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Portland Y.O.U.t.h Summit

This year's event focuses on finance, health, lowering stress

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The theme for the Portland Youth Summit 2014 is Wealth, Health, and Our Y.O.U.t.h, featuring multiple workshops for youth and adults on the issues of personal finance, exercise, poetry, a holistic approach to health, and more.

The free-of-charge event is Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, at Portland State University Cramer Hall, 1825 SW Broadway, third floor, Room 382/383.

Keynote speaker is Nuri Mohammad, who as a teenager became founder of Nation of Islam Mosque #74, which he continues to lead in Indianapolis, Ind. A married father of three, Muhammad is described as a standout speaker who brings shocking reality, humor and realistic personal development advice together in an uplifting message for both youth and adults.

The Friday Youth Talent Show, Freemix, runs 6-9 p.m. Participants already went through an audition; the rappers, dancers and singers selected to perform will be hosted by Pittsburg artist and organizer Jasiri X.

Saturday workshop registration starts at 11 a.m. with programs starting at noon.

This year a Saturday evening concert, 8 p.m. at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club at 5250 NE Martin Luther King Blvd., features Mic Crenshaw, Jasiri X, Ancient Sol, and Blaque Butterfly. Club members and their families get in free.

Workshops scheduled on Saturday include; Jasiri X on the Real Gangstas of Rap, for adults and youth; staying calm and focused under stress; and undoing institutionalized racism. Find a complete listing of workshops below.

The annual event is in memory of 14 year old Davonte Lightfoot, who was shot to death on North Killingsworth Street in January of 2007.

"The theme of this free annual, daylong event, Wealth, Health and Our Y.O.U.t.h

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STANDING FIRM



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Trader Joe's has pulled out of the planned development at N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at N.E. Alberta Street in Portland. Just last Friday the company named Andrew Colas of Colas construction as the prime contractor, but in a statement Monday, Trader Joe's said it wouldn't go forward because of neighborhood opposition.

PAALF Responds to Trader Joe's Pullout

Trader Joe's cites the negative reactions from the community

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PAALF leaders Tony Hopson, Maxine Fitzpatrick, Avel Gordly, Cyreana Boston and Steven Gilliam responded Monday to news that Trader Joe's has pulled out of a controversial development on N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at N.E. Alberta Street.

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Boulevard at N.E. Alberta Street in Portland. Yet it was just last Friday that Andrew Colas of Colas construction promised to hire a diverse, local workforce to build the project.

In a statement, Trader Joe's said it wouldn't go forward because of neighborhood opposition.

"We think the Vanport Square area in Northeast Portland is a great neighborhood and we had been interested in opening a store there," the

company said in statement. "Given negative reactions from the community—about our arrival, we will not be opening a store in the area....We run neighborhood stores and our approach is simple: if a neighborhood does not want a Trader Joe's, we understand, and we won't open the store in question."

At noon Monday the Portland African American Leadership Forum held a press conference where they explained why they opposed

the original development plan, rolled out a set of four demands, and announced a series of visualization meetings to gather community input, from existing neighbors, but also specifically from people who were forced to move because of gentrification.

"This has never been about one company," said Steven Gilliam, one of five speakers at the press conference. "We're about community solutions and providing a mitigating

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New Leadership Team Runs KBOO Radio

Mic Crenshaw, Monica Beemer hired as co-station managers

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After a year of leadership upheavals, KBOO Community Radio in Portland has hired both Mic Crenshaw and Monica Beemer as co-station managers of the 45-year-old institution.

Crenshaw is a conscious hip-hop recording artist, educator, writer and community activist; Beemer is the former executive

director of Sisters of the Road, a local non-profit group that operates a café for low-income communities and organizes locally for affordable housing and nonviolence.

"KBOO is an incredible community resource and I want to use my time there to elevate and increase the community's investment," Crenshaw told The Skanner News this week. In a post to social media

over the weekend, hiring committee chair Matt Bristow was jubilant in making the announcement:

"I am very happy and thankful to have served as chair of a successful hiring team at KBOO Community Radio, where I work as a member of the board of directors," Bristow wrote. "At our recent monthly meeting

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