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# STUDENTS WALK OUT



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Hundreds of students from Washington Middle School and Garfield High School joined students across the country in a walkout and 17 minutes of silence to show support for the lives lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida Feb. 14 and to let elected officials know that they want stricter gun control laws.

## Oregon Introduces 'Gun Violence Restraining Orders'

Law prohibits a person who poses a deadly threat from possessing a gun

*The Skanner News*

In the midst of a national debate on gun control fueled by last month's Florida shooting, Oregon's elected officials are working to publicize a newly enacted piece of legislation which makes it more difficult for dangerous persons to access firearms.

Passed by the state legislature in 2017, Senate Bill 719 calls into law Extreme Risk Protection Orders. Essentially, an ERPO allows courts to temporarily suspend a person from

possessing guns or any deadly weapon, "if law enforcement officers, family or household members can show the individual poses a significant danger to themselves or others," according to Multnomah County.

Also known as "gun violence restraining orders," ERPOs have already been issued to three individuals in the county since the law got into effect in January of this year. Once a family member or police officer can prove that a person's behavior is threatening,

the respondent must surrender all firearms within 24 hours, including a concealed handgun license and any weapons that can be used with deadly force.

Charles Sparks, chief deputy at Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, said he's confident that a claim made against a potentially harmful person will be truthful.

"This happens all the time with stalking orders and Family Abuse Prevention Act restraining orders," Sparks told *The Skanner*. "Parents in some ways are

uniquely credible. As a parent, you want what's best for your child. You're not going to come in and fake this. They're going to be legitimately concerned that their son or daughter is going to hurt themselves or someone else."

On a side, it's also a crime to falsely obtain an ERPO. In other words, if a family member, roommate or police officer lies to have a gun de-possessed from a person, they could be prosecuted themselves.

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## Northeast Portland Residents Return Home After Fire

Cause of scrapyard fire at NE 75th and Killingsworth is still unknown

*The Skanner News Staff and Wire Reports*

Authorities lifted all evacuation orders for Northeast Portland residents about 5 p.m. Tuesday after a Monday-morning five-alarm fire caused schools, clinics and streets to close. Up to 4,000 residents were asked to evacuate Monday because of unhealthy air.

At least four residences, including a duplex and two single-family homes, were destroyed. There were no human casualties, but at

least a dozen pets were killed in the fire. Portland Fire & Rescue said the cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

The evacuation order was lifted shortly after the fire department announced that the smoldering fire at a salvage yard on Killingsworth at a salvage yard on Killingsworth had been extinguished.

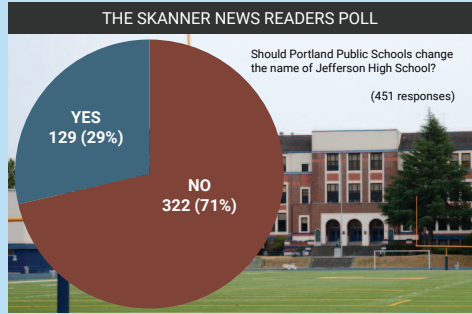
The five-alarm fire started near the intersection of NE 75th Avenue and NE Killingsworth Street on Monday, causing schools, clinics and streets to close and forced evacuations of the neighbors. At

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DAVE KILLEN/THE OREGONIAN VIA AP

A large, black plume of smoke rises into the sky in Northeast Portland March 12 as a pile of scrap cars burns in the area of 75th Avenue and Killingsworth Street. The fire eventually spread to a nearby apartment building and duplex, burning some units.



Seventy-one percent of respondents to a *The Skanner News* poll favored keeping the name of Thomas Jefferson High School intact.

## POLL RESULTS: 71 Percent of The Skanner's Readers Oppose Jefferson Name Change

Alumni association circulating a petition opposed to name change

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The results of a poll by *The Skanner News*, which opened Feb. 22 and closed Tuesday, favor keeping the name of North Portland's Thomas Jefferson High School.

Of 451 responses, 71 percent responded "no" to changing Jefferson High School's name and 29 percent responded

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In this Sept. 30 file photo, the foundation of a heavily damaged house stands amid broken trees in the mountains after the passing of Hurricane Maria in the San Lorenzo neighborhood of Morovis, Puerto Rico.

## Crews Work to Rebuild Puerto Rico's Natural Wonders

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## Trump Questions Violence in Video Games

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