

TV Producer Guilty in Letterman Extortion



A television producer pleaded guilty Tuesday to trying to shake down David Letterman in an extortion attempt. Robert "Joe" Halderman, 52, was accused of demanding \$2 million to keep quiet about the late-night comic's workplace love life.

Cop Slows Runaway Prius

A California Highway Patrol officer helped slow a runaway Toyota Prius

from 94 miles per hour to a safe stop on Monday after the car's accelerator became stuck on a San Diego County freeway, a highway patrol spokesperson said.

State Treasurer Dies

Oregon State Treasurer Ben Weslund died Sunday after a long battle with Cancer. Weslund, 60, was sworn into statewide office a little more than a year ago after serving 12 years in the Legislature from Bend, first as a Republican, then an independent and finally as a Democrat.



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Wheeler Fills Post

Multnomah County Chairman Ted Wheeler accepted an offer to fill the state Treasurer position left vacant by the late Ben Weslund, Gov. Ted Kulongoski's office announced Tuesday. Among those lining up to run for Wheeler's county chair post are former State Sen. Margaret Carter, former U.S. Senate candidate Steve Novick and Multnomah



County Commissioner Jeff Cogen.

School Board Votes for High School Redesign

By a 5-2 vote, the Portland School board voted Monday on a resolution paving the way for a plan that would redesign the district's high schools with neighborhood-based community high schools and district wide focus schools.

Quake Moves Chile City 10 Feet

The massive 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile more than a week ago moved the city of Concepción at least 10 feet to the

west, seismological measurements indicate. The fifth most powerful quake ever measured shifted other parts of South America as well.



Palin Crossed Border for Canada's Healthcare

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin -- who has gone to great lengths to hype the supposed dangers of a big government take-

over of American health care -- admitted over the weekend that she used to get her treatment by crossing the border into Canada's single-payer system.

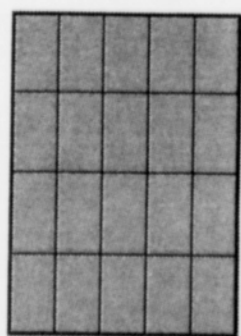
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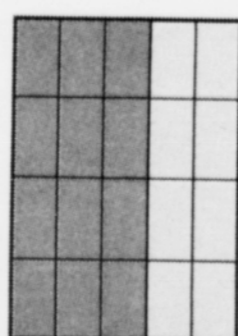
The Portland Observer believes that an adequate supply of affordable housing is the foundation of healthy communities. Living in decent housing provides a safe environment and an opportunity for people to hold jobs, succeed in school and contribute to their communities.

It is an on-going effort to respond to housing needs, the Portland Observer has developed a Housing Special Edition full of information available affordable rental agencies and homeownership programs throughout the state. Depending on your income, you could be eligible for home repair, down payment assistance, rental housing assistance and other affordable housing assistance.

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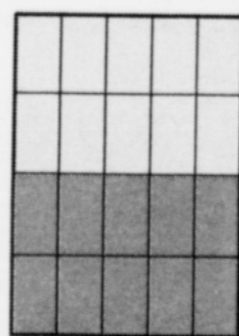


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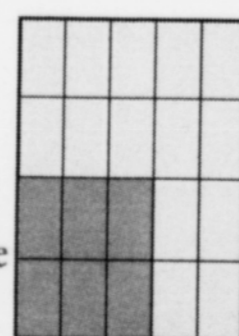


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Water Shut Offs Targeted

The Portland Water Bureau announced Monday that it will begin authorizing water shut-offs on delinquent multi-family account owners.

For many years, the bureau maintained a policy that exempted multi-family accounts from shut-off due to the impact on unknowing tenants.

Unfortunately, a number of landlords have capitalized on this policy by charging their tenants for water and keeping the proceeds for themselves rather than paying their water bills, officials said. As a result, the Water Bureau will be taking action to make certain this trend does not continue.

The bureau will institute a notification system to ensure that tenants and landlords are made aware of any pending shut off, giving both parties a chance to take action.

"Everyone who uses Portland's water infrastructure is responsible to pay their fair share, and this initiative will help ensure that multi-family landlords are no exception," said Water Bureau Administrator David Shaff.

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