

Athletes Score Points with Community

Coach goes door-to-door to raise donations for his team

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Besides pushing his athletes through summer training and writing game plans for the upcoming season, Tim Price, Jefferson High School's football coach, is spending his summer going door-to-door.

Price is popping in north and northeast Portland businesses, asking owners to sponsor an athlete for \$200.

That price buys more than jerseys and equipment for the upcoming year. It buys a commitment to community service. In exchange for the donation, the company receives a t-shirt with the company logo and 30 hours of service from a sponsored athlete.

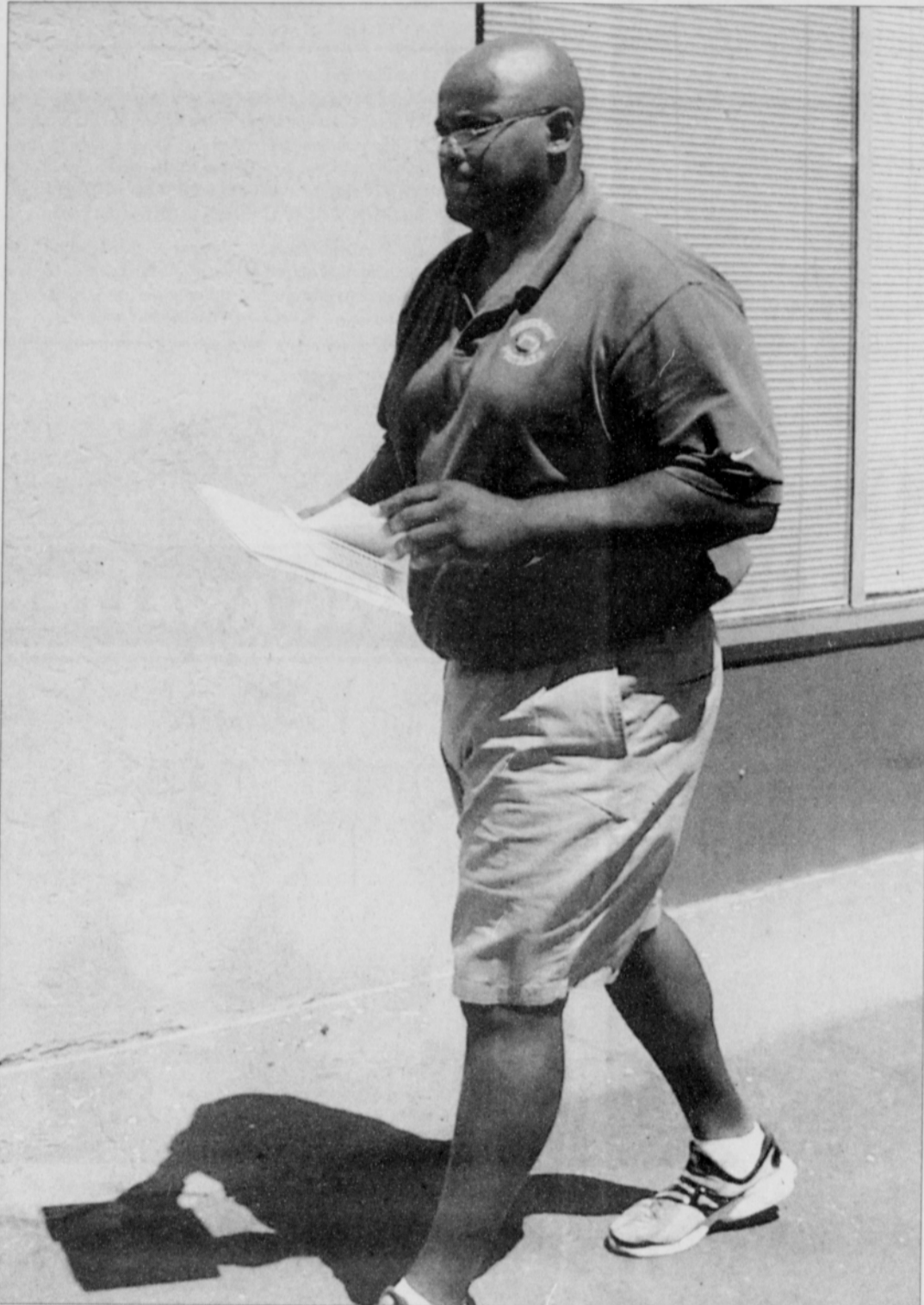
"We want to give back what the community has given us," said Price.

Price said he hopes the public service experience will give his athletes a jump start towards a job in the future.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 by the start of the football season in September.

For more information about sponsoring a Jefferson High School football player, call 503-869-8913.

Jefferson High School Football Coach Tim Price hits the streets to raise donations for his team.



Columbia Villa Move-Out Nearly Complete

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finding social services they received at Columbia Villa and making sure they won't fall through the cracks when the project is done. Door-to-door interviews with current residents revealed that 69 percent plan to return to New Columbia. The PHA has even budgeted to pay the moving costs related to their return.

The first phase of relocation began in the spring, when residents from the 462-unit community received 90 days notice to leave. Ground will break in December, and new units are expected to be available in 2005. The "mixed economy" community features 370 units of public housing, 190 units of affordable housing, 60 units for housing for

the elderly, and 230 market rate homes for sale, along with a Village Square, a Main Street design, education and service centers and commercial property.

The concept behind "mixed-economy" housing, according to Shelly Marchesi, communication director for the housing authority, is to end the physical and social, visible and invisible, isolation that Columbia Villa residents experienced in the maze of today's projects.

"Hope 6 plans to integrate the surrounding community with the new community," she said. "One of the goals of New Columbia and mixed income communities is that you don't know if you are driving by public housing or market rate homes for sale. It's much more like a neighborhood."

Correction: Racism Doesn't Cause Alzheimer's



Fred Miller is conducting a study at OHSU on how stress affects memory in the African American community.

OHSU, studying the effects of stress on the African-American memory. His study considers whether racism may be an environmental stress related to dementia.

"I am interested in various aspects of racism in the lives of African-American seniors. Racism however, is researched as one of many causative agents involving stress, which might impact ones memory," Miller explains. "Often this type of stress can be temporary. I am not aware of any study that equates racism to Alzheimer's disease."

Miller was also misidentified in the story's photo caption. We sincerely regret these errors.

Miller is the principal investigator with the African American Dementia and Aging Project in the Department of Neurology in the OHSU School of Medicine.

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Employment Figures Look Bleak

The latest unemployment figures show African Americans continue to suffer the highest rate of joblessness in the country.

According to a government report released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 11.8 percent of African Americans were unemployed in June, almost double the overall unemployment rate of 6.4 percent.

"An unemployment rate of 11.8 percent is terrible news for African American people. Too many hardworking

people are looking for work and President Bush and the Republican Congress continue to look the other way," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said.

Congressional Black Caucus chair Elijah Cummings, D-Md., calls the unemployment situation unacceptable.

"African American families are finding it harder to make ends meet," Cummings said. "Our people and our great country are suffering because of the Administration's economic policies."

Korean War Veterans Celebrate

The Korean War Veterans Association will celebrate the 50-year commemorative Korean War cease fire.

A celebration, with Korean dancing and refreshments, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 26 at the Korean War memorial next to the Wilsonville Visitors Center.

A local African-American veteran of the war is inviting both veterans and non-veterans to the event.

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