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## Jordan is airborne again

By Bryan Burwell  
USA TODAY

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Jordan is back, with a new number, a "rusty" outing and a renewed love of the game.

Jordan returned to the Chicago Bulls Sunday after a 17-month "retirement" in a 103-96 overtime loss to division-leading Indiana Pacers.

"I tried to stay away as long as I could," said Jordan, who wore No. 45, the number he used in baseball, instead of his retired No. 23, because 23 was the last number his late father saw him wear.

"But it's hard when you love something for so long," he said. "And I truly love the game. You miss the game, your teammates, your friends, the atmosphere."

Jordan was obviously rusty after the lengthy layoff, missing his first six shots and 21 of 28 for the game.

But with Jordan on the floor, the struggling Bulls (34-32) battled from an 18-point deficit to take the Pacers into overtime.

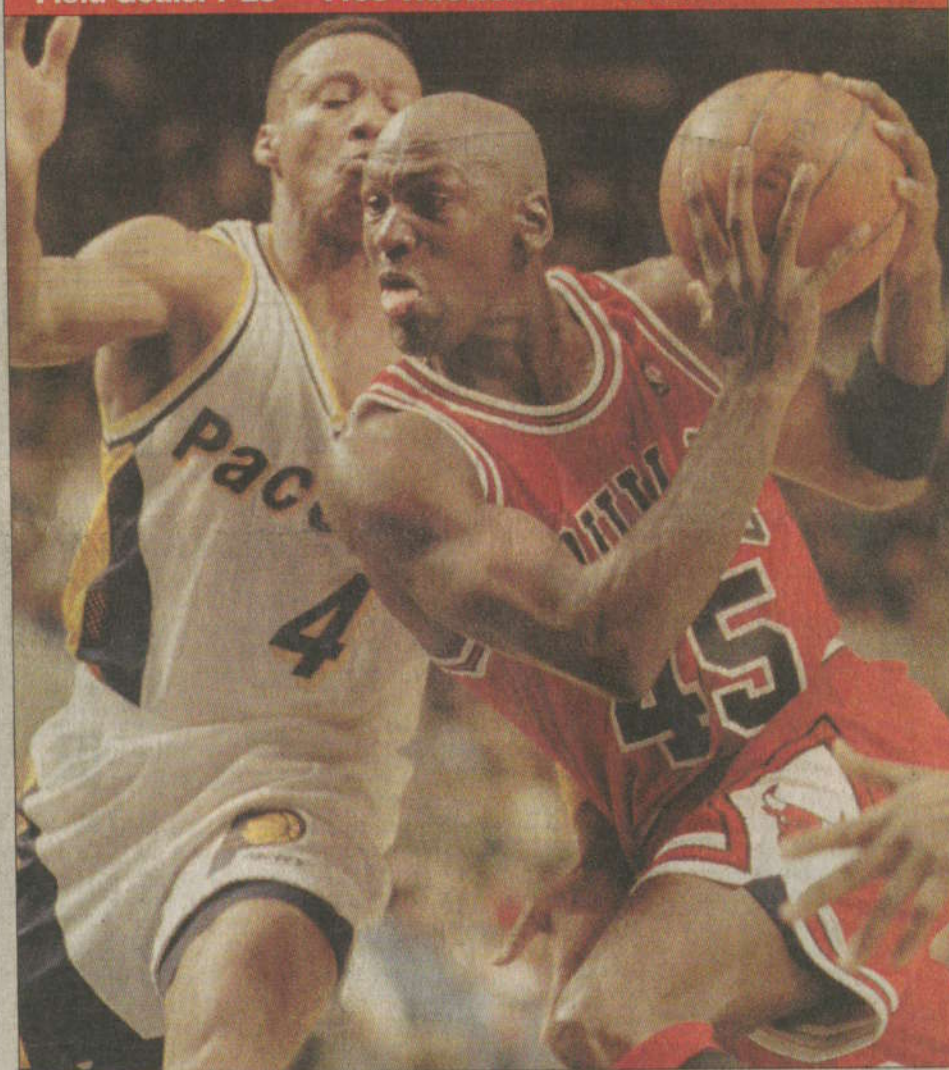
To the 300 members of the media on hand, the result was secondary to the comeback, the biggest return of an athlete since Muhammad Ali re-entered the boxing ring.

When Jordan quit in October '93, he complained about the media scrutiny. But in the 10 days since rumors of his return surfaced, the circus has grown even crazier.

Jordan says he's resigned to the media swirl "for the time being."

"It's something that's been bestowed on me I didn't ask for. . . . It was a little embarrassing. But this is not going to affect me if there's really something I want to do."

Field Goals: 7-28 Free Throws: 5-6 Total: 19 Assists: 6



By Anne Ryan, USA TODAY

**BACK IN ACTION:** Michael Jordan scoots past Indiana's Byron Scott in Sunday's game.

## Deadly gas hits Tokyo subway

By Susan Kreifels  
USA TODAY

TOKYO — At least six commuters died and thousands were overcome by poisonous fumes on a subway train in what police call an act of sabotage during morning rush hour.

Defense officials say the fumes were from sarin, a nerve gas that might have been used by Nazi scientists during World War II; a single drop on the skin can kill.

Government spokesman Kozo Igarashi called the incident a "random mass attack," and Japan's Kyodo News Service said police are treating the case as a homicide.

The Metropolitan Fire Department said the first report came from the Tsukiji station, near the city's largest fish market, at about 8:17 a.m. today (6:17 p.m. ET Sunday).

Kyodo reported witnesses saw a man get off the train but leave behind a lunch box wrapped in newspaper.

Witnesses said by the time the train got to the next stop, about 30 people had collapsed.

"It hurt to breathe, I could feel it in my nostrils," said passenger Akio Masahata, 21.

"When I realized it must be gas, people were starting to collapse around me."

At least 1,200 people were admitted to hospitals, many with minor complaints.

Police official Akimasa Nomura says other symptoms, along with nausea, were "sore

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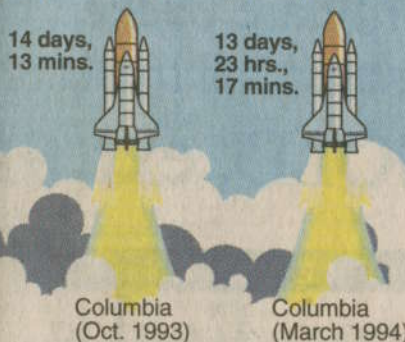
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# Michael 'would be my best friend'



By Debbie Howlett  
USA TODAY

CHICAGO — If you listen closely, blocking out the laughter of children and the boom of rap music from passing cars, you can hear the faint, sweet sound of Daniel Marshbanks' basketball swishing through a tattered net.

In that moment, on 90 sacred feet of asphalt in the middle of the Cabrini-Green housing project, the gritty backdrop of slum and city melts away.

It's possible, in that one second, for a 15-year-old boy to smile broadly and imagine he might, someday, be just like Michael Jordan.

"I can picture myself in the NBA, shooting the ball clean," Marshbanks says, his soft

hands palming a worn orange basketball. "I can see my picture on the front page."

For Marshbanks and a half-dozen friends hanging out in Stanton Park on a clear and sunny afternoon, Jordan's return to the Chicago Bulls is not about playoffs or multi-year contracts or marketing or endorsements. It's an ache for something the kids lost — pride and hope, perhaps — when Jordan walked away from basketball 17 months ago.

"It does matter to me," says Marshbanks, a 5-foot-8, 126-

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# GOP's last 3 contract items lacking support

By Richard Wolf  
USA TODAY

Three of the toughest issues in Congress face mounting opposition during the next three weeks as House Republicans try to complete action on their Contract with America.

Cutting taxes and spending, restricting welfare and limiting congressional terms are scheduled for action in the House, but the hurdles are high:

► Term limits probably can't pass. Despite delaying a vote for three weeks to mobilize grass-roots demand, Republicans are short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass a constitutional amendment.

► Tax and spending cuts may be scaled back from their five-year, \$189 billion level to pass the House. But the package has almost no support in the Senate.

► Welfare reform enjoys broad backing in both houses, but the parties disagree on how tough the crackdown should be. If the GOP wins, President Clinton could veto the bill.

House Republican leaders remain optimistic about those final three items in the GOP's contract and have promised to finish them all by April 7. First up Tuesday: welfare reform.

Sounding warnings Sunday:

► Senate Finance Committee chairman Bob Packwood, R-Ore., said on ABC's *This*

*Week With David Brinkley* that the Senate may not consider the House GOP's tax cuts "unless they're paid for."

► House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said on CBS' *Face the Nation* that the GOP's welfare-reform plan, which would cap funds for school lunches, child nutrition and food stamps, "is tough on kids and weak on work."

► Updating the contract, 5A

# Overcome by fumes



By Chiaki Tsukumo, AP

**GAS VICTIM:** Rescue workers rush a passenger to St. Luke Hospital in Tokyo after she was exposed toxic fumes.

At least 1,200 people were admitted to hospitals, many with minor complaints. Police official Akimasa Nomura says other symptoms, along with nausea, were "sore eyes and throat."

Some passengers complained about the way officials handled the situation.

"We weren't given any directions at all, we were just told trains were not stopping here," says Kunio Tomioka.

Officials immediately suspended service on the Hibiya Line, which passes through Tokyo's main business and government district.

Commuters using other lines were warned not to touch unattended packages.

Tokyo's subway network is used by 2.7 billion a year.

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