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SECTION B

Community Calendar

German Fest Benefits Gang Peace

The Berlin Inn Restaurant and Bakery holds "Taste of Germany" Saturday with proceeds to benefit Gang Peace. The event features German foods, wines and beers from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3131 S.E. 12th and Powell Boulevard near the Ross Island Bridge. Admission is \$8, which includes all food, wine and beer tasting.

Replace Violence With Sports

The YWCA Fitness and Swim Center will have an open house for families to exercise together on Saturday, Oct. 21. Discounted admission rates will be offered. A family swim will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The events are held at the Downtown YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave.

Conflict Resolution Targeted

A conference for middle and high school students involved with conflict resolution and peer mediation will be held Oct. 17 and 18 at Portland State. Oregon Peacemakers 2000: Students Against Violence is to encourage students to continue mediation work and acknowledge past work. For information, call Betsy Coddington at 306-5607 or Clarice Bailey at 725-5590.

Firefighters Support Training

The Portland Black Firefighters Association offers help in the process to become a firefighter. A workshop to prepare for the pre-employment and testing is Thursday at 6 p.m. at Terrel Hall on the PCC Cascade campus. Applications for firefighter trainee positions are accepted Thursday and Friday at 4106 N. Vancouver. Contact Lt. Harry Harper for information at 823-3692.

Human Rights Leader To Speak

Mexico's preeminent human rights leader, Rosario Ibarra de Piedra, visits Oregon Saturday. She will speak at 7 p.m. in Portland State University's Cramer Hall, Room 171.

Zoo Boo Terror Begins

Zoo Boo, a screamfest of monstrous creatures, ghosts and headless goblins begins Friday and runs through Oct. 31 at the Washington Park Zoo. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the first trains will run just after dark. Gates will close at 9:45 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$6 for ages 12-64 and \$4 for children and seniors.

Beaverton Mall Halloween Set

Merchants at Beaverton Mall will host a "Trick-or-Treat, Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parents are invited to bring their children to the shopping center between 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

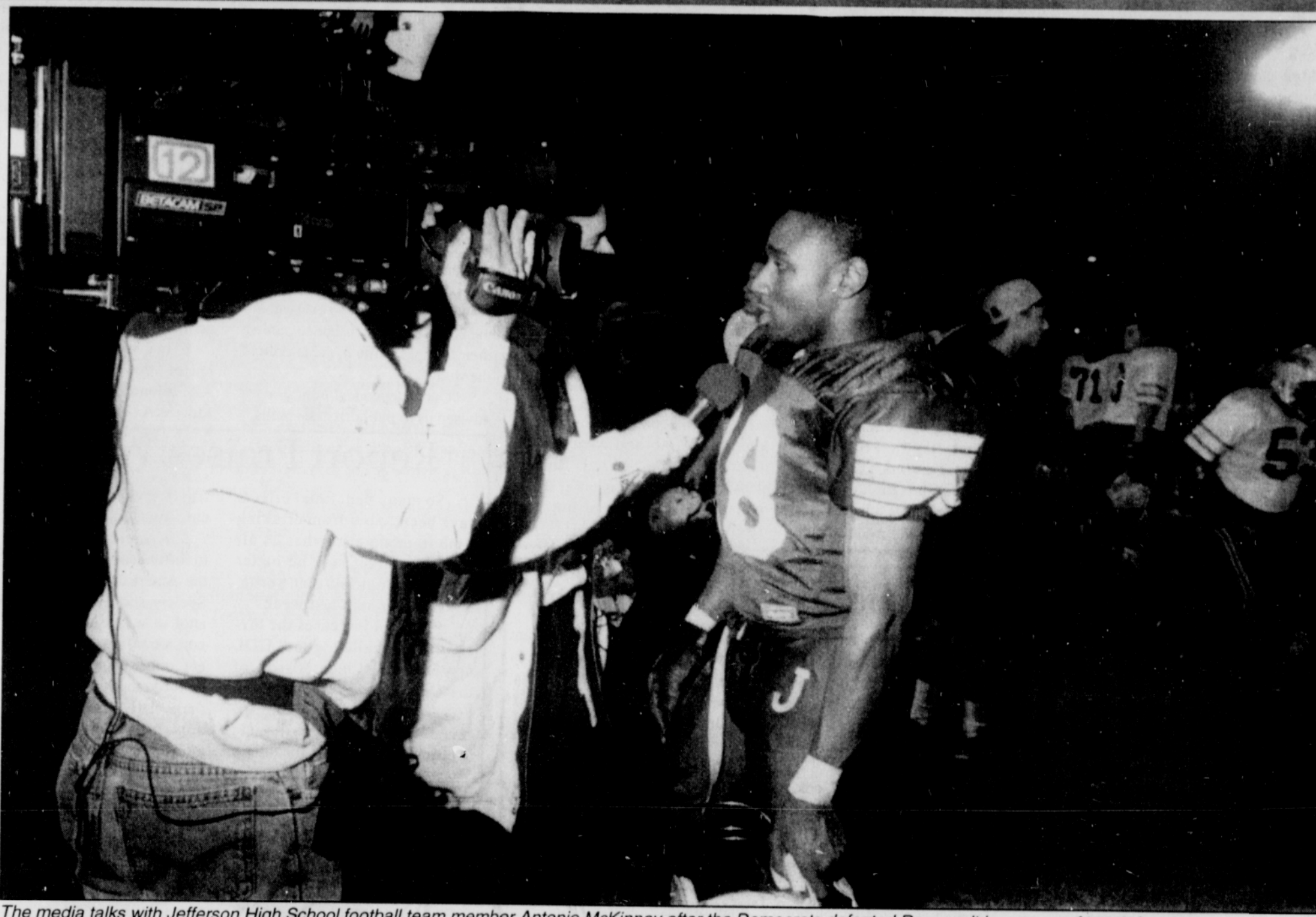
Oxbow Park Festival Opens

This weekend opens the annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional park. The Saturday and Sunday event includes a salmon bake, Native American dancing, exhibits and more. For information call 797-1850.

Comedian Headlines Garden Party

"The Church Lady" may disapprove of wild revelry, but Dana Carvey will be ready to "party on" for the Rose Garden's opening event Friday. The star of Saturday Night Live and Wayne's World performs at the Ultimate Garden Party, a \$125 per person benefit for local charity, to mark the opening of the new arena.

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The media talks with Jefferson High School football team member Antonio McKinney after the Democrats defeated Roosevelt in a game of two unbeaten teams. Jefferson at 5-0 is now off to its best season in years. See additional photo in Sports, page B3.

(Photo by Michael G. Halle)

Peace Advocate Brings Health Perspective

A peace advocate in Philadelphia will be in Portland Friday to discuss how communities can stem violence.

Chukwudi Onwuachi-Saunders will present the public lecture "Interpersonal Violence: Framing Community Solutions," at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

A panel of Portland area residents will participate, including Richard Brown, a professional photographer and community activist; Marge Jozsa of Neighborhood Health Clinics; Tom Potter, former police chief; and Beverly Stein, chair of the Multnomah County Commission.

Onwuachi-Saunders led "Operation Peace in Philadelphia," a long-term peace promotion and violence prevention initiative. She currently serves as a deputy health commissioner in Philadelphia. She has been in the forefront of the effort to recognize interpersonal violence as a public health issue.

In 1992, 660 Oregonians were murdered, killed by police or killed themselves, making



Dr. Chukwudi Onwuachi-Saunders.

suicide and homicide the seventh leading cause of death. And violence results in untold numbers of injuries health costs.

The lecture is free, but tickets are required. Call Kaiser Permanente's Center for Health Research at 335-6776 for reservations.

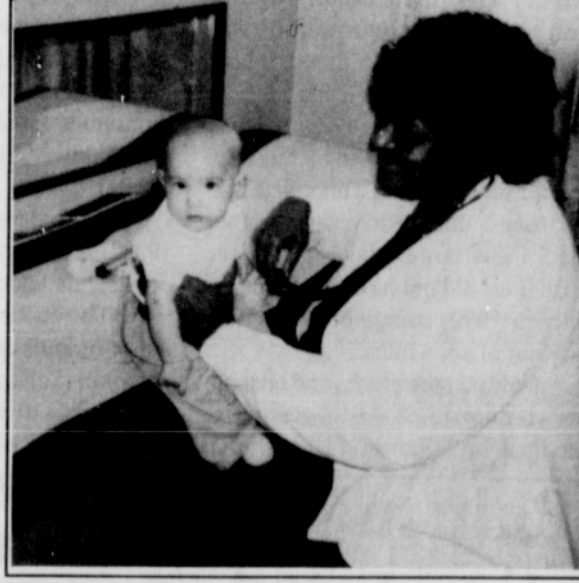
Mariah A. Taylor To Receive Human Rights Award

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission has selected Mariah A. Taylor, R.N., M.S.N., C.P.N.P. as this year's winner of the Russell A. Peyton Award. Ms. Taylor is the founder and Executive Director of the North Portland Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic.

care to people of all cultures and backgrounds, ages birth to twenty-one.

Ms. Taylor is a major health resource to the community, incorporating culturally ap-

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Oregon Tightens Health Plan Eligibility

Tougher eligibility requirements and premium charges are some of the significant changes coming to the Oregon Health Plan.

About 130,000 low-income Oregonians will be affected by the new rules, some which go into effect this month.

Most of the changes will affect the so-called working poor who earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid, but whose monthly income falls below the federal poverty level (\$1,049 a month, for a family of three), state officials said.

"These changes will help to hold down costs, while also doing the least harm to thousands of Oregonians who have demonstrated a need for health-care coverage," said Jean I. Thorne, director of the Office of Medical Assistance Programs in the Oregon Department of Human Resources.

Approved by the 1995 Oregon Leg-

islature, the changes include the manner in which income eligibility is evaluated, from using one month's income to an average monthly income over three months that falls below the federal poverty level.

An assets test will also be applied, eliminating eligibility for anyone with liquid assets such as savings accounts, stocks and bonds (but not a house or car) of more than \$5,000.

Full-time college students will no longer be able participate, unless they are pregnant women or a specific group of displaced workers enrolled in a state employment department training program.

Children of full-time students may continue to be eligible depending upon household income.

Monthly premiums ranging from \$6 to \$28 will be levied on a sliding scale based on family size and income. However, premiums will not be charged to those who are covered by Medicaid as

part of public assistance.

Any health plan member who does not pay his or her premium would be denied eligibility upon reapplying for Oregon Health Plan coverage.

Effective Jan. 1, the number of medical conditions and treatments covered on the plan's priority list will be reduced from 606 to 581.

Unlike the other changes, this one will affect all 394,000 members of the health plan, both those who receive Medicaid as part of public assistance and those who are covered under the Medicaid expansion for the working poor.

State officials expect the changes will save \$123 million over a two-year period.

A sixth change, charging small payments when patients visit a physician or dentist has been delayed.

More information is available by calling Oregon Health Plan representatives at (800) 359-9517.

Food Stamp Benefits To Increase

People receiving government food stamps will see a small increase in the amount of their benefits beginning this month.

The federal government has increased the maximum amount of food stamps a family can receive because of the higher cost of groceries. In addition, benefits for clients served by Adult and Family Services will go up during the winter months to offset the higher cost of heating.

The exact amount of the increase will vary from family to family, depending on size, income and expenses, state officials said.

About 131,000 Oregon households, representing about 287,000 people, receive food stamps each month. The recipients include the low-income, elderly and disabled. The average amount of food stamps received by a household is \$160 a month.

The cost of food stamps is paid by the federal government, with administrative costs financed by state and federal funds.