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Walnut Park: Mayor Says More To Come



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Mayor Vera Katz took kudos over the re-developed Walnut Park as she cut the ribbon Saturday to mark the grand opening of the \$2.8 million retail center.

"This project stands as a reminder, as a testament that this city is dedicated that all of its neighborhoods are healthy and that each of its neighborhoods has its fair share of prosperity, economic opportunity and government resources," Katz said.

The mayor said she would look for other economic opportunity sites in the community and that those site would be the focus of renewed efforts.

Katz had earlier called on the Portland Development Commission to develop strategies to boost employment and per capita income in north and northeast Portland. The region has the highest unemployment rate and lowest average income in the metropolitan area.

She said the commission should identify gaps in the delivery of job training and employment services and identify ways to improve or expand community services.

Katz asked the commission to deliver its findings to the city council by November to be considered in the city's next budget.

"This project (Walnut Park) is the first to get off the ground, others will follow with public and private initiatives and will include commercial developments as well as housing," the mayor assured.

Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, said it was difficult to get the \$500,000 from

Hundreds of area residents joined city officials and community activists Saturday at a grand opening to the Walnut Park Retail Center, a \$2.8 million development at Northeast Killingsworth and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (See additional photos, page B2.)

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Community Calendar

Humboldt School Holds Carnival

Humboldt School PTA and the Albina Headstart Transition Project sponsors is inviting students, families and members of the community to it's end-of-the-year carnival at the school, 4915 N. Gantenbein, on Friday, June 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Celebration Honors Ancestors

An old-fashioned carnival with prizes and games, gospel music, softball tournament and a free barbecue lunch will be held June 17 at Alberta Park from 9:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Portland's In The Park Juneteenth Celebration is to honor the "Emancipation Proclamation" and the journey of African ancestors who made the middle passage over the Atlantic in slave ships. The event is sponsored by the Coalition of Black Men and the Omega Boys and Girls Club. For more information call 321-5119 or 698-6720.

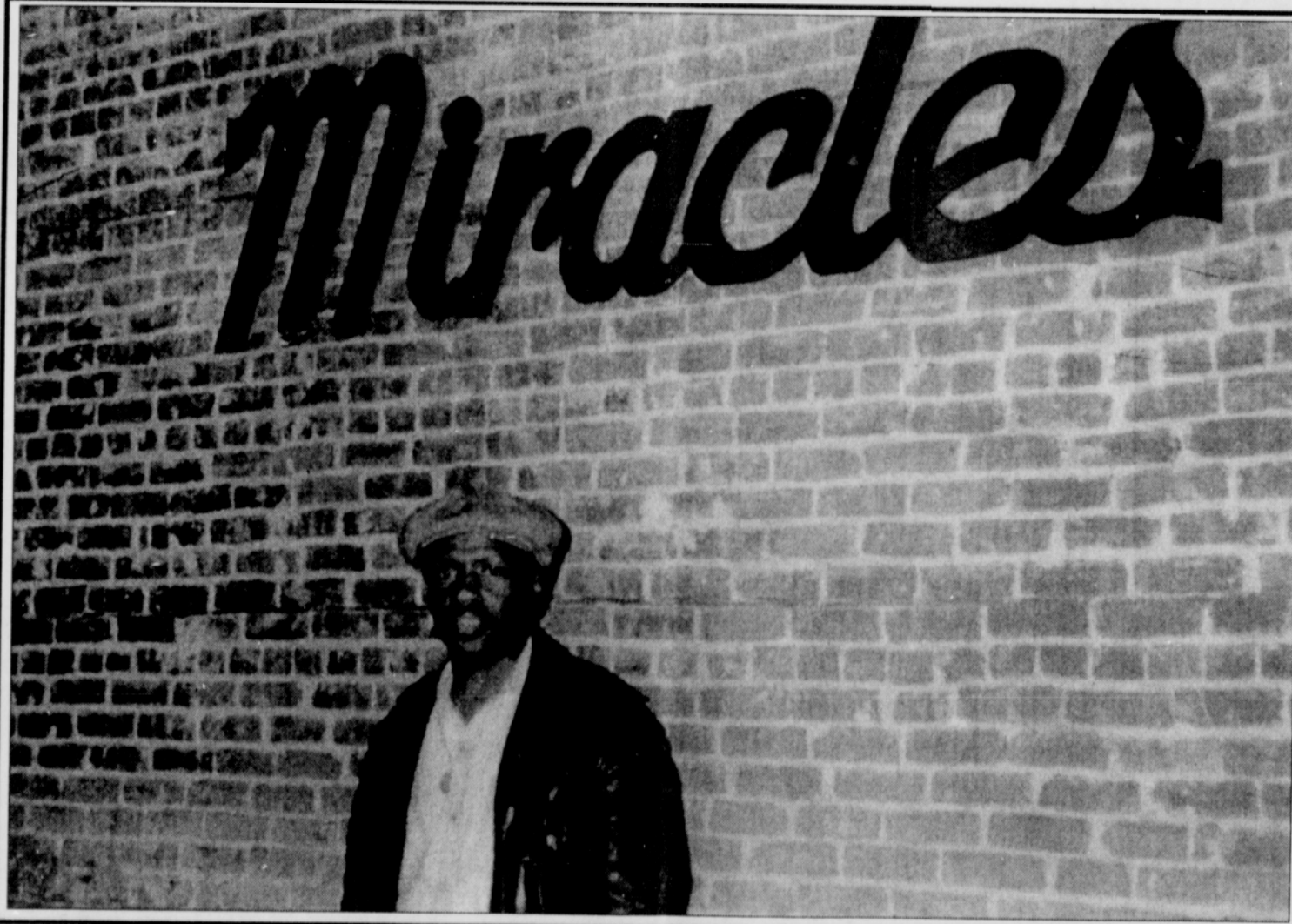
Hosts Needed For Buffalo Soldiers

African American guests from out-of-town representing the U.S. Calvary units of the late 1800s, nicknamed the Buffalo Soldiers, will need housing June 9-11 for their participation in the year's Grand Floral Parade. If you can share home, please contact Hyalite, Inc. at 220-8282 or 281-1635.

Farmers Market Opens Saturdays

You can buy fresh produce directly from the farmer who grew it at Portland's Farmers Market. The market sets up shop every Saturday though October, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., along the Willamette River at 1200 N.W. Front Ave.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Drug Free

◀ Nabeeh Mustapha manages The Miracles Club on north Killingsworth across from Portland Community College. The club is fast becoming a haven for fun and entertainment in a drug and alcohol free environment. "The vision behind Miracles is that people can have a ball without drugs or alcohol," said Johnny Gage, club owner.

(Photo By Promise King)

Garlington CEO Wants Growth

Phyllis S. Paulson, the new chief executive officer of Garlington Center, plans to move the north and northeast mental health care provider to expanded markets.

Paulson, a northeast Portland resident, is a former director in charge of clinical services at Garlington. She has been serving as the center's interim chief executive for nine months.

Her promotion was announced May 13 by the Garlington Center Board of Directors following an extensive national search.

Board President Emmett Wheatfall said the board was impressed with Paulson's effective leadership during the interim period.

"Her dedication and commitment to excellence in serving those with major mental illness and minority populations was commendable," said Wheatfall.

Paulson said she was excited and eager about carrying out her new responsibilities.

She has been working to build new partnerships with other mental and health care

providers to ensure a comprehensive system of care to Garlington's diverse consumers.

"We are excellent at what we do, which includes serving persons of color who have serious and persistent mental illness," said Paulson. "Our goal will be to magnify our service approach and responsiveness to the community."

Paulson has 15 years experience in the mental health care field. A certified mental health care administrator, she has masters degrees in public administration, rehabilitation counseling and community planning.

Paulson helped establish the Alliance for the Mentally Ill for People of Color of Greater Cincinnati, Ohio. She has received awards and recognitions for service dedication and commitment to people of color with mental illness and has earned high marks for her professionalism and leadership.



Phyllis S. Paulson

She is married to Robert Paulson, a professor of social work at Portland State University.

The Garlington Center was founded in 1980 to provide culturally-relevant mental health and crisis services to persons with major mental illness living in north and northeast Portland.

Since then, the center has grown from 35 to 115 full-time employees and to a budget of about \$6.6 million. The center has also expanded to serve children, youth and families.

Last spring, the center opened the Alberta Street Cafe on Northeast Fifth and Alberta to serve as a workshop for training people with major mental illness to become job-ready.

The center was named in memory of Rev. John Garlington Jr. and Yvonne Garlington, a Portland couple who were dedicated to the betterment of the community.

Moose Makes Changes In Command

Police Chief Charles Moose has promoted northeast precinct commander Bruce Prunk to assistant chief of the police bureau's services branch.

Prunk, 41, has been with the police bureau since 1976. He replaces Dan Noelle who was recently elected Multnomah County Sheriff.

In other command changes, Moose named north precinct commander Alan Orr as the new commander of the northeast precinct.

Captain Richard T. Rictor, who has been serving as the acting assistant chief during Noelle's campaign for sheriff, was promoted to commander of the north precinct.