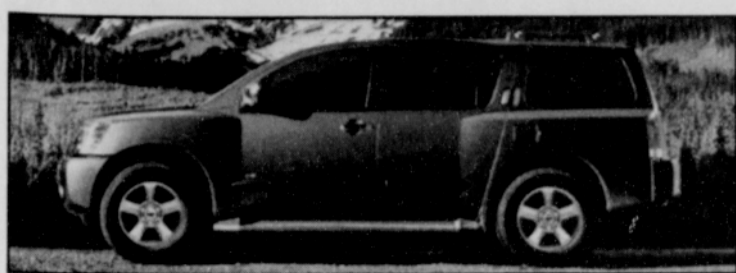


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Vehicle tested information: Price \$43,650; Engine: 5.6 liter DOHC V; and Transmission: 5-speed automatic.

## 2005 Nissan Armada 4x4

The Nissan Armada is truly big in size, extra roomy interior and overwhelming power. With its powerful V8 and substantial body-on-frame design, it can easily handle family camping trips in the rugged outdoors, pull a big boat or easily fit 8 passengers.

Armada is based on the Nissan Titan full-size pickup and comes equipped with a powerful V8 that betters its competition in horsepower and torque. Stand on the gas and Nissan's 5.6-liter engine delivers immediate throttle response and quick acceleration. Rated to tow up to 9,100 pounds, Armada boasts the best towing capability in its class. A smooth five-speed automatic transmission adds to the responsiveness of the 32-valve

double overhead-cam V8. Handling is impressive as well. The four-wheel independent suspension and rack-and-pinion steering give the Armada a direct and steady feel, whether cruising down the highway, hustling through everyday traffic or parking in a crowded lot.

The SE2WD starts at \$33,600 and the SE 4WD at \$36,400. Nicely equipped with a AM/FM 6-disc In-dash CD Audio System w/8-speakers, rear audio control, air conditioning, sporty cloth seats, Power adjustable seats, large lockable center console, and three rows of seats. Optional packages are the Sunroof Package(\$3700), Tow package(\$650), DVD Entertainment System(\$1,600) and Sirius Satellite Radio(\$400).

# SPORTS

## Duncan Drives Spurs to NBA Crown

Series decided in seventh and final game

(AP) — With the NBA title on the line, Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs proved themselves worthy champions.

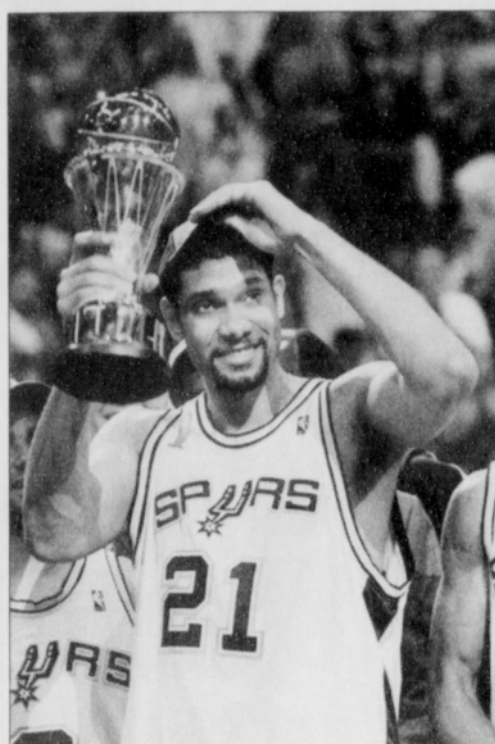
Duncan came up huge in the second half and was chosen finals MVP after having the worst playoff series of his career, and Manu Ginobili had another breakthrough performance Thursday night to lead the Spurs past the Detroit Pistons 81-74 in a Game 7 that was as thrilling as it was rare.

In a matchup of the past two NBA champions, the Spurs came through in the clutch to win their third title in seven years and deny Detroit the chance to repeat.

Duncan had 25 points and 11 rebounds while shrugging off a stretch of eight straight misses that ended in the third quarter with the teams tied. Ginobili scored 23 points with a series of slashing, scintillating drives and big passes.

Behind Duncan, the stoic established star, and Ginobili, the flashy young Argentine, the first Game 7 in more than a decade ended with the Spurs celebrating on their home court as silver and black confetti streamed down from the rafters.

"We just played a great team. I don't know how the hell we did it, but I am thrilled," Spurs



NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Tim Duncan holds the MVP trophy after the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Detroit Pistons, 81-74, to win game seven of the NBA finals in San Antonio. (AP photo) coach Gregg Popovich said after embracing his good friend, Detroit coach Larry Brown, as the game ended. Popovich became the third coach

with three titles, while Brown headed into an uncertain future still stuck on one.

"I'm just as proud this year as I was last year," said Brown, whose team recovered from two early blowout losses and dictated the series for four straight games before San Antonio - and especially Duncan - reasserted itself at the end.

The NBA had waited a long time for a game with so much at stake and so little room for error. And the difference came in the fourth quarter, when the Spurs were able to make the plays the Pistons couldn't.

Midway through the period, Ginobili assisted on a 3-pointer by Robert Horry and Duncan found Bruce Bowen alone outside the arc for another 3 that put San Antonio ahead 67-61. Detroit pulled within four before the Duncan-Ginobili combo clicked perfectly on two straight possessions.

First, Ginobili drove the lane and drew Duncan's defender, zipping a pass to Duncan all alone on the baseline for a 19-footer. Next, Duncan had three defenders collapsing on him when he saw Ginobili all alone at the 3-point line. The shot was perfect, and San Antonio led 72-65 with 2:57 left.

The score was 73-68 entering the final minute when Ginobili made the play that clinched it, weaving through several defenders for a layup that was almost too easy, making it 75-68.

The Pistons, who were outscored 24-17 in the final quarter, couldn't recover.

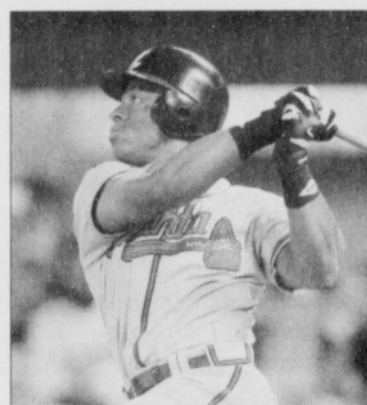
## Smashing Records at 46

(AP) — Julio Franco, the 46-year-old Atlanta first baseman is clearly showing he can still play the game.

Franco hit his eighth career grand slam, a pinch-hit shot, and Horacio Ramirez pitched the streaking Braves past the Florida Marlins 7-2 on Monday night in Miami.

In his last seven appearances, Franco is hitting .458 with four home runs and 11 RBIs, and is making plenty of entries on those oldest-to-do-whatever lists.

Earlier this month, he became the oldest player in baseball history to have a two-homer game, the oldest in the last 96 years to steal a base and, on Monday, extended his own



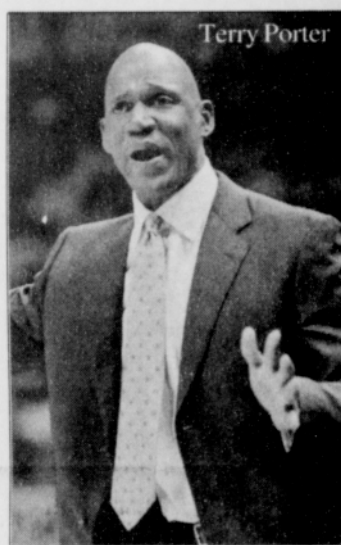
Atlanta Braves' Julio Franco follows through on his grand slam in the eighth inning Monday in Miami. (AP photo) mark for being the oldest to hit a grand slam.

## Porter Vies for Blazer Coach

He fondly remembers his time with the Trail Blazers as an all-star player and hopes to return as coach.

Terry Porter, a 17-year veteran of the NBA who was recently fired as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks, has formerly expressed interest in coaching his former team. The vacancy was created on March 2 when Maurice Cheeks was fired.

Porter feels he can build excitement among the community for the Trail Blazers to the same level that existed when he was on the team.



Terry Porter

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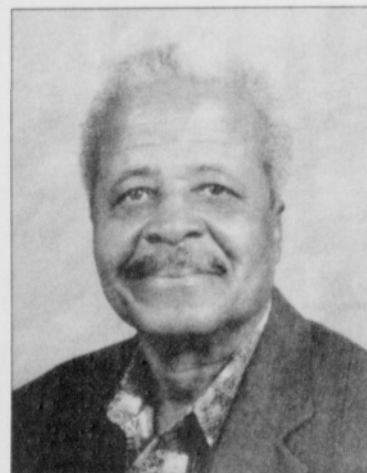
## Father, Husband and Marine Remembered

Charles Herbert Burks - 1932 to 2005

Charles Herbert Burks, 72, died on June 21, 2005 in Los Angeles where he resided for many years. He was born July 2, 1932. A former Portland resident, he graduated from Washington High School in 1952.

He served in the Marines from 1954 to 1959. After his tour of military duty, he worked as a merchant seaman for almost 20 years. Thereafter, he worked as a carpet layer and later became an inspector for the Housing Authority.

He is survived by his spouse Dorothy Burks-Reed, son Charles (Chuck) Washington, daughter Denise (Burks) Fareed, brother James



E. Burks, sister Betty Ivory and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## In Loving Memory

Gene Dale Hodges death. Survivors include three brothers, Connie, Wayne and Robert; four sisters, Constance Norris, Barbara Tanner, Deborah Hodges and Toyonna Hodges; six children, Dawayne, Denise, Gene and Darnell of Seattle and Shelton and Darnell of Portland; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Gene Dale Hodges died June 7, 2005 at the age of 63. He was born Jan. 5, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Connie Hodges and Evelyn Hodges-Harvey. He attended Jefferson High School in Portland and served in the U.S. Army where he was honorably discharged in 1958.

His father and younger sister Beverly Patterson preceded him in

death. Survivors include three brothers, Connie, Wayne and Robert; four sisters, Constance Norris, Barbara Tanner, Deborah Hodges and Toyonna Hodges; six children, Dawayne, Denise, Gene and Darnell of Seattle and Shelton and Darnell of Portland; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He will be loved and missed forever by all his family and friends.

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## Accomplished Actor, Dancer Dead at 46

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church in north-

east Portland for Michael Hall, who died June 11, 2005 at the age of 46. He was born in Portland on Jan. 10, 1959. He attended several schools including Portland Adventist Elementary, Harmony Elementary, Dale Ickes Junior High and Portland Adventist Academy.

He loved animals. From the ages of 10 to 17, Michael was a 4-H Club member and took the state championship in Western horseback riding with his favorite horse "Bella." He later advanced to the world of performing arts and became part of the Jefferson Dancers under the direction of Mary Folberg. After attending classes in San Francisco and Los Angeles, he moved to New York where his career blossomed. He travel to Europe where he performed as

actor, dancer, model and signer, performing in "Porgy and Bess," "West Side Story," and had a starring in the "Josephine Baker Story." After returning to Portland he performed as a guest artist with the "African American Ballet Theater" and the "American Dance Company."

His great determination and wonderful sense of humor will always be remembered. He is survived by his parents Alex and Japhena Hall; brothers Brian Hall of Foxboro, Mass. and Alex Hall III of Montgomery, Ala.; sisters Violet Larry of Portland, J. Kay Musson of Altadena, Calif. and Valerie Davis of Indianapolis, Ind.

Remembrances may be made to the Sharon SDA Church Youth Department Drama Ministry, 5209 N.E. 22nd Portland, OR 97211. Phone: 503-287-7649.



Michael Irvin Hall

## Church Picnic, Concert Sunday

Area residents are invited to a free old-fashioned Independence Day style picnic and outdoor concert on Sunday, July 3 at the new site of New Beginnings Christian Center, located on Northeast 172nd Place and Sandy Boulevard.

An opening service will begin at

10:30 a.m. with the picnic starting at noon and live music featuring In Touch and Hyperstatic Union starting at 1 p.m. Guests can bring a picnic lunch or purchase items from a church food booth.

For more information, call Nancy Cole at 503-704-0665.