

Recasting Trader Joes

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cials would boost spending on affordable housing in the corridor by some \$20 million over 5 years, using future property taxes dedicated for urban renewal as a way to reverse some of the gentrification that's occurred over the past few decades. The plan would also call for the

Portland Development Commission to work with small businesses and stakeholders, especially firms owned by persons of color, to create and support a robust business and commercial district.

PAALF Executive Director Cyreena Boston Ashby did not have a comment on the new efforts when reached Tuesday.

Colas Construction, the locally owned African-American company that had been selected as the general contract for the \$8 million dollar Trader Joe's project just days before the pullout was announced early last month, was pleased with the new efforts.

Andrew Colas told The Portland Observer Tuesday that his

company had never ceased discussions with Majestic Realty, the Los Angeles-based developer which was the major backer of the project.

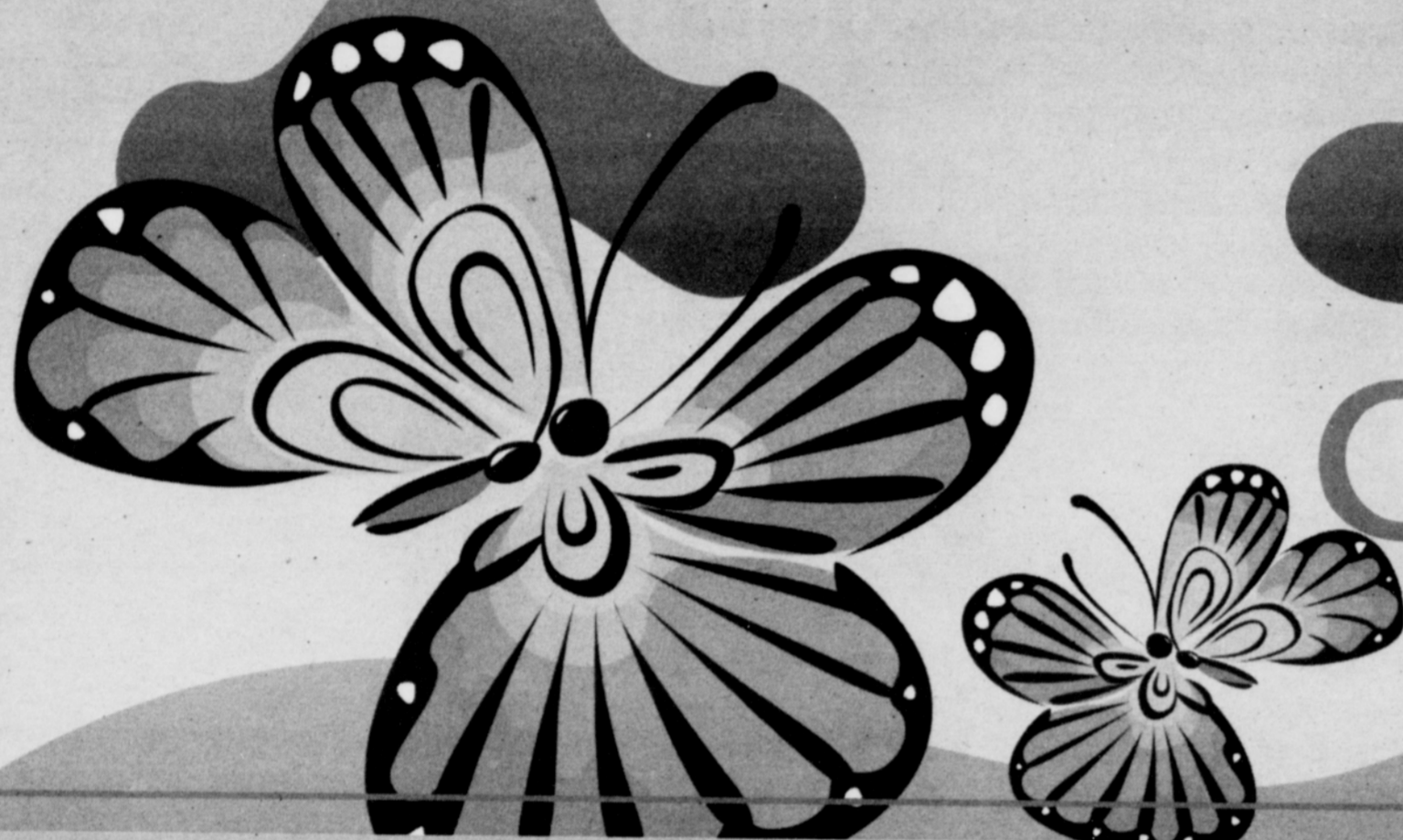
He said developing the site was "a critical project to spawn economic development" in the neighborhood, and particularly for the small business owners in Vanport Square, the adjacent retail center which was promised an anchor tenant nearly 10 years ago

Colas says he flew out to Los

Angeles as recently as last Wednesday to show Majestic a petition supporting a Trader Joe's that was sponsored by the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors, which Colas Construction is a member.

He says of the 684 names listed as supporters, the Urban League of Portland was one of the signees.

Colas gave credit to the mayor for his leadership and said he was "cautiously optimistic" the deal will be revived.



2014 CALENDAR for March

SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

<p>8</p> <p>International Women's Day Robert Sabuda born, 1965</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins Explorer Amerigo Vespucci born, 1454 Barbie's Birthday (1959)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Commonwealth Day Abolitionist Harriet Tubman Day Jack Kent born, 1920 1st Paper Money Issued in 1862</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Jonathan London born, 1947 Johnny Appleseed Day Earthquakes devastate Japan (2011)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Girl Scout Day Anniversary of the Death of Anne Frank (1945) Virginia Hamilton born, 1936</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ellen Raskin born, 1928 Good Samaritan Day Uranus Discovered (1781)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System Pi Day (3.14) Scientist Albert Einstein born</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Purim Begins at sundown. Absolutely Incredible Kid Day Ides of March</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Sid Fleischman born, 1920 James Madison born, 1751 (4th President)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Wendell Minor born, 1944 Rubber Band Invented</p>	<p>18</p> <p>First Walk in Space (1965) Sparky the Fire Dog Grover Cleveland born, 1837 (22nd & 24th President)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Swallows Return to San Juan Capistrano</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1st Day of Spring Mitsumasa Anno born, 1926 Big Bird's Birthday Sesame Street character</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Children's Poetry Day National Teen-Agers Day Single Parents' Day</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Randolph Caldecott born, 1846 National Sing-Out Day United Nations World Water Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Toast Day Political Leader Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty...", 1775</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Harry Houdini born, 1874 Exxon Valdez runs aground (1989)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pancakes First Made (1882) Kate DiCamillo born, 1964 Sculptor Gutzon Borglum born, 1871</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Make up Your own Holiday Day Poet Robert Frost born, 1874 Jerry Pallotta born, 1953</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Alaska hit by 8.4 Earthquake (1964) Dick King-Smith born, 1922</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fish Fry 3:30pm till 8:30pm Immaculate Heart Church Community Hall 2926N. Williams Ave. 503287-3724</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Coca-Cola was Invented in 1886 Armed Forces left Vietnam (1973)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Doctor's Day Alaska Purchased from the Russian Empire (1867) Artist Vincent van Gogh born, 1853</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Beni Montresor born, 1926 First Map of the US Published (1784) Tater Day Mathematician Rene Descartes born, 1596</p>	<p>Portland Observer is a proud member of the AACC</p>			