



Down 7 Cents

Regular gas averaged \$4.22 in Oregon Tuesday, down 7 cents from the record set over the July 4th weekend.

World Class Sounds

West African musician Habib Koite and his band will bring rich harmonies, unique guitar picking and lively drumming to the Oregon Zoo. See story, page A7



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King Children Rift

A lawsuit involving the children of Martin Luther King Jr. has been filed over how their father's estate is being run, pitting family members against each other. See story, page A2.

Hurricane Aims at Texas

Forecasters say Dolly has become a hurricane and is heading toward southern Texas and northeastern Mexico. The Category 1 storm was forecast to make landfall Wednesday.

CBS off Hook for Janet's 'Wardrobe Malfunction'

Janet Jackson's breast-baring "wardrobe malfunction" on CBS during the 2004 Super Bowl half-time show drew a \$550,000 indecency fine from the Federal Communications Commission. Now a federal appeals court has thrown it out.

Sharpton Expects Feds to Drop Tax Probe

Federal prosecutors have disbanded their criminal probe into the financial dealings of Rev. Al Sharpton, the minister and his lawyers

said Tuesday. Sharpton said that both he and his civil rights group would pay off their debts, clean up their books and complete a reorganization intended to ensure the group's long-term fiscal stability.

Marion Jones Seeks Pardon

Olympic track star Marion Jones has asked President Bush to commute her six-month prison sentence for lying to federal agents about her use of performance-enhancing drugs and a check-fraud scam. See story, page A2.

War Crimes Fugitive Arrested

After nearly 13 years on the run, Radovan Karadzic will have to wait months before he stands trial at the U.N.'s Yugoslav war crimes tribunal on charges of masterminding atrocities throughout the Bosnian war. Karadzic was arrested Monday in Serbia.

Chinese High on Olympics

Overwhelming numbers of Chinese say next month's Olympics will help their country's tattered image abroad, and they predict the Beijing Games will be successful, according to a poll released Tuesday.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Laurie Freeman brings 20 years experience in pediatric nursing to the new 24-hour emergency department at Emanuel Children's Hospital in north Portland.

Emanuel Expands Care for Children

Opens 24-hour emergency department

Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital in north Portland has expanded pediatric health services with a new 24-hour children's emergency department.

Medical experts around the country believe that children's emergency departments are vital to the quality of care for young children.

A recent report from the Institute of Medicine in Washington emphasized the importance of specialized care for children's medical emergencies in designated pediatric emergency departments.

Highly skilled children's emergency teams have expertise in age specific care and proper diagnosis of newborns, infants, toddlers, school aged kids and teens. At Emanuel, the children's emergency team recognizes the need for separate children's emergency services and prides itself on a family-centered care approach.

The team also strives to ensure that each child feels safe

and unafraid, so that the young patient will have a good experience.

Dr. William Lennarz, in charge of pediatric emergency medicine at Emanuel, says the commitment to children's emergency services is vital.

"Our children's emergency department is really a big deal for parents especially," Lennarz says. "They know when they come here, their child won't have to compete for care with adult emergency patients. We just focus on kids, and bring special knowledge and skills to their bedside."

Features of the 24/7 children's emergency department include a dedicated pediatric nursing staff trained in pediatric competencies that allows for age specific care and proper diagnosis; equipment sized especially for kids; medications that are child-appropriate; a separate children's waiting room and treatment area where children do not share space with adult patients.

The Emanuel Children's Emergency Department is located on the Emanuel Campus near the main Emergency Department.

Obama Boosts Foreign Affairs Cred'

Meeting presidential style with kings, leaders

(AP) -- Jordan, Israel and Germany aren't normally known as swing states in a White House campaign. But Barack Obama's off to a fast start in his attempt to change that with an election-season tour designed to show him as a potential commander in chief, equally comfortable sitting down — presidential style — with kings and other foreign leaders. "The objective of this trip was to have substantive discussions with people ... who I expect to be dealing with over the next eight to 10 years," he said recently, evidently looking beyond this fall's election to a second term in the White House.

That was in one of a string of network interviews he's lined up on his trip, a journey that arguably will net him more media exposure in the real swing states — Ohio, Colorado, Virginia and elsewhere — than he'll get even during the week of the Democratic National Convention later this summer.

Because Obama traveled with fellow Sens. Jack Reed of Rhode Island and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska to Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq, that portion of the trip counted as official congressional business, financed with federal funds. And Hagel, an anti-war Republican, lent bipartisanship to the proceedings.

But politics was woven into every development. Even before the Illinois Democrat arrived in Iraq, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki spoke warmly of Obama's campaign pledge of withdrawing combat troops over 16 months.

Al-Maliki's spokesman swiftly sought to say the Iraqi leader, who owes his post to President Bush's support, had not meant to take sides in the U.S. election. As rebuttal, it lacked believability, particularly since it was followed one day later by this, from the same spokesman: "We are hoping that in 2010 that combat troops will withdraw from Iraq."



U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) listens as U.S. Army Gen. David H. Petraeus provides a situation update on Iraq to a congressional delegation in Baghdad Monday.

While Obama toured the war zones, his campaign apparatus put the finishing touches on what aides insisted was the nonpolitical balance of the trip to Jordan, Israel, Germany, France and Britain.

A newly refurbished chartered jet flew aides and

porters from Chicago to meet the candidate in the Middle East. The gleaming white 757 is emblazoned with the campaign motto "Change We Can Believe In," and equipped with an aft cabin that will permit Obama and a few top aides to recline in comfort.

The candidate may sit where he pleases, of course, but one chair seems designed with him in mind.

It's the one with "Obama '08/President" on the headrest.

Obama's first trip aboard the new plane was to be en route from Jordan to Israel on Tuesday night.

But before that, aides let it be known that the brief stop in Jordan would include a meeting with King Abdullah. That the king had cut short a trip to Aspen, Colo., especially to fly back to the palace. And that it was the Jordanians who had requested a one-on-one meeting between the king and Obama before they are joined for dinner by Reed, Hagel and others.

In its way, it was as impressive a welcome as the one al-Maliki accorded Obama in Iraq.

Even some of Obama's advisers concede there are risks in a trip of this sort, particularly for a presidential candidate in his position. While polls show he leads his Republican rival, Sen. John McCain, on questions of handling the economy, Obama does no better than even on issues of foreign policy and crisis management.

In political terms, the trip is designed in part to boost Obama's standing in those areas, whether or not he is able to erase McCain's advantages.

Max Station Condos Back on Schedule

PDC boosts support for project

The Portland Development Commission has given new momentum to the long-delayed Killingsworth Station, a privately constructed housing complex designed to increase home ownership and mass transit use along the Max light-rail transit line in north Portland.

The PDC board allocated an additional \$1.8 million for the project last week because of higher than expected sub-contractor bids. The to-

tal project subsidy by the public governmental agency moves to \$5.12 million.

Jim Winkler Development plans to break ground on the construction of the station's 54 units of residential condominiums and 9,000 square feet of ground floor commercial condominium space by February or March, according to Matthew Collier, PDC associate project coordinator.

The public monies make it pos-



The Portland Development Commission has increased funding for the proposed Killingsworth Station housing complex, owner-occupied condos and ground floor retail coming to the intersection of North Killingsworth and Interstate Avenue next to TriMet's Max light-rail station.

sible to offer 33 units of housing at costs considered affordable for residents with 60 to 80 percent of average medium incomes. The condo sale prices would range from \$170,000 to \$185,000 with units containing an average of 658 square feet. The 21 other units will be offered at market rates.

Located at North Killingsworth and Interstate Avenue, the project is designed with environmentally green features, including radiant floor heat and the addition of bike lockers that will add to its prime location for boarding and departing light-rail trains.

In 2003, PDC purchased five homes and an upholstery shop for the square block site. But the original developer pulled out citing rising construction costs and market risks.