

National Football League Players Association creates a diversity committee

WASHINGTON — Trace Armstrong, President of the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA), named a committee to work with NFLPA Executive Director Gene Upshaw on the issue of diversity in the NFL. The players appointed to the Diversity Committee are Troy Vincent, Philadelphia Eagles; Robert Porcher, Detroit Lions; Marshall Faulk, St. Louis Rams; Tony Richardson, Kansas City Chiefs; Ryan McNeil, San Diego Chargers; and Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"The mission of the committee is to ensure diversity of the staff and review employment practices in the NFL," said Armstrong. The selected players will meet regularly to develop an action plan for accomplishing this daunting task. Following a resolution, the committee will give its recommendations to Upshaw, who in turn will present the position of the players to the league.

"The players can be a very important part of the process in addressing diversity in the NFL," said Upshaw. "We are not advocating that the players pick the coaches or front office personnel, and we are not suggesting the players refuse to play because of this inequity. The goal of the Diversity Committee is simply to help the NFL achieve a diversified staff in coaching and business areas."

Madikizela-Mandela to sue Parliament

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the ex-wife of former President Nelson Mandela, plans to sue Parliament to overturn its ruling that she violated finance regulations for lawmakers, a report said Friday.

Parliament's ethics committee unanimously ruled in August that Madikizela-Mandela failed to disclose \$5,000 a month in donations and financial interests from the Mandela Family Museum.

The committee recommended she face a \$1,250 fine, a public rebuke by Parliament's speaker, and an undetermined penalty for being in contempt of Parliament. Last week, lawmakers unanimously approved the committee's ruling.

In a letter to the committee, which was leaked to the South African Press Association, Madikizela-Mandela's lawyer said she was denied an opportunity to present her side of the story, and would ask the Cape Town High Court to overturn her censure.

Madikizela-Mandela, who rarely attends Parliament, repeatedly ignored invitations by the committee to appear before it, claiming she was ill.

Ethics committee chairman Luwellyn Landers declined to comment on the lawsuit, which will be officially filed next week.

Madikizela-Mandela is the first lawmaker to be found guilty of violating a code requiring members of Parliament to disclose their financial interests.

An anti-apartheid hero and member of the ruling African National Congress, Madikizela-Mandela is popular with many poor urban blacks, but the party hierarchy has criticized her as undisciplined and self-promoting.

She is on trial on 85 counts of fraud and theft involving nearly \$100,000 in fraudulent bank loans.

NBA All-Star Allen Iverson says he's afraid of Philadelphia police

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Speaking publicly for the first time about his off-the-court legal troubles last summer, NBA All-Star Allen Iverson says he is afraid police are after him, and he may want to leave Philadelphia.

"I want to be in Philadelphia, but I'm scared to be here," the basketball star told The Philadelphia Inquirer for Nov. 19 editions.

Iverson and his wife, Tawanna, gave an interview to the Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News Nov. 18 at the 76ers' practice facility, to blunt the impact of what the couple said is an upcoming unflattering television news report on Iverson's personal life.

The NBA star had been accused of bursting into a cousin's apartment with a gun in July looking for his wife, after he allegedly kicked her out of their home. He was charged with several felonies, but the charges were eventually dropped.

"I've heard about police officers toasting to Allen Iverson's next felony conviction," the 76ers' star guard told the papers. "I'm hearing about them saying I'm involved with one thing or another, and it scares me. I know that if there's a crooked cop out there, they could do anything to me. He could do anything. Allen Iverson could wind up dead tomorrow if a crooked cop wants him dead. It's as simple as that."

Police Department spokesman Inspector William Colarulo said the department "would never tolerate anyone toasting or celebrating a person's next conviction, regardless of who they are."

During the 90-minute interview, the Iversons denied reports of domestic abuse by Iverson.

Representatives at WXTF would not comment on the couple's claim that an unflattering story was in the works.

Most of the counts against him were dropped by a judge after Iverson's two accusers gave conflicting testimony — including whether Iverson was carrying a gun. The final two assault-related charges were dropped because the accusers decided they didn't want to pursue the case. Iverson is concerned about the media attention he and his wife have gotten since the summer.

"I worry about Tawanna all the time," he said. "She rides with security before the game, after the game. There's security for 24 hours at our house."

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The world comes alive at school's International Night

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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The evening of Nov. 19, hundreds of people traveled to Korea, Italy, Venezuela and a host of other European countries for only \$5 at Paisley. The school held its first annual International Night for students and their families who wanted to sample foreign foods, artifacts and crafts.

John W. Paisley School offers a complete International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for students aged 11 to 16. Students are encouraged to develop intercultural awareness along with a genuine understanding of their own histories.

The event, says Paisley Principal Marian Pittman-Couch, occurred during International Education Week and will be an annual event for the Paisley School community.

"(Paisley has) a tremendously diverse group (of students), including students from Yugoslavia, Jerusalem; so it gives them a chance for them to share some of their culture," Pittman-Couch said.

Proceeds raised from the event went to the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Sheila Lyons, PTSA president, said that the event was not only a good social outlet for the school community but a way to promote the IB program at Paisley.

"Our goal was to give these middle schoolers some international flavor. A lot of them may



Photos by Courtney Gaillard

Paisley students prepare an Asian dish for visitors. Left: Sam Blythe brings music to the event with his bagpipes.



not ever experience foods of different cultures and also may

where food was available for tasting.

Students created the artwork at each booth, including hand-drawn maps and artifacts from each country on display.

French Brie and bread, moussaka, and taquitos were among items on the international menu. Several local restaurants provided ethnic dishes for the night as well.

The Paisley Band Ensemble serenaded the crowd, which was later entertained by Greek and Irish dancers and an Irish bagpipe player.

Sixth-graders Lauran Coleman and Alex Freeman enjoyed tasting the European treats.

"It's given me an idea of what it would be like if I traveled to that country," said Coleman, who enjoyed the taste of Korean barbecue.

Students collect pennies to aid African village

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Students at Paisley Magnet School are hoping that their pennies will buy enough food and supplies for a village of 700 people in West Africa. Students kicked off a Penny Campaign last week to raise money to buy food and supplies for a village in Mauritania, located in West Africa.

Robb Warfield, coordinator of magnet schools, will travel to the region next month, and every penny from the campaign will go toward buying food and other supplies to sustain the village for the next year.

This will be Warfield's second trip to Mauritania. He first spent time in the country in 1997 as a

Peace Corps worker. Warfield lived with a family of eight for two years. Warfield along with his wife and one other person, from his church, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, will be journeying back to Mauritania for a 10-day stay with the task of supplying the village with food and supplies.

Mauritania is amid its worst famine in 15 years and close to 1

million people are facing starvation in a country where summer temperatures will reach 130 degrees. Grass seeds along a river are harvested for nourishment and stray cats are eaten as well by the people.

At an assembly that launched the Penny Campaign, Warfield spoke to the Paisley student body and told them that "poverty and

famine occur in a context that we're so far removed from. We're in a country that takes (poverty) for granted, and we have a sense of entitlement. We don't realize how much we have."

Mauritania, the last country to declare slavery illegal in 1980, is located below Morocco and

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