



PHOTO BY CHRISTEN MCCURDY
Loretta Lynch visited Portland last week to commend the Portland Police Bureau's community policing efforts – but also said its work to improve community relations is not yet done.

Lynch Commends PPB

Attorney general says 'great work' in progress in Portland, though DOJ requirements are unmet

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Attorney General Loretta Lynch came to Portland last week to talk about what local law enforcement is doing right – but faced questions about the ongoing Department of Justice settlement with the city, as well as her agency's handling of the Malheur standoff earlier this year.

Lynch's visit was the second stop on six-city tour of cities that each demonstrate one pillar of effective 21st-century policing as described in a report released by a Presidential task force last year. Lynch's visit singled out Portland as an exemplar of "community po-

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CHRISTOPHER BLACK/WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION VIA AP FILE
An Associated Press investigation has found the American company Maribiot – assigned a crucial role in the 2014 Ebola epidemic – made a series of costly mistakes, including flubbed test results that gave officials a false picture of how the disease was progressing.

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Police Shootings Influence Crime Fiction

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WORKING WOMEN'S DAY



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED
About 75 people enjoyed lunch and a discussion about the state of feminism in today's world during an event organized by Got Green in honor of International Working Women's Day March 5 at Southside Commons. Discussions included a brief history of the World March of Women and the formation of a U.S. Chapter and small group discussions on a variety of topics concerning feminism, equality and women's rights.

Oregon Shootings by Law Enforcement

Copwatch releases new list: 'Law Enforcement Deadly Force Incidents'

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Portland Copwatch on Tuesday published their most recent count of Oregon law enforcement "use of force" incidents across the state, updating a spreadsheet of data they started compiling two years ago.

The nonprofit watchdog group released its newest numbers this week along

with an open letter to Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, urging her to compile such a list as was intended by passage of state legislation in 2007.

"Another year has passed and there were at least 25 more incidents, which we've integrated into our database, along with 5 incidents from 2013-2014 we discovered in the interim," the letter says. "Below we have done analysis of the 141 incidents, which include 79 deaths that should

be part of the AG's report. "We believe with all the attention on a recent shooting in Oregon, now would be a good time for the AG to publish these numbers," Copwatch says in their letter to Rosenblum.

The group referred to the shooting of LaVoy Finicum in Burns, Oregon last month, which is still under investigation.

In that case state officials are so worried about disclosing the name of the officer who killed Fin-

icum, state legislators tried to pass a law allowing non-disclosure of the names of law enforcement officers involved in deadly force incidents.

In cooperation with Portland Copwatch, The Skanner has created an interactive map of their report, List of Law Enforcement Deadly Force Incidents in Oregon 2010-2015.

Researchers at the non-profit compile informa-

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York Comes to Jefferson High School

One-man show focuses on the story of slave who played a key role in the Corps of Discovery

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In May of 1804, 33 men set out from Illinois to explore and map the western United States under the command of Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark.

For nearly two years the Lewis and Clark expedition traveled westward to the Pacific Ocean in search of a practical route across the continent. The troop surveyed the land, crossed perilous territories and met and traded with Native American tribes.

Among this Corps of Discovery was a man who was highly skilled at scouting, hunting and field medicine. He rescued Clark from a flash flood on the Missouri River and saved Lewis from a grizzly bear attack. He also played a key diplomatic role with the Native Americans due to his dark skin color. This man was Clark's slave, York.

York is the focus of a one-man play coming to Jefferson High School on March 12 and 13. The ReBuilding Center and the Native American Youth and Family Center have partnered to

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PHOTO BY NORTHERN EXPOSURES.COM
David Casteal will star in "York," a one-man play about the life of an enslaved man who participated in the Lewis and Clark Expedition, on March 12 and 13 at Jefferson High School.