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Student Shows Airport Security Flaws

A college student told federal authorities he placed box cutters and other banned items aboard two Southwest Airlines planes nearly five weeks before they were found, according to an FBI affidavit. The affidavit said Nathaniel Heatwole, 20, told agents he went through normal security procedures at airports in Baltimore and Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and was able to carry the forbidden items onto the plane.

Kobe Could Face Life Sentence in Rape Trial

NBA star Kobe Bryant must stand trial on a charge of raping a 19-year-old Colorado resort worker, a judge ruled, clearing the way for a celebrity trial the likes of which haven't been seen since O.J. Simpson was in court. The Los Angeles Lakers guard could face a life sentence if convicted.

Mother Teresa, A Step Away from Sainthood

The poor and the powerful had VIP seats in St. Peter's Square when Pope John Paul II led a long ceremony to beatify Mother Teresa, further testing his frail health to honor the nun he so greatly admired.

Bin Laden Tapes Likely Authentic

The Central Intelligence Agency has determined the new audio-tape purportedly from Osama bin Laden is probably authentic, officials at the agency said.

Gay Episcopal Bishop- Elect Addresses Clergy

The Rev. V. Gene Robinson, the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop-elect, told parishioners his election is a sign of a changing church, one that will continue even if he resigns.

Illusionist Taken to Hospital

After the eggs, the jeers and the cheers, New York magician David Blaine faced the stethoscope and the intravenous drip as he recovered from 44 days dangling near the River Thames with no company and no food.

Bomb Among Potatoes at Chip Plant

Workers at a Salem, Ore. Kettle Foods potato chip plant were feeding potatoes into a machine that sorts out stones and other debris this week when a 3-pound military bomb popped out. Police determined they were dummy military ordnance left over from a time when the military used the farm as a practice bombing range.

Sniper Suspect Pleads Case Before Jury



John Allen Muhammad represents himself at trial.

Muhammad represents himself as trial begins

(AP) — By choosing to defend himself, Washington sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad has almost guaranteed he will be convicted, legal experts say. But the opportunity to talk with jurors face-to-face may work in his favor if he has to ask later for a merciful sentence.

"If he's at all articulate, he can redeem himself to the jury," said Laurie Levenson, a Loyola University law professor who specializes in criminal procedure. "They can say, 'He didn't look all that rotten.'"

Muhammad, 42, on Monday persuaded Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette to allow him to defend himself on capital murder charges in the slaying of Dean Harold Meyers, 53, the seventh victim in the three-week shooting spree that left 10 people dead in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., last October.

His court-appointed attorneys, Peter Greenspun and Jonathan Shapiro, will remain to assist Muhammad if needed during the trial.

"My heart sank. ... I instantly thought he must be irrational. It must be a death wish on his part," University of Virginia law professor Anne Coughlin said. "The justice system isn't there to help people commit suicide. It's a search for truth."

Muhammad joins a small fraternity of high-profile defendants, including suicide doctor Jack Kevorkian, serial killer Ted Bundy, Long Island Rail Road killer Colin

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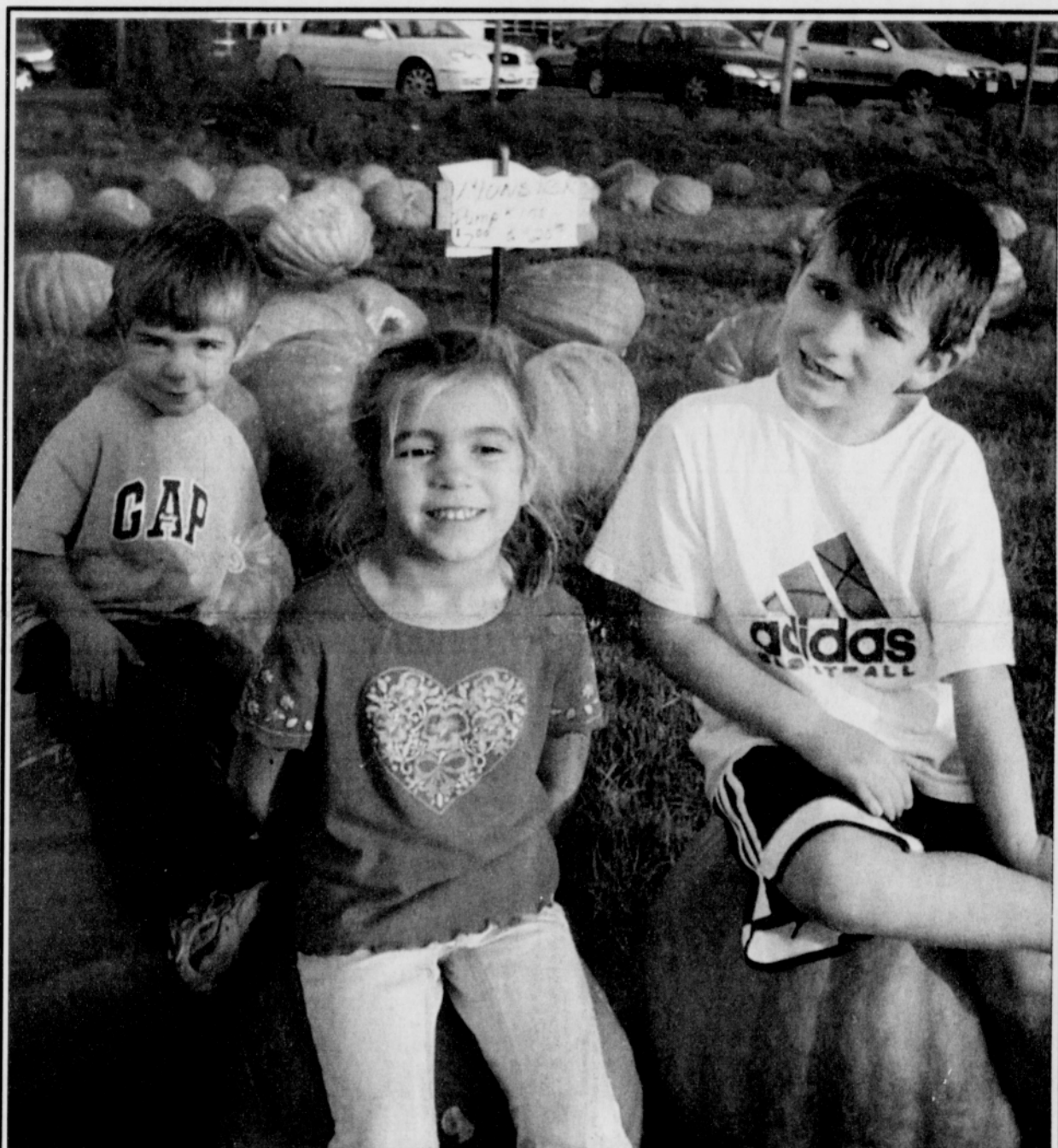


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Picking A Perfect Pumpkin

Whether they get lost in a farm field maze or find the ideal pumpkin for Halloween, local kids like Daniel, (from left), Janina and J.P. Jefferies have fun at the Trapold Farms Pumpkin Patch, 5211 N.E. 148th Ave.

Church Work is Her Calling

Francesca Gabriel

touches hundreds of lives

Women like Francesca Gabriel don't do what they do to win awards. They do it because serving God is their calling.

Gabriel has dedicated much of her life to the smooth runnings of St. Andrews Catholic Church on Northeast Alberta Street, touching hundreds of lives. Saturday her peers took notice by honoring her for decades of service to God and the community.

Gabriel, originally from St. Lucia, left the Caribbean in her 20s to travel through Europe and the United States, pledging to devote her life to God as a member of the 3rd order of the Dominicans.

At St. Andrew, she volunteered as a sacristan, doing numerous behind-the-scenes duties for Mass, such as ordering candles, cleaning linens and stocking sacramental wine. She also brings communion and cares for the sick and homebound.

"She is truly a woman who has lived her faith all her life," said Joy Ruplinger, youth ministry coordinator at St. Andrew.

Among Catholic community members coming out to greet, thank and congratulate Gabriel, was City Commissioner and northeast Portland resident Jim Francesconi, longtime community member Maggie Gibson and Portland Archbishop John G. Vlazny, who spoke at the event.



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Francesca Gabriel (center) is congratulated by Maggie Gibson and City Commissioner Jim Francesconi for her dedicated service and lifelong commitment to her faith at St. Andrew Catholic Church on Northeast Alberta Street.

National Urban League Leader Reaches Out Locally

Chapters adjust to a
changing America

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Local and national leaders say it's a time of reassessment for the National Urban League and local supporters of civil rights.

Urban League President Marc Morial visited Portland last week to meet with staff, realign goals and empower supporters of one of the forerunning organizations protecting the civil rights and quality of life of African Americans.

Since Morial's appointment in May, new goals and strategic plans address quality of life and civil rights issues such as education, housing and health.

An immediate area of focus is expanding the Urban League's traditional borders of service. In Portland, for example, African Americans are being displaced from inner city neighborhoods and issues surrounding the minority community are spreading beyond the city's borders. That creates a need for support in the suburbs.

"We think we have to serve people where they are," said Morial. "We'll continue to have a foothold in inner cities and also expand outward."

At an Equal Opportunities Day Dinner and awards ceremony last Wednesday, Morial awarded former City Com-



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National Urban League President Marc Morial meets with Urban League of Portland Executive Director Vanessa Gaston at the Multicultural Senior Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

missioner and former director of Portland Parks and Recreation Charles Jordan with honors for his contributions to the cause of equal rights. Past honorees include Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Muhammad Ali, Alexis Herman, Iman, Merrill Lynch

and General Motors Corporation.

Besides speaking at the Equal Opportunities Day event, Morial was briefed about issues affecting African-American Oregonians by Vanessa Gaston, president of the Urban League of Portland, who also took her post in May.

Morial says he is motivated by service, an anchor in his upbringing. He followed his father's footsteps as an attorney and former mayor of New Orleans.

As his father worked pro bono on many important civil rights cases, Morial said he learned, "this is what you're supposed to do."

He is driven by a vision to see an America that embraces diversity.

"We're looking to be more visible and reach out to the new generation and encourage them to be a part of the movement for equal rights in America," he said.

To reach young African Americans and help close the achievement gap in local schools, Gaston said the Urban League is launching a pilot project at Ockley Green Middle School with intense instructions for students performing poorly in reading and math.

Nationally, Morial said the Urban League also is launching a campaign for African-American students, aimed at closing the achievement gap.

"It encourages parents to be much more involved and

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