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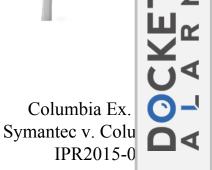
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storm. 2. To indicate by prediction; forecast: leading economic indicators that portend a recession. [Middle English portenden, from Latin portendere. See ten- in Appendix I.]

por-tent (pôr/tent', pōr'-) n. 1. An indication of something important or calamitous about to occur; an omen. 2. Prophetic or threatening significance: signs full of portent. 3. Something amazing or marvelous; a prodigy. [Latin portentum, from neuter past participle of portendere, to

portend. See PORTEND.] portentous (pôr-ten/tas, pôr-) adj. 1. Of the nature of or constituting a portent; foreboding: "The present aspect of society is portentous of great change" (Edward Bellamy). 2. Full of unspecifiable significance; exciting wonder and awe: "Such a portentous and mysterious monster roused all my curiosity" (Herman Melville). 3. Marked by pompousness; pretentiously weighty. -por-ten/tous-ly adv. -por-ten/tous-

por-ter1 (pôr/tər, pōr/-) n. 1. A person employed to carry burdens, especially an attendant who carries travelers' baggage at a hotel or transportation station. 2. A railroad employee who waits on passengers in a sleeping car or parlor car. 3. A maintenance worker for a building or institution. [Middle English portour, from Anglo-Norman, from Late Latin portātor, from Latin portāte, to carry. See per-2 in Appendix I.]

por • ter (pôr tar, pōr -) n. Chiefly British One in charge of a gate or door. [Middle English, from Anglo-Norman, from Late Latin portarius, from Latin porta, gate. See per-2 in Appendix I.]

por-ter3 (pôr/tar, pôr/-) n. A dark beer resembling light stout, made from malt browned or charred by drying at a high temperature. [Short

Poreter (pôr/tər, pōr/-), Cole Albert 1891?-1964. American composer and lyricist remembered for his witty and sophisticated Broadway scores for musicals such as Anything Goes (1929).

Porter, Edwin Stanton 1869-1941. American filmmaker whose works include the first edited film, The Life of an American Fireman and The Great Train Robbery (both 1903).

Porter, Katherine Anne 1890-1980. American writer known for her carefully crafted short stories as well as her novel Ship of Fools (1962). She won a Pulitzer Prize for her Collected Stories (1965)

Porter, Rodney Robert 1917-1985. British biochemist. He shared a 1972 Nobel Prize for research on the chemical structure and nature of

Porter, William Sydney Pen name O. Henry 1862-1910. American writer whose short stories are collected in a number of volumes, including Cabbages and Kings (1904) and The Four Million (1906)

por•ter•age (pôr/tar-ij, pôr/-) n. 1. The carrying of burdens or goods as done by porters. 2. The charge for this activity.

por-ter-ess (pôr/tər-is, pōr/-) n. Variant of portress.

por-ter-house (pôr/tər-hous', pôr/-) n. 1. A cut of beef taken from the thick end of the short loin, having a T-bone and a sizable piece of tenderloin. Also called porterhouse steak. 2. Archaic An alehouse or

port-fo-li-o (pôrt-fō/lē-ō', pōrt-) n., pl. -os 1a. A portable case for holding material, such as loose papers, photographs, or drawings. b. The materials collected in such a case, especially when representative of a person's work: a photographer's portfolio; an artist's portfolio of drawings. 2. The office or post of a cabinet member or minister of state. 3. A group of investments held by an investor, investment company, or financial institution. [Italian portafoglio: porta-, from portare, to carry (from Latin portare; see per-2 in Appendix I) + foglio, sheet (from Latin folium, leaf; see bhel-3 in Appendix I).]

Port Har • court (här kərt) A city of southern Nigeria in the Niger River delta southeast of Ibadan. Population: 288,900.

port-hole (pôrt/hôl', pōrt/-) n. 1. Nautical A small, usually circular window in a ship's side. 2. An opening in a fortified wall; an embrasure. Port Huron A city of southeast Michigan on Lake Huron at the mouth of the St. Clair River north-northeast of Detroit. First settled as a French fort in 1686, it grew as a lumbering town in the 19th century and is now a port of entry with diversified industries. Population: 33,694.

Poretia (pôr'sha, pôr'-) n. The satellite of Uranus that is seventh in distance from the planet. [After Portia, rich heiress in The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare.]

Porotioci (pôr'tē-chê') A city of south-central Italy, a residential and resort suburb of Naples on the Bay of Naples. Population: 79,259.

poretieco (pôr'tĭ-kō', pōr'-) n., pl. -coes or -cos A porch or walk-

of the Gulf of Maine south of Lewiston. Settled c. 1632, it became a mercial center in the 17th century and was state capital from 1820 1832. It is the largest city in the state. Population: 64,348. 2. The largest city of Oregon, in the northwest part of the state on the Willamette near its junction with the Columbia River. Founded in 1845, it grews a lumber-exporting port and supply point for the California and goldfields. Population: 437,319. —Port/land-er n.

Portland cement or portland cement n. A hydraulic cement made by heating a limestone and clay mixture in a kiln and pulse the resulting material. [After Portland, an urban district of southern

Port Lou•is (loo/is, loo/e, loo-e/) The capital and largest city of Man. ritius, in the northwest part of the island on the Indian Ocean. It was founded c. 1735. Population: 143,509.

port-ly (pôrt'le, pôrt'-) adj. -li-er, -li-est 1. Comfortably stout; cor. pulent. See synonyms at fat. 2. Archaic Stately; majestic; imposing From PORT's. | -- port/lieness n.

portemaneteau (pôrt-măn'tō, pört-, pôrt'măn-tō', pōrt'-) n, pl teaus or -teaux (-toz, -toz') A large leather suitcase that opens in two hinged compartments. * adj. General or generalized: a portman description; portmanteau terms. [French portemanteau : porte-, from porter, to carry (from Old French; see PORT5) + manteau, cloak (from Old French mantel, from Latin mantellum).]

portmanteau morph n. A word or part of a word that is analyz able as consisting of more than one morpheme without a clear boundary between them, as French du "of the" from de "of" and le "the." portmanteau word n. A word formed by merging the sounds and

meanings of two different words, as chortle, from chuckle and snort. Port Mores by (môrz/bê, môrz/-) The capital and largest city of Papua New Guinea, on southeast New Guinea and the Gulf of Papua. was named for the British explorer Capt. John Moresby (1830-1922), who landed here in 1873, and occupied by the British after 1888. Popu-

Poreto or Pôreto (pôr/too) See Oporto.

lation: 173,500.

Pôrto A·le·gre (a-le'gra) A city of southeast Brazil at the northern end of a large lagoon near the Atlantic Ocean. It was founded c. 1742 by emigrants from the Azores. Population: 1,263,239.

por-to-bel-lo (pôr'ta-bĕl'ō, pōr'-) or por-ta-bel-la (-bĕl'a) or poreto belela (-bel/a) n., pl. -los or -las A mature, very large co mushroom. [Origin unknown.]

port of call n., pl. ports of call A port where ships dock in the course of voyages to load or unload cargo, obtain supplies, or undergo

port of entry n., pl. ports of entry A place where travelers or

goods may enter or leave a country under official supervision.

Por-to-fi-no (pôr'ta-fē'nō, -tō-) A town of northwest Italy on the coast of the Ligurian Sea east of Genoa. It is a popular tourist resort. Population: 742.

Port of Spain or Port-of-Spain (pôrt/av-spān/, pôrt/-) The capital of Trinidad and Tobago, on the northwest coast of Trinidad on an arm of the Atlantic Ocean. It is a commercial center and major port. Popula-

Poreto-Noevo (pôr/tō-nō/vō, pōr/-) The capital of Benin, in the southeast part of the country on an inlet of the Gulf of Guinea. Probably founded in the 16th century, it was settled as a slave-trading center by the Portuguese in the 17th century. Population: 179,138.

Port Orange A city of northeast Florida on the Atlantic coast southsoutheast of Daytona Beach. Population: 35,317.

Port Or•ford cedar (ôr/ford) n. A tall evergreen coniferous tree (Chamaecyparis lawsoniana) native to southwest Oregon and northwest California, having drooping flattened branches and opposite scalelike leaves with white markings. [After Port Orford, a town of southwest Or-

Pôrto Vel·ho (věl/yoo) A city of northwest Brazil on the Madeira River near the Bolivian border. Its economy is based on rubber and Bran

Por-to-vie-jo (pôr'tō-vyā'hō, -vyĕ'-) A city of western Ecuador north-northwest of Guayaquil. Founded c. 1535 near the Atlantic coast, it was moved to its present site in the 17th century. Population: 132,937. Port Philolip Bay (fil'ap) A large deep-water inlet of Bass Strait of

the southeast coast of Australia. It was first explored in 1835. por trait (pôr trữt, -trất', pōr'-) n. 1. A likeness of a person, espe cially one showing the face, that is created by a painter or photograp for example. 2. A verbal picture or description, especially of a person dadj. Of or relating to the orientation of a page such that the longer Port Royal See Annapolis Roya port running n. The practice o at a port of entry by refusing to -port runner n.

Port Sa•id (sä-ēd') A city of nor Sea at the northern entrance to the the builders of the canal and was ulation: 460,000.

Port Saelut (pôr' să-loo', -lu') : bo', pôrt', pôr dù să-lù') n. A semi mally by Trappist monks in France. [a Trappist abbey in northwest France port-side (pôrt/sid', pôrt'-) adv port: taking a stroll portside; a portside of a ship or boat: skirting a light Portsemouth (pôrt/smath, port/ and on the English Channel oppos 1194, it is a major naval base. Popula Virginia opposite Norfolk. It has bee autionary times. Population: 103,90 Port Stanley See Stanley.

Port Sudan A city of northeast Khartoum. It was established after 1

tion: 305,385. Por • tu•gal (pôr * cha-gal, pôr * -) he western Iberian Peninsula. It inc Azores in the northern Atlantic Ocea unians, a Celtiberian people, the m Romans in the second century B.C. a 10ths and Moors. Spain recognized P 1143, and it soon flourished as a holdings stretching from Africa to 1 World. Much of its empire was lost 17th and 18th centuries, and the reindependent in the 20th century. List opulation: 9,830,000.

Poretuequese (pôr'cha-gez', -gê ugal or its people, language, or cult utive or inhabitant of Portugal. b. The Romance language of Portugal from Vulgar Latin *portugalënsis, ulti the ancient port of Gaya (Oporto).] Portuguese man-of-war n. of the genus Physalia, of warm seas, h abroad saillike crest from which han Portuguese oyster n. See Par Portuguese water dog n. 1 azed dog developed in Portugal that s characterized by webbed feet and por•tu•lac•a (pôr'cha-lăk'a, pô of the genus Portulaca, especially P. 1 rated for its showy colorful flowers th moss. [Middle English, from Lati iminutive of porta, gate (from the g See per-2 in Appendix I.]

Port-Vi•la (pôrt'vê'lə, pôrt'-, pôr opital of Vanuatu, on Efate Island ir a lapanese base during World War II POS abbr. point-of-sale

po•sa•da (pō-sä/də, -dä) n. A Cl America that dramatizes the search American Spanish, from Spanish, from Late Latin pausare, to rest, from Posaedas (pasadas, posadas) he Paraná River and the Paraguayar onter. Population: 201,943.

Pose¹ (pōz) v. posed, poseing ld a particular position or postur Hect a particular mental attitude. and to be other than what one is. in a specific position. 2. To se stion. 3. To put forward; present: Pose. • n. 1. A bodily attitude or artist or a photographer. See sync de assumed for effect. See synony en, to place, from Old French pos



CO e, London; l Burlington

