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## School Bus Drivers Vote to Strike

The union representing about 250 Portland school bus drivers says its members have voted overwhelmingly to strike following a stalemate in negotiations with First Student, the company operating yellow school buses.

John Hunt, president of

Algamated Transit Union, said the sticking point is the company's proposal to stop paying anything for employee health insurance. He said there's no date for the proposed strike, pending mediation between the two parties which is scheduled for Dec. 5.

"Our drivers transport the most important cargo in the city. We all know that children pass on illness and they get ill much more frequently than any other type of passenger. It makes no sense to cut their drivers off from health insurance," Hunt says.

## Trayvon Martin Killer Arrested Again

(AP) -- George Zimmerman was charged Monday with felony assault after deputies were called to the Florida home where he lived

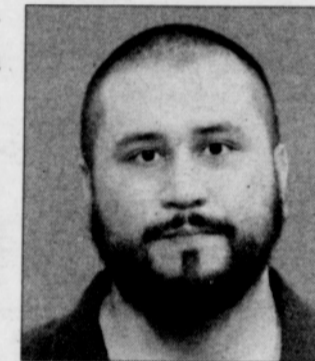
with his girlfriend, who claimed he pointed a shotgun at her during an argument.

Authorities said Zimmerman

pushed the woman out of the house and barricaded the door with furniture. He was charged with aggravated assault with a weapon, battery and criminal mischief.

Zimmerman, 30, was acquitted in July of all charges in the shooting of Trayvon Martin. The death of the black teenager, who was unarmed, touched off a nationwide debate about race and self-defense.

Zimmerman has had other brushes with the law since his acquittal, including a domestic dispute with his estranged wife; being ticketed for doing 60 mph in a 45 mph zone



George Zimmerman

in September, and having a tag cover and windows that were too darkly tinted. He was also stopped near Dallas in July and was given a warning for speeding.

In 2005, Zimmerman had to take anger management courses after he was accused of attacking an undercover officer who was trying to arrest Zimmerman's friend.

## Week in The Review

### Police on Steroids

The Portland Police union's new contract proposal contains a new protection for officers. The city and union were not commenting Monday, but according to the Oregonian, police would not face repercussions if they take sports supplements that are "tainted with steroids or prohormones" and test positive in random drug tests.

### Expanding High Schools

The Portland Public School board voted Monday to increase the capacity of Franklin, Grant, and Roosevelt high schools beyond what was first proposed in a property tax bond that pays for major school remodels.

### MAX Service Derailing

No injuries were reported following the derailing of a MAX train on Monday afternoon, taking off from the Northeast 82nd Avenue station. It took nearly seven hours before service was restored and a faulty track brake bracket repaired.

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