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SEATTLE KILLING



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Gerald Hankerson, the President of the Seattle King County Branch of the NAACP, described the killing of Che Taylor by Seattle Police Sunday as an "execution" and "cold blooded murder" during a press conference on Tuesday at the offices of the NAACP. Hankerson was joined by the family of Mr. Taylor and their attorneys Sheley Secret and James Bible.

State Seeks Information About Profiling

System created by profiling bill last year makes it easier to file complaints

By Lisa Loving
Special to The Skanner News

about your experience online anytime of the day or night, in five different languages.

That information won't be used to discipline officers but rather to study ways to minimize racial profiling, advocates say.

It's all part of an effort to drill down into the issue and eventually, create policies to combat it.

"What's really unique is

that we have data collection, and that will really help us in the long term create a picture of profiling so we can see who that was, what were their identities and what was the outcome of that stop," said Adrian Martinez of the Center for Intercultural Organizing.

"Anybody who thinks they have been profiled - if you or someone you know, you love, your neighbor

has experienced profiling from law enforcement - whether it's police or sheriffs or campus security, you should file a complaint."

Pushed by Oregon Reps. Lew Frederick, Peter Buckley, and Jessica Vega Pederson, the End Profiling Act gave power to the Law Enforcement Contacts Policy

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The Stories of Our Neighborhood

Portland Playhouse event brought Black and White neighbors to talk about gentrification

By Arashi Young
Of The Skanner News

Twenty people took the stage to tell the story of their Northeast Portland neighborhood. They each chose a moment in time that was important to them.

For some, it was opening their first business in the area. For others it was the heyday of Jefferson High School and running around the neighborhood with friends until curfew. The group created a timeline of memories, including many Black voices representing the old community, many White voices representing the

new neighborhood.

People from these eras came face to face for a dialogue about race, displacement and community. The event, The Stories of Our Neighborhood, was held at the Portland Playhouse Feb. 20.

The organizer of this meeting, Tanisha Jones, said it was created to bring together members of the neighborhood who have been affected by gentrification and to honor these different perspectives.

"I think we are at a crossroads right now, where there is a lot of divisiveness with people feeling pushed out and those who are benefitting from gentrification are thinking... how



PHOTO BY ARASHI YOUNG

A Feb. 20 event at Portland Playhouse gave 20 people - including those who have benefited from gentrification and those who have been harmed by it - a chance to talk about changes in North and Northeast Portland.

can we help?" Jones told *The Skanner News*.

The community conversation was facilitated by Resolutions Northwest who use conflict resolution

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The Oregon House passed a bill last week that would make it easier for police departments to conceal officers' names if they receive a "credible threat" following a controversial incident, such as use of force.

Concealing Officers' Identities

House passes bill that would allow courts to hide cops' names

By Christen McCurdy
Of The Skanner News

A bill that would conceal the identities of law enforcement officers who receive "credible threats" on their lives passed of the House last week, after being fast-tracked by a Portland-area Democrat at the request of Oregon State Police.

House Bill 4087 would permit an officer or law enforcement unit to petition circuit courts to withhold identifying information of officers or their immediate family in the event of a "credible threat of present danger to life of police officer or police officer's immediate

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