

Obama Threats Lands Man in Jail

(AP) — A Portland man has been arrested on charges of threatening to kill President Barack Obama and his family.

Darryl James Swanson, 45, made his first court appearance Tuesday and was detained for a mental health evaluation. He did not enter a plea.

The Secret Service arrested Swanson Friday in connection with the threats.

Court documents show he admitted calling The Associated Press on May 2 and leaving a message that used a racial epithet and said he would seek weapons from al-Qaida to shoot the president and his family.

The documents show that a Secret Service agent warned Swanson against threatening the president but he continued to leave messages with government and law enforcement agencies in Florida, Oregon and Washington.

A family friend says Swanson is "harmless."

The Week in Review

Fireworks Caused Fire Damaging Alberta Shops

Illegal fireworks landed on the roof of an Alberta Street building during July 4 celebrations late Monday night causing a fast-moving fire that damaged the roofs at Barista coffee shop and Aviary restaurant near Northeast 17th and Alberta. Although no one was injured, damages were estimated at around \$100,000.

Weather Worries NASA



for the countdown of Friday's sched-

As NASA's last space shuttle crew arrive at the Kennedy Space Center

uled liftoff, weather conditions may delay the launch. There was a 60 percent chance rain or thunderstorms that would postpone the liftoff of Atlantis, which is the last shuttle to be retired.

Fernandez Considers Offer

Former Trail Blazer Rudy Fernandez could be headed back to Spain. The Blazers traded Fernandez to Dallas last month,



but he might not stay there. Fernandez has been offered a contract from Real Madrid, according to a Spanish newspaper. The deal would make him the highest paid player in the history of the Spanish league.

New Principals Named

New principals were named last week to oversee Markham Elementary School, Lane Middle School and Astor, Bridger,

Lee and Skyline K-8 schools. Although hiring is still necessary for vacant assistant principal positions, the district says all of its principal positions are filled for the coming year.

Weed Killing Plan Ready

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has finalized an environmental-impact study to use herbicides to kill acres of weeds on public lands around Eugene, a practice banned since a 1984 lawsuit by environmentalists. Conservation groups still worry the herbicides could do more damage to native species than the weeds they target.

Heart Health and Happiness

Feeling satisfied with your life may be good for your heart. A new study finds that a person's satisfaction with their job, family, sex life and with themselves was associated with their risk of coronary heart disease. The higher their satisfaction, the greater the risk reduction, the researchers said.

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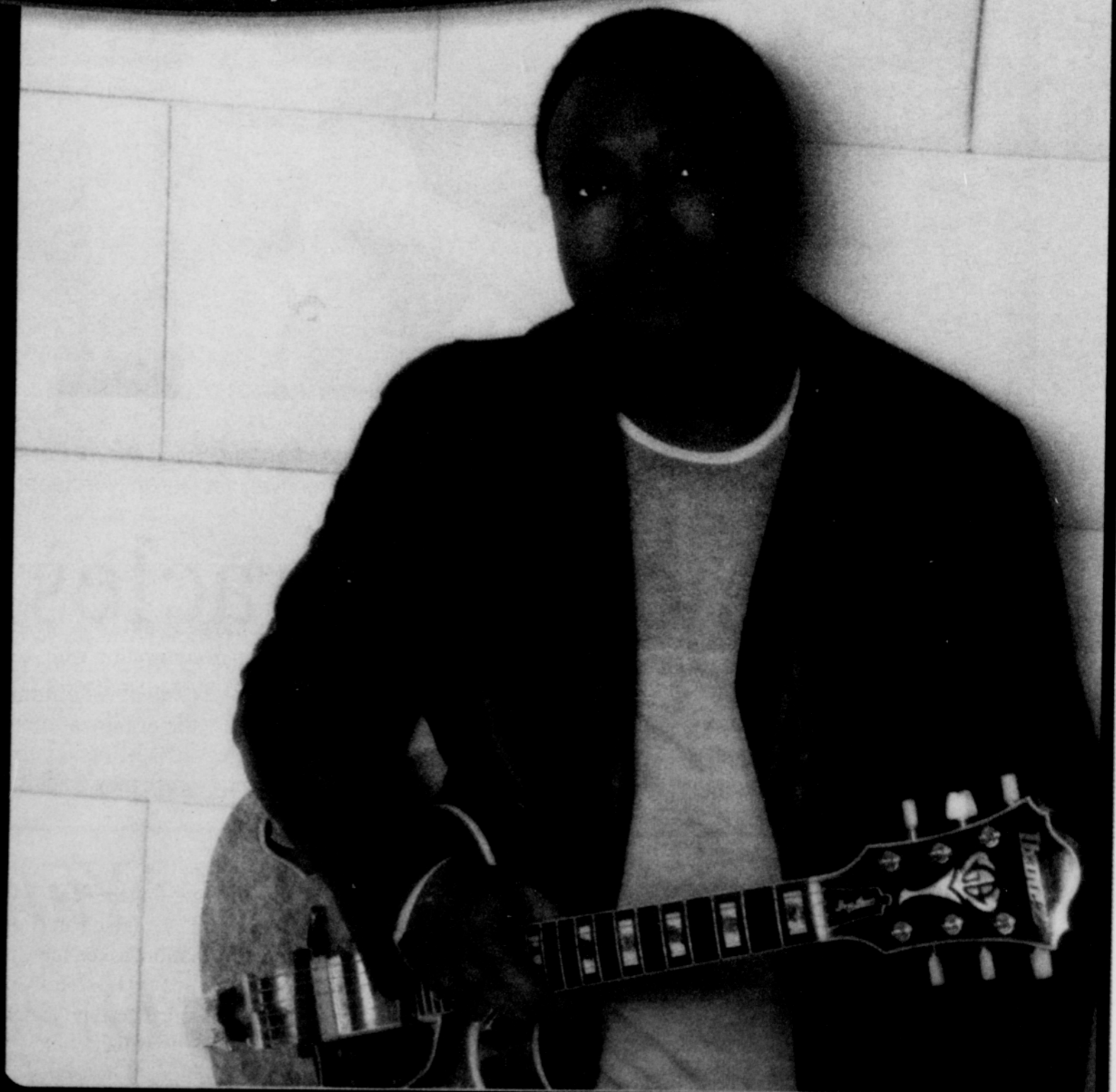


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