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Help Offered to **Reduce Water Bills**

putting out the word this summer bureau's customer service at 503that it has free information, water conservation devices and several ways to help lower your water emergency situation may qualify and sewer bills.

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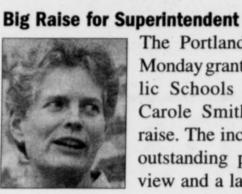
Water and sewer utilities customers who meet eligibility requirements may be eligible for toilet, faucets, plumbing and unfinancial assistance. For a household with one person, the monthly income requirement is \$1,808 or less, for a family of four it's \$3,478 or less. The discounted lower your water and sewer bill is \$130 per quarter this fiscal year. You can view the complete eligibility qualifications by visiting portlandoregon.gov/water/ tance or to order devices, call 29330.

participating community service ciency.

The Portland Water Bureau is agency or by calling the water 823-7770. Once in the program, eligible customers in a crisis or for a crisis voucher in addition to the bill discount.

> Financial assistance for leaky derground leaks may be available to eligible customers who own and occupy their own homes. Devices designed to help bills include showerheads, faucet aerators and toilet devices. For water conservation assis-

503-823-4527. or visit Applications can be made at a portlandoregon.gov/water/effi-



The Portland School Board Monday granted Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith a 28 percent raise. The increase, tied to an outstanding performance review and a lack of salary ad-

justments over the past seven years, bumps her pay to \$247,000, at least \$45,000 more than all school superintendents in Oregon.

The Week in Review

Ted Nugent Concert Protest

Musician Ted Nugent was scheduled to perform at the Portland Expo Center Tuesday, despite calls for the concert to be cancelled from Dante James, the director of Portland's Office of Equity and Human Rights. In a let-

ter to Tom Hughes, the Metro Council president, James called out the 66-year-old rocker for

"bigotry and racist comments" that are well known.

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Sidewalk Crackdown

Portland police took to downtown Thursday for an "educational and enforcement effort" contacting people riding bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks. Officers issued 50 written and 8 verbal warnings.

Metro Gang Task Force

Investigators seized more than \$211,000 in cash, four handguns, more than 2.2 pounds of powder cocaine, and about six ounces of cocaine after a traffic stop last week in Portland. James Holbert II, 34, and his brother, Jamar Schabass, 33, were arrested and face drug charges.

Police Ruled Homicide

A coroner Monday ruled that a police officerinvolved death of a New York City man last week was a homicide. The 43-year-old citizen died after a police officer used an illegal chokehold. He was being arrested for selling untaxed loose cigarettes. A decision on whether to prosecute any police officers had not been made as of Tuesday afternoon.

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nity Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., throws its annual Block Party on Saturday, Aug. 9 from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be family-friendly events, a rock climbing wall, kids play zone with soccer, water balloon toss, inflatable slide, craft stations, face painting, live music and more.

This annual neighborhood bash is sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation and is free. The community and neighborhood history will be honored with a special focus on the late and beloved Robert Probasco, a local African-American pastor and life-long resident.