

## BEAVERTON GETS READY TO PARTY!



# Lou Rawls stars

Legenday voice headlines Taste of Beaverton

Curtis Salgado brings the blues to life Friday, June 27 at 10 p.m.

Get ready to party! It's time for the 1997 Miller Genuine Draft Taste of Beaverton!

Produced by the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce and more than 500 volunteers, the June 27-29 event offers fun and entertainment.

Headlining this year's extravaganza is Lou Rawls.

With a voice as "sweet as sugar, soft as velvet, strong as steel, and smooth as butter," Rawls has been exciting audiences for more than three decades. He performs Sunday at 5 p.m.

Local greats Linda Hornbuckle, Tom Grant, Curtis Salgado, Johnny Limbo and Body & Soul will raise the energy level from the Bank of American Main



Chata Adda performs Saturday, June 28 at 9:15 p.m.



Tom Grant brings musical magic to the stage on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Stage and the Community Newspapers Family Stage.

Dave Mason, formerly of Traffic and Fleetwood Mac and fresh off the Ringo Starr tour, will kick off the Friday Night Party.

Hot newcomers from Southern California, Cecilia Noel & the Wild Clams, will rock the park on Saturday night with their high energy funk and salsa music.

For the younger set, there'll be magic shows, clowns, puppets, and other wonders of the US West Dex Children's Theater stage.

The Taste of Beaverton is held at Griffith Park at Highway 217 and the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. For information call 778-5811.

## Safer neighborhoods sought by president

Officer next door program offering police 50 percent discounts on housing

President Clinton cheered the nation's mayors Monday by declaring "our cities are back" and announcing modest initiatives to make Americans feel safer in low- and moderate-income urban neighborhoods.

The centerpiece was the "officer next door" program, offering police 50 percent discounts on 2,000 government-owned homes, particularly in large cities with high crime rates. The aim is to increase the visibility of police in troubled areas by moving them into long-vacant homes.

"It will be some of the best money the federal government ever spent," Clinton said in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The president also promised to give first-time home-buyers a \$200

break on closing costs for living in the most-populous cities and to provide working families the chance to move from renters to owners with the help of federal vouchers.

Clinton focused on good news: falling crime rates and unemployment down by a third in the 50 largest cities. "What a long way we have come," Clinton said. "It wasn't so very long ago that huge numbers of Americans had just simply given up on the prospect of our cities."

However, Secretary Andrew Cuomo of the Housing and Urban Development Department released a report showing that problems continue. It said middle-class migration to the suburbs is continuing, city poverty rates are rising, and large cities lost jobs.

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