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## Growth stuck on three questions

**How close together are we willing to live?**

Oregonians must decide where density works, where it irks | **Today**

**Do our farmland protections make sense?**

Today's choices may sow tomorrow's crops — or homes | **Monday**

**Does planning help or hurt our economy?**

Some say it draws businesses; others say it scares them off | **Tuesday**



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**T**his year, Oregon decides how to grow up. In lanky condos or country ranches. Next to farmers, or next to cafes that cook their produce. Down the street from work, or in an affordable town a half-hour away. Political chaos has put the most basic decisions about how and where we live up for grabs, just as we prepare for another million people moving this way by 2025. Oregon Supreme Court justices are debating Measure 37, the property rights law that sidelined the state's approach to keeping the countryside rural and steering people into cities. Neighbors have clashed over the shift. So have legislators. In 2006, activists are crafting more ballot measures. Candidates for governor want to take the lead on growth. And a massive Portland-area outreach program and state task force will attempt to reinvent Oregon's land-use vision. But they won't get far without settling three fundamental issues: housing, farm-

ing and economics. Oregon started planning for growth in the 1970s. Back then, Nike made shoes with a waffle iron. Pinot noir came from California. And most of today's Oregonians didn't live here. No wonder we're conflicted. On one hand, Oregon uses less land for each new resident than many states do. We have more farmers markets, fewer freeways and livelier urban neighborhoods. But we've sacrificed personal freedoms. Most people make do with smaller yards and forgo country living. Some lost the right to develop their land. And rules that made sense three decades ago don't always fit today's economy and expectations. Over the next three days, The Oregonian lays out the debate. You won't find zoning codes or jargon here — just a frank discussion about what comes next. **Story, Page A12**

Measure 37  
Uncharted  
landscape  
First of  
three parts

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## Criminal threat knocks on door with goods to sell

**Safety** | Police say a door-to-door salesman raped a woman in Sellwood, in what could be a growing problem

By MAXINE BERNSTEIN and ASHBEL S. GREEN  
THE OREGONIAN

He came to a Sellwood home last fall to sell magazine subscriptions. The neatly groomed man in his 20s was sharply dressed in a black suit, crisp white shirt, pink-striped tie and polished black leather shoes. Instead of talking sales, police say he forced his way inside and raped a woman. Police think he left town shortly afterwards, heading south with a traveling sales crew to California. Prosecutors and police suspect the Sellwood rapist might be one of a growing number of violent criminals who find their victims while roving door-to-door selling magazines. Portland investigators are working to see whether there is a link between the Portland rape and two similar cases, one ending in murder, of elderly women in the San Francisco Bay area by traveling magazine salesmen. Law enforcement and victims' advocates say these cases highlight a shadowy national magazine sales industry in which companies recruit heavily to attract workers by promising quick cash and easy work. Police say such tactics often attract people with serious criminal backgrounds. "They've got people who are predisposed to criminal activity, and they're placing them legitimately on the doorstep," said Chris Coffey, a Tennessee lawyer who has sued companies on behalf

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Rob Dugger, a dentist from Wilsonville and father of four, fires a burst from his modified M-16 at the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club. Dugger, who owns several automatic weapons, usually shoots several times a month. "I do it for fun," he said.

## Machine guns come out of the closet

**Firearms** | Fully automatic weapons are legal in Oregon as long as they are properly registered and used safely

By TIMOTHY A. AKIMOFF  
THE OREGONIAN

After a week of delicately etching out cavities with a laser, dentist Rob Dugger of Wilsonville heads to the target range with his modified M-16. "If it wasn't this, it would be hot motorcycles or hot cars," Dugger said, standing in the cool mist of a Sunday morning at the Albany Pistol and Rifle Club. "I do it to relax." Dugger, 49, a married father of four children ages 8 to 18, joined the substantial ranks of Ore-

gon machine gun owners three years ago when he discovered that fully automatic weapons were legal in Oregon, as long as they are properly registered. The federal government prohibits private citizens from owning automatic weapons made or imported after 1986. But Oregon — unlike California, Washington and seven other states — has not extended those restrictions to all machine guns. Oregon, in fact, has some of the more liberal weapons laws in the country. In Oregon, you can legally fire a machine gun, shoot a flamethrower, even launch a few grenades as long as you do it safely and with registered equipment.

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## Portland's stand for schools isn't tilting to the left

**Tax** | The usual theories don't explain Mayor Tom Potter's plan to reform education funding in the city and state

By STEVEN CARTER and SCOTT LEARN  
THE OREGONIAN

If Portland voters pass Mayor Tom Potter's four-year city income tax in May, the city will have taken a decisive step away from the rest of the state on paying for schools. To hear tax supporters tell it, the villain driving Portland's solo shot is that stumblin', bumbly state legislator who failed to step up for schoolkids. The rogues favored by tax opponents: the city's latte-sippin', tax-lovin' liberals — and those fat-cat teachers and administrators at Portland Public Schools. Both points of view were out in force last week when Potter announced a plan for a 0.95 percent income tax and to extend a business license fee surcharge for schools. But the full story behind the city's attempt to go it alone is — you guessed it — more complex. To raise the money Portland wants would require wholesale state tax reform, not just a kid-friendly Legislature. Lefty Portland voters aren't the only ones raising more money for schools. And Portland Public Schools, one of the biggest losers in the state's school funding formula, has made significant long-term cuts. When Potter stood Thursday evening before hundreds of parents and children at Benson High, he pointed squarely at Salem. "When did it become OK for the Legislature to ignore our children?" Potter asked. "Never," the

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## Hamas to pursue fight with Israel, exiled leader says



Days after Hamas' victory in Palestinian parliamentary elections, Khaled Mashaal, the group's exiled political leader, vowed Saturday to continue its confrontation with Israel and suggested that the radical Islamic movement would turn its military wing into a national army for defensive reasons "like any other country." | **A14**

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