## The Portland Observer

## Week in The Review

#### Mom Kicked Off Bus for Crying Baby

The TriMet driver who kicked a mother and her baby off a bus in Hillsboro has been put on administrative leave. Passengers said the woman's baby was crying on the No. 57 bus last Thursday night and the driver told her that if she couldn't keep her baby quiet she'd have to get off the bus.

#### **Occupy Portland Protest**

Supporters of the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations in New York are organizing an Occupy Portland event for Thursday. In New York, 700 people were arrested over the weekend in protests against corporate greed. Police in Portland are trying to get the group to obtain a permit for a safe and peaceful and lawful event.



#### **New iPhone Introduced**

Apple Inc. unveiled a new iPhone on Tuesday that is faster and more powerful but stops short of a more radical upgrade. The new iPhone 4S also has an improved camera with a higher-resolution sensor.

#### **Football Song Pulled**

ESPN pulled Hank Williams Jr.'s classic intro song from its broadcast of Monday night's NFL game after the country singer famous for the line "Are you ready for some football?" used an analogy to Adolf Hitler to accuse President Barack Obama of being the enemy to Republican leaders.

#### Accused of Insensitivity

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, a candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, took criticism over the weekend for a rock outside the Texas hunting camp his family

once leased that had the name Niggerhead painted on it. Rival Herman Cain, the only black Republican in the race, says the rock symbolizes Perry's insensitivity to race.

#### **Obama Renews Jobs Push**

President Barack Obama challenged Republican leaders in Congress on Tuesday to put his entire \$447 billion jobs plan to a vote, rather than breaking it up, to show where each lawmaker stands. The Republican majority leader in Congress, Eric Cantor, said that right now, he won't even let the jobs bill have a vote.

#### Bernanke says Deep Cuts Would Hurt Economy

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is reiterating that Congress should not cut spending sharply while the economy is weak because it would impede the recovery. But he said eventually lawmakers should cut spending more deeply than the \$1.5 trillion in deficit cuts being sought by a special panel.

# Fight for Justice Earns Honors

### Law school hands out special recognition

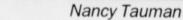
From fighting the tobacco industry to educating others about the important role of diversity, three Oregon lawyers were recognized Saturday for their tremendous efforts, generosity, and commitment to justice at the 38th annual Distinguished Honors Dinner for the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College.

School Dean Robert Klonoff and the Alumni Board of Directors honored graduates Charles S. Tauman '77, Nancy S. Tauman'78 and distin- doors of the courtrooms should be is a state and national leader on sonal injury work, and contracts. guished honorary graduate, the Honorable Adrienne C. Nelson. Charles Tauman has spent more than 30 years fighting for the rights of workers, consumers, and the injured because of his belief that the



Adrienne Nelson

Charles Tauman



Adrienne Nelson was born in Kansas City, Mo. She participated in the Arkansas Governor's program for gifted and talented students and became the first African-American valedictorian at her high school since integration.

In 2006, Gov. Ted Kulongoski appointed her as a general jurisdiction judge to the Multnomah County Circuit Court bench, making her the second African American female judge in the state of Oregon.

Nelson earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Criminal Justice Summa Cum Laude from the University of Ar-

open to all citizens - both the pow- tobacco issues. erless and the powerful.

fighting one of the most powerful industries in the U.S. - the tobacco industry - as a sole practitioner, and

His wife, Nancy Tauman gradu-For the last 12 years, he has been ated from the law school cum laude in 1978 and her practice has included education law, health law, employment law, civil rights litigation, per- cerns.

A volunteer with Portland's First kansas. Presbyterian Church, she provides outreach to the urban needy and works with the Jewish Federation of Portland to address community con-

She is frequently a presenter on the issue of diversity and was an adjunct professor for the law school where she taught a seminar on critical race theory.



Students from Gilbert Park Elementary School in southeast Portland join City Commission Nick Fish and officials from Safeway for a \$20,000 donation from Safeway to the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

## Portland Wins Safeway Contest

make the Rose City the winner of Safeway's "America's Most Natural City" Facebook contest which garnered the city's parks and recreation department a \$20,000 donation.

During a ceremony on Monday, Safeway handed over an oversized check

Portland voters recently rallied to to Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish as he led a dedication ceremony announcing a new cedar chip track, park benches and other amenities at Gilbert Park Elementary School and adjacent Gilbert Primary Park in southeast Portland.

Portland Parks & Recreation will also

be receiving 25 picnic tables to be used all around the city's parks.

The contest's celebration of all things natural was inspired by Safeway's commitment to bringing 100 percent all-natural foods to store shelves with its new Open Nature products line, which are free from artificial ingredients - no artificial flavors, sweeteners, additives, and preservatives.

## Washington State Minimum Wage to Rise

Washington's minimum wage will increase to \$9.04 per hour beginning Jan. 1.

The 37-cent increase reflects a 4.258 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index which is used to measure inflation.

According to the Washington Bureau of Labor Statistics, over the last 12 months the prices of most categories of consumer goods rose. The largest cost increases occurred for fuels and the lowest cost increases were for education and communication services.

Washington is one of 10 states that adjusts the minimum wage based on inflation and the CPI. The others are Oregon Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, and Vermont.

Washington has the highest minimum wage in the country, followed by Oregon which recently announced that its minimum wage will rise 30 cents to \$8.80 an hour in 2012.