

Southern Style at Suga's House

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Suga's House of Catfish and Ribs Too, 1505 N.E. Killingsworth St., is a tiny building at the intersection of Northeast 15th Avenue and Killingsworth, where northbound drivers jogging to the left drive toward a digital sign advertising weekend gumbo.

Once a drive-through hot tamale and barbecue stand Ed and Company and Honeybee's, Suga's House gumbo is a new part of a delicious repertoire of dishes by cook and owner Sherelle Littleton. Hungry customers enjoy bowls of the Louisiana dish, plus fried chicken, pork ribs, catfish and a classic meal of chili cheese Fritos. She saves her turkey dressing and chitlins for weekend specialties.

Littleton took over management at the 20-year-old building, which was once a stop for Lu-Z-Ana Ed's hot tamales. She's worked at the restaurant as an employee since 1997, and bought the property in April



Shauna Jones prepares a catered lunch tray at Suga's House of Catfish and Ribs Too.

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Native American Entrepreneurs Walk in Two Worlds

Conference, trade show coming

Native American entrepreneurs, small business owners, tribal leaders and others interested in Native American business development will gather for a conference and trade

show Nov. 1-2 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach in north Portland.

The theme of the 5th Annual Trading at the River Con-

ference by the Native American Business Network is "Keeping Our Balance Walking in Two Worlds." Topics include: How do you say "business friendly" in your native language? When should the tribe "Let the Private Sector

Do It"?

Keynote speakers include Mike Myers, president and chief executive officer of Network for Native Futures; Bill Largent, office of Native American programs for the Small Business Administration's Tribal Self-Assessment Initiative; and Jamie Pinkham, Watershed Division manager for the Co-

lumbia River Intertribal Fish Commission.

Myers of the Seneca Nation has more than 30 years experience working with a wide variety of Indigenous development projects that range from small extended family businesses to major projects such as the Navajo Family Farms Project. Largent of the Keweenaw

Bay Indian Community (Ojibwa) and has spent 28 years leading and managing small businesses, including nationally franchised organizations.

Pinkham of the Nez Perce Tribe and has spent over 12 years working for his tribe where he was twice elected to tribal council and oversaw the tribe's natural resource programs. He is recognized as a leading advocate of wildlife and wilderness protection.

A trade show hosted by the Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce will run concurrent to the conference and is free. The public is invited and encouraged to come meet and support local native businesses.

The Native American Business Network, was founded in 1991 as a non-profit organization by four Oregon Tribes to increase the number and success of private businesses owned by Native Americans with the vision of a healthy economy for the Pacific Northwest Native American community.

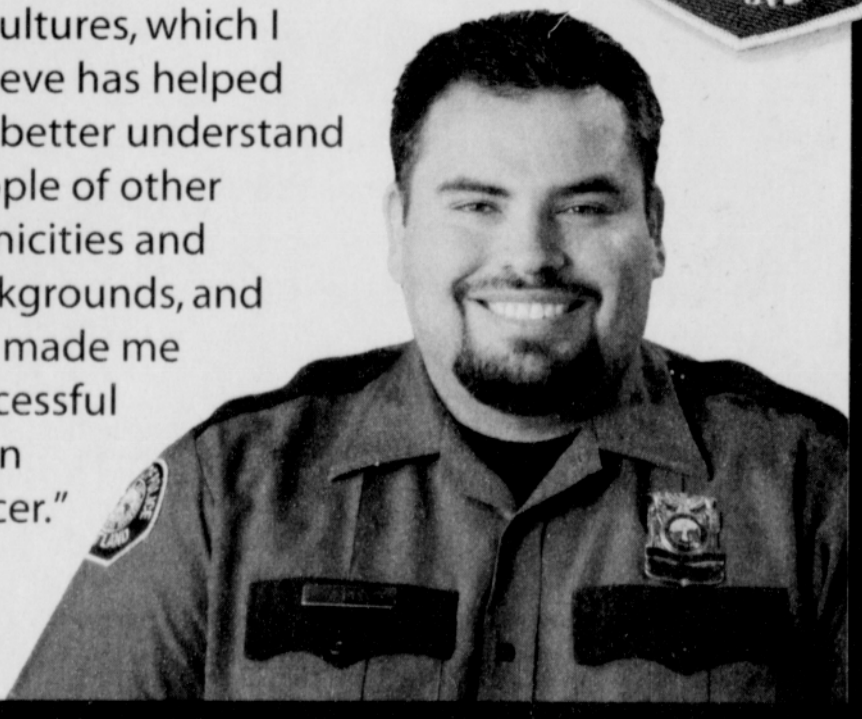
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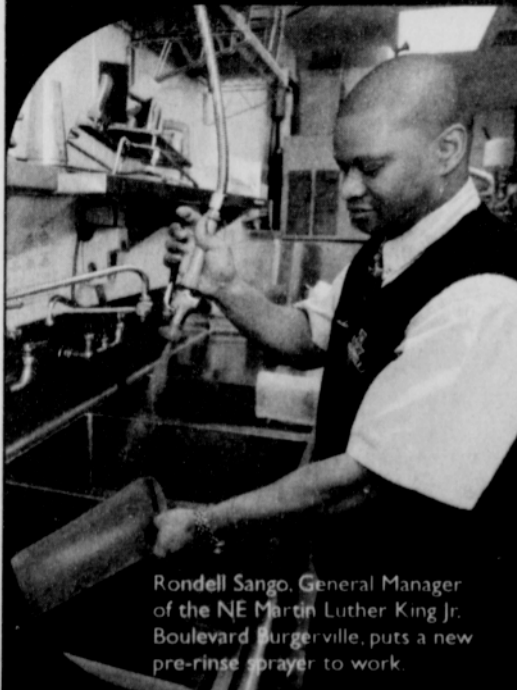
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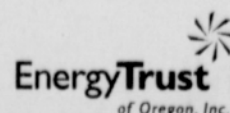


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