Dress for Success

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"One thing I want to do is bring a diversity discussion to some of our products," she says. "I want us to talk across economic lines. I want to start a conversation about how we as women can support each other across those lines. "

Many of the women who use Dress for Success come back and work for the non-profit themselves, guiding other women through the process. Women who use mentorship services also come back to mentor other women, and the program has a lot of graduates return in other capaci-

Currently, the Portland chapter is preparing for its annual fundraiser dinner to celebrate another ebrate Success dinner will be held p.m. Tickets and more informa-This year's Dress for Success Cel- Art Museum from 5:30 to 9: 30 cessebenefit.org.



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Phylicia Lockett, director of community outreach for Dress for Success, was once one of the non-profit's clients.

year of work in the community. on Friday, April 17 at the Portland tion are available at celebratesuc-

Chokehold Complaint Filed A Portland mother is still look- her neck.

A cellphone video shows a Madison school administrator using a

choke hold to restrain a student during a fight last December.

ing for answers on why her daughter was thrown into a chokehold at Madison High School.

Vice Principal Alfredo Quintero can be seen wrestling his arms around the neck of the student in a cellphone video taken by a wit-

Debra McFarland's daughter was fighting with another student at the northeast Portland school last Dec. 8 when Quintero stepped in to break up the disturbance. He can be seen holding on to the girl with both his arms pushing across

The Portland Parents Union has been waiting for answers since the incident occurred. Sheila Warren, the African American parent who leads the union, sent stills of the chokehold video to the Portland Public Schools superintendent demanding resolution to the case.

Friday, school district ombudsman Judi Martin responded, stating that the matter had been referred to the chief human resources officer and that the district "takes allegations of employee misconduct seriously."

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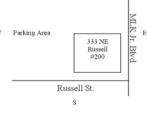
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Mayor Blasts Indiana Law

Mayor Charlie Hales suspended city-funded travel to Indiana Monday to penalize the state for passing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which protects homophobic discrimination as a religious belief. Seattle and San Francisco issued similar orders in light of Indiana's new law.

Racial Profiling Debate

Oregon House lawmakers considered legislation Monday that defines and bans racial profiling by law enforcement agencies. The proposed law would also establish a system for people to file profiling-based complaints, and create a task force to identify patterns of profiling in law enforcement agencies.

Blazers Earn Playoff Spot

The Blazers clinched a playoff berth on Monday night with a 109-86 victory over the Phoenix Suns. The victory moved Portland (48-25) within a half-game of the Clippers (49-25) for the fourth-best record in the Western Conference and homecourt advantage in the first round.

Beach Clean-Up Success

Over 5,000 volunteers joined the non-profit Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism Saturday to clear 62,500 pounds of debris from Oregon beaches.

Man Charged in Shooting

A man from northeast Portland in custody after allegedly shooting and killing his own cousin and neighbor, Arthur James Palmer III, who was 46 years old, this weekend. The suspect, William Palmer Heyser, claims that the shooting was an accident and that the two men had been arguing.

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