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HEART AND SOUL



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Northwest Tap performed their piece #Hellyoutalmbout at Rainier Beach Heart and Soul: A Community Fair! on Saturday, October 1 on the plaza outside the Rainier Community Center. The event which was sponsored by the Seattle Public Library's African American Community Engagement Team and the Parks Department featured free books for kids, incredible entertainment by renowned Seattle artists like, the Total Experience Gospel Choir, Lady "A" and free hot dogs and hamburgers.

Brown, Pierce Debate Violence, Spending

Remarks on domestic violence drew gasps, boos and a resignation

By Arashi Young
Of The Skanner News

Governor Kate Brown and Republican challenger Bud Pierce squared off for a second time at the City Club of Portland Sept. 30.

The discussion between the candidates was a departure from the candidates' polite and courteous, if occasionally spiky, conduct during the first debate in Bend Sept. 24. This time both candidates fiercely questioned the other's ability to lead the state.

Pierce, the Salem oncologist, pitched a vision of governing that emphasized frugality, cost cutting and empowering job growth. He also took shots at Brown's long political career and expensive government failures that were undertaken when she was Oregon's Secretary of State.

"We see the Columbia River Crossing — \$240 million, no bridge built. We see Cover Oregon — \$300 million, no website that works, and now we are going to give Oracle \$500 mil-

lion to fix our IT system," Pierce said.

Brown, in contrast, portrayed herself as a progressive candidate who has created first-in-the-nation policies such as the Oregon Family Leave Act — which allows family members to take time off to tend to family illness without fear of losing their jobs.

"Despite tremendous challenges this state has faced, I am so proud of the work we have been able to do together to move Oregon forward," Brown said.

Pierce's theme of mar-

ket-based solutions fell flat when he responded to a question about domestic violence rates for Oregon women. The City Club crowd erupted in boos and gasps when Pierce said that well-educated women were protected from domestic violence and disparate pay rates.

"A woman that has great education, training and a great job is not susceptible to this kind of abuse by men, women or anyone," Pierce said, he added that

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After Battering Haiti, Hurricane Matthew Hits the Bahamas

Storm may hit U.S. late Thursday or early Friday

By David Mcfadden
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rescue workers in Haiti struggled to reach cutoff towns and learn the full extent of the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew as the storm began battering the Bahamas on Wednesday and triggered large-scale evacuations along the U.S. East

Coast.

At least 11 deaths were blamed on the powerful storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean, five of them in Haiti. But with a key bridge washed out, roads impassable and phone communications down, the western tip of Haiti was isolated and there was no full accounting of the dead and injured in Matthew's



AP PHOTO/AMON ESPINOSA

A woman cries amid the rubble of her home, destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in Baracoa, Cuba Wednesday. The hurricane rolled across the sparsely populated tip of Cuba overnight, destroying dozens of homes in Cuba's easternmost city, Baracoa, leaving hundreds of others damaged.

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Construction has begun on the Washington Park Reservoir Improvement Project, guided by a Community Benefits Plan which allocates 1 percent of funds for minority and women-owned businesses.

Stakeholders Spar On Contracting Projects

Critics are concerned the city won't use CBA model in the future

By Christen McCurdy
Of The Skanner News

A report released by the Equitable Contracting and Purchasing Commission in September touted the success of two pilot projects — the Kelley Butte and Interstate Renovation Projects — in improving the rates at which the city hired disadvantaged, minority and women and emerging businesses.

But critics say the formula that guided the Community Benefits Agreement

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