

Thousands of people gathered in Seattle and nationwide March 24 to demand that more be done to address gun violence.

Students were part of nationwide effort led by survivors of Parkland shooting

tial attackers.

In Salem, Oregon, nearly 2,400 people gathered to march to the state's Capitol. South Salem High School student Allison Hmura, 16, told the crowd: "There cannot be two sides to our safety in school where we should be learning, growing and making friends — not learning how to duck and cover."

Thousands more also gathered in Portland to march, including Democratic U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici. And thousands in Boise, Idaho marched through downtown to the

Statehouse bearing signs with slogans like “Education without Annihilation” and chanting, “enough is enough.

The marches were part of a nation-wide effort started by student survivors of February's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, which left 17 students and staffers dead. Since then, Washington state has passed legislation banning bump stocks, which increase the firing rate of semi-automatic weapons.

In addition to demanding tighter gun laws, or-

ganizers in Seattle held on-site voter registration. Last week, Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law a measure that allows voter pre-registration to start at age 16.

"We never say register to vote; we always say let's talk about the guns," said Emilia Allard, an 18-year-old senior at Ballard High School, and one of the march's organizers. "You can talk about the guns all day long, but we're not elected officials. I can't walk in and make that change. But if we're elect-

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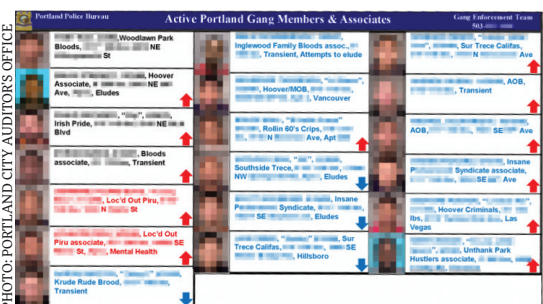
tice last fall.

Two audit reports released this week by the City Auditor's office call on the Portland Police Bureau to show traffic stops are effective in addressing gang violence and to increase accountability and transparency for the bureau's Gang Enforcement Team. It also found the police bureau continues to collect information about individuals' gang associations despite its discontinuation and disavowal of a similar prac-

An audit of the bureau's Gang Enforcement Patrol found 59 percent of the Gang Enforcement Team's traffic stops targeted African Americans.

“Because the Police Bureau has not shown that these stops are effective, the audit recommends the Police Bureau analyze and publish data about Gang Enforcement stops,

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Two new audits say the Portland Police Bureau's Gang Enforcement Team hasn't demonstrated the effectiveness of traffic stops – and is still collecting information on suspected gang members.

A new ad campaign, compelled by a 2006 court ruling, requires tobacco companies to disclose information about the health effects of tobacco.

Tobacco companies forced by a 2006 federal ruling to correct decades of deceptive ads

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It's not news that smoking tobacco has adverse effects on human health — but new information about the full scope of its effects is continuing to surface.

Newspapers all over the country – including *The Skanner* – have run advertisements in the last two months detailing additional adverse effects of smoking tobacco.

The major messages of the new ads include:

- The adverse health effects of smoking. Example of ad copy tobacco com-

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