

# USOC displays FloJo memorabilia

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Eight-year-old Mary Ruth Joyner, her long black hair neatly braided, clutched her stuffed bear "Ted" and watched intently as her mom settled into the starting blocks.

Florence Griffith Joyner was about to dazzle the world again with her speed, style and grace.

The video footage of "FloJo" winning three gold medals in the 1988 Olympic Games is part of a tribute to Florence Griffith Joyner that went on display Friday night at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Joyner died last Sept. 21 at age 38 when she was stricken with a seizure as she slept at her home in Mission Viejo, Calif.

"It's always hard for me to sometimes see Florence run again and know that she still has the family record," her husband, Al Joyner, said. "I'm going to try to get it back."

Al Joyner played an important part in the tribute, donating the art kit that FloJo used to decorate her long, dazzling fingernails. Also on display is the hand torch she carried in the '88 Games in Seoul, South Korea, and an



FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER

action figure depicting her as she bolted from the starting blocks.

The company that makes the figures, Starting Lineup, sent the model to FloJo because she wanted to paint it herself to ensure the skin tone, hair color, white shoes and red uniform were just right.

"I wish she was here to see it," Joyner said as he walked among the poster-sized pictures and glass displays. "She probably would have wanted more fingernail shots."

Since her death, several tributes have been paid to Joyner, who still holds world records for the 100 and 200

meters, but Al Joyner said the U.S. Olympic Training Center has special meaning for the family.

"This is where dreams start," he said, "but this is also where they continue to live. You know what it feels like to train, but when somebody else thinks you deserve it, that's the highest honor they can bestow on you. You can't train for that."

The display will be open to the public at the U.S. Olympic Visitor Center until Aug. 13. It includes clothing that FloJo designed as well as books she wrote and the U.S. team ring she received in Seoul.

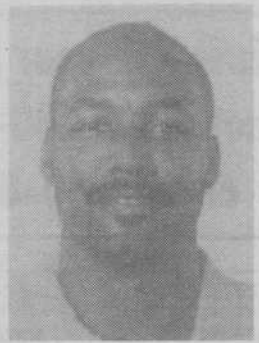
"I wanted it to be colorful and lively — just like she was as a person," said Erica Hutchinson, who arranged the display. "Al said he enjoyed it. That's what means the most to me."

U.S. Olympic Committee president Bill Hybl called the tribute one of the proudest moments in his two terms.

"Not only do we admire her, but we really see a person who has made a difference in the lives of young women and young men who are looking for direction," Hybl said. "Her impact goes on."

# Malone breaks All-NBA first-team record

NEW YORK (AP) — Even Michael Jordan and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar never accomplished what Karl Malone did Tuesday — make the All-NBA first team for the 11th time.



KARL MALONE

The Utah forward, winner of the NBA's MVP award this season, was the leading vote-getter on the team with 580 points and 113 first-team votes from a panel of 118 NBA writers and broadcasters. He finished four points ahead of San Antonio's Tim Duncan, who had 576 points and 112 first-team votes.

Joining Malone and Duncan on the first team were Miami's Alonzo Mourning, Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Phoenix's Jason Kidd.

Malone's 11 first-team appearances are a record. Jordan, Abdul-Jabbar, Elgin Baylor, Bob Cousy, Bob Pettit and Jerry West each made it 10 times.

Mourning received 95 first-team votes and 542 points, Iverson had 93 first-team votes and 532 points, and Kidd had 86 first-team votes and 516 points.

Voted to the second team were Chris Webber of Sacramento, Grant Hill of Detroit, Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers, Gary Payton of Seattle and Tim Hardaway of Miami.

Kevin Garnett of Minnesota, Antonio McDyess of Denver, Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston, Kobe Bryant of the Lakers and John Stockton of Utah made the third team.

Of the 15 players on the three teams, 11 are from the Western Conference. Only one of the 15, Duncan, plays for a team that made it to either conference final.



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Sanctions and trade embargoes have hurt Cuba's economy.

## Cubans

(Continued from Page 16) government pay the pilots' families \$187,627,911 in reparations.

Cuban authorities argued that the downing of the airplanes was "provoked by innumerable violations" of Cuba's airspace.

The lawsuit refers to the "immense costs in economic and human resources" that Cuba has had to pay over the past four decades to prepare for and ward off "the danger of a direct armed attack by the United States."

The U.S. "aggressions" denounced in the suit include the aborted Bay of Pigs invasion, U.S. support for armed anti-government groups in the 1960s, the supposed introduction of epidemics and

plagues, and innumerable attempts on President Castro's life.

The document states that as part of its political strategy, Washington has done its utmost to encourage Cubans to defect to the United States, not only as "an instrument of ideological struggle," but also to fuel unrest and social instability.

The suit against the United States coincided with a new round of talks in New York on migration, the only issue that has brought Havana and Washington to the negotiating table over the past 40 years.

In New York, U.S. and Cuban officials are assessing compliance with the bilateral accords on migration signed in September 1994 and May 1995 to regulate the flow of Cuban emigrants to the United States.

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