

## Gore Son Arrested for Marijuana

(AP) — The son of former vice president and 2000 Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore has been charged with marijuana possession.

Albert A. Gore III, 21, was arrested Friday night after he was stopped for driving a vehicle without its headlights on.

Two passengers were also arrested and charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession.

A Montgomery County, Md., police officer noticed the car's windows and sunroof were open, despite cold temperatures. There was also a smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle, police said.

A search of the vehicle turned up a partial marijuana cigarette, a cigarette box containing suspected marijuana, and a soft drink can that also smelled of marijuana.

In September 2002, the younger Gore was ticketed for driving under the influence. In the summer of 2000, he was cited by the North Carolina Highway Patrol for driving 97 mph in a 55-mph zone.



## Early Christmas for Local Kids

Jon Mathis of Haddon Company Realtors, David Yandell from Radio Cab, Mark Dybvig of Swift Couriers celebrate the holidays with Boise-Eliot Elementary School students Angela Williams, Whitney Hall, Nancy Reyes, Shaniece Holh and School Principal James Brannon. Yandell and his fleet of Radio Cab drivers brought 100 students at the north Portland school bicycles and helmets during a school assembly last Wednesday.

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## A Secret No More

Daughter of senator framed by race issues steps forward

(AP) — The 78-year-old daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond and a black maid said that now that she has come forward to disclose her heritage, "at last I feel completely free."

"There are many stories like Sally Hemings' and mine," said Essie Mae Washington-Williams, referring to Thomas Jefferson's relationship with one of his black slaves.

"The unfortunate measure is that not everyone knows about these stories that helped to make America what it is today," Williams said.

Williams announced she is the illegitimate daughter of Thurmond, a former segregationist, and a black teenage maid in his family home, Carrie Butler.

Thurmond was 22 and Butler was 16 when Williams was born in Aiken, S.C., in 1925.



Essie Mae Washington-Williams comes forward to disclose she is the 78-year-old daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond and a black maid who worked in his South Carolina family home. (AP photo)

She was raised in Pennsylvania by an aunt and uncle, seeing her mother sporadically and not meeting Thurmond until she was 16.

After Thurmond died in June at age 100, Williams said she began to think about ending "all the speculation and questions" about the long-ruled relationship. She said she did not come forward earlier because she didn't want to jeopardize Thurmond's political career.

"I am not bitter. I am not angry," she said during a news conference just blocks from the Statehouse where a monument of Thurmond sits. "In fact, there is a great sense of peace that has come over me in the past year."

"I feel as though a great weight has been lifted. I am Essie Mae Washington-Williams, and at last I feel completely free."

## Cabbie Killer Sentenced

(AP) — A man convicted of aggravated murder in the death of a Portland taxicab driver has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Stephen W. Barr, 63, pleaded guilty to killing Grigory Rogozhnikov, 33, avoiding the death penalty.

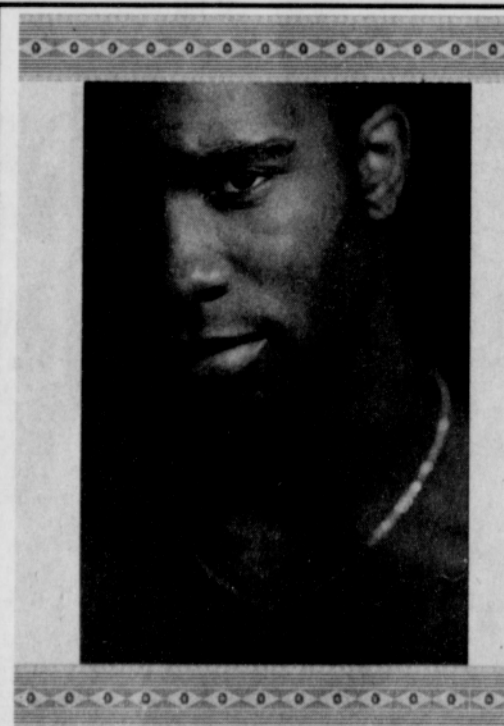
Barr killed Rogozhnikov early Feb. 16, just hours after he had been cited for drunken driving by Portland police and had his car towed. Police think the motive

was robbery.

Barr, arrested in a Portland bar days after the crime, admitted in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Monday that he took the taxi to his workplace,

then went inside and retrieved a handgun with the intention of shooting the driver, whom he hadn't paid.

After dumping the victim's body behind an electrical transformer box in front of the business, Barr took off in the cab.



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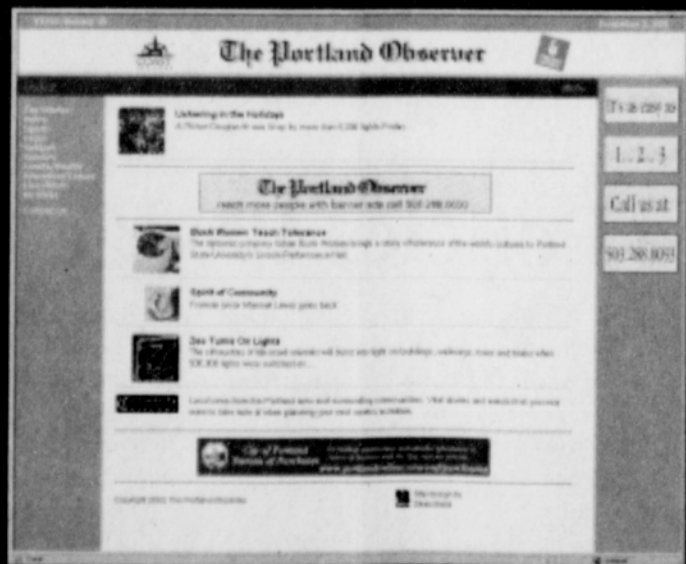
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