



Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic staff welcome local children and families to their new, larger facility at 27 N.E. Killingsworth. Pictured from left are Clinic Volunteer Rachel Rose, Oregon Health Plan and Referral Specialist Leandra Alanis, Front Office Coordinator Jose Lettenmaier, Nurse Practitioner Rebecca Hill, Certified Medical Assistant Cheri Aldrete and Linda Shan, Acting Director.

Low Cost Children's Clinic Expands

Founder Mariah Taylor still on leave

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The Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic serving local children with free and low-cost services, has relocated to a larger facility at 27 N.E. Killingsworth. Local residents and medical providers are invited to celebrate the clinic's upgraded facilities during a grand opening on Thursday, June 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The new space is just three blocks from its old location, with nearly twice as much

space with four exam rooms, a conference room and a large waiting area.

The clinic has undergone growth and a shift in staffing since the non-profit board of directors grew from one to nearly a dozen in the past two years. Board president Bud Bylsma said they've recently received sizable contributions enabling the expansion, including two grants of \$80,000 and \$30,000.

However, the board has yet to reach a resolution concerning the employment of clinic founder, director and nurse practitioner Mariah Taylor who was placed on paid medical leave last December following hip surgery. Taylor, who started the

clinic more than 25 years ago, was forced to take a three-month leave of absence and shortly after the operation, the clinic's locks were changed.

Taylor claimed there was a conflict between her and the newly assembled board. She cited a disagreement concerning administrative decisions, beginning last October after she refused to hire a medical assistant because of a lack of funds.

Clinic coordinator Linda Shan, who has been with the clinic for a year and a half, currently serves as acting director.

The board also hired a human re-

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Racial Profiling Acknowledged

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profiling.

"I've been to many meetings ending with the community cussing police out," Bowman said. "Tensions ran high, and people leave with frustration."

Now residents and police can finally agree that this type of discrimination does exist, enabling the community to move to the next step: finding a solution the police and community.

"Normally when we'd start this conversation, the police would respond by saying it's just a community perception," Bowman said. "That argument no longer exists, and the good news is we are starting the conversation from much deeper place."

She said these sessions are only the first step, not a solution to racial profiling. Oregon Action plans to publish a document of compiled information, and will present recommendations to the police bureau.

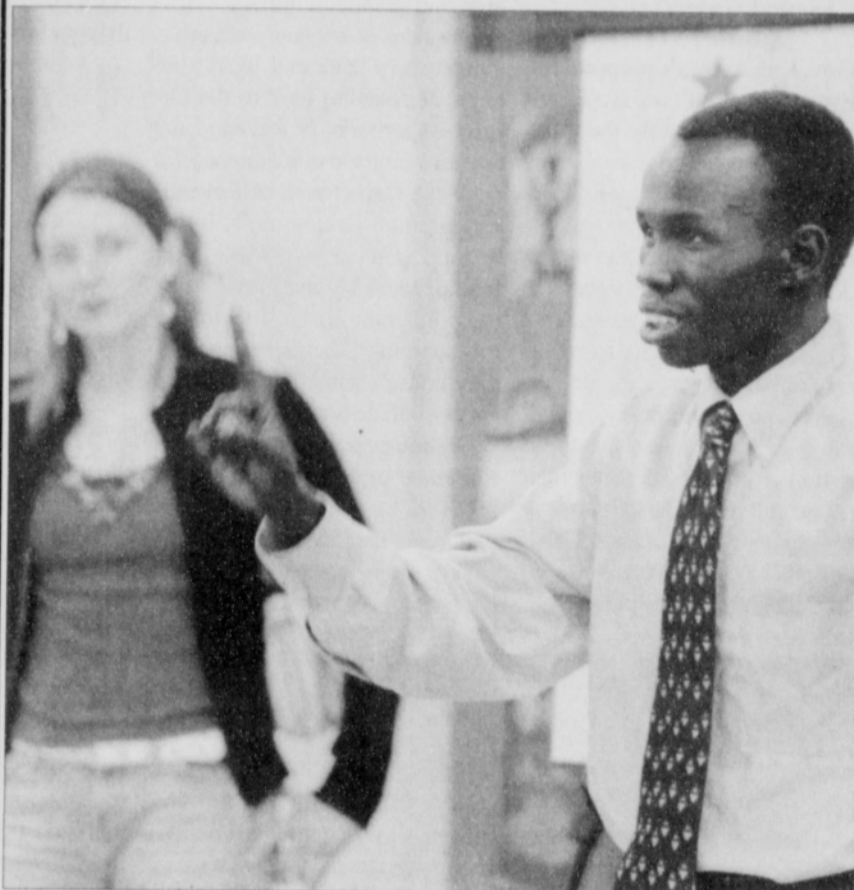


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Michael Chuol of Vancouver, a native of Africa, tells of his encounter with Portland police that led to his U.S. identification being confiscated due to mistaken identity.

Pleas Support After School SUN Program

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the five-member commission, said the reduction in staff could mean that each SUN coordinator would be asked to administer two schools rather than one.

Most of about 150 speakers who signed up to voice their concerns before a commission budget meeting Monday

night were opposed to the cuts.

Greg Belisle, who supervises SUN programs in the social service non-profit Portland Impact, said administrative positions can't be cut without affecting services because site managers are direct service providers.

Linn said the 52 SUN schools in the county have become a national model for helping ensure success of kids in school and in life, helping to

prevent problems before they occur.

She said the commissions are also proposing to pay for SUN-related support services with "one-time only" funds that put the program at risk for more cuts in 2009.

SUN schools currently get \$2.9 million of its \$5.7 million budget from Multnomah County, with \$1.9 million coming from the city of Portland and \$890,000 from state grants.

Assistant Chief Retirement Party

Portland Police Assistant Chief Dorothy Elmore will celebrate her retirement on Thursday, June 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd.

Since joining the bureau in 1981, Elmore worked in various precincts, led detective recruitment efforts, and served on gang task forces, in the Chief's office, school police and the services branch. She is the police bureau's first African American woman to hold the rank of assistant chief.

NEW SEASONS MARKET

Brats & Beers

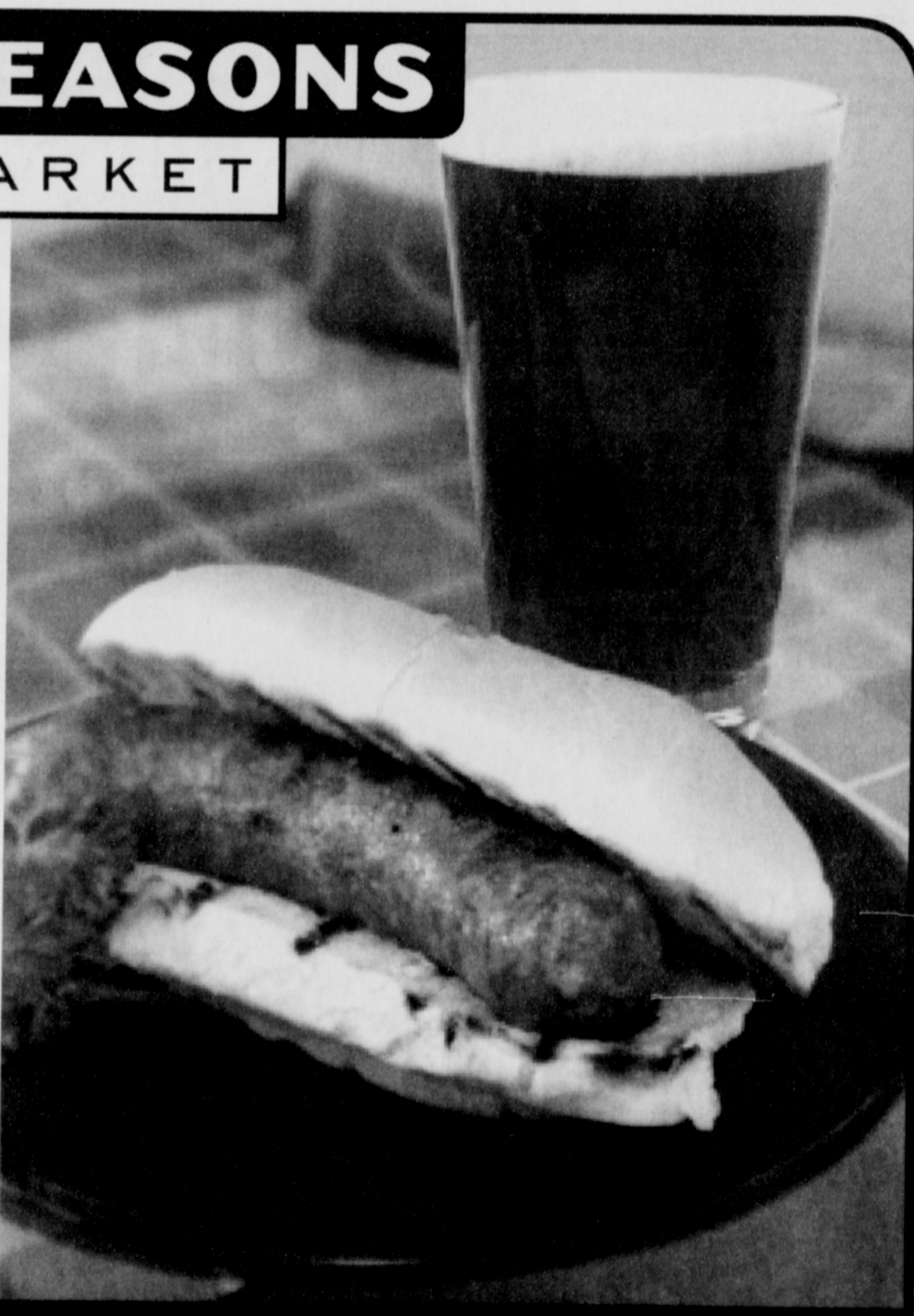
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Saturday & Sunday • 11am-5:pm

Whether it's a large family reunion or last-minute dinner with the kids, barbecues are a great way to enjoy the smells, sounds, and flavors of summer. We like to consider ourselves your Summer Barbecue Headquarters. From sausages, to ready-to-grill meats, to good old-fashioned hamburgers, there's likely to be an option to satisfy the palate of every grilling guru.

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If sausage isn't your grilling entrée of choice, don't despair! Our meat department is chock full of ready-to-grill skewers, already marinated in a melange of herbs, spices and sauces. We've chosen four selections to share with you this weekend - Caribbean Rum Chicken, Chili Mint Chicken, Raspberry Chipotle Pork and Lemon Pesto Chicken. We'd be surprised if we didn't have a flavor to put a smile on the face of everyone at your next grilling gathering.

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