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'Jena 6' Charge Reduced

Prosecutors reduced an attempted murder charge to aggravated battery against another of the "Jena Six," a group of black high-school students whose criminal charges after the beating a white classmate drew protests of racism and unequal justice. See story, page A2.

Mayfield Sues Government



Brandon Mayfield, the Portland lawyer who was wrongly arrested in connection with the 2004 Madrid train bombings because of a misidentified fingerprint was back in court Monday, this time asking a judge to strike down provisions of the USA Patriot Act.

Catastrophic Injury

Kevin Everett sustained a "catastrophic" and life-threatening spinal-cord injury while trying to make a tackle during the Buffalo Bills' season opener and is unlikely to walk again, the surgeon who operated on him said Monday.



Heads Bow for 9-11 Victims

Relatives of the Sept. 11 victims bowed their heads in silence Tuesday to mark the moments exactly six years earlier when hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Troop Drawdown Outlined

The top U.S. general in Iraq outlined plans Monday for the withdrawal of 30,000 troops by next summer, drawing praise from the White House but a chilly reception from anti-war Democrats.

Jury Ponders Spector Fate

Jurors began deliberating on Monday in Phil Spector's murder trial, going behind closed doors to consider the fate of the pioneering rock producer after an often bitter, five-month court fight over the shooting death of an actress at his home.

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Obama Visit Brings Enthusiasm

Presidential candidate Barack Obama stressed big themes with a few veiled jabs at his rivals during a campaign appearance at the Oregon Convention Center. See story, page A2.

Wide Open Race for Mayor

Jay considers move after Potter declines

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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It's showdown time for business and civic leader Roy Jay, developer Bob Ball and City Commissioner Sam Adams following Tom Potter's announcement on Monday that he would not run for reelection.

Jay, who said earlier this summer that he would only consider a mayoral run if Potter did not seek a second term, told the Portland Observer Tuesday that he will take the next 30 days to open a campaign exploratory committee.

A respected leader in the African-American community and city as a whole, Roy said he wants to hear from "prominent folks in business, education, law enforcement, rural communities and so forth, including people that may not really

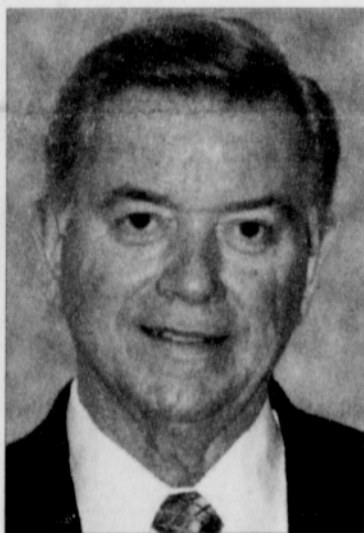


Roy Jay

want to see me enter the race."

Saying "it's probably a 50/50 chance" that he will run, he wanted to emphasize that entering the race was never his idea.

"You have to have a real thick skin in order to be in this game," he says. "There has always been the question about why hasn't there been anybody of color in a political office in the city for a long time, and some of it may be just because



Mayor Tom Potter

some people do not want to be that much involved in the politics or maybe people find other opportunities."

The opportunity to make a move will come soon with the election coming in May.

Ball, a Pearl District developing is also testing the waters. Adams expects to announce his plans in the near future, while remaining focused on his duties as a city com-

missioner in charge of transportation.

Adams already faces a challenge to his council seat from Ethos Music Center founder Charles Lewis, who made a name for himself over the summer through a series of campaign events drawing attention to citywide inequities.

Although Jay claims not to "have any real axes to grind with anybody," he sees potential in bringing a much-needed perspective to City Hall, saying, "we have issues in this town, and some people have not bothered to really address them."

Education, seniors, public-safety concerns and gentrification leading to forced dispersal of local residents top Jay's list of issues for the next mayor.

"Whether it's me or someone else, nobody takes this thing lightly," he says. "It's a challenging position, but it's rewarding, because at the end of the day you always have to ask yourself, 'Have I done enough for my community, my city and my people?'"

Blazers Hold Breath

Await surgery on franchise player

Portland's hope for a franchise turnaround with draft sensation Greg Oden took a turn of caution Monday with word that the number-one pick in the NBA draft will undergo exploratory arthroscopic surgery because of pain in his right knee.

Trail Blazers team physician Dr. Don Roberts will perform the surgery Thursday at Southwest Washington Medical Center in Vancouver.

A Magnetic Resonance Imaging exam taken last week showed Oden, may have some cartilage problems in the knee, Portland trial Blazers General Manager Kevin Pritchard announced Monday.

Pritchard said a timetable for Oden's return will be set following the arthroscopic surgery.

An unidentified team source quoted by the Oregonian said the



Greg Oden

problem could be as minimal as a cartilage injury or as bad as a ligament tear.

The Trail Blazers open training camp in three weeks and the regular season starts Oct. 30.

This is Oden's second health problem since Portland drafted him in June. The 7-foot center had a tonsillectomy in July after struggling in two Las Vegas summer league games. Oden recovered from that operation and was working out in the Portland area when he felt pain in his knee. The MRI was taken last Thursday and Oden stopped working out over the weekend.

Oden, despite being hampered by a wrist injury, averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 rebounds for Ohio State last season, leading the Buckeyes to the national championship game as a freshman.

Men's Academy Boosts Enrollment

Specialized program has financial gains

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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As students sat down for a return to the classroom last week, teachers and parents grappled with a heightened sense of citywide educational inequities.

A newly released study shows that the largest flow of funds per pupil in the Portland School District comes from the cluster around Jefferson High School, but much of the monies go to other schools where the children are enrolled.

Jefferson has a two-thirds-black student body in a neighborhood that has gentrified to be about one-third African American.

With funding based on enrollment, the findings suggest that the district is subsidizing white students in north and northeast Portland to transfer to other schools, leaving Jefferson to pay for the

upkeep of a large school with only an average of seven students per classroom last year.

Newly elected school-board member Ruth Atkins has promised to address the problem in the coming year, while Jefferson responds to low enrollment by inaugurating single-sex academies, which are expected to boost the school's number of students substantially for this year's count in October.

Jefferson's leaders predict a record-breaking enrollment: more than 850 this year, up from 566 last year.

"It's the largest enrollment we've had for a long time, and the girl's school and young men's academy have certainly helped with that," says Macarre Traynham, administrator for the Academy of Science

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John H. Johnson Academy for Young Men students eat lunch in the Jefferson High School cafeteria at an earlier time than the rest of the students.

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