

NEWS BRIEFS

SHAQ AMONG CROWD AT TRUMP WEDDING

MIAMI (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal didn't have any trouble choosing a wedding gift for Donald Trump and Melania Knauss. "Phantom Rolls-Royce, a White one," O'Neal said, referring to the massive luxury car that starts around \$325,000. "It'll be parked at my house when he wants to use it." O'Neal and his wife Shaunie were among the estimated 400 guests attending the Trump wedding Saturday night, the third for the real estate mogul and reality television star. Guests at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate and club in Palm Beach dined on steamed shrimp salad, beef tenderloin and individual Grand Marnier chocolate truffle cakes that mirror the towering 50-pound, seven-tier wedding cake topped with 3,000 White-icing roses. "It was fun," O'Neal said Sunday before his Miami Heat played the New Orleans Hornets. "There was a lot of people there ... I shook a lot of hands and got a lot of endorsement deals done yesterday." O'Neal said he and Trump have known each other for more than a decade; Trump and Knauss attended a Heat home game as O'Neal's guests earlier this season. The friendship has a business side, with O'Neal occasionally enlisting Trump's service as an adviser. "Whenever I get into some big real-estate thing, I'll call him up and have his people look at it for me," O'Neal said.

COURT OKS DOG SNIFF DURING TRAFFIC STOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court gave police broader search powers Monday during traffic stops, ruling that drug-sniffing dogs can be used to check out motorists even if officers have no reason to suspect they may be carrying narcotics. In a 6-2 decision, the court sided with Illinois police who stopped Roy Caballes in 1998 along Interstate-80 for driving 6 miles over the speed limit. Although Caballes lawfully produced his driver's license, troopers brought over a drug dog after Caballes seemed nervous. Caballes argued the Fourth Amendment protects motorists from searches such as dog sniffing, but Justice John Paul Stevens disagreed, reasoning that the privacy intrusion was minimal. "The dog sniff was performed on the exterior of respondent's car while he was lawfully seized for a traffic violation. Any intrusion on respondent's privacy expectations does not rise to the level of a constitutionally cognizable infringement," Stevens wrote. In a dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg bemoaned what she called the broadening of police search powers, saying the use of drug dogs will make routine traffic stops more "adversarial." She was joined in her dissent in part by Justice David H. Souter. "Injecting such animal into a routine traffic stop changes the character of the encounter between the police and the motorist. The stop becomes broader, more adversarial and (in at least some cases) longer," she wrote. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist did not participate in consideration of the case.

COPS: DRUG DEALERS TOOK TIPS FROM TV

NEW YORK (AP) — David Simon's HBO series "The Wire" — a fictional account of a police investigation of Baltimore drug dealers — allegedly had some real-life dealers taking notes. While announcing a crackdown on Friday of a cocaine ring, police said their investigation was hampered by the suspects' habit of switching cell phones — a technique for evading electronic eavesdropping they picked up from TV. "Believe it or not, these guys copied 'The Wire,'" one of the investigators, Sgt. Felipe Rodriguez, said at a news conference. "They were constantly dumping their phones. It made our job so much harder." Police relied largely on wiretaps to infiltrate the gang, which made up to \$15 million a year. The result: 12 arrests and seizure of 43 kilograms of cocaine, 18 handguns, \$500,000 cash and five luxury vehicles. While doing business by cell phone, the suspects often spoke to each other about "The Wire" after it aired on Sunday nights, Rodriguez said. Some of the officers listening to them also were fans. "If we missed anything, we got it from them Monday morning," the sergeant said of the television show.

NBA players, fans appear in court

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Ron Artest and four other Indiana Pacers who clashed with Detroit Pistons fans in one of the most violent melees in NBA history appeared in court Tuesday and were released on \$500 personal bonds.

Artest, Stephen Jackson, Anthony Johnson, David Harrison and Jermaine O'Neal each appeared separately for about three minutes before District Judge Lisa Asadoorian, who met extensively with each of their lawyers before the hearing.

The players are allowed to leave the state because they do not live or work here.

The judge barred them from the Palace "except for employment-related purposes."

Each was told they must attend the next hearing scheduled for April 8.

Four fans also charged in the Nov. 19 brawl were sched-

uled for a pretrial conference Tuesday afternoon in 52nd District Court in Rochester Hills. A warrant was expected to be issued for any defendant who failed to appear. The Pacers' next game is Wednesday night in Boston.

A pretrial conference is held to discuss matters such as evidence and witnesses and to establish a timetable.

Fans charged with misdemeanor assault and battery are John Green, John Ackerman, William Paulson and David Wallace, brother of Pistons center Ben Wallace.

Fan Bryant Jackson is charged with felonious assault for allegedly tossing a chair. His preliminary examination scheduled for Tuesday morning was delayed when his lawyer claimed that prosecutors provided him with a copy of the brawl video that was blank.

On Monday, a spectator



Bryant Jackson, left, confers with his attorney Kenneth Karasick during his hearing in 52nd District Court in Rochester Hills, Mich., Tuesday. Jackson, 37, is charged with felonious assault for allegedly tossing a chair during the brawl at The Palace of Auburn Hills in Nov. 2004.

who police say was punched by two players during the fight pleaded no contest to violating a local ordinance that prohibits fans from en-

tering the basketball court during an NBA game. The spectator, Charlie Haddad, 21, is scheduled to be sentenced March 16.

Judge: Students must create 'reality'

By Tesia Poulos

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (NNPA) — Judge Glenda Hatchett, host of the "Judge Hatchett" television show, preached about the trying times Blacks had to endure and the obstacles still to be faced to a Gaither Gymnasium packed with Florida A&M University students, alumni and faculty.

"We have traded in a White master for a White powder," Hatchett said, comparing Blacks now being enslaved by drugs instead of the slave masters of the past.

However, her main point was getting students to realize the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had for Blacks and turning it into a reality.

Powell

(Continued from Page 3) lawmakers that broadcasts had become too raunchy. Powell was nominated by former President Clinton to a Republican spot on the then-Democratic majority commission in 1997. Bush made him chairman in 2001.

Among other controversial issues Powell tackled as chairman was a revision of decades-old rules governing ownership of newspapers and television and radio stations. The commission approved changes in 2003 that allow individual companies to own TV stations reaching nearly half the nation's viewers and combinations of newspapers and broadcast outlets in the

same community. The changes were favored by major media companies, but Congress and the courts are considering several efforts to modify or repeal them. Last month, the commission made yet another attempt to promote local telephone competition. Three previous efforts have been thrown out by federal courts. There was no immediate word on a successor. Possible replacements include Republican Commissioner Kevin Martin, who would not need Senate confirmation to become chairman because he already is on the FCC.

Other names being mentioned include former Texas utilities regulator Rebecca Armendariz Klein and former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Pat Wood.



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"There is a dream with your name on it, but what is your reality?" Hatchett continually asked.

She discussed two cases she has seen in her courtroom of child abuse and neglect.

The first was a case in which a 15-year-old girl wanted to join a gang and was told part of her initiation

our children," Hatchett said. "For too many children, the reality is too dark."

Hatchett told students to honor their debt to their mothers, fathers and grandparents, whom they must strive to pay.

"My grandmother washed clothes and never saw high school," Hatchett said. "I have a debt to pay," she said, explaining why it was so important for her to be successful.

Hatchett even questioned President Bush, asking, "How dare you say you will free Iraq, but there still is poverty in America?"

Her final admonition to the students: "The reality is yours, claim it."

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