

News at a Glance

Gold medalist Davis suing Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) - Olympic gold medal speedskater Shani Davis is one of four plaintiffs suing the city of Chicago and former Police Superintendent Terry Hillard, claiming they were stopped and searched for illegal weapons because of their skin color.

Davis, Quincy Joyner and Damien Joyner filed a lawsuit on March 24, 2003. A fourth plaintiff, Damane Grier, was added to the lawsuit a few months later. All four are from Chicago and are black.

Harvey Grossman, the director of American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, said an inordinate number of blacks and Latinos are stopped on the street and searched for illegal weapons, and the organization wants police to document stops.

Monique Bond, the Chicago police director of news affairs, would not comment on a pending case but said, "As far as racial profiling, the Chicago Police Department has a zero tolerance for that."

Davis became the first black athlete to capture an individual gold medal in Winter Olympics history when he won the 1,000 meters at the Turin Games.

According to the lawsuit, Davis was searched in March 2001 while walking along West Howard Street near his home on Chicago's far north side. He stood spread eagle against a wall while an officer searched his pants and pockets with a flashlight, pulling Davis' underwear away from his body. Two years earlier, while on his way to a video arcade with friends, he was searched near the elevated train stop on West Belmont Avenue on the north side. The Joyners also were stopped near the Belmont train station in January 2002.

Grier was stopped in a public housing development while on his way to his mother's place in March 2003.



Davis

R. Kelly slang barred; case dismissed

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Prosecutors said they had to drop a case against a man accused of trying to accost an 11-year-old girl because a judge wouldn't allow testimony about a slang term involving singer R. Kelly.

Tamiko Carter, 30, approached the girl last September while she was walking to school and asked her how old she was, prosecutors said.

When she told him she was 11, Carter allegedly asked whether she had a boyfriend, "then told her he was fixing to do an 'R. Kelly.'" Carter allegedly pulled his car to the curb and opened the door, but the girl ran away.

Kelly, a singer from Chicago, has pleaded not guilty to 14 counts of child pornography in Cook County Circuit Court. The charges stem from a February 2002 videotape that allegedly showed Kelly and a 14-year-old performing numerous sex acts.

The prosecutor's office said Kelly's name is now listed in the "Urban Dictionary" as a verb that means to have sex with an underage girl.

Prosecutors had planned to present testimony from the 11-year-old girl and an expert witness who would testify that Carter was referring to that definition.

But Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Lloyd Phillips refused last Thursday to allow the testimony, and the district attorney's office said it couldn't pursue the case without it.

Couple donated money for NAACP National Literacy Program

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director emeritus, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), announced during the NAACP 2006 Annual Meeting that he and his wife, Frances, will donate \$56,000 to create an NAACP National Literacy Program to encourage young children to read.

"I have always been concerned about children's ability to read," said Hooks. "No matter what other instructions a child receives, if he or she does not learn to read properly their ability to advance in this society will be sorely circumscribed."

Hooks, who led the NAACP from 1977 to 1992, said he hopes the new reading program will help close the education gap that currently exists between African-American and white students.

Hooks suggested that each year the NAACP should award a \$1,000 grant to a student who resides in each of the seven NAACP regions. Hooks said children might be encouraged to read a biography of a historical African-American figure and then write an essay about the book.

Pastor addressed in Dr. King's jail letter dies at 89 in Lakeland

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - A former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, who was one of the eight white clergy the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. addressed in his "Letter From Birmingham Jail," has died. He was 89.

The Rev. Earl Stallings died last Thursday in Lakeland, Fla., where he'd been living in a retirement center, his son, Jim Stallings, said.

While pastor of First Baptist Church, 1961-65, he angered many in his all-white congregation by allowing blacks, including civil rights leader Andrew Young, to attend a Sunday worship service after King's April 12, 1963, arrest.

King's letter detailed his argument for racial equality and the immediate need for social justice. He directed the letter to white moderate clergy, chastising them for trying to delay his 1963 demonstrations in Birmingham.

At one point in his letter, King mentioned Stallings specifically: "I am not unmindful of the fact that each of you has taken some significant stands on this issue. I commend you, Reverend Stallings, for your Christian stand on this past Sunday, in welcoming Negroes to your worship service on a non-segregated basis." Stallings risked being fired by his congregation for allowing the black worshippers.

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Supporters of the Nationalist Socialist Movement march through the streets of a predominantly black neighborhood during a neo-Nazi rally in Orlando.

Nazis march through black community

BY KELLI KENNEDY
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ORLANDO, Fla. - Fistfights broke out and police made 17 arrests Saturday at a neo-Nazi rally and march through a predominantly black neighborhood.

In khaki uniforms, tall black boots and red arm patches bearing swastikas, about 30 members of the National Socialist Movement were barricaded on one side by SWAT team members at the rally. On the other side of the SWAT officers, a group of about 100 black-clad counter-demonstrators, many covering their faces with black masks, held anti-Nazi signs.

Several counter-demonstrators were arrested before the march officially began

when pockets of violence erupted, police said. It was not immediately clear whether anyone was hurt.

The march went on as planned through the Orlando neighborhood of Parramore, with about 500 spectators and counter-demonstrators following the group. Grandparents held the hands of their grandchildren as they watched the march from the front of their homes.

"The older generation grew up seeing hate. They grew up seeing these kinds of groups being open, and I think for some African-Americans they want the younger generations to see that hate still exists," said the Rev. O'Hara Black of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

No members of the neo-

Nazi group were arrested, police said.

Fourteen of those arrested are members of out-of-town groups such as the Skinheads Against Racial Prejudices and the Southeastern Anarchist Network, said Orlando police spokeswoman Barb Jones. All faced charges including disorderly conduct, battery on a law enforcement officer and wearing a mask, police said.

More than 300 law enforcement officers were on hand, hoping to avoid the violence that marked another gathering of the Minneapolis-based neo-Nazi group in October in Toledo, Ohio. A march there led to a riot in which businesses were burned and looted and bricks were thrown at police.

On Saturday, neo-Nazis

held signs with such slogans as "White People Unite" and statistics claiming that crime is predominantly committed by blacks. Later, they made Nazi salutes at City Hall as a SWAT team separated the demonstrators from a jeering crowd.

During the march, the neo-Nazis walked on one side of the road and the protesters on the other, separated by two lines of police. Both groups hurled insults.

Counter-demonstrators held signs including ones that read, "Stop the hate. Stop the violence" and "Love everyone."

"For them to come into our neighborhood, it's wrong; it's a slap in the face," said Donnell Jones, 33.

Woman among 17 elected to Hall of Fame

Effa Manley was white but passed as African-American

BY TRAVIS REED
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. - Effa Manley became the first woman elected to the baseball Hall of Fame when the former Newark Eagles co-owner was among 17 people from the Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues chosen Monday by a special committee.

"This is a historic day at the Hall of Fame," shrine president Dale Petroskey said. "I hoped that someday there would be a woman in the Hall. It's a pretty proud moment."

This year's Hall class - 18, including former reliever Bruce Sutter - is by far the

biggest in history, breaking the record of 11 in 1946. There are now 278 Hall members.

Mule Suttles and Biz Mackey were among the 12 players selected, along with five executives.

Buck O'Neil and Minnie Minoso, the only living members among the 39 candidates on the ballot, were not elected by the 12-person panel.

Manley co-owned the New Jersey-based Eagles with her husband, Abe, and ran the business end of the team for more than a decade. The Eagles won the Negro Leagues World Series in 1946 - one year before Jackie Robinson broke the major league color barrier.

"She was very knowledgeable, a very handsome woman," said Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, who played for



Effa Manley

the Eagles while the Manleys owned the team, as did Don Newcombe and Larry Doby.

"She did a lot for the Newark community. She was just a well-rounded, influential person," Irvin said. "She

tried to organize the owners to build their own parks and have a balanced schedule and to really improve the lot of the Negro League players."

Manley was white, but married a black man and passed as a black woman, said Larry Lester, a baseball author and member of the voting committee.

"She campaigned to get as much money as possible for these ballplayers, and rightfully so," Lester said.

Manley used baseball to advance civil rights causes with events such as an Anti-Lynching Day at the ballpark. She died in 1981 at age 84.

"She was a pioneer in so many ways, in terms of integrating the team with the community," said Leslie Heaphy, a Kent State professor on the committee. "She's also one of

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