

The Week in Review

Initiative on Health Gap

Multnomah County launched a \$3 million initiative Monday it hopes will close the wide disparities between minorities and their white counterparts. The funding from a successful federal grant will be used to create more smoke-free areas, increase the breastfeeding rate for African-American moms, and make healthy food more accessible.

All Police to Sign Reforms

Every member of the Portland Police Bureau will be required to sign a statement that they read and understand a recent settlement agreement with the federal Justice Department, Police Chief Mike Reese told bureau members last week. The document calls for reforming policies, training and oversight to reverse a pattern or practice of excessive force against people with mental illness.

Dog Attack on Streetcar

A Pomeranian dog was killed after it was attacked by a pit bull last Wednesday night on the Portland Streetcar. A witness said he was riding the CL Line when a woman and her pit bull walked onto the streetcar. Almost immediately, the pit bull lunged at a Pomeranian already on board.

Volunteers Clean Beaches

Over 4,700 dedicated volunteers came out in force Saturday to remove trash and improve Oregon's environment as part of the 30th Anniversary of the SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup, presented by the Oregon Lottery. This event was also part of the International

Coastal Cleanup and National Public Lands Day.



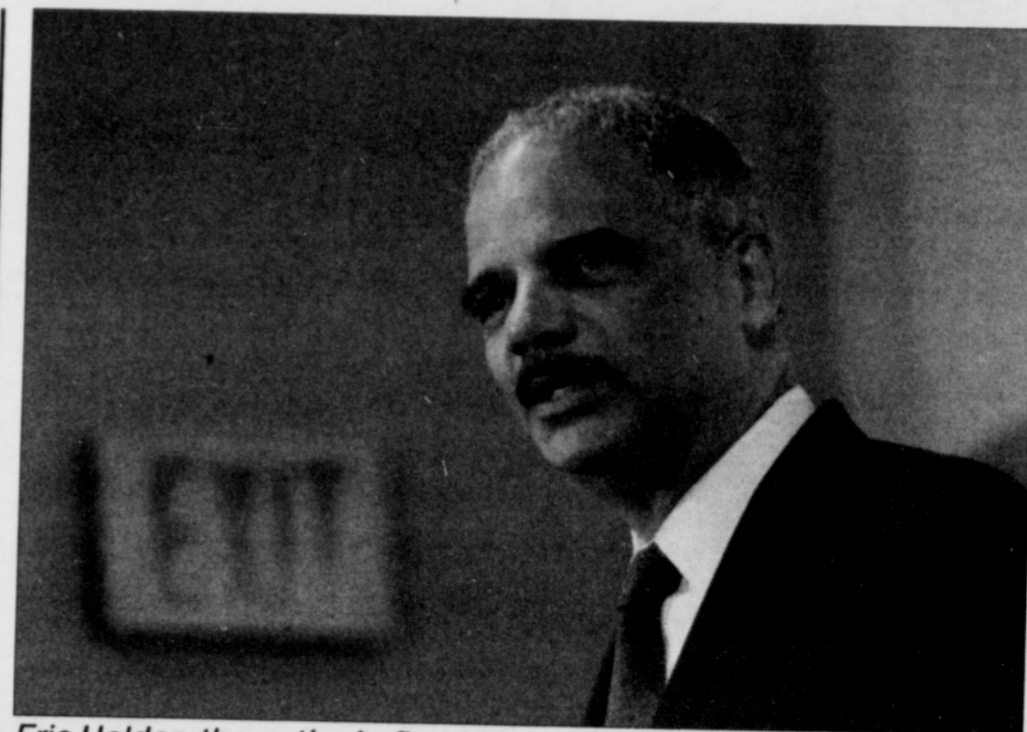
Olympic Legend Arrested

Olympic legend Michael Phelps said he was "deeply sorry" after authorities arrested him Tuesday for suspicion of driving under the influence in Maryland. Phelps, 29, was going 84 mph in a 45 mph zone and was also seen crossing double lane lines, police said.



14th Operation Overcoat

Hundreds of Portland's homeless and low-income received clothing and a meal Saturday at Union Gospel Mission's 14th annual Operation Overcoat. The mission's annual street fair is held every September to provide winter clothes, shoes, boots and sleeping bags to the homeless and people in need.



Eric Holder, the nation's first black attorney general, announced last week that he will be stepping down.

Leaving Justice Department

(AP) — Moments after making fresh demands that Attorney General Eric Holder open federal investigations into police shootings of unarmed black men, a cluster of civil rights activists learned, courtesy of whispers and a shared e-tablet, that the nation's first black attorney general was stepping down.

Civil rights leaders, liberal activists and black lawmakers are now left wondering what effect Holder's impending departure will have on the high-profile efforts begun on his watch. "There's a lot for us to calculate," said the Rev. Al

Sharpton, who was meeting with black leaders in Washington.

Holder has been applauded by civil rights and equal rights activists as the most effective attorney general ever for their causes.

"There has been no greater ally in the fight for justice, civil rights, equal rights, and voting rights than Attorney General Holder," declared Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers and a former NAACP national chairwoman.

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New Song Community Church,

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