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SECTION B

Community Calendar

The Disco Ball

Once again it's time to shake your booty, flash the polyester and stomp those platform shoes! Join the Lotus and Z100 Sunday, September 5th for the biggest Outdoor disco party under the stars! The entire parking lot behind the Lotus is transformed into a giant disco tech. Equipped with three full bars and Bar BQ food. "Satin Live Orchestra" will be performing live. The party starts in high gear at 9 PM, band starts at 10:30 PM.

Off-Leash Areas

Portland Parks & Recreation will be holding a public hearing on Off-Leash areas in Portland's Parks. The public hearings are to get input from members of the community on this issue. The next two meetings will be on Wednesday, September 15, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Portland Building, Room C and Saturday, September 18, 9 AM - Noon at Warner Pacific College, Egtvedt Room. For more information, please call 823-5457.

Huckleberry Festival

The Cascade Geographic Society will celebrate its 15th Annual Mt. Hood Huckleberry Festival & Barlow Trail Days, a free, family-oriented festival. There is no admission and parking is free. The event will be at the Mt. Hood Village (65000 East U.S. Highway 26, near the Village of Brightwood) on August 27, 28 and 29. There will be Native American storytelling, music, and much more!

4th Annual Menagerie Project

Come one! Come all! Come on down! The Really BIG Dance Company presents the 4th Annual Menagerie Project (or Menagerie Quatre for all you fancy folks) August 26, 27, 28 and September 2, 3, and 4 at 8 PM at Conduit Studio, 918 SW Yamhill, 4th floor. In years past, you've witnessed dueling belly dancers, wild animal revues, as well as "really big" dancing fruit... Tap dancers, pranksters, songstresses, and some really bad-(oops!) make that Really BIG magic! Call 503/236-9843.

Hip Hop in the Park

A group of concerned organizations and artists have teamed together to host the first "Hip Hop in the Park: Edutainment, Resistance and Culture," to be held in Alberta Park August 29 from 3 - 8 PM, an event which will focus on blending politics and hip hop to create a statement that will speak to youth. Alberta Park is located at NE 22nd and Killingsworth. For more information, call Roderick Franklin at 503/817-9257.

Conflict Resolution & Violence Prevention

Oregon Peace Institute will offer a workshop on "The Use of Art in Conflict Resolution and Violence Prevention" facilitated by Rebecca Singer, the Executive Director of Artrageous, on Thursday, September 23, 1999 from 6:30 - 9 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Room 160, 1838 SW Jefferson Street, Portland. Please register by calling OPI: 503/725-8292. A \$10 donation would be appreciated.

Tutoring Help

Experience Corps is currently looking for older adults, 55 years of age and older to tutor children and assist with other school needs in Portland, Parkrose and Beaverton elementary schools. No experience is necessary, we provide training. Volunteers can receive a monthly \$200 tax-free stipend for serving 15 hours or more a week. Contact Experience Corps at 249-0469 for details or to apply.

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Tenants Sought for New Mixed-Use Project



Right now, there is a vacant 27,000 square foot lot at N Killingsworth Street and Vancouver Ave. Construction will start in November for the three-story structure with 40 middle-income housing units and 4,200 square feet of retail space.

With land use approval and financing in hand, developer Jane Olberding needs a few businesses and residents to occupy her new building.

McCuller Crossing, to be built on a vacant 27,000 square foot lot at North Killingsworth Street and Vancouver Avenue, will be a three-story structure with 40 middle income housing units and 4200 square feet of retail space. Funding for the project includes assistance from the Port-

land Development Commission and the state, and state tax credits for affordable housing development. The structure, built "pretty much according to code, with a few minor adjustments," has received city approval and the support of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association. Olberding hopes to begin construction in November.

The biggest unmet need at this point is to find retail tenants, she says. "Bankers are still wary of retail space," she says, so it must be pre-leased before construction

starts. "It's hard to get people to rent a commercial space that they can't even see. I don't see a whole lot of businesses like Starbuck's rushing in from the outside to fill it up. The cool part is that it gives people who live here a chance."

Likewise, she says, she expects most of the tenants to be from the area. The building will have two and three-bedroom apartments for people earning 60 percent or less of median income.

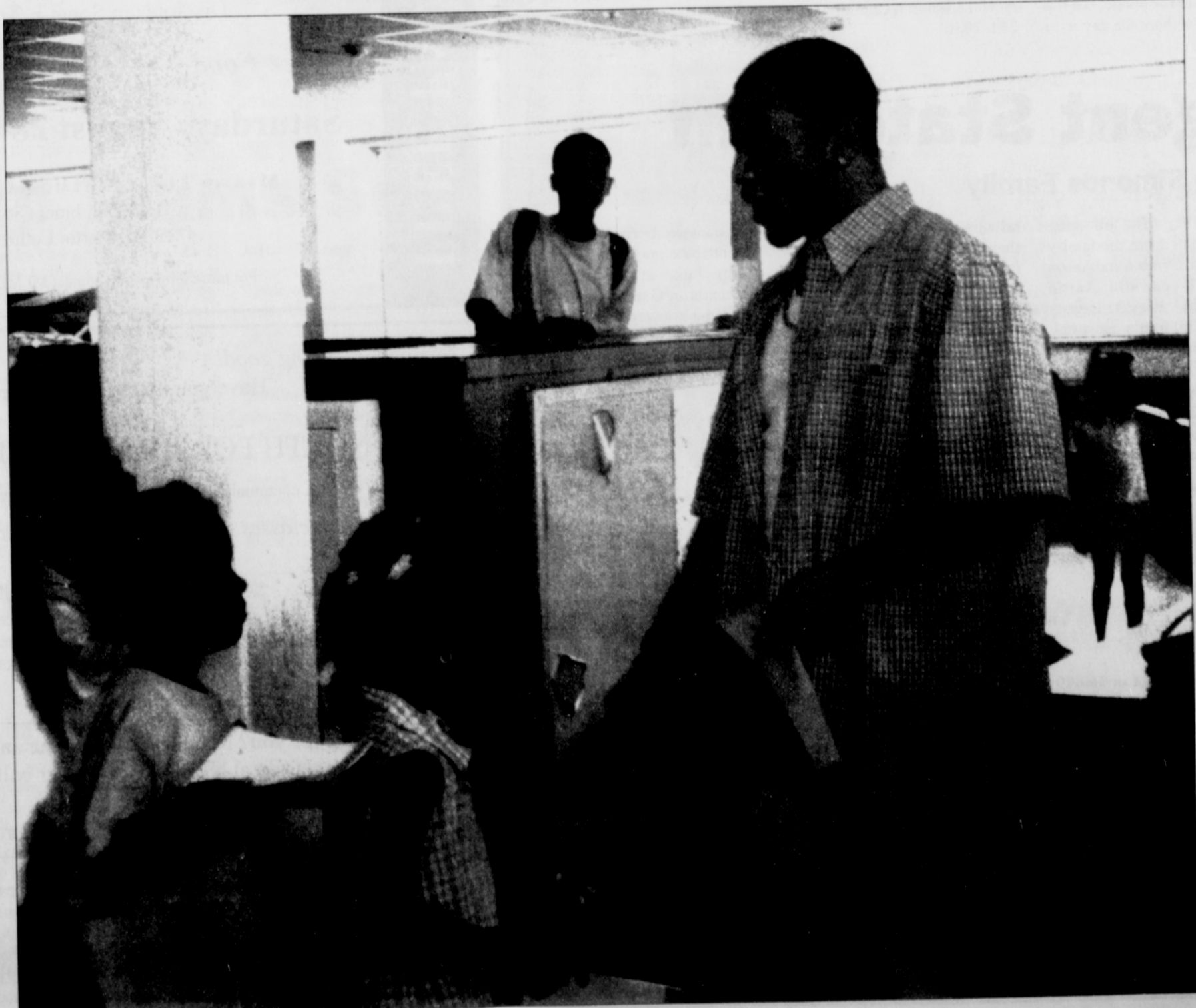
"Citywide landlords are hurting for ten-

ants, but in this area housing is tight," Olberding says. "It's hard to find anything affordable, especially if it's new." Referring to her existing building on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. and Wygant Street she says, "All of the folks there are from the neighborhood."

She hopes the architecture can complement "the beautiful older buildings in the area."

The building is named for John McCuller, former owner of Farmer John's Restaurant.

Damon Stoudamire Delivers School Supplies To Blazers Boys And Girls Club Kids



On Monday, August 23, 1999 Portland Trail Blazers point guard Damon Stoudamire presented the Blazers Boys and Girls Club kids with school supplies.

The program is called "Books Before Baskets". In conjunction with Fred Meyer Damon delivers school supplies to children in need.

Stoudamire purchased \$5,000 of school supplies to launch the cause. He has coordinated a school supply drive with Fred Meyer stores to continue the effort for other underprivileged children in Portland.