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MOTHERS FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

The Reverend Harriet Walden (second from left) and Mothers for Police Accountability, along with many prominent members of Seattle's Black Community, held the first of two press conference at Seattle City Hall May 29 to express their disappointment and anger over the way the three finalists for the Seattle Police Chief were selected. Both Press Conferences were held by supporters of the Interim Police Chief Carmen Best, who they felt was not given the same consideration as the other finalists because the city was more interested in outside candidates. The Seattle Police Officers Guild also expressed disappointment in the exclusion of Interim Chief Best as one of the finalists. Over her 26-year career with the Seattle Police Department Best worked her way up through the ranks to become Interim Police Chief.

Black Seniors Create Food-Themed Art

PreSERVE coalition program used food, history to promote brain health

The Skanner News

"I'm not artistic at all," said Shirley Minor, one of 15 African American seniors who participated in PreSERVE's six-week "Art and Soul Food" program last winter.

Using various techniques such as collaging, painting and stenciling, the participants created a work of visual art around Black heritage, family food, and childhood memory.

To create their work of

art, each person brought in a photograph, a map of their place of origin, and a family recipe. Minor, who works part-time for the state of Oregon's employment department, used a recipe for corn soufflé – a meal her mother used to make in Louisiana.

As the weeks progressed, Minor said she felt more confident in her artistic abilities. "I really started enjoying myself," said told *The Skanner*. "It was a way to help you relax, and my fellow artists were won-

derful to be around."

To help draw out the inner artist in each participant, the program – which was funded by the Regional Arts and Culture Council – used a number of trained facilitators and art therapists.

"We pride ourselves when we start each program on creating a culture of trust and inclusion," said Amy Henderson, executive director of Geezer Gallery, which offered the program in partnership with PreSERVE. "It allows

people to be vulnerable both in their story and in trying new things."

As a coalition of non-profits and health institutions, PreSERVE promotes healthy living of African Americans over the age of 50 – focusing on all areas, from a low-fat diet and exercise to socialization and the expressive arts.

Before launching PreSERVE in 2011, Linda Boise was the education director of OHSU's Layton Aging & Alzheimer's Disease Cen-

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Study Estimates 4,600 Death Toll in Puerto Rico

Survey determined more deaths than usual occurred due to lack of access to medical care

By DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A new study contends that many more deaths than normal occurred in Puerto Rico in the three months after Hurricane Maria devastated the island, mostly because of problems getting medicines or medical care.

Researchers surveyed a small sample of neighborhoods and from that estimated that up to 4,600 more deaths than usual occurred, far more

than earlier studies have suggested. At least one independent expert questioned the methods and the number in the new study.

"This estimate could be off by thousands. Easily," Donald Berry, a professor of biostatistics at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, told *The Associated Press* in an email.

The research was published online

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AP PHOTO/RAMON ESPINOSA, FILE

In this Sept. 29, 2017 file photo, police lift the coffin that contain the remains of fellow officer Luis Angel Gonzalez Lorenzo, who was killed while trying to cross a river in his car during Hurricane Maria, in Aguada, Puerto Rico.



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This year's Good in the Hood festival will return to King Elementary School, and the parade will follow a slightly different route – but the event will retain its focus on multicultural family fun.

Organizers Gear Up for 26th Good in the Hood

Event returns to former location at King Elementary School

By Christen McCurdy
Of The Skanner News

The Good in the Hood Festival returns to its former location at King Elementary School this year, adding more vendors and an increased focus on multiculturalism and community.

This year's event will take place from June 22-24 at King Elementary School, reverting to the prior venue because this year marks the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination, according to Shawn Penney, president

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AP PHOTO/ELAINE THOMPSON, FILE

In this Sept. 27, 2017, file photo, an Amazon Echo Dot is displayed during a program announcing several new Amazon products by the company, in Seattle. Amazon says an "unlikely" string of events prompted its Echo personal assistant device to record a Portland family's private conversation and then send the recording to an acquaintance in Seattle.

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