

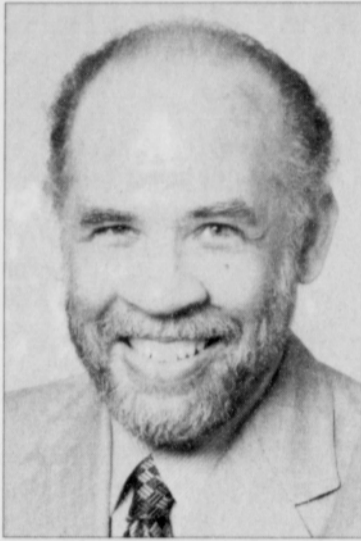
LAW & JUSTICE

Civil Rights Lawyer Leads NAACP

Tackles national inequality issues

John Payton, an attorney known for his successful record in some of the most important and visible civil-rights cases in the United States, has been named Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Payton brings a wealth of experience, including cases brought before the U.S. Supreme Court, in leading the legal defense group in its fight for racial and social justice.



John Payton

"This is both a very exciting and a very humbling moment for me. I have always admired The Legal Defense Fund: it is an historic organization with an important mission," said Payton. "Racial justice and equality are issues that I deeply care about."

As lead counsel for the University of Michigan, Payton argued the affirmative-action-admissions case successfully before the trial court, appeals court and ultimately before the Supreme Court.

The New York Times described the case as one that "galvanized affirmative-action advocates who

produced sociological studies documenting how a diverse campus enhances the educational and long-term life experiences for all students."

In his new position, Payton hopes to raise awareness of the growing disparities among Americans.

"Today, our country has perhaps its highest rate of wealth and income inequality, which is exacerbated when race is taken into account. The Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans was a disaster before Katrina. There are many other Lower Ninth Wards across the country," said Payton.

Drug Charge Nets Gang Co-founder

Federal prosecutors say drug dealing has finally caught up with a man who is an admitted co-founder of a gang called "304."

Deon Williams, 28, was recently sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

On Sept. 14, 2005, Portland Police officers with the Tactical Operations Division and Gang Enforcement Team arrested Williams based upon information they developed that he was selling drugs.

Inside the car he was driving, officers initially found 25.6 grams of crack cocaine. Gang enforcement officers followed up by executing a state search warrant at Williams' residence. Inside the home, officers found an additional 193.9 grams of crack cocaine, cash, drug packaging material, a scale and some marijuana.

Congressman Fights Traffic Charge

Says he was victim of racial profiling

(AP) -- An Illinois congressman said he was a victim of racial profiling when police gave him a traffic ticket alleging he swerved over the center line.

Rep. Danny Davis, who is black, said he will go to traffic court to challenge the \$75 ticket given to him Nov. 19 by two white officers.

"I'm not one of these people who cry racism," Davis told The Associated Press. "I'm a person



U.S. Rep. Danny Davis

who believes in hard work and follows the rules."

Davis, 66, said he was on his way home from co-hosting his late-night radio talk show, "Talking to the People," and was driving with three black passengers when he was stopped.

"I know that I had not weaved. I mean, I'm not senile," he told the Chicago Tribune. "Had I weaved, I would have said 'I thought I saw a pothole,' or a snake, or something."

Davis said he has been interviewed by an investigator from the office that looks into misconduct in the police department. He will chal-

lenge the ticket Dec. 28 in traffic court, he said.

In 2005, Illinois state Sen. James Meeks, a popular black minister, accused police of racial profiling after a white Chicago police officer stuck a gun in his face and repeatedly shouted at him to get back in his car during a traffic stop.

A report released earlier this year by the Illinois Department of Transportation found that police throughout Illinois stop minority drivers for traffic violations in larger percentages than driver population numbers would suggest, and minorities were much more likely to be searched than whites.



Police released surveillance video to help identify two suspects accused of being associated with an assault of a 71-year-old man at a Max station in Gresham.

Max Riders Tied to Beating Case

Gresham police have released TriMet surveillance video in hopes of identifying two people associated with a teenager who was arrested in the Nov. 3 beating of a 71-year-old man at a Max station in Gresham.

Police said the male and female riders had been on the Max train with Abel Antonio Chavez-Garcia before Chavez, 15 beat Laurie Chilcote with a baseball bat.

Police said Chilcote was wait-

ing for a bus when Chavez and two other people approached him. Police said they followed Chilcote off the train and taunted him by calling him old.

Anybody with information as to the identity of either person in the video stills is asked to call the Gresham Police tip line at 503-618-2719 or 1-888-989-3505. Messages to the tip line can be left anonymously.

Cold Case Murder Solved

Man pleads guilty 10 years after shooting

Charles Deangelos Jenkins, 30, is the last of three men who have admitted their guilt in connection with the 1997 shooting death of Thomas Henry Graham. Graham

was standing on the corner on North Albina Avenue and North Killingsworth Street when he was shot multiple times by several suspects on bicycles.

Jenkins pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter last week. Since the case was reopened in 2006, Laquandre Taylor, 29, and another man John Cory Brown, 32, pled guilty to

first-degree manslaughter.

Shortly after the shooting detectives detained several subjects including Jenkins and Taylor, but the case was eventually suspended because witnesses refused to come forward.

Last year, the Cold Case Unit of the Portland Police Bureau reopened the investigation when witnesses finally agreed to cooperate. Detectives learned that the suspects, who were upset about recent attacks by rival gangs, de-

cidated to shoot someone they believed was a Crip gang member.

Graham was chosen at random because the suspects believed he was affiliated with a gang. Graham had associated with gangs in the past but police do not believe he was an active gang member at the time he was killed.

The Cold Case Unit continues to investigate approximately 270 unsolved homicides that have occurred in the past 30 years.

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Twins Current Age: 6

Date Missing: Nov. 19, 2007
Missing From: Diamond Bar, CA

The children were abducted by their non-custodial mother, they are believed to be on the west coast or possibly Las Vegas. Police believe she may have shaved their heads and dyed her hair black. Jennifer may be using the alias last names: DeJong or Lopez.

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