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## **Portland to Host Mexican Legends**

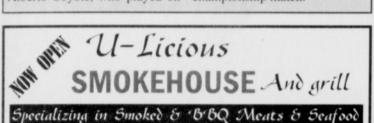
most popular clubs, Chivas de Guadalajara and Club America will collide at PGE Park on Friday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. in the "Super Classic of Legends'

recently retired from both teams, including several former Mexican

Former players from Mexico's the international stage for Mexico from 1994-2001.

The Club America Legends will feature former Mexican National Team midfielders Gonzalo Farfan, who earned 34 camps with Mexico The international exhibition will from 1994-2001, and Isaac Terrazas, be played with players who have who played for Mexico in the 1998 World Cup in France.

Tickets, starting at \$10 are avail-National Team members. Among able at the PGE Park box office, those representing Chivas will be area Ticketmaster outlets, by Ramon Ramirez, who has over 100 phone at 503-224-4400 or online at appearances with the Mexican Na-ticketmaster.com. Gates open at 4 tional Team, and midfielder p.m. for a pre-game tournament Alberto Coyote, who played on championship match.



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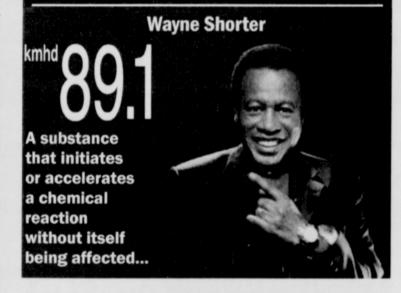


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## Due Process Urged for Vick

#### NAACP sees premature punishment

(AP) -- NAACP leaders urged public restraint Monday in judging Michael Vick before he has his day in court.

R.L. White, president of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the Atlanta Falcons quarterback has been vilified by animal rights groups, talk radio and the news media and prematurely punished by his team and corporate sponsors.

"If Mr. Vick is guilty, he should pay for his crime, but to treat him as he is being treated now is also a crime," White said at a news conference. "Be restrained in your premature judgment until the legal process is completed."

On Monday, Tony Taylor, a codefendant in the case, pleaded coach's playbook. guilty in Virginia to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges in a plea agreement with prosecutors.

But Vick has pleaded not guilty and for now looks like he will spend the next four months defending



Georgia NAACP President Edward Dubose (left), Atlanta NAACP President R.L. White and executive board member Dr. Martha Plowden at a news conference in Atlanta. (AP photo)

Atlanta quarterback's elite five-member le- addition, two trading car compagal team doesn't expect it to be nies withdrew Vickitems. easy, and his career could be in

himself instead of mastering a new recoil. Nike suspended its lucrative service and the money and excite-

contract with Vick and Reebok ment he has brought to Georgia as Falcons stopped sales of his No. 7 jersey. In a Falcon. Dubose said Vick is being

On the other hand, Georgia NAACP President Edward Dubose Businesses have been quick to thanked Vick for his community

prosecuted in the court of public opinion before he has had a chance to defend himself.

"We're not condoning bad behavior, but Michael Vick is innocent until proven guilty," Dubose said.

## **Influential Football Coach Dies**

#### Creator of enduring innovations

(AP) -- Bill Walsh, the groundbreaking football coach who won three Super Bowls and perfected the ingenious schemes that became known as the West Coast offense during a Hall of Fame career with the San Francisco 49ers, has died of leukemia. He was 75.

He spent just 10 seasons on the San Francisco sideline, but he left an indelible mark on the United States' most popular sport, building the once-woebegone 49ers into the most successful team of the 1980s with his innovative techniques.

The soft-spoken native Californian also produced a legion of coaching disciples that's still growing today.



San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh is hoisted on the shoulders of his team after they defeated the Miami Dolphins 38-16 in Super Bowl XIX, Jan. 20, 1985. (AP photo)

"The essence of Bill Walsh was of chalk, he would become a whirl-individuals." that he was an extraordinary wind of wisdom. He taught all of us teacher,"NFL commissioner Roger not only about football but also Coaching Fellowship program in Goodell said in a statement. "If you about life and how it takes team- 1987, helping minority coaches to gave him a blackboard and a piece work for any of us to succeed as get a foothold in a previously lily-

Walsh created the Minority

white profession. Marvin Lewis and Tyrone Willingham are among the coaches who went through the program, later adopted as a leaguewide initiative.

Walsh also is widely credited with inventing or popularizing many of the modern basics of coaching, from the laminated sheets of plays held by coaches on almost every sideline, to the practice of scripting the first 15 offensive plays of a

The long-suffering 49ers went 2-14 before Walsh's arrival. They repeated the record in his first season. Walsh doubted his abilities to turn around such a miserable situation—but earlier in 1979, the 49ers drafted quarterback Joe Montana from Notre Dame.

Walsh turned over the starting job to Montana in 1980, when the 49ers improved to 6-10 — and improbably, San Francisco won its first championship in 1981, and championships followed in the postseasons of 1984 and 1988.

Walsh left the 49ers with a profound case of burnout after his third Super Bowl victory in January 1989, though he later regretted not coaching longer.

### Blazer Preseason Games Scheduled

The Portland Trail Blazers has unveiled their NBA preseason bring a home game to others fans schedule, which tips off Wednes- around the state, capping their day, Oct. 10, at the Rose Garden seven-game preseason at the

against Sacramento in Portland. On on Oct. 26, with a game against the Oct. 24, the Trail Blazers host divisional rival Seattle in a matchup that will feature the top two picks in season games at the Rose Garden this year's NBA Draft, Portland's are now on sale at trailblazers.com, Greg Oden and Seattle's Kevin TicketsWest outlets or by calling Durant.

The Blazers will once again against the Los Angeles Clippers. Deschutes County Fair & Expo On Oct. 19, the Blazers face off Center in the Bend-Redmond area Denver Nuggets.

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## **Oden Olympics Unlikely**

(AP) -- Greg Oden is leaning toward skipping U.S. training camp next month, possibly ending his chances of playing in the 2008 Olympics.

The No. 1 NBA draft pick had a tonsillectomy July 14 and was forced to miss the Americans' minicamp last weekend in Las Vegas. He has an invitation to join the team when it reconvenes for training camp on Aug. 15, but said Friday he probably wouldn't be there.

Oden was invited to practice with the Americans last summer but couldn't play because of his broken wrist. USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo said he is unlikely to the two previous summers.



Greg Oden

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