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PHOTO BY M.C. STEVENS (CC BY 3.0)
Proposed changes to the Citizen Review Committee for police oversight would involve the committee at the beginning of a police complaint instead of an appeal. The CRC would also be able to hear deadly use-of-force complaints.

Community Criticizes CRC Changes

New process would merge CRC to Police Review Board – and close its meetings

By Arashi Young
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During a tense town hall meeting last week, police accountability advocates railed against the proposed changes to the Citizen Review Committee. The move would end public meetings and merge the CRC into the Police Review Board.

Kristen Chambers of the National Lawyers Guild testified that closed meetings would push the citizen complaint process farther away from community or independent police oversight.

“The fundamental problem with See CRC on page 3



AP PHOTO/LM OTERO
Ahmed Mohamed speaks about receiving death threats in Dallas, Monday, Aug. 8, 2016. The family of Ahmed Mohamed, who was arrested after bringing the homemade clock to school, and charged with having a hoax bomb, filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Texas school officials and others, saying they violated the 14-year-old boy's civil rights.

Family of Teen Arrested for Homemade Clock Sues School

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Kam Calls ‘The Fight Within’ a ‘Touching Tale of Redemption’

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UMOJA FEST

Some boys cool off in the water feature in Judkins Park during the annual Umoja Fest, Aug. 5-7 at the Park. The Seafair sanctioned event has been around for almost 70 years and features a Children’s Day, the Heal the Hood Basketball Tournament, a variety of vendors and lots of music and entertainment. To see a slide show with more photos from Umoja Fest, visit theskanner.com.



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Report Blasts Baltimore Police Over Racial Bias, Force

Federal investigation launched after April 2015 death of Freddie Gray found pattern of unjustified stops, egregious violations by officers

By JULIET LINDERMAN and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Justice Department and Baltimore police agreed to negotiate court-enforceable reforms after a scathing federal report released Wednesday criticized officers for using excessive force and routinely discriminating against blacks.

The report, the culmination of a yearlong investigation into one of the country’s largest police forces, found that officers make a large number of stops — mostly in poor, Black neighborhoods —

with dubious justification and unlawfully arrest citizens when officers “did not like what those individuals said.”

“These violations have deeply eroded the relationship between the police and community it serves,” Vanita Gupta, the head of the Justice Department’s civil rights division, said during a news conference alongside the city’s mayor and police commissioner.

The federal investigation was launched after the April 2015 death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man whose neck was broken while he was handcuffed and shackled

but left unrestrained in the back of a police van. The death set off protests and the worst riots in decades.

The report represents a damning indictment of how the city’s police officers carry out the most fundamental of policing practices, including traffic stops and searches.

“It doesn’t matter, if you’re Black you’re going to get stopped. It’s crazy out here,” said Anthony Williams, who is Black. He was with his kids and once saw officers chasing a teenager for smoking weed. “There was five of them. They jumped on him. I had to tell my kids they were

just playing.”

Donald Whitehead said officers would often jump out of the car and grab people “for no reason at all.”

“One day I was walking down the street to the store, and one of them jumped out on me and forced me to empty my pockets. They were looking for drugs. I don’t do drugs,” he said. “They just harass people.”

Police Commissioner Kevin Davis said six officers who committed egregious violations have been fired this year.

“Fighting crime and having a better, more respectful relationship with the

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PreSERVE Hosts Talk ‘n Taste Series

Each event will include health information, social activities and healthy soul food

By Christen McCurdy
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African American seniors and their families will have the chance to relax, take care of themselves and learn more about their health during a series of Talk ‘n Taste events at the June Key

Delta Community Center in North Portland.

The PreSERVE Coalition, which sponsors all events, is a coalition of groups and individuals from a variety of sectors to provide culturally competent advocacy for African



A series of Talk ‘n Taste events will be held at The June Key Delta Community Center in North Portland.

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