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*Forward Zach Randolph charged in local traffic stop*

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**Spirit of Community**

*Franklin junior is youth volunteer of the year.*

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## Week in The Review

### Police Brutality Investigated

Nathaniel Jones, a 400-pound black man died in Cincinnati after being struck repeatedly by police wielding metal nightsticks, and the mayor said Monday a videotape showed that the officers were defending themselves. Black activists disagree and say the death Sunday was another example of brutality involving Cincinnati police.

### Court Clarifies Death Imposed by Juries

The Supreme Court said it will clarify the impact of its ruling last year that juries, not a judge, must decide if a convicted killer lives or dies. The high court forced changes in the death penalty laws of five states in 2002 because those states gave judges the final say.

### Mideast Activists Launch Symbolic Tread

Israeli and Palestinian activists launched an unofficial peace treaty aimed at ending one of the world's most intractable conflicts, backed by a gathering of Nobel peace prize winners including former President Jimmy Carter. The "Geneva Accord" faces strong opposition from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and last-minute dissension within Palestinian ranks.

### World AIDS Day Launched

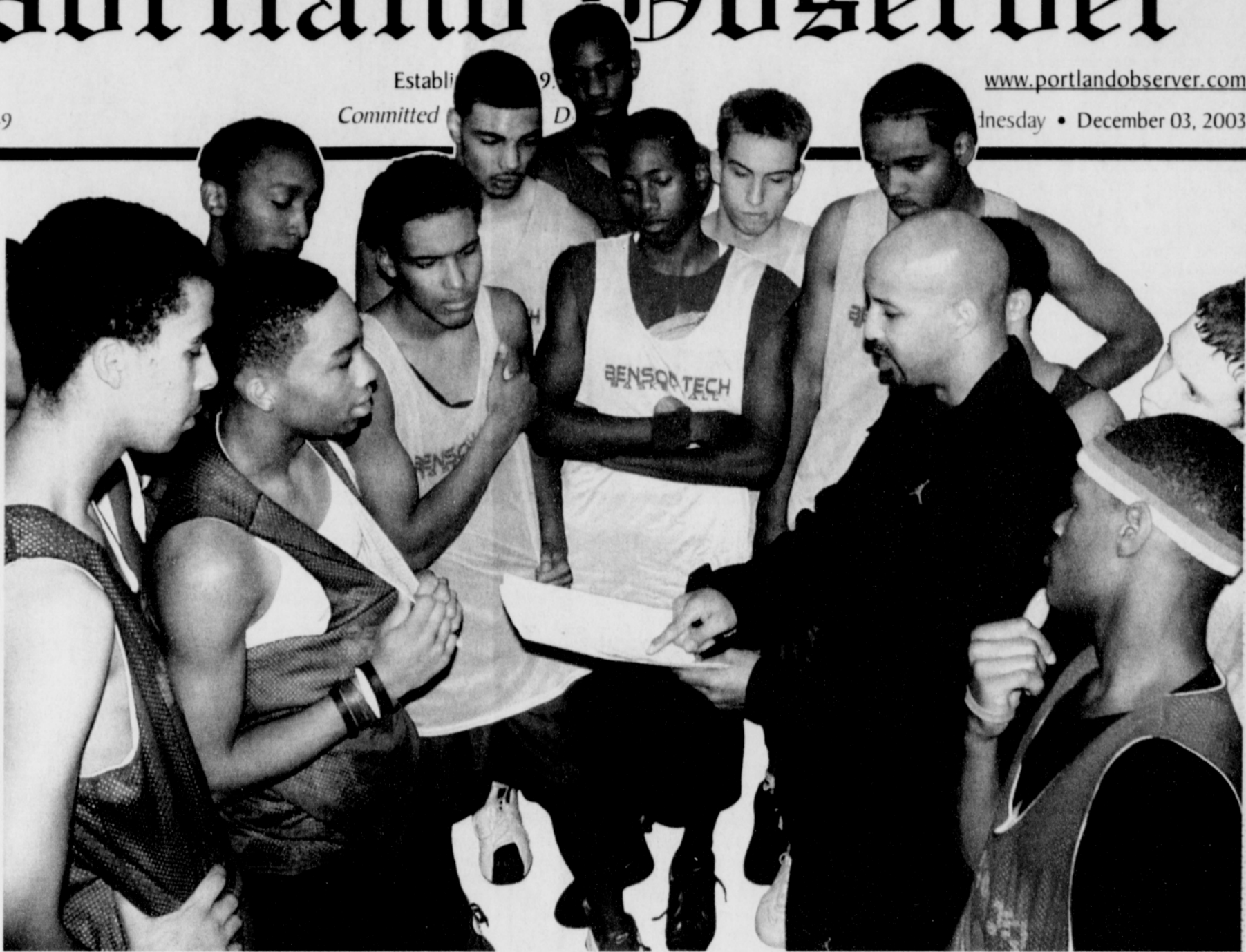
Tens of thousands of AIDS activists and health workers rallied worldwide on Monday to mark World AIDS Day and officials announced new initiatives and millions of dollars in new funding to combat the disease that has infected 40 million people, and kills more than 8,000 sufferers everyday.

### Roy Disney Resigns Under Duress

In a sign of simmering tension at the top of one of the nation's largest media giants, Walt Disney Co. vice chairman Roy E. Disney stepped down from the board of directors and called on chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner to resign in a scathing letter. "It is my sincere belief that it is you that should be leaving and not me," Disney wrote to Eisner. He also accused Eisner of "muzzling" his voice on the board.

### Bush Banks \$1.75M for Re-Election

President Bush banked a fresh \$1.75 million for his re-election campaign and celebrated signs of revival in the manufacturing sector, the hardest-hit segment of the job market.



Coach Troy Berry with the Benson Tech basketball team.

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## Benson Coach Returns Home

### Inspired past meets the present

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI  
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Troy Berry has encyclopedic knowledge about the many years of championship quality basketball at Benson High School.

Now he's dreaming of a future generation of student champions at Benson.

Berry took the reigns of the Benson boys basketball program this fall after five years at Lincoln High School where he put a once downtrodden Lincoln team on a high-caliber track for the first time in almost 40 years.

Berry's demanding coaching style pushed

Lincoln athletes to their ultimate advantage. In his first year, Lincoln was 1 in 17 in league and 2 in 21 overall. In his final year, his teams were regular entries in the state

A member of Benson's state championship basketball team in 1981, he has committed to his memory, a star-studded list of Benson graduates who have gone far, us-

Benson's entire lineup for '73, and many others.

He draws inspiration from players past, like Richard Washington, and passes that enthusiasm on to his team.

"Richard was arguably the greatest prep school player to come out of Portland, he's the reason I chose Benson when I moved to Portland. The '73 team is probably one of the greatest teams to come out of Oregon."

Berry said he remembers watching the neighborhood change during his years at Benson and winning the state championship on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"To come back home and be able to work with kids whose parents I've known over

*'To come back home and be able to work with kids whose parents I've known over half my life, that's pretty special.'*

- Benson Coach Troy Berry

basketball tournament and won the City Championship for the first time since 1964.

Benson is a homecoming for this talented coach.

ing the northeast Portland school as a launching board to successful careers in college, the pros and in life.

He can go back years, name dropping

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## Brown Hired to Direct Neighborhoods

Portland native focuses on solutions

Community leader Jimmy Brown has been named director of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement by Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard.

The African-American Brown is a 25-year public service veteran with experience fighting on the front lines for solutions to some of the city's most critical problems. He most recently served in the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice.

Leonard said he likes Brown's leadership style. "Jimmy Brown has a proven track record in bringing together diverse groups of Portlanders to tackle some of the toughest problems when solutions have escaped others," Leonard said.

Brown distinguished himself in a 20-year career in community justice by developing the county's gang resource intervention team. He's also credited with developing and directing a school attendance initiative to fight truancy, and a communities of color initiative for high-risk African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific-Islander and Native American youth.

Brown also managed an intercultural strategies plan, focusing on building cultural competence and cross-cultural communication skills for Department of Community Justice managers and staff members.

Brown is a Portland native. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1970 and holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Lewis and Clark College. He and his wife, Kathy Brennan, have four children: Megan, 25, Ryan, 21, Taylor, 20 and Jordan, 17.

## Ushering in the Holidays



A 75-foot Douglas fir was lit up by more than 5,000 lights Friday at the city's 19<sup>th</sup> annual tree lighting ceremony at Pioneer Courthouse Square. The holiday tree will remain on display through Dec. 26.

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