



Girls Battle in Little League World Series

Hometown favorite to match up in finals carried live on ESPN2.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Girl Abducted From L.A. Park

LOS ANGELES — A 4-year-old girl who was initially thought to have drowned in a Los Angeles park was abducted, police said. Police are searching for a Hispanic male, 20 to 25 years old, who was accompanied by a brown Chihuahua.

U.N. Report a Sobering Assessment of Planet in Peril

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. report sets the stage for this month's Earth Summit with a sobering assessment of a planet where sea levels are rising, forests are being destroyed and more than 2 billion people face water shortages.

Anthrax Found in N.J. Mailbox

NEWARK, N.J. — Anthrax spores were found inside a Princeton mailbox tested after workers at a regional mail sorting facility contracted the bacteria in October, Gov. James E. McGreevey said. The mailbox was removed last week and there is no danger to the public.

Torrential Rains Cause Misery Across Europe

VIENNA, Austria — Firefighters frantically stacked sandbags to shore up dams against the swollen Danube River and 40,000 Czechs fled flooded parts of Prague as torrential rains inflicted fresh misery on much of Europe. The death toll rose to at least 74 in Europe and Russia.

Bush Raises Record \$100 Million

WASHINGTON — President Bush has been raising funds for Republican candidates more aggressively than any of his predecessors and has topped the \$100 million mark, by far the highest amount for any president after 19 months in office.

US Airways Files for Chapter 11

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — US Airways, hard hit by the drop off in travel after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The airline, which had mentioned bankruptcy as a possibility after it lost \$2.1 billion during 2001, said all of its flights are expected to continue.

Saudis Say No to U.S.

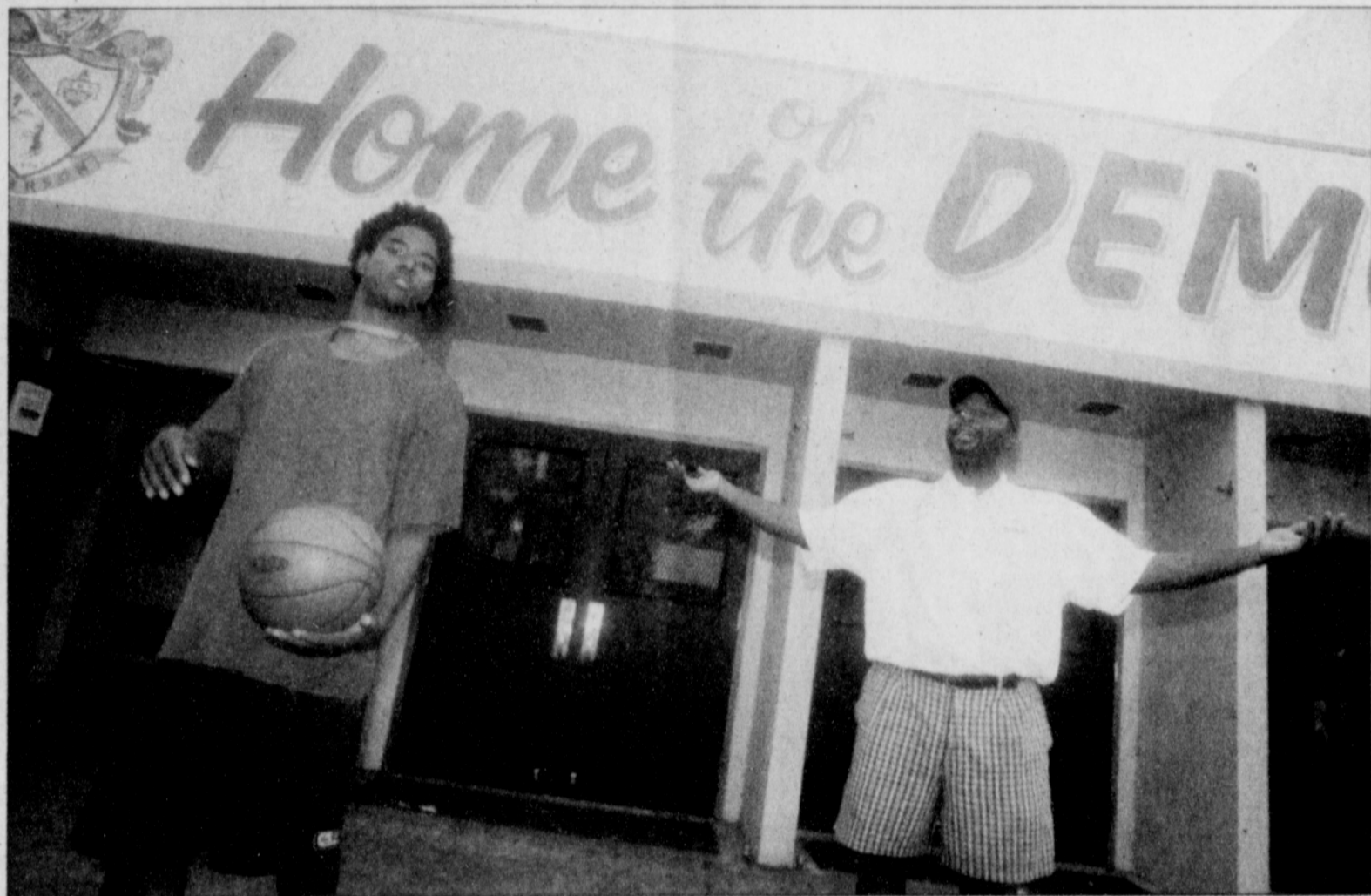
JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia has made clear to Washington — publicly and privately — that the U.S. military will not be allowed to use the kingdom's soil in any way for an attack on Iraq, Foreign Minister Prince Saud said.

Fifth Death From West Nile Reported

NEW ORLEANS — The West Nile virus has killed a fifth Louisiana resident and infected 14 more people in what health officials said is the nation's biggest outbreak since the disease was first detected in the United States in 1999.

China Threatens Taiwan

BEIJING — Taiwan faces a growing possibility of military action by the mainland if "radical pro-independence moves" continue on the island, the Chinese government warned through its state-run media.



Marshall Haskins, Jefferson High School boys basketball coach, jokes with one of his former players, Aaron Miles, outside the 'Demos' gymnasium at a recent community tournament. Haskins says Jefferson has always had good players, "I'm just the straw that stirred the drink." PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Continuing a Tradition of Excellence Jefferson coach encourages players' love for the sport

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The gym at Jefferson High is the unofficial stomping ground of basketball greats past and present. So it was no surprise when a nationwide basketball tournament called on Jefferson to host the "AND 1" basketball tournament.

Hundreds of kids and teens enjoyed four hours of end-to-end hoops at the Aug. 1 event.

Amazing dunkers and witty ball handlers went toe-to-toe in the big gym of the 2000 state champion Jefferson Democrats.

"Anyone can come out and play," says Marshall Haskins, the Democrats' head coach, who was there to cheer on the hoopsters. "This is a big day for the Portland community."

Haskins led the Democrats to a 28-0 season in 2000. He also coaches summer camps at Self-Enhancement, Inc.

Haskins has always encouraged his players' love for the sport, and in turn, they work hard to express it. When asked who were his hardest working players, he quickly replies, "Brandon Brooks and Brandyn Brooks."

Both students played for Haskins on the 2000 championship team.

Haskins is hopeful about the potential for this year's varsity team.

"There are some up and coming fresh-

man, but I don't want to sound like I'm recruiting," he says. "We have a great team coming back."

Nathan Wallace, Demarcus Richards, and Marques Hall top his list.

He says the negative press Jefferson has gotten over the past few years, stories concerning the school's academic standing, dropout rates and changing principals, doesn't affect his players.

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Turning the Tide on Deadly Violence

Friends and family of Jaun Saurez light candles in his memory Sunday evening at Northgate Park. Saurez was killed at the park July 21 in an incident attributed to gang violence. The Latino Gang Violence Prevention Task Force and the Community Association of Portsmouth are now working with the victim's family to speak out about gang violence.

PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Famed Civil Rights Lawyer, Judge Honored Postal Service unveils new stamp honoring Thurgood Marshall

(AP) — A new commemorative stamp honoring Thurgood Marshall, the first black Supreme Court justice, was unveiled Friday.

The 37-cent stamp, which will go on sale in January, was unveiled at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

"My sons and I are so grateful that Thurgood Marshall joins so many other Americans who have been previously honored, including Roy Wilkins with whom he worked so closely, who did their best to make our country a living democracy," Marshall's wife, Cecilia, said in prepared remarks.

Marshall, a native of Baltimore, Md., was a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Howard University Law School in Washington.

He joined the NAACP's national legal staff in New York City, where he became chief counsel and one of the best known lawyers in the civil rights movement.

In 1954, Marshall and his legal team prevailed in the landmark Supreme Court case, "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas," that struck down segregation in public schools.

President Kennedy appointed him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1961. He served in that court until 1965, when President Johnson appointed



A stamp honoring Thurgood Marshall, one of the best known lawyers in the civil rights movement is dedicated Friday.

him the first African-American solicitor general of the United States.

In 1967, he became the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He died in 1993.

Marshall is the ninth Supreme Court justice to be honored with a stamp. Others were John Jay, John Marshall, William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes,

Harlan Fiske Stone, Earl Warren, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Hugo Black.

And he is the 25th in the post office's Black Heritage stamp series, which has included such leaders as Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Benjamin Banneker, Whitney Moore Young, Jackie Robinson, Scott Joplin, Sojourner Truth, and A. Philip Randolph.

Job Outlook Worsens

(AP) — Oregon's jobless rate remains the highest in the country, as unemployment rates rose to 7.3 percent in July.

That's a very slight jump in the rate, from 7.2 percent in May and June.

And it follows the national trend of almost no change in the past few months, a sign the recession is hanging on.

In July, more than 127,000 workers were unemployed in Oregon, compared to 112,000 for the same month in 2001.

The Oregon Employment Department says there were some gains in manufacturing while government jobs, including in the education field, were about at normal levels for July.

The service industry, however, declined by 3,600 jobs in July after a strong gain in June.

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