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Thousands to join fight against breast cancer

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Perceptions change with housing investment

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Mayor Race Roadblocks

Leading potential candidates for Portland mayor have hit roadblocks in quick succession. Commissioner Sam Adams Tuesday said he is fighting "a nasty smear by a would-be political opponent," and businessman and community advocate Roy Jay called off his campaign just days after beginning to assemble an exploratory committee because he lives outside the city limits. See story, page A3

Blazer Injury Dejavu

The season-ending injury to Greg Oden dredged up a bad memory for Portland Trail Blazers fans — that fateful draft day in 1984 when the team used the second overall pick to choose Sam Bowie instead of Michael Jordan. Bowie proved injury-prone and Jordan proved to be, well, Jordan. See story, page B6

1.8 Million Evacuated

A typhoon expected to be among the most powerful storms to hit China in years churned toward the densely populated coast on Tuesday with 165 mph wind gusts, and the government evacuated 1.8 million people.

Beach Clean Up Success

Mother Nature smiled down at nearly 4,000 volunteers doing their part to improve Oregon as part of the 24th annual SOLV Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup Saturday. Volunteers cleaned up more than 30 tons of trash and debris from along the entire coastline.

Stocks Soar after Rate Cut

Jubilant Wall Street barreled higher Tuesday after the Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate by a larger-than-expected half percentage point.

Oldest Man Turns 112

The world's oldest man celebrated his 112th birthday Tuesday with a healthy Japanese breakfast of rice, miso soup and seaweed, saying he wanted to live forever. Japan's Tomoji Tanabe lives with his son and family, keeps a diary and reads the newspaper every day.



Hip-hop performer 'Iz'Real' (left) of the Philadelphia-based group Everyday Process performs rap with religious undertones at Maranatha Church in northeast Portland.

Holy Hip Hop

Rap voices build ministry

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All of the props, the sea of fans, lights, head-snapping bass lines and drum beats give it the look and sound of another hip-hop concert, but there's a distinct difference. The venue is Maranatha Church in northeast Portland and the crowd is spattered with different age groups, most of them adults and teenagers, but some so young that they are still in kindergarten.

Yes, this is most definitely a hip-hop show, but this ain't your uncle and aunties' hip hop.

The performers are on the label of Cross Movement Records fame

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In the Neighborhood

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Greg Oden's year-long injury and the impact on the Trail Blazers have people talking



It's kind of sad, because everyone was counting on him.

Alexandria Brown,
Student



It's kind of a bummer, because he was supposed to be the next big thing.

Cody Taylor,
Housecleaner



He's very young, so I think he'll get over it, and the Blazers can concentrate on the long term.

Randy Edwards,
Barber

Hopefully it's not the Michael Jordan thing again. We passed Jordan up for Sam Bowie in '84, and all we got from Bowie was knee problems.

Michael Powell,
Cook



Now the Blazers are going to lose, because Greg Oden was their best player and only chance.

Chandely Bonami,
Student



We can't judge him. Things happen.

Pedro Ferrusea,
Day laborer



37 years of community service

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No celebrity breaks this time for Simpson

Some see payback for murder acquittal

(AP)—News conferences, a slew of felony charges, a perp walk in handcuffs and detention in a holding cell without bail—it's clear Las Vegas authorities aren't giving O.J. Simpson any celebrity breaks.

Police insist such treatment is prudent for a man whose name is synonymous with a slow-speed chase from officers in a white Ford Bronco. But legal experts are questioning whether Simpson is being singled out for extra-tough prosecution in his casino-hotel robbery case as payback for his murder acquittal more than a decade ago.

"It is regrettable that America has not gotten over the O.J. Simpson criminal case," said Carl Douglas, who was co-counsel with Johnnie L. Cochran in Simpson's 1995 criminal trial.

"The fact that he is being held

without bail seems unfair and over the top," Douglas said. "O.J. has always been able to satisfy his obligations to the court. He cooperated with the authorities in this case. He is not a flight risk. And he certainly can't hide anywhere."

At least six plainclothes policemen, accompanied by a handful of hotel security guards, arrested Simpson on Sunday at The Palms hotel. He was accused of leading an armed heist of sports memorabilia. Simpson said he was only reclaiming possessions that had been stolen.

"By our standard, there was no major show of force," Sgt. John Loretto said.

Simpson was handcuffed and taken in a police vehicle to the Clark County Detention Center to be



O.J. Simpson is escorted Sunday to a Las Vegas jail.

booked on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon. If convicted of the charges, he could get up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count alone.

Simpson became Nevada inmate number 2648927.

Justice of the Peace Douglas Smith, who made the decision to hold Simpson without bail, was

"concerned about the flight factor," because Simpson had no ties to the Las Vegas area, said Judge Nancy Oesterle, who addressed reporters on Monday.

Arraignment was set for Wednesday.

Police said they were giving Simpson no special treatment — other than keeping him separated from the rest of the general prison

population for his own protection.

In June 1994, Los Angeles police gave Simpson a day and a time to turn himself in to face allegations he had killed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. It was a courtesy, said then-prosecutor Marcia Clark, often extended to celebrities or those with no criminal record.

Instead, Simpson jumped in an SUV, apparently with a loaded gun and ready to commit suicide, and led police and media helicopters on a dramatic, televised chase before surrendering.

In a clear misstatement, Lt. James Dillon said Friday at a news conference that, because Simpson was involved, police were being extra careful to conduct "a thorough, biased and competent investigation."

But some think it might have been more than a slip of the tongue. Jerry Reisman, a New York law-

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