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MARCH FOR GIOVANN



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The family and friends of Giovonn Joseph-McDade, was one of several families whose loved ones died at the hands of local law enforcement who showed up in the pouring rain at Westlake Park in Seattle April 14 to show support for the family of Billy Langfitt, a young man experiencing a mental health crisis, who was killed by a Pierce County Sheriff's deputy on March 16 after his girlfriend called 911 for help. Not This Time, the ACLU of Washington and NAMI Eastside hosted the rally and march to educate the public on the need for law enforcement to be trained in de-escalation methods and how to deal with people experiencing mental health issues.

Rejoice Dance Company Calls for an 'UPRISE'

Event presents five works on race and the intersectionality of protest

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Inspired by the political force of legendary activist Angela Davis, Rejoice! Diaspora Dance Theater presents "UPRISE" — a collection of politically-charged dances that explore the themes of power, oppression, and community.

The performance, running from April 27-29 at

the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (5340 N Interstate Ave.), is composed of five works by 15 dancers from Rejoice and its community ensemble.

In its press release, the company said it anticipates the performances to stir conversations on "race, ally-ship, and our right to protest" — adding that it "unapologetically challenges racism, bigotry,

and passivity."

Rejoice's artistic director Oluyinka Akinjiola told The Skanner that she borrowed messages from Angela Davis' 2016 book "Freedom is a Constant Struggle" to guide her thinking around UPRISE.

In her book, Davis writes on how today's social justice movements should become more intersectional. In other words, explains

Akinjiola, "We have all these struggles, so how can we be more inclusive and more supportive within them, and also be more aware of the overlapping, undercurrents of oppression that are happening from community to community?"

For example, Davis draws parallels between the military tactics used

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Prevention is Key to Addressing Cyber Crime, FBI Says

Roundtable focuses on preventing fraudulent transactions

The Skanner News

A little investment in prevention can save a fortune.

That was the key message at a media roundtable held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation earlier this month, where agents talked about cyber security and crimes involving computers. They urge the public to exercise caution in online transactions, especially those involving cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin.

"One criminal with a gun can rob a bank. One criminal with a computer can rob millions," said Oregon FBI special agent in charge Renn Cannon.

And when that happens, Cannon

said, law enforcement are in some cases powerless to help.

That's because while traditional financial transactions — such as wire and credit card transfers, regular or electronic checks or debit card transactions — are traceable. Traditional financial institutions are also insured, so customers who've been victimized by fraudsters can get their money refunded.

Cryptocurrency eliminates the middle man, Cannon said, making it harder to help customers who've used cryptocurrency for a transaction and been defrauded.

There's nothing inherently wrong with cryptocurrency, and having it is not illegal, he added.



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User vigilance is key to preventing cyber crime, say FBI officials.

"It's here to stay and it's a really interesting technology transfer for all of us," Cannon said.

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The International Center for Traditional Childbearing has rebranded as the National Association to Advance Black Birth.

ICTC Reborn As National Association to Advance Black Birth

Midwifery organization rebrands amid national conversation about Black birth outcomes

By Christen McCurdy
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Last week a Portland-based non-profit that has advocated for two decades to improve birth outcomes and experiences of Black women announced it's changing its name.

On April 12 the International Center for Traditional Childbearing announced it was rebranding as the National Association to Advance Black Birth. See ICTC on page 3



AP PHOTO/DOUG MILLS, FILE

In this 1990 file photo, first lady Barbara Bush poses with her dog Millie in Washington. A family spokesman said April 17 that former first lady Barbara Bush has died at the age of 92.

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