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A Catch Before Kickoff

Running back helps deliver baby, then joins game

(AP)—Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander was late to the game against St. Louis on Sunday. He had to take care of some family business.

Alexander missed the first quarter of Seattle's 24-23 win over St. Louis because his wife, Valerie, delivered the couple's first child, a daughter named Heaven, at 12:37 p.m.

"I got to cut the cord and pull the baby out. It was my first catch of day, huh?" Alexander said.

Kickoff was at 1:05. Reserve Maurice Morris started at running back and played the first

quarter. "We have a good family atmosphere with our team and our coaches," Alexander said. "Coach (Mike) Holmgren said, 'We'll win the game when you get here,' and that was the attitude that everyone had. It made everything go smooth."

After doctors determined both the mother and baby were healthy, Valerie told Alexander, "OK, make sure you come back undefeated."

Alexander jumped in a car with a waiting police escort and rushed to Seahawks Stadium, where his team trailed 14-7.

Alexander stretched on the sideline before taking the field for Seattle's first series of the second quarter. He ran for gains of 12 and 16 yards on his first two carries.

He finished with 58 yards rushing on 14 carries and also caught three passes for 8



Seattle Seahawks' Shaun Alexander runs to the 3-yard line as St. Louis Rams' Pisa Tinoisamoa hangs on during the fourth quarter in Seattle Sunday. The Seahawks scored the winning touchdown as they went on to win 24-23. (AP photo)

yards. Holmgren said, "Clearly, the birth of his daughter is a special occasion, and he has to be there."

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Announcing a meeting about the OMMP (Oregon Medical Marijuana Program) hosted by MERCY - the Medical Cannabis Resource Center. To be held at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County

22785 NW Birch St., Hillsboro, Oregon, 97123

> Thu. Sep. 25th, 2003, 7pm - 9pm <

For more information about MERCY and the OMMP, visit our website: www.mercycenters.org

Wallace Cited for No License, Insurance



Rasheed Wallace

(AP)—Trail Blazers forward Rasheed Wallace was ticketed for driving with a suspended license and driving without insurance after he was pulled over for erratic driving.

Sgt. Brian Schmutz, a spokesman for the Portland police, said Wallace's car was towed away after the ticket was issued Sunday, as is required by state law.

Wallace agreed in March to attend drug counseling, pay a \$650 fine and stay out of legal trouble

for six months to have marijuana charges against him dropped.

It was not immediately known if the driving infractions affect that agreement.

Wallace and teammate Damon Stoudamire were passengers in a vehicle that was stopped for speeding last Nov. 22 on a highway outside Chehalis, Wash., following a game against Seattle. A search of the vehicle turned up a small amount of marijuana, police said.

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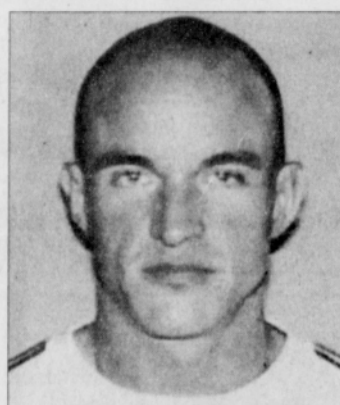
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Murder Plot Foiled

(AP)—A Swiss bodybuilder is accused of offering to kill the alleged victim in the Kobe Bryant sex assault case.

Patrick Graber, 31, a weight training coach with an expired visa, is being held on \$1 million bail after he was seized Thursday in El Segundo, Calif., as he reached for a bag filled with fake money, authorities said.

The alleged murder-for-hire scheme is not the first threat to Bryant's accuser. Earlier this month, a University of Iowa student was arrested for allegedly leaving a threatening message on the woman's answering machine in July. And police records show her father has called police at least twice to report suspicious threats.



Patrick Graber

Bryant, 25, is charged with raping a 19-year-old employee of the Lodge and Spa at Cordillera near Edwards, Colo., on June 30. He has denied the charge.

Come Home Jefferson Alumni

Jefferson High School alumni, families, neighbors and friends are invited to attend homecoming at the "School of Champions, School of Pride" on Friday, Sept. 26.

Festivities begin in the Jefferson cafeteria at 5 p.m. with a pre-game rally to include light food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Alumni will be escorted to a special section for the game's 7 p.m. kickoff against Franklin. Following the game, an after-party with desserts, music and refreshments will take place at the North Star Ball Room, one block west of the Jefferson football field.

The rally and party are fundraising events to benefit Jefferson students and create an alumni association.

For more information, call the Jefferson PTA Hotline at 503-299-4490.

PSU Stumbles Against Northern Arizona

What a difference one week can make. For the Portland State football team's offense it was too much to overcome, as the Vikings dropped their Big Sky Conference opener to Northern Arizona, 23-0, at PGE Park.

Just one week previous, PSU had scored 44 points and gained

nearly 500 yards of offense against the nation's 20th-ranked team. This night, the Vikings were completely shut down by an impressive Lumberjack defense.

Northern Arizona stifled the Viking running game in the first half. PSU gained just six yards on six plays in the first period, including

minus-eight on the ground. At half-time, PSU had only 60 yards of offense, including minus-19 on the ground.

PSU faces a difficult challenge ahead, playing the next three games on the road, and five of the next six. The Vikings travel to I-A Fresno State Saturday.

Ducks Face WSU after Huge Win

(AP)—The Oregon Ducks, displaying a nearly impenetrable rushing defense, upset Michigan 31-27 Saturday.

As a result, Oregon jumped from No. 22 to 10th in the rankings, while Michigan dropped from third to No. 11.

Ducks coach Mike Bellotti, who called the victory the biggest non-conference win of his career, said his team must now turn toward next week's Pacific-10 Conference opponent, No. 21 Washington State.

NAACP Regional State Conference

The Portland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be hosting the Pacific Northwest Conference; the participating states are Alaska, Oregon and Washington. The Portland Chapter conference theme is "Saving Families Save Children" which is in accordance with the national theme "Having Our Say." The conference will convene Sept. 26th at the Convention Center Red Lion, 1021 NE Grand.

The Portland Chapter of the NAACP established in 1914 is the oldest continuing NAACP chapter west of the Mississippi. As a chapter, we promote service to the community through generational relationships. The family is our priority and we believe grounded families are the fundamental basis for healthy communities.

The Portland Chapter's model for the conference has excited the national NAACP office and may become part of the national program in relationship to State conferences. The conference highlights the interdependence of health, economics and justice both nationally and locally through the use of workshops, forums and speakers. The unique design of the conference model will afford participants with skills to immediately implement strategies for creating strong families, neighborhoods and communities.

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