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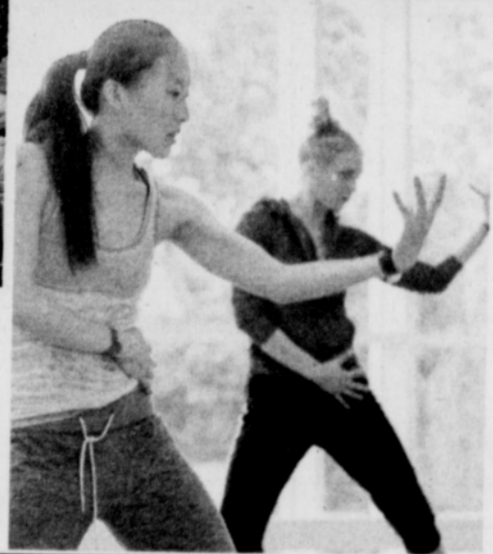
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LOCAL NEWS

Ebola Alert

In Oregon, flu considered more of a risk

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Oregon nurses, fire fighters, hospitals and health systems are all working on plans of action if and when an Ebola infection comes to our state.

After two nurses in Dallas, Texas came down with Ebola after an infected patient arrived from Liberia two weeks ago, hospitals and other medical responders around the country are



Registered nurse Keene Roadman stands fully dressed in personal protective equipment during a medical training class in Chicago on how to safely respond to the Ebola virus outbreak. (AP Photo)

asking themselves if they might be ready to deal with the deadly virus.

The Oregon Nurses Association released a statement stating that, along with the federal Centers for Disease Control, they "will be continuously putting out updated guidelines as new information is received and best practices are developed."

"It is important to remember that this situation is very fluid and rapidly changing," a statement from the Oregon nurses group said. "Any amount of preparation will require adjustment as more is learned about how best to care for any patient who is infected with Ebola, while

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New Police Reform Battle

Albina justice group opposes city request to end oversight

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The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform has condemned a new proposal before the Portland City Council to appeal federal Judge Michael Simon's order to provide annual updates on the city's police reforms in dealing with excessive force against people with mental illness.

The mandate was part of Simon's oversight of a Department of Justice Settlement Agreement that was reached this summer following a lawsuit between Portland's police union, federal justice officials and the ministerial group.



Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr.

The city says it is focusing solely on whether Judge Simon has the authority to call the parties to the lawsuit into his courtroom annually to present evidence regarding the status of the reforms.

"All the parties are committed to this settlement. All parties have agreed to this settlement," Portland Mayor Charlie Hales said. "We all want to move forward, get out of court and get to

work."

The Albina justice group which represents Portland's African-American community sees the move as avoiding due diligence and the transparency promised when the city signed off on the settlement.

"In light of the events in Ferguson, Missouri, which is in an uproar about issues around race and police accountability, this is an attempt to backtrack and dilute and get rid of the limited oversight provided by the judgment entered by Judge Simon in August," said Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr., the chair of the AMA Coalition. "This move further reduces the community trust for reform and accountability of the Portland Police Bureau."

The original lawsuit focused on excessive force by the Portland Police against people in mental health crisis, but if re-

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