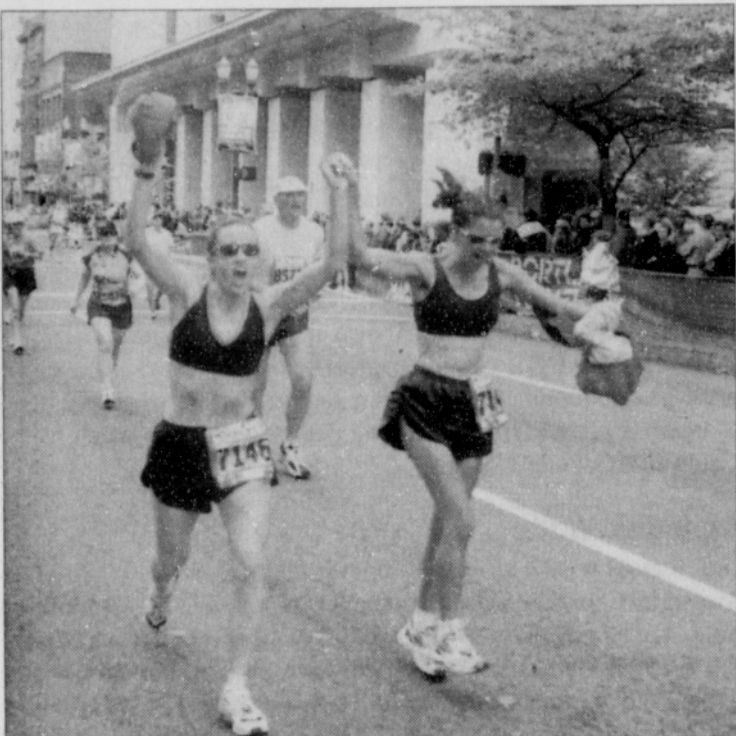


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Portland Marathon Celebrates 30 Years



Participants rejoice as they finish the Portland Marathon. Runners and walkers will again lace up their shoes on Sunday, Sept. 30 for the 30th annual event.

For 30 years, the Portland Marathon has succeeded in bringing an event not only to elite marathoners, but also to families, children, fitness novices and walkers, as well as men and women of all ages and abilities from all over the world.

Most importantly, it brings tradition and strength to Portland's community through raising money for numerous charities and benefiting the city's economy.

The 30th annual Portland Marathon returns once again Sunday, Sept. 30, beginning at 7 a.m. It will start at City Hall (SW 4th Ave. and

SW Madison Ave.) and finish at Justice Center (SW 3rd Ave. and SW Madison Ave.)

The Portland Marathon maintains its listing as the "most organized marathon in North America" and the "Second best organized marathon in the world" as well as one of the top "destination marathons for first-time marathoners," by nationally recognized publication, the Ultimate Guide to Marathons.

On the international level, the Portland Marathon was again ranked as one of the top five mara-

thons in the world by British edition of Runner's World in 2000. It continues to be the only major marathon with an unpaid staff of volunteers and race director who produce the event simply for the fun of it.

Last year, over \$1.8 million was raised for charities as a result of the Portland Marathon.

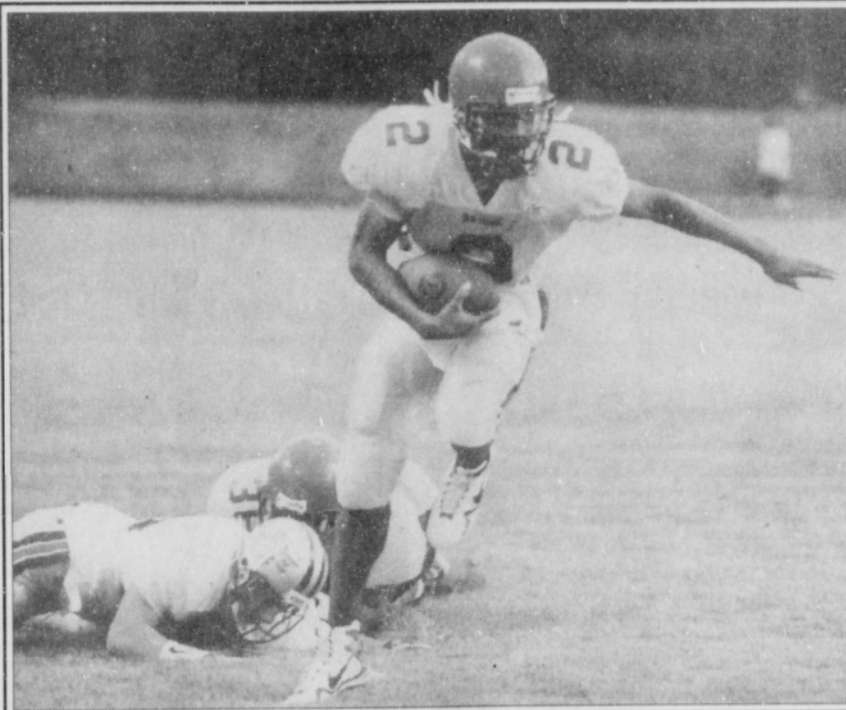
Whether it's through walking, jogging, running or even shuffling, completing 26.2 miles is a major feat that requires a strenuous training commitment.

However, there are a variety of events related to the Marathon that will also be held on Sept. 30.

The Portland Marathon Walk is 26.2 miles and will begin at 7 a.m. with the same start and finish location as the Marathon. The 10K Mayor's Walk is 6.2 miles and participants can begin walking anytime between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., starting on the south side of the University of Portland at N. Harvard and N. Willamette Blvd. (by the 20th mile mark of the Marathon). The Marafun Kids' Run is 2 miles and will begin at 8 a.m. with the same start and finish location as the Marathon.

An Olympic-style race walk competition will be incorporated in both the Marathon and Five-Miler this year. Additionally, a special competition will take place for wheelchair athletes in both the Marathon and Five-Miler events.

For more info, the public may visit www.portlandmarathon.org or call 503-226-1111.



Jefferson High School's T.R. Smith breaks free from a tackle on the Democrats' home field Friday, but the end zone was elusive for the PIL team as Jefferson went on to suffer a 24-0 loss to Westview.

PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/ THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

NFL and Refs Move Toward Agreement

(AP)—The NFL soon could have its regular officials back on the field, thanks to a deal forged amid the grief over last week's terrorist attacks.

A league source told The Associated Press on Monday that the NFL and the officials have agreed to a new contract, all but ending the lockout that forced the use of replacements for two weeks.

Tom Condon, the union's negotiator denied there had been a deal but acknowledged that one might be close. NFL spokesman Joe Browne also had no comment.

"We will only comment when a deal is ratified and in place,"

Browne said. Players' union head Gene Upshaw, who has been acting as an intermediary in the dispute, said he had had discussions with the two sides as late as Monday night and not all the details had been agreed to.

But Upshaw added: "I think they will have a deal today."

League sources said the agreement had been reached between its negotiators and two members of the executive committee. The union's 10-member executive committee was meeting Tuesday morning. The 119 officials would then vote via e-mail, a process the league said it expected to be finished by

noon EDT Wednesday. Ratification could clear the way for the regulars to be back at work this weekend, when the NFL resumes play after a week off in the aftermath of the attacks in New York and Washington.

Sources on both sides said the agreement was speeded up following the attacks, which cast a whole new perspective on sports events in general. Both sides agreed the horror and destruction trivialized the labor dispute.

The deal is for the same amount of money the league had offered on Sept. 4, although some details are different.

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Agassi Upset in Tokyo
SHANGHAI, China—Andre Agassi, intent on playing following last week's terrorist attacks, lost to unknown Irakli Labadze 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 in the first round of the Heineken Open. Labadze, from the former Soviet republic of Georgia, is No. 110 in the ATP's tournament entry-system rankings. "It's been a difficult time for many people, but I also believe at the same time that sports is a great healer," said Agassi, the world's No. 2-ranked player and the top seed in Shanghai.

Ripken's Final Game
BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken will close out his 21-year Hall of Fame career with the Baltimore Orioles on Oct. 6 in a game against the Boston Red Sox at Baltimore's Camden Yards. The office of baseball commissioner Bud Selig announced Monday that the Orioles' seven games that last week's terrorist attacks rescheduled will be played Oct. 1-6. The final game will be held at 7:05 p.m. ET.

Charges Filed in Wyoming Crash
LARAMIE, Wyo. — Clinton Haskins, the lone survivor of a head-on collision that killed eight University of Wyoming student-athletes, has been charged with eight counts of aggravated homicide by vehicle. He faces up to 20 years in prison on each count if convicted. The crash occurred about 1:30 a.m. Sunday when Haskins' one-ton pickup collided head-on with a sport-utility vehicle carrying eight members of the UW cross country team.

Zanardi's Legs Amputated
KLETTWITZ, Germany—Alex Zanardi was in serious but stable condition after doctors amputated his legs following a wreck in the American Memorial race at EuroSpeedway.

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