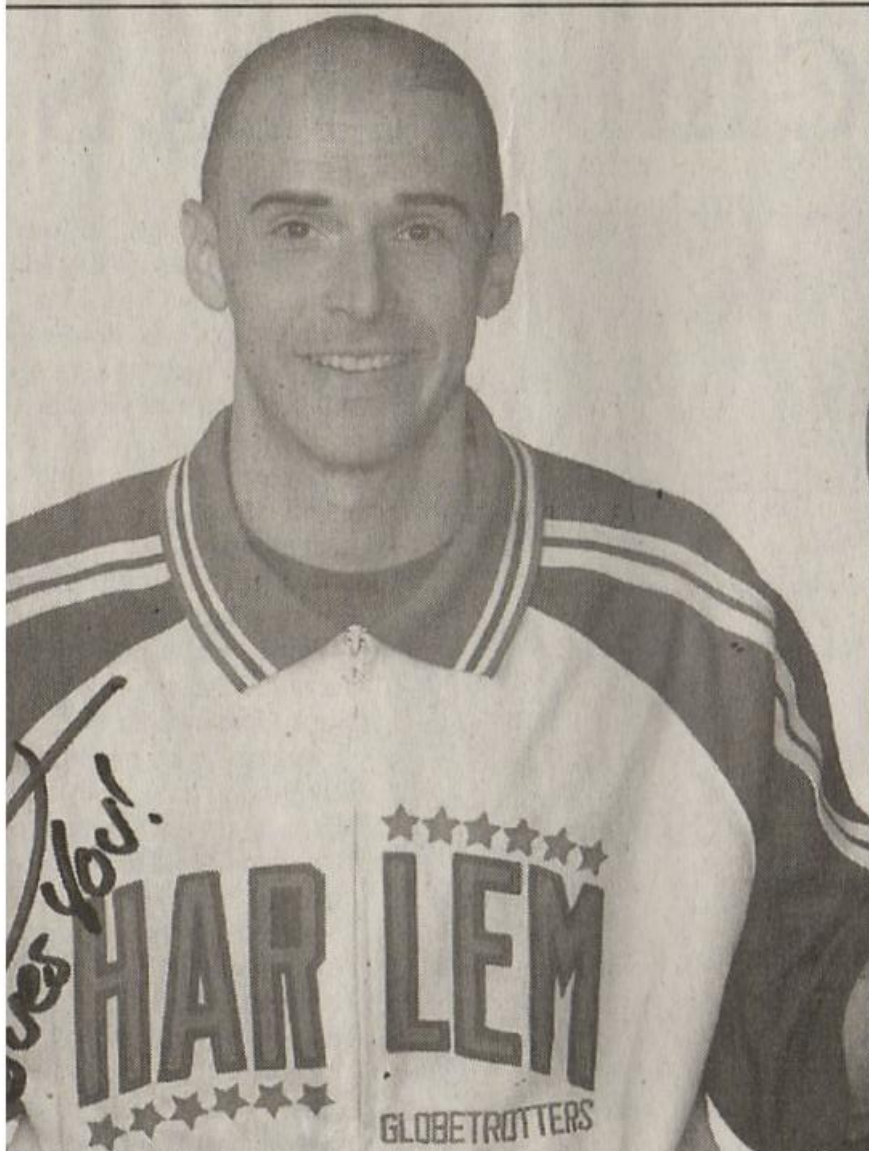


Sports



Globetrotter to speak at West End benefit

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The Harlem Globetrotters had not had a Caucasian player since 1942, until Seth Franco joined them in 2002.

“Franco had a life changing experience..”

He'll be in town Thursday at 7 p.m. for a Katrina-related benefit. He will keep you on the edge of your seat as he demonstrates his basketball skills while telling his story and bringing his testimony.

First Christian Church of Hopewell is sponsoring this free

event, which will be held at West End Presbyterian Church. There will be an open snack bar and door prizes. All proceeds will be donated to the Month of Compassion for Katrina Relief.

The donation will benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina that have been relocated to the Hopewell area. A love offering will be collected during the service. Franco performed with the Harlem Globetrotters and other NBA All-Star basketball players in Houston, Texas, — an NBA All-star game called “The Hurricane Relief Game.”

Franco had a life changing experience during his time in Texas.

The benefit is to help approximately 70 victims located in the surrounding area.