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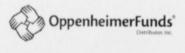
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PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Nurse Practitioner MariahTaylor (right) locked out and terminated from the community health clinic

she founded 26 years ago. Clinic Founder Sets Record Straight

BY SARAH BLOUNT

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A messy and ongoing dispute between the North Portland Community Health Clinic and its founder Mariah Taylor spilled onto the street last week.

Taylor and some of her former patients rallied in protest to her termination in front of the clinic's new offices on North Killingsworth Street.

The veteran nurse, who has been revered for serving poor and week, Taylor described the dispute show.

underinsured children, founded the as a personal nightmare. clinic 26 years ago but was locked a dispute late last year. Taylor said the board wanted to limit what patients she helps and what low-cost

clinic's new management offered American woman-owned and op-Taylor severance pay. But her employment was terminated after she referred to as the "clinic of last rejected the offer.

or free medicines she offered.

"This is the ending of a vision for out by her board of directors after the community to have access to health care for the poor and uninsured," she wrote.

Taylor was a pioneer in the Portland community when in 1980 she After months of arbitration, the founded the state's first African erated clinic of its kind. It was often resort" and Taylor received national In a press release issued last recognition on the Oprah Winfrey



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Streets Flood in Heavy Rain

Heavy rain and falling leaves creates many new rivers on Portland streets. The forecast calls for more of the same for most of the remaining week. City crews are working to clear roads of standing water, and say residents can help keep roads open by clearing leaves and debris from curbs. Drivers are asked to be especially cautious of pedestrians due to the rain and darkness. Call 503-823-1700 to report a hazard or help in clearing a catch basin.

Family Adds to Reward Fund

The family of Loretha Williams is offering up to \$10,000, in addition to the \$10,000 offered by Crime Stop-

arrest in Williams' murder 18 years died from multiple stab wounds.

Anyone with knowledge about 30-year-old Williams was found this death can call Crime Stoppers murdered in her home at 1305 N.E. at 503-823-HELP(4357) or contact pers, for information leading to an Junior St. on Sept. 27, 1988, having Luke Williams at 503-946-5019 or Stanley Williams at 503-252-6674.

Sheriff Guisto Apologizes for Remarks

Multnomah County Sheriff "We be jailers." Bernie Guisto apologized after com-

Guisto made the remark along paring the county's jails to Arkan- with a reference to running a "jailin' sas and using language some con-system -j-a-i-l-i-n, no 'g'..." in a sidered racist by his declaration, news conference last week following a report by the district attorney that found fault in county jail man-

agement and spending.

called for him to resign.

An apology statement from the sheriff said his use of bad grammar was an attempt to articulate that "we have an inappropriate jail system for an enlightened county."

Other African American leaders, including neighborhood activist Skipper Osborne, former presi- Willie Brown and Bruce Broussard, dent of the Portland NAACP, called a Republican running for Congress, Guisto's statements racist and did not find the comments racist.

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