Tillamook	Keno	\$1,755
D Green	Gresham	Sports Action	\$633
P Moore	Creswell	Keno	\$1,802
J Hall	Troutdale	Special Keno	\$1,755
L Hansen	Medford	Megabucks	\$3,702
R Hanson	Portland	Keno	\$30,221
L Phillips	Astoria	Viva Las Vegas	\$1,000
R Barker	Keizer	Keno	\$11,686
M Iles	Gresham	Megabucks	\$2,701
C Smith	Grants Pass	Sports Action	\$1,051
A Walker	Maupin	Powerball	\$5,000
J Nold	Gresham	Keno	\$2,253
B Whalen	Seaside	Megabucks	\$4,485
J Slattery	Veneta	Monte Carlo	\$5,000
K Price	Troutdale	Keno	\$1,600
L Brissett	Scappoose	Bingo 2000	\$10,000
G Pulliam	Corbett	Megabucks	\$724
M Wallace	Troutdale	Special Keno	\$3,500
Z AlTalabani	Beaverton	Sports Action	\$2,237
T Wills	Roseburg	Keno	\$10,394
J Watson	Klamath Falls	Countdown 2000	\$2,000
M Payne	Cascade Locks	Special Keno	\$2,550
V Castaneda	Rainier	Keno	\$1,501
A Collins	Gold Hill	Lucky 7's Bingo	\$17,777
D Allen	Forest Grove	Megabucks	\$1,478
L Berger	Hillsboro	Keno	\$9,046
M Boston	Aloha	Viva Las Vegas	\$5,000
S Gutzler	Hood River	Keno	\$12,587
E Sutherland	Gold Beach	Megabucks	\$4,663
B Boungnasane	Beaverton	Sports Action	\$4,287
K Loren	Newport	Keno	\$37,693
P Casciato	King City	Super Tic Tac Toe	\$1,000
N Cate	Beaverton	Megabucks	\$2,768
K Collins	Buxton	Keno	\$1,200
M Courtemanche	Sherwood	Sports Action	\$1,020
D Goodwin	Cornelius	Crossword	\$1,000
R Johnson	St. Helens	Keno	\$2,562
B Clarno	Coos Bay	Keno	\$2,609
D Haigwood	Tigard	Bucks & Trucks	\$1,000
J Hunt Jr.	Grants Pass	Keno	\$12,925
M Barney Jr.	Klamath Falls	Sports Action	\$612
E Kaya	Woodburn	Viva Las Vegas	\$25,000
D Hill	Tigard	Keno	\$5,053
G Krebs	Medford	Battleship	\$1,000
D Huerd	Tigard	Sports Action	\$12,012

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