



Slight Decrease

Oregon gas prices have dropped ever so slightly. The price for regular hit a record high on July 3 at \$4.29, before falling Tuesday to a statewide average of \$4.28.



Jazzy Vibes

Blues artist Catherine Russell to bring her saucy smile and jazz chops to the Oregon Zoo Summer Concert Series. See inside, page A7

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Week in The Review

Obama Picks Stadium for Nomination Speech

Barack Obama will accept the Democratic presidential nomination during a speech Aug. 28 at Invesco Field at Mile High, a 76,000-seat stadium and home to the Denver Broncos. The venue was preferred over Denver's Pepsi Center, the site of the Democratic Party Convention. See story, page A2.



Rosa Parks' Belongings will go to Auction

A probate court judge in Detroit has asked an auction house to find a buyer — preferably a museum, university or other institution — for thousands of personal items from the estate of civil rights icon Rosa Parks. See story, page A3.



Iraq Wants Pullout Timeline

Iraq officials stepped up pressure on the United States on Tuesday to agree to a specific timeline to withdraw American forces, a sign of the government's growing confidence as violence falls.

Dubious Home Lending Targeted

The Federal Reserve will issue new rules next week aimed at protecting future homebuyers from dubious lending practices, its most sweeping response to a housing crisis that has propelled foreclosures to record highs.

Venus Retains Title

Venus Williams beat her younger sister Serena in straight sets Saturday to retain her Wimbledon tennis title and win her seventh Grand Slam championship. Venus, 28, defeated Serena 7-5, 6-4 to become the first woman to repeat as champion at the All England Club in southwest London since her sister in 2003. It's her fifth Wimbledon crown.



Vick Files for Bankruptcy

Former American football star Michael Vick filed for bankruptcy at a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Monday, seeking Chapter 11 protection and citing debts between \$10 million and \$50 million.



Neglected Woman Dies on Hospital Floor

A New York City Hospital has agreed to implement reforms at a psychiatric ward where surveillance footage showed her fall from a chair, withering on the floor and dying as workers failed to help her for more than an hour. See story, page A9.

Hurricane Bertha Weakens

Forecasters say Hurricane Bertha has weakened to a Category 1 storm. Tuesday, the center of the storm was about 620 miles east-northeast of the northern Leeward Islands and about 900 miles south-east of Bermuda.

38
years of
community service



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Peninsula Little League players, coaches and supporters gather for the dedication of a state-of-the-art baseball field at Lillis Albina Park at North Flint Avenue and Russell Street.

Field of Dreams

Inner city youth draw support

The Little League Urban Initiative, the Portland Park and Recreation Department, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and the Portland Beavers, have collaborated on a field revitalization project for the Peninsula Little League, serving inner north and northeast Portland.

"Peninsula is a deserving recipient," said Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball and Softball. "It has done an outstanding job at providing a quality Little League program for the children

and adults of this community."

A dedication ceremony was recently held at Lillis Albina Park to unveil the improvements made by Portland Parks that include a new grass infield and mesh fence on the backstop, irrigation system, outfield fencing, renovation of the dug-out area, and installation of bleacher seating, a concession trailer, batting cage and pitching machine.

"To us as coaches and volunteers, the renovation is more than a grass infield, a fence and a batting cage," Mary Dunn,

president of Peninsula Little League, said. "We believe that the activity level of our Little League is a barometer that reflects the health and spirit of the community. The Little League Urban Initiative is a great program that helps to lift the spirit and morale of volunteers working with inner city youths. From talking with other leagues that are part of the Urban Initiative, it is apparent to me that Little League is having a major impact on urban life."

The costs of renovations and improvements to the Peninsula Little League field

totaled \$150,000. A portion of the Little League Urban Initiative's contribution was made possible by the donation provided through the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

The Little League Urban Initiative provides assistance packages for eligible leagues that aid the local volunteer group with equipment acquisition, capital improvement cash grants, field improvement and renovation, access to Little League Baseball and Softball education and training programs, advocacy, and networking.

Apparel Designer Achieves Trend Status

Tony Haynes keeps it 'bubbly'

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Tony Haynes' shirt company has come a long way since its inception eight years ago, but the local entrepreneur's concept has remained the same.

Haynes started out making T-shirts with press-on materials out of his northeast Portland house, and now his business, Bubbly Bubbly Whowear, has an office and print shop at the Roseland Theatre downtown.

All the way through, his mission has involved inserting the word "bubble" into various catch phrases. "Get your rest and be Bubbly fresh" is an example of one T-shirt slogan he has created.

Haynes has a social rationale for creating hundreds of slogans using the "bub-

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Shirt company designer Tony Haynes brings his positive message and line of apparel to the Good in the Neighborhood celebration.

Mosquito Season Warning

West Nile Virus still a concern

• Heard the buzz? Mosquito season is here and public health officials want to remind residents that mosquitoes can transmit a number of diseases, including West Nile Virus.

West Nile has had a presence in Oregon since 2004, and last year Clackamas County, Multnomah County, Washing-

ton County, and Clark County all had confirmed cases where birds were infected.

The spread of the virus is unpredictable; however, trends throughout the country have shown a significant increase of cases in subsequent years of the virus.

West Nile Virus is carried by infected mosquitoes. It can cause serious illness in some people and horses. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on in-

fectured birds of the Corvid family, such as ravens, crows, jays and magpies. The mosquito can then transmit the infection to humans and animals by biting them. You cannot get the virus from another person or animal.

Most people who become infected with the West Nile Virus do not become ill. Only about 20 percent develop West Nile fever, which features fever, headache, body aches, and occasionally a rash on the trunk of the body and

swollen lymph glands. Symptoms begin 3-14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and in cases of mild disease last a few days. People with questions about WNV symptoms should call their health care provider.

Only about one out of 150 of those who become infected develop a severe infection known as West Nile encephalitis or meningitis. Symptoms of a severe infection can include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Symptoms of

severe disease may last several weeks, although some brain and nerve damage may be permanent. There is no effective treatment for WNV infection other than supportive medical care.

There are no vaccinations for humans, but vaccinations are available for horses. Horse owners should contact their veterinarians for more information.

There are two basic prevention strategies: reducing the mosquito population and avoiding mosquito bites. The best way to reduce the

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