



Hip Hop Education

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Jefferson High School students visit with the socially active hip hop duo Dead Prez, including M-1 and stic.man (center) on May 25. Producer Mike Flo (far left) and performer Umi (far right), joined Dead Prez to chat about the realities of education, the state of hip hop and the importance of ethics and skills. Portland's Mic Crenshaw (back row) and Morgan Delaney (not shown), founders of globalfam.org, brought the group to Portland to raise money for youth education in Rwanda and Burundi.

On NE ALBERTA ST Street

Peaceful Last Thursday Plans

Businesses and neighbors along Northeast Alberta Street hope to see a safer Last Thursday Art Walk, after an alcohol-related incident ended last month's event with a few arrests. A group organized earlier this month to address the issue, and to strategize how to keep this week's event welcoming for everyone.

"It is only within such an atmosphere that the neighborhood and its art and commerce can be created and appreciated," said Joe Blanchette, Art on Alberta president and manager of Talisman Gallery.

The community groups agreed to encourage limits on alcohol consumption at non-licensed venues, to discourage illegal behavior on the street, support city education and enforcement of alcohol and noise regulations, and provide restroom and waste disposal facilities during the event.

Elise Scolnick, Art on Alberta board member said, "Most of us live in this community, as well as have businesses here. We all want it safe and sane, but with a unique twist."

Beginning around 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, Alberta's galleries, studios, restaurants and other art venues along the street will open their doors for the art walk. Generally the galleries are open until 9:30 p.m. It has mostly been around 10 p.m. and after when trouble with people drinking in the street and blocking traffic has occurred.

The city, local businesses and neighborhood associations are advising attendees that alcohol consumption from open containers on the street will not be tolerated.

In the Neighborhood What is your reaction to the Oregon Senate passing a bill to outlaw smoking in all bars, taverns and bingo halls?



I think smoking outside is fine. Bars get too smoky otherwise. Besides, my girlfriend doesn't smoke, so I don't smoke when I am out with her anyway." -J.P. Huckins, 25



It's more respectful to those who don't smoke. There is a reason these people choose not to smoke. If people want to smoke make them smoke outside. -Maria Karavias, 19



"It's good for the community. It's one reason I stopped going out. I hate being around smoke. I would go out more if this law passed." -Tamara Stigler, 29



It is Ridiculous! There are plenty of bars where smoking is not allowed. I want to go somewhere and drink and smoke. If you are so worried about health, why are you at a bar drinking?" -Kathleen Arnerich, 21

It's a good thing. I only care in the winter when we have to go outside to smoke. I don't want to bother someone and I don't want to harm my friends." -Tomohisa Shibuya, 23



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Public Resource Fair for Families

LifeWorks, a group of counseling professionals working with the local African American community, will bring together a public resource fair, entertainment and small group discussions on topics about the health of the family this Friday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. form the basis of contemporary American society.



Joy DeGruy-Leary

University, will give the keynote address.

DeGruy-Leary is a dynamic inspirational speaker and a 20-year veteran in the field of social work. She offers practical insight into the various cultural and ethnic groups that

The community is invited to learn more about mental health, abuse and violence prevention, spirituality, relationship issues, alcohol and drug addictions and a special youth panel geared to meet the needs of young adults. Joy DeGruy-Leary, an assistant professor at Portland State

Breakout sessions and discussions will follow the keynote address, featuring a diverse panel of local speakers, with entertainment from local artists during lunch and the resource fair. Limited space is available; RSVP by emailing ericaJ@lifeworksnw.org or calling 503-645-3581, ext. 2349.

Congratulations!



Jefferson High School Valedictorian Briana Hardy is being honored by Self Enhancement, Inc. with a full scholarship to any college, and a second scholarship to Benedict University in South Carolina.

Hardy has been a 4.0 student since the sixth grade.

Briana Hardy, Class of 2007

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