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Community Calendar

Meet for networking

You can get tips on networking and international trade during a meeting sponsored by Tomorrow's Leaders, Inc., a non-profit economic development group, Thursday, Aug. 7 at 8 a.m. at Reflections, Coffee and Books, located at Walnut Park Center at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth.

Safari at Newport

Sea Safari fun is waiting for kids during day camps, Aug. 12 and 14 at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport. These are two and a half hour sessions for 6 and 7 year olds to explore the adaptations of fascinating ocean creatures without getting their feet wet. For more information, call (541)867-3474, extension 5221.

Fair celebrities diversity

Entertainment, food booths and community interaction highlight Portland's central northeast neighborhoods annual multicultural fair. The annual event will be held Sunday, Aug. 10 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Southeast Asian Vicariate, 5404 N.E. Alameda Dr., which is just off Sandy Boulevard.

Work at home tips

Mt. Hood Community College is offering a class that teaches people the ins and outs of working from home. Find out about zoning and special use permit issues, computer solutions and special home office tax deductions and how to keep on the good side of the Internal Revenue Service. The cost of the workshop is \$35 and which will be held Aug. 19 and 20, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 1773 on the main college campus.

Potluck and games

Every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th, hosts a potluck followed by bunco games and other entertainment. You're invited to bring a dish or make a suggested \$2 donation.

Eye on clustered housing

"Co-housing: Neighborhoods for People," will be shown Thursday, Aug. 7 and Monday Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at 2901 S.E. Steele. A presentation about co-housing, in which neighborhoods are developed with individual residences that are clustered, leaving more green spaces, will follow the free video. In co-housing communities, connection between neighbors is encouraged by providing amenities such as shared meals, children's play spaces, shared workshop spaces and more. For more information call 650-7169.

Tanya Tucker in concert

Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center in Lincoln City presents Tanya Tucker, Aug. 15 and 16. Concert times are 8 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 1-888-624-6228.

African violet beauty

Standard, miniature and trailing African violets, begonias, orchids and many other unusual house plants will be featured during a special sale Friday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Water Tower Mall in Johns Landing, 5331 S.W. Macadam. The event is sponsored by the Heart of the Valley African Violet Society.

Shakespeare for AIDS help

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland presents the Daedalus Project, Monday, Aug. 18, a day-long event culminating in an 8 p.m. performance in the Elizabethan Theatre. The event benefits the Alan F. Collins Memorial Foundation, a program of On Track, Inc. and other innovative AIDS programs. To order tickets call (541)482-4331.

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Adidas opens northeast store

Celebrating another milestone in the revitalization of inner city



Mayor Vera Katz and others are celebrating another milestone in the continuing revitalization of north and northeast Portland.

Katz and other dignitaries Saturday welcomed Adidas America and its Adidas, The Store on MLK retail outlet in the new Harry Jackson Plaza.

The building is located at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street.

Police Chief Charles Moose and Adidas American President and Chief Executive Of-

fice Steve Wynne also attended the grand opening.

"This is an especially rewarding occasion, because it represents the kind of teamwork I hope to see more often," said Katz. "It's a strong example of how several agencies and businesses can come together for the good of the local neighborhood and the entire city."

Adidas' establishment in the northeast Portland corridor is the result of cooperation between the city and the private sector. The Portland Development Commission and the Police Bureau played key roles in fostering



Mayor Vera Katz welcomes Adidas to the new Harry Jackson Plaza in northeast Portland with the building's namesake, Portland Police Officer Harry Jackson (seated) and his wife, Mary and his son Jakhary (left) looking on. (Photos by M. Washington)

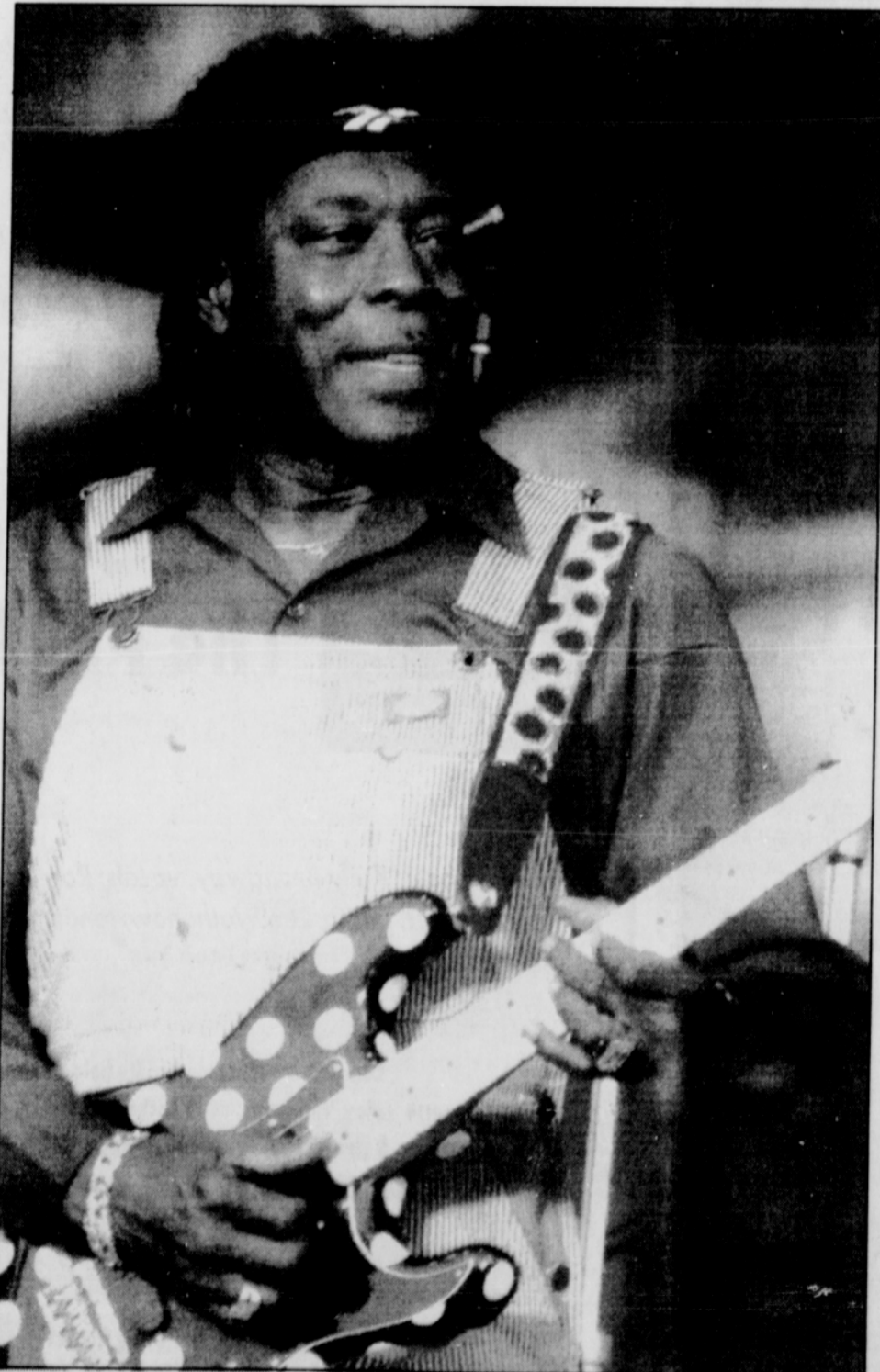
the project, along with northeast property owner Jack Chung and Adidas executive Ray Leary.

The plaza is named for Portland Police Bureau Officer Harry Jackson, who has

worked tirelessly to help rid the area of crime.

Jackson is also credited with his work to reduce prostitution on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Buddy Guy



Buddy Guy strums out the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz as it held its 16th annual event this weekend. See additional photos, page B3. (Photo By Yvonne Lerch)



Johnny Gage, House of Umoja

Review finds better figures on Umoja

Re-arrests for gang prevention participants at 33 percent, preliminary rates were wrong

The Portland House of Umoja joined with the Multnomah County Juvenile Justice Division to release findings from a review of their gang-intervention programs which show that Umoja has a low 33 percent rearrest rate among its participants. Umoja provides residential and family-based services to help gang-affected youth become productive members of their community.

"It is vital that the community has the right information on how our kids are doing and how we can do even better to help gang-affected youth become responsible members of our community," said Johnnie A. Gage, Executive Director of the Portland House of Umoja.

The Multnomah County Juvenile Justice Division earlier released incomplete preliminary information on the recidivism rate of the participants in the House of Umoja's residential facility between Oct. 1, 1996 and April 30, 1997. Those figures showed a recidivism rate of 62 percent for Umoja participants. By comparison, figures from the Gang Transition Service Network show an area rearrest rate for participants in the House of Umoja residential program was only 33 percent. Over two thirds of Umoja participant did not experience any rearrest.

"These figures clearly demonstrate that Umoja is having a positive impact on the lives of the youth that we touch," Gage said.

Normally, the County valuation process is a two-part process. The County prepares a preliminary report based on raw information and records. This information is then given to the agency, which has a chance to respond and correct any information before the review is considered final. In Umoja's case, the preliminary information was released to the media, causing inaccurate information to be shared with the public.

The House of Umoja believes agency evaluations are vital, both because they serve as a tool to tell what is working, and because they tell the community what other services are needed to affect change.

"Reducing gang-related crime and giving gang-affected youth the tools to become contributing members of our community is a community wide problem and one that we must all work on together," Gage said.

So far in 1997, Umoja has served 200 youths through its outreach program, helped two kids graduate with high school diplomas through its on-site school, held weekly parent support groups, and offered programs for younger kids in effort to prevent gang involvement.