

2011 MLK WEEKEND OF SERVICE

January 14 - 17

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Week in The Review

Gas Tax Jumps 6 Cents

The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Oregon jumped 6 cents to \$3.14 since the New Year, reflecting a 6 cents increase in the state gas tax for roads and bridges. The national average gained nearly three cents to \$3.07.



Auto Sales Jump

Auto sales rose to the highest rate in 16 months in December, and major automakers forecast the recovery would gather momentum in 2011 as the industry distances itself from one of its deepest slumps ever.

Navy Captain Reassigned

The captain of a U.S. aircraft carrier was relieved of his command on Tuesday after producing bawdy videos a few years back that featured slurs against homosexuals, simulated masturbation and inane toilet humor. Captain Owen Honors was reassigned to administrative duties.



Blanchard Site May Sell

The Portland School District and the Portland Development Commission will evaluate the potential of selling the district's Blanchard Education Service Center in north Portland. Mayor Sam Adams is leading an effort to bring a Costco store to the site.

Man Freezes to Death

A homeless man was found dead on Thursday behind a dumpster in the 3500 block of Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard. An autopsy determined that Randy Lee Tinnell, 58, died of hypothermia. Police said he was wearing several layers of wet clothes.

Heating Oil Stolen

A 96-year-old woman was left trying to stay warm in her home after someone stole hundreds of dollars worth of heating oil from her above-ground storage tank in Estacada. A Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy came to her aid by cleaning the ashes out of her wood stove and building her a fire.

Food Safety Bill Signed

President Barack Obama Tuesday signed a \$1.4 billion overhaul of the nation's food safety system requiring more government inspections at food processing facilities and allowing regulators to order the recall of unsafe products.



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