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## Shooting Found Justified

A law enforcement investigation released on Tuesday found police were justified in killing an armed Arizona rancher who helped lead a standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Oregon earlier this year. However, FBI agents are under investigation for an apparent cover-up for failing to tell police about two shots fired during the incident.

## Lawsuit Claims Racism

Two black maintenance workers filed suit Tuesday against Portland Public Schools and their union, seeking more than \$1 million for discrimination stemming from "blatantly racist" remarks and retaliation they say they faced at work. Charles Morgan and Jason Williams filed the lawsuit March 1.

## Housing Measures Pass

Several measures to address Oregon's affordable housing crises are now heading to Gov. Kat Brown for approval following final passage in the Oregon Legislature which ended Thursday. One bill bans rent increases in the first year of month-to-month tenancy and requires a 90-day notification for any rent increases after that.

## Timbers Win Rematch

Fanendo Adi scored in the 79th minute and the defending champion Portland Timbers defeated the Columbus Crew 2-1 on Sunday in a rematch of last

year's Major League Soccer Cup final. Portland also kicked off their new season by unveiling a championship banner hung in the rafters of Providence Park.

## Internet Help for Poor

Nearly 40 million households will soon be eligible for small monthly Internet subsidies. The Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday said it would vote this month to expand the \$1.7 billion federal Lifeline program, which currently offers monthly subsidies for phone and basic cell service.

## Mexico Leader Blasts Trump

Mexico's president has said his country will not pay for White House hopeful Donald Trump's proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, and likened his "strident tone" to the ascent of dictators like Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. President Enrique Pena Nieto's comments were published Monday.



## Nancy Reagan Dies

Former first lady Nancy Reagan, the former actress who played a pivotal role in the political rise and presidency of husband Ronald Reagan, died Sunday of congestive heart failure at the age of 94. She will be buried next to her husband at his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif.



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## Gun Safety Bill Dies in Senate

A proposed law to ban gun sales when background checks are incomplete died in the Oregon Senate Thursday as part of a compromise with Republicans to draw the Legislature to a close.

The Oregon chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a part of Everytown for Gun Safety, condemned Senate leaders for refusing to bring the measure to a vote and therefore blocking the law from being signed into state law by Gov. Kate Brown.

Rev. Sharon Risher, a woman who lost her mother and two cousins in the shooting massacre at a

black church in Charleston, S.C., traveled to Oregon to testify in support of the bill. She said those deaths and the six other people killed at her church could have easily been prevented if only the shooter had before forced to wait for a background check before being handed the gun he would use in the massacre.

Closing the "Charleston Loop-hole" would have provided law enforcement with the time it needs to complete background checks on the small number of purchasers with complex criminal histories that require investigation.

## Policing in Focus

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In addition, a Racial and Ethnic Disparities report issued last month by an independent researcher at the request of Multnomah County found that people of color are negatively impacted in greater numbers relative to whites at every stage in the journey through the local criminal justice system.

Lynch said it was important to visit Portland because some of the work being done to improve policing for local residents can be useful for other communities who are struggling.

"We have here the community advisory board, the community

compliance liaison, and I was just informed by the chief that they are working on a structure within the training division that would have community involvement with police training," she said.

Lynch visited George Middle School in north Portland and the Blazers Boy and Girls Club in northeast Portland to talk about community-police partnerships that build trust, foster cooperation and enhance public safety. The visit was part of a national community policing tour to engage with law enforcement and other members of the community to implement key recommendations from the presidents' Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

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