

Huskies' Black Coaches Make History



University of Washington's new head football coach, Tyrone Willingham, pauses for a portrait at Husky Stadium in Seattle. (AP photo)

One leads football, other basketball

(AP)—Tyrone Willingham and Lorenzo Romar are recognized as accomplished college coaches, the biggest reason University of Washington administrators in Seattle are glad to have them

working the sidelines. The fact that both men are black and supervising the school's two most visible athletic programs is "a little bit extra," in the words of university president Mark Emmert. It's also historic. Willingham was introduced Monday as Washington's new football coach, two weeks after being fired at Notre Dame. Romar

is in his third season as coach of the men's basketball team. Washington is the first major-conference school to have two black men overseeing the two major sports. Willingham's hiring is newsworthy for another reason. He's the first black head coach to be fired by one high-profile football program and then quickly resurface at another.

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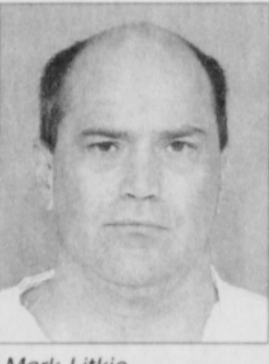
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A northeast Portland man is charged in the deaths of a mother and daughter after their bodies were discovered by firefighters responding to a fire Saturday at 3323 N.E. 63rd Ave. An autopsy revealed that Julie Wilson, 47, died from sharp and blunt force trauma. Authorities were still trying to determine what killed her mother, Shirley Wilson, 76. Mark Allen Litkie, 43 faces two counts of murder and one count of arson. Investigators said he had a relationship with the daughter that was marred by domestic violence. Anyone with information in the case is asked to call detectives Rich Austria at 503-823-0449 or Brian Grose at 503-823-0757.

On His Game



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
 Terrance Scott, aka Cool Nutz, chills at Freak Mastering, a downtown recording studio.

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just going the wrong direction. We're more concerned about what's going on overseas, rather than making sure our situation at home is right. Countries like Canada spend a lot of time taking care of their citizens rather than championing stupid causes. **Portland Observer:** Speaking of which, what about Bush's foreign policy? **Cool Nutz:** Certain things are going on now never went on when Bill Clinton was in office. Even Bush's dad and Reagan, sure they were influential in the drug trade and all, they weren't just going around and doing completely stupid stuff. They were diplomatic in what they did and cautious about messing around with the world. When you go into a war and the United Nations and countries around the world are saying they don't want to be involved, that's saying something. That's saying something ain't right.

Iraq had nothing to do with (September 11th). Why are we fighting a war in Iraq? Why are we cleaning up Iraq? If we never went to Iraq, at this point right now, in the whole scheme of the world, Iraq, that small country, how much would it affect the whole world? Well, except for their oil. North Korea is making nuclear bombs and there are civil wars going on in Africa where thousands of people are dying; but we have to go pursue Saddam "the tyrant" Hussein. There's so much stupid stuff that goes on and we get it fed to us like its Gerber baby food. We take it all in and it makes people believe. **Portland Observer:** Hip-hop artists, along with much of the entertainment industry, really stepped up into a political role this election. What effect do you think that had on the scheme of things? **Cool Nutz:** If you think back in the history of hip-hop, it was never cool to vote because you didn't want to be part of the system or working for the man; your vote wouldn't count. This year, it was: vote now, vote early, you better vote, vote or die. With all the effort to get people out to vote, if everyone they targeted to register actually voted, I find it impossible that George Bush could have won. Evidently it also got even more republican people out who voted for Bush. The entire election was decided on about 3 million votes. It looks like a lot of people but it's really not, considering Outkast sold close to 10 million records. If you put Outkast, Jay Z and Usher on tour to tell everyone "we need to make a change, we need to vote, vote democratic," that could cause a dramatic shift in what's going on.

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