

The Week in Review

Water Boil Alert Over

The Portland Water Bureau began cleaning its Mt. Tabor reservoirs with chlorine Monday after a boil water notice was issued by the Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Program. The boil water order was made Friday after coliform and E. coli bacteria were found in routine drinking water samples, but the notice was lifted the following day.



Higher Water and Sewer Rates

Portland City Council is set to approve higher water and sewer rates, with the increases kicking in a little over a month from now. The city of Portland expects the average residential customer will see water-sewer combined bills reaching \$119 a month in the next five years.

Portland Student Killed by Trailer

A Mt. Tabor Middle School student was crushed to death by a trailer loaded with camping gear on Monday after slipping from the vehicle and being run over by its tires. The victim, Cruz Miller, was 14. The accident happened at Camp Westwind near Lincoln City. Portland Public Schools offered grief counseling for students at the school on Tuesday.

Drugs Seized in Southeast Gang Raid

Police raided homes near 82nd Avenue and East Burnside Friday targeting members of the Gypsy Jokers biker club and the white supremacist gang Rude Krude Brood. Authorities say they seized 9 handguns, two rifles, \$1,500 in cash, methamphetamine, cocaine, ecstasy, and over 75 marijuana plants in the joint Multnomah County and Port-

land Police-led raid. Seven adults were detained, officials said.

College Drive-By Kills 6

A 22-year-old man who ranted in web postings that he was a lonely and frustrated virgin, killed six college students and himself during a Friday rampage near the University of California at Santa Barbara. Elliot Rodger stabbed three men in his apartment residence to death before driving to the Alpha Phi sorority house and opening fire on three young women walking by the house, officials said.



99-Year-Old Receives Degree

Jessie White, 99, finally received her degree from Beal College after a \$5 fee from 1939 was covered. At the time, White said she could not afford the fee. Current Beal president Allen Stehle covered the debt himself, officially making the woman a successful undergraduate of the college. She received her degree in stenography and bookkeeping on Friday.

Oldest American Turns 115!

Jeralean Talley of the Detroit-area born celebrated her 115th birthday on Friday; she is the oldest-living American and the second-oldest person in the world, according to a list maintained by the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks the world's longest-living people.



Talley was born May 23, 1899; her husband died in 1988, and she is currently cared for by a 76-year-old daughter who lives with her.



Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick discusses a proposed Transportation User Fee on Thursday that could charge \$140 a year for people living in single family homes, and about half that for people in multi-family structures.

Street Fee Proposed

Portland city leaders announced plans Thursday for a new fee to fund street maintenance and traffic safety improvements. The proposal is scheduled to come before the full City Council for a vote this week.

The so-called "transportation user fee" would earmark about half the generated revenue for safety projects such as sidewalks and crosswalks; the other batch of funds would go to street maintenance.

Under the proposal, most

homeowners can expect to pay \$11.56 per month (about \$140 annually), while businesses will pay more, officials said. The amount would be added to water and sewer bills with higher costs for properties that generate more transportation trips, according to Portland Mayor Charlie Hales. Churches, schools, and non-profits would also pay the fee.

Commissioner Steve Novick estimates the fee, which would go into effect in July next year, will bring the city up to \$50 million annually.

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