

News at a Glance

NAACP board approves three-year contract for its new president

BALTIMORE (AP) - The NAACP's national board of directors has approved a three-year contract for new president Ben Jealous, the youngest leader in the civil rights organization's history.



Jealous

The board voted 35-2, with one abstention, to approve the contract Saturday. Chairman Julian Bond says the two dissenting votes were protesting procedure, not 35-year-old Jealous.

The contract takes effect Sept. 15. Jealous is a former managing editor of the Jackson Advocate newspaper in Mississippi. He was elected to the NAACP post in May, will attend his first board meeting as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Baltimore on Oct. 18.

Jealous takes over from interim President Dennis Hayes, who has been leading the group since Bruce Gordon left in March 2007 after clashing with the board.

Harvard to review campus police

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Harvard University is reviewing its campus police department amid concerns officers have unfairly stopped black people because of their race.

Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust announced the review last week in a letter to administrators and faculty that also was posted on the university's Web site.

Faust said a special six-member committee will be headed by Boston attorney Ralph Martin, an African-American and former Suffolk County district attorney. It will study police diversity training, community outreach and recruitment.

"All of us share an interest in sustaining constructive relations between our campus police and the broader Harvard community in order to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all faculty, students, staff, and visitors," Faust said.

"I am confident that this group's efforts will help the University address this important set of issues in a constructive spirit and forthright manner," she said.

Faust cited an incident earlier this month when campus police confronted a person using tools to remove a lock from a bicycle. She said the person was a summer employee who owned the bike and was trying to cut the lock because the key had broken. The Boston Globe reported that the person, whom Faust did not identify, was a black high school student from Boston.

The Globe said black students and faculty protested last year after police interrupted a campus field day sponsored by two black student groups, asking if they had a right to be there. The newspaper said in 2004, police stopped a prominent black Harvard professor as he was walking to his office because they mistook him for a robbery suspect.

Ali, Farrakhan attend Chicago memorial for longtime manager

CHICAGO (AP) - Muhammad Ali and Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan have paid respects to Ali's former manager and the son of a former minister of the Nation of Islam.

Detroit native Jabir Herbert Muhammad was remembered by more than 200 people who crowded a banquet room Saturday on Chicago's South Side. He died Monday at age 79 after heart surgery in Chicago. His father was Elijah Muhammad, who died in 1975.

The younger Muhammad managed Ali's boxing career from 1966 until 1981 and managed his post-fighting career until 1991. He went on to a career in business. Ali's wife Lonnie called Muhammad a big brother to her husband.

Jameel Cook's attorney claims racial profiling

HOUSTON (AP) - Fort Bend County Sheriff Milton Wright denied an attorney's allegations that former Houston Texans full-back Jameel Cook was subjected to racial profiling when he was arrested last week on a marijuana possession charge.

Attorney Chip Lewis had told Houston television station KRIV on Monday that Cook might have been a victim of racial profiling and that Cook said the drugs found in his car were not his and he had no idea where they came from.

"I think it was in his console under his elbow," Wright told the television station. "It would be hard for me to accept he didn't know whose it was."

Cook, who played in all 16 games for the Texans last year, was waived by the team.

The 29-year-old Cook, now free on a \$500 bond, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge after the deputy searched the car and found a plastic bag containing two grams of marijuana. Authorities said Cook had no valid Texas driver's license and no proof of insurance.

"It raises the question of the fact that this may be a racial profiling situation, and I say this without knowing the deputy's background," Lewis said. "(Jameel) is a young African-American driving a very nice Mercedes-Benz around the Sugar Land area, a very nice neighborhood that he lives in. The deputy is Anglo."

Wright said the deputy who arrested Cook has an unblemished record and is "a top guy and he's very cognizant of what's legal and what is not."

Cook, who lives in the Houston suburb of Missouri City, was pulled over for no front license plate and expired registration. Lewis said Cook was not ticketed for those violations.

Cook joined the Texans in 2006 after five seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who drafted him in 2001.



Jealous

Bikers roll into D.C. for King Memorial fundraiser

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WASHINGTON - More than 3,000 motorcyclists from around the country roared onto the National Mall on Sunday during a ride designed to raise thousands of dollars for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

The ride was dubbed the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Million Motorcyclists Motorcade (M5 Project)." Bikers arrived from starting points in Laurel, La Plata and Fort Washington in Maryland. They also came from Woodbridge, Va., all finally meeting off Ohio Drive, across from the Tidal Basin site where the memorial is planned.

Participants in black leather vests with their biker aliases patched on their backs paraded on colorful bikes, ranging from souped up vintage to sleek modern models. They either collected funds or contributed their own money to total \$70,000 in donations, according to Howard "Dirty Dealer" Clifton Jr. of Waldorf, Md., whose group, Bikers With Heart Foundation Inc., helped organize the ride.

Many were moved by the timing of the event, which was just a few days after the 45th anniversary of the March on Washington, during which King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Thomas "T.C." Costley of Fort Dix, N.J., attended King's speech in 1963 and rolled into the benefit ride with about 500 bikers from the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle



AP Photo by Emily J. Reynolds/The Washington Examiner

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Motorcyclists stand by one of their bikes Sunday on the National Mall.

Oprah's pledge to students is \$1 million

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP, N.J. - Media mogul Oprah Winfrey has pledged \$1 million to an educational scholarship fund for students in the rural New Jersey hometown of her longtime boyfriend.

Winfrey was the keynote speaker Saturday at the annual community festival in Whitesboro, a tiny community founded in 1901 as a settlement for blacks leaving the South. The event drew hundreds of area residents and fans of the television show host, who touched on many topics during her talk but focused on the importance of education and how people can use it to reach their goals, just as she did.

"What is important is access to learning. We used to know that," Winfrey said. "It used to mean getting straight A's didn't mean you were trying to act white. It meant you were trying to act right."

Near the end of her speech, Winfrey noted that her boyfriend, Stedman Graham, had told her about Whitesboro when they started dating. He often spoke of how he wanted the town to be all it could be, and Winfrey said Graham had worked to get sidewalks, street lights, a baseball field and a community center built in his hometown.

"I'm committed to help him help this community," Winfrey told the crowd. "Today, I'm contributing \$220,000 as my first installment in a \$1 million plan for the educational scholarship fund of Whitesboro. Keep dreaming, ladies and gentlemen, keep dreaming."

Edgar Robinson, the festival's master of ceremonies, was thrilled by Winfrey's generosity, noting that the scholarship fund normally collects about \$15,000 a year.

"That's unbelievable," he told The Press of Atlantic City. "I guarantee we will

make it work for the students."

Winfrey drew many laughs while speaking about her early dates with Graham and the tabloid media's fascination with her weight, but she turned serious while urging the crowd - which greeted her with screams and loud applause - to support Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

She also stressed the importance of hard work, but also told the crowd that religion could and should be important in their lives.



Winfrey

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