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Clemens strong, but not enough

DETROIT — The Rocket pitched against the ballclub his manager dubbed "the hottest team on the planet" and got burned.

Roger Clemens threw six strong innings before giving up a pair of one-out walks in the seventh and the Detroit Tigers made him pay for it.

Craig Monroe hit an RBI double off reliever Dan Wheeler in the three-run seventh and Nate Robertson threw seven scoreless innings to give Detroit a 4-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

The Tigers, who have the best record in baseball, have won five straight and 15 of 17.

"With some of the magic we've been getting, especially in the late innings," Robertson said, "you just had a feeling that when he came out of the game, we would get a couple of runs."

In his second start this season, Clemens allowed two runs, one earned, and three hits with two walks in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out three consecutive batters over the fifth and sixth innings, but didn't fan another Tiger in his 84-pitch outing.

"I thought he pitched great," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "He couldn't have pitched any better playing against the hottest team on the planet."

The seven-time Cy Young winner left the field very angry, and wasn't in a much better mood in the clubhouse.

Clemens did say he wasn't happy about being taken out of the game by Garner.

—The Associated Press

Myers to sit after arrest on Friday

Phillies pitcher Brett Myers will take a leave of absence through the All-Star break, saying he has embarrassed his family and the team with his arrest on charges that he hit his wife in the face.

Myers, Philadelphia's best pitcher, said Tuesday he asked the team for time off so he can "concentrate on this matter and make plans for whatever assistance is appropriate."

He was arrested Friday in Boston and was accused of striking his wife on a street not far from Fenway Park. Myers was later released from jail when his wife posted \$200 bail.

"First, while I dispute that the facts are as alleged, I recognize that my behavior was inappropriate and for that, I apologize," Myers said in a statement.

—AP

France earns berth in final 8

Zinedine Zidane's farewell tour with France keeps on rolling. Spain's World Cup agony never ends.

Zidane's late free kick ricocheted into the net to break a 1-1 tie Tuesday, then the retiring French captain finished off a brilliant night with a goal of his own to cement France's place in the quarterfinals with a 3-1 victory.

France moves on to face Brazil on Saturday.

Spain, meanwhile, is still looking to end 76 years of World Cup futility.

France's recovery from a listless World Cup start seemed impossible a week ago when Zidane was serving a suspension.

He said the French "really wanted to show that while the first round wasn't easy, we were capable of a few things, and this evening we have demonstrated that we have a good group that wants to go further."

—AP



# Pick 30: Lotto time for NBA executives

The 2006 NBA Draft has been called one of the most intriguing and up-in-the-air drafts in a long time. With no ready-made superstar to lock down the top pick, teams are scrambling in their respective draft rooms, shuffling through their notes and lobbying with others for a possible trade. But at the Daily Texan, we don't need notes — we go off the top of the dome. Here are our predictions:

Anup Shah  
 Daily Texan Staff

1. Toronto

Andrea Bargnani — 6'10", 240 lbs.

Italy  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: After seeing what Nowitzki did in this year's playoffs, don't be surprised to see the Raptors expect the same thing out of Bargnani, whose height and deadly outside shot have drawn comparisons to the German sensation.

2. Chicago

LaMarcus Aldridge — 6'11", 225 lbs.

Texas  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: A perfect fit for the Bulls, who desperately need a big, athletic man to run the floor alongside Tyson Chandler. "Train" can run the floor, block shots and shoot away from the basket as well as any big man in the draft.

3. Charlotte

Adam Morrison — 6'8", 200 lbs.

Gonzaga  
 Small Forward

The Scoop: Michael Jordan liked what he saw in Adam Morrison, and the Bobcats are still looking for their first offensive superstar. Morrison has drawn comparisons to Larry Bird and Kiki Vadeveweghe.

4. Portland

Rudy Gay — 6'8", 230 lbs.

Connecticut  
 Small Forward

The Scoop: The Blazers had the worst record in the NBA last season and need a slasher/scorer to help put more points on the board. Gay is a beast offensively and plays defense well enough to be a go-to player early in his career.

5. Atlanta

Shelden Williams — 6'9", 260 lbs.

Duke  
 Power Forward/Center

The Scoop: Atlanta now has all the tools—with strong young guards and a forward with tremendous upside. Williams will become the big-game, experienced center they desperately need.

6. Minnesota

Brandon Roy — 6'5", 210 lbs.

Washington  
 Shooting Guard

The Scoop: Perhaps the biggest steal of this year's draft, Roy looked very similar to Dwyane Wade while in college—and that's what everybody wants right now. Roy could be a top-three pick as well.

7. Boston

Randy Foye — 6'3", 210 lbs.

Villanova  
 Point Guard

The Scoop: The Celtics already have tremendous young talent fresh out of high school. An experienced big-game point guard like Foye will definitely help Paul Pierce when he needs it.

8. Houston

J.J. Redick — 6'5", 190 lbs.

Duke  
 Shooting Guard

The Scoop: If the Rockets can't get their first choice in Roy, they'll settle for another proven scorer in Redick to add an offensive spark.

9. Golden State

Patrick O'Bryant — 7'0", 250 lbs.

Bradley  
 Center

The Scoop: With the agility he showed in the NCAA tournament, O'Bryant could be a perfect fit in the Warriors fast-paced offense.

10. Seattle

Rodney Carney — 6'6", 205 lbs.

Memphis  
 Small Forward

The Scoop: The Sonics have the right guys in the middle as well as the right guys up top. All they need is a slasher like Carney to let this offense flourish.

11. Orlando

Ronnie Brewer — 6'7", 225 lbs.

Arkansas  
 Point Guard/Shooting Guard

The Scoop: Orlando will look for a running mate alongside Jameer Nelson and Keyon Dooling. DeShawn Stevenson won't get it done like Brewer.

12. New Orleans

Tyrus Thomas — 6'9", 215 lbs.

Louisiana State  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: Chris Paul and Thomas could be a highlight reel combination every night if Thomas drops. He is an incredible athlete who has hops better than Carney.

13. Philadelphia

Marcus Williams — 6'3", 215 lbs.

Connecticut  
 Point Guard

The Scoop: The Sixers only have Allen Iverson to carry the assist-load when everyone knows Iverson should be doing the scoring. Williams may help change that.

14. Utah

Cedric Simmons — 6'10", 225 lbs.

North Carolina State  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: Carlos Boozer's injury kept him on the bench for much of last season, and the Jazz will now look to another ACC big-man to help carry the load.

15. New Orleans

Hilton Armstrong — 6'10", 240 lbs.

Connecticut  
 Center

The Scoop: A tall, long, defensive big man will fit perfectly into a team that will rely on Chris Paul to get into the post down low.

16. Chicago

Rajon Rondo - 6'2", 185 lbs.

Kentucky  
 Point Guard

The Scoop: A solid point guard throughout college who often went unnoticed but displayed the ability to rebound as well as any guard in the nation.

17. Indiana

Kyle Lowry - 6'0", 170 lbs.

Villanova  
 Point Guard

The Scoop: Jamaal Tinsley is injury prone, and Anthony Johnson is not the greatest backup. Lowry will get the job done.

18. Washington

Jordan Farmar — 6'2", 170 lbs.

UCLA  
 Point Guard

The Scoop: The Wizards needed a consistent point guard badly in the playoffs, and Farmar could be the right person to get the ball to Gilbert Arenas.

19. Sacramento

Shawne Williams — 6'9", 230 lbs.

Memphis  
 Small Forward

The Scoop: His tremendous upside and long wingspan could be the type of body that the Kings are looking for to supplement Ron Artest on defense.

20. New York

Oleksiy Pechrov — 7'0", 235 lbs.

Ukraine  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: As if the Knicks haven't gambled enough already,

expect this big-man to be one of those possible first-round flops. Good luck, Isiah.

21. Phoenix

Saer Sene — 7'0", 235 lbs.

Senegal  
 Center

The Scoop: This athletic big-man can run up and down the court. Just the right man for Steve Nash and the Suns high-octane offense.

22. New Jersey

Josh Boone — 6'10", 210 lbs.

Connecticut  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: The Nets desperately missed a big-man down low against the Heat in the playoffs, and Boone could be a perfect fit with Jason Kidd and Vince Carter.

23. New Jersey

Shannon Brown — 6'3", 200 lbs.

Michigan State  
 Shooting Guard

The Scoop: Although they have Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter, the Nets could use an intermediate player like Brown to keep up with smaller guys and still put up numbers.

24. Memphis

Sergio Rodriguez — 6'3", 175 lbs.

Spain  
 Point Guard

The Scoop: Another Spaniard may be good for Pau Gasol and the Grizzlies who haven't been the same since losing Jason Williams to Miami.

25. Cleveland

Mardy Collins — 6'6", 225 lbs.

Temple  
 Point Guard/Shooting Guard

The Scoop: Cleveland is still looking for a point guard that can make the life of LeBron James easier. A scorer like Collins, who possesses the height the bulky smaller guards, should do the trick.

26. LA Lakers

P.J. Tucker — 6'5", 220 lbs.

Texas  
 Shooting Guard/ Small Forward

The Scoop: Tucker should help the Lakers improve their defensive intensity as well as get those much needed offensive boards that cost them the Suns series.

27. Phoenix

Joel Freeland — 7'0", 225 lbs.

England  
 Power Forward

The Scoop: Another big man is what the Suns will go after. They have no idea what will happen with the fragile Amare Stoudemire.

28. Dallas

Maurice Ager — 6'4", 200 lbs.

Michigan State  
 Shooting Guard

The Scoop: Although he probably won't play much on the deepest team in the NBA, Ager fits the offense perfectly with his sweet stroke and high flying antics.

29. New York

James White — 6'7", 200 lbs.

Cincinnati  
 Shooting Guard

The Scoop: This high flyer will fit right into the team that has no identity and has multiple players out of position.

30. Portland

Thabo Sefolosha — 6'6", 213 lbs.

Switzerland  
 Shooting Guard

The Scoop: This poor guy will go from the most beautiful country in the world to the world's second biggest mess (after the Knicks). His athleticism and court vision should help this dysfunctional team.

## Faces in the crowd

1 Andrea Bargnani



Currently plays for Benetton in Treviso, Italy, and is averaging 12.1 PPG.

3 Adam Morrison



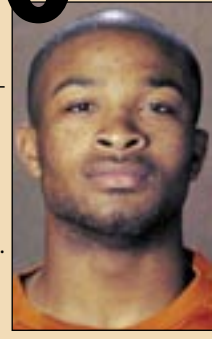
Gonzaga star often played with his heart on his sleeve.

8 J.J. Redick



Despite an injury and a DWI arrest, this sure-shot remains a top prospect.

26 P.J. Tucker



One of five Texas-exes in the draft, his place in the NBA is uncertain.

## WORLD BRIEFLY

### Sunni group agrees with prime minister's proposal

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A large Sunni Arab group endorsed the Shiite prime minister's national reconciliation plan Tuesday, and his deputy met secretly with exiled Sunni leaders in Jordan to try to win their support and quell the insurgency. In a boost for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's reconciliation proposal, prominent cleric Ahmed Abdul Ghafour al-Samaraiie offered the support of his Sunni Endowment, the state agency responsible for Sunni mosques and shrines.

But he urged the government to give details of the plan and said it should include disbanding armed militias, as well as releasing all prisoners who have not been convicted.

Minority Sunnis have accused Shiite-led militias of random detention and torture.

### U.N. estimates violence

#### displaced 1.3 million in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS — Some 150,000 Iraqis have been displaced in a surge of sectarian violence sparked by the bombing of a Shiite shrine four months ago, the United Nations said Tuesday.

The U.N. office in Baghdad said it now estimates that 1.3 million people are displaced in Iraq, about 5 percent of the population of 25 million.

Unrest and violence following the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime have also fueled the refugee crisis, with Shiites and Sunnis fleeing their mixed neighborhoods after receiving threats from rival groups seeking to stoke sectarian tension in the country.

### Discovery may help scientists understand pre-Columbian era

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A grouping of granite blocks along an Amazon hilltop may be the vestiges of a centuries-old astronomical observatory, a find archaeologists say indicates early rainforest inhabitants were more sophisticated than previously believed.

The 127 blocks, some as high as 9 feet tall, are spaced at regular intervals around the hill, like a crown 100 feet in diameter.

Scientists not involved in the discovery said it could prove valuable to understanding pre-Columbian societies.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

# Israel begins strike on Gaza

*Israel say only return of captured soldier will end attack on militants*

By Steven Gutkin  
Associated Press Writer  
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli tanks and troops entered southern Gaza and planes attacked three bridges and knocked out electricity to the coastal strip early Wednesday, stepping up the pressure on Palestinian militants holding captive a 19-year-old Israeli soldier.

The soldiers and tanks began taking up positions in two locations about a mile east of the Gaza town of Rafah under the cover of tank shells, according to witnesses and Palestinian security officials. Palestinians dug in behind walls and sand embankments, bracing for a major Israeli offensive.

No casualties were reported in any of the attacks, marked by the first Israeli ground offensive in Gaza since it pulled out of the territory last summer, tearing down all 21 Jewish settlements.

The Israeli strikes came amid intensive diplomatic efforts in the Arab world and by the United Nations. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged Israel to "give diplomacy a chance." Trying to defuse building tensions, negotiators from the ruling Hamas movement said Tuesday they had accepted a document implicitly recognizing Israel. But two Syrian-based Hamas leaders denied a final deal had been reached. Israel said only freedom for the captive soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit, could defuse the crisis, not a political agreement.

The Israeli military said in a statement that the object of the attacks on the bridges late Tuesday and early Wednesday was "to impair the ability of the terrorists to transfer the kidnapped soldier." Knocking down the bridges would cut Gaza in two, Palestinian security officials said.

Early Wednesday, Israeli planes fired at least five missiles at Gaza's only power station, cutting electricity to much of the Gaza Strip, Palestinian security officials said.

Israeli military officials said Prime Minister Ehud Olmert



Oded Balilty | Associated Press

Israeli soldiers operate armored vehicles in a field at a gathering point near Kibbutz Mefalsim, southern Israel, just outside the Gaza Strip, Tuesday. With troops poised to invade Gaza, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday ruled out bargaining with the captors of an Israeli soldier and promised a "broad and ongoing" military offensive. But large-scale army action appeared unlikely. Officials said they were pursuing a diplomatic solution and conceded that a broad attack would threaten the life of the 19-year-old hostage captured Sunday.

approved a "limited operation" for southern Gaza, aimed at "terrorist infrastructure." The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

Palestinian security forces said

**"Once again, we can all recite from memory now: recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce terror and abide by all past agreements. Those are the preconditions."**

Tony Snow,  
White House press secretary

Israeli tanks were on the move near the Israeli village of Nahal Oz, a main Israeli staging area just outside Gaza, but that they had not yet entered the territory. An Associated Press reporter saw tanks moving on the Israeli side of the border.

In the Shajaiyeh neighborhood of Gaza City, not far from the fence, armed militants took up positions across from the blaring headlights of Israeli vehicles, and

Israeli attack helicopters hovered overhead. The roar of Israeli fighter planes reverberated throughout Gaza City.

The militants told residents to leave the area. They piled gasoline-soaked tires in the streets. Earlier, bulldozers blocked some of the main roads with piles of dirt to try to slow down Israeli tanks.

There were no reports of casualties in any of the Israeli strikes.

Palestinian TV showed pictures of the first bridge hit, with fallen concrete blocks, twisted metal and protruding water pipes.

Shalit's abduction Sunday by Hamas' military wing and two other Hamas-linked groups has threatened to turn already devastated relations between Israel and the Hamas-led government into an all-out war. Hamas took over the Palestinian Authority after winning parliamentary elections in January and has been under international pressure to renounce violence and recognize Israel.

White House press secretary Tony Snow said he had only seen media accounts of the Hamas-Fatah accord, but reiterated that Hamas had to meet three condi-

tions before a crippling aid boycott could be lifted.

"Once again, we can all recite from memory now: recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce terror and abide by all past agreements. Those are the preconditions," Snow said in Washington.

Complicating matters was a new claim by the Hamas-linked Popular Resistance Committees, one of the three groups that carried out Sunday's assault, that it had also kidnapped a Jewish settler.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the report was being taken "very seriously," and military officials said there were "rising fears" the claim was true.

The fate of the abducted soldier has riveted Israelis, with Shalit's face plastered on newspapers and callers to talk shows praying for his safety.

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, Noam Shalit begged the captors of his wounded son's to provide medical care and asked "to hear his voice and to see his face."

Associated Press writer Salah Nasrawi in Cairo contributed to this report.

## NATION BRIEFLY

### Flag-burning ban fails

#### in close Senate vote

WASHINGTON — A constitutional amendment to ban flag desecration died in a Senate cliffhanger Tuesday, a single vote short of the support needed to send it to the states for ratification and four months before voters elect a new Congress.

The 66-34 tally in favor of the amendment was one less than the two-thirds required. The House surpassed that threshold last year, 286-130.

Senate supporters said the flag amounts to a national monument in cloth that represents freedom and the sacrifice of American troops.

Opponents said the amendment would violate the First Amendment right to free speech. And some Democrats complained that majority Republicans were exploiting people's patriotism for political advantage in the midterm elections.

### Hospitalizations may lead to depression, study says

DALLAS — As many as half of all people hospitalized for surgery or other procedures to treat blocked heart arteries develop depression, according to a report in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Doctors believe the depression is brought on by the mental stress of facing serious illness, or perhaps by microscopic damage done to the brain by the surgery itself. For some patients, the depression is a new thing. For others, it may have been present beforehand.

Depression is present in one-in-five people with coronary heart disease and in one-in-three with heart failure, far more than the one-in-20 in the general population who have it, wrote Dr. Mary Whooley, who wrote the JAMA report.

### New Orleans may use ships as barrier against flooding

NEW ORLEANS — Marine scientists and Louisiana officials are floating the idea of sinking some of Uncle Sam's cast-off ships along the water's edge to create a steel barrier against hurricane flooding.

The barrier would be made up of aging and obsolete tankers, research vessels and cargo ships.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

# Surgeon general declares secondhand smoke 'serious health hazard'

*Study concludes any amount of inhalation may harm non-smokers*

By Lauran Neergaard  
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Breathing any amount of someone else's tobacco smoke harms nonsmokers, the surgeon general declared Tuesday, a strong condemnation of secondhand smoke that is sure to fuel nationwide efforts to ban smoking in public.

"The debate is over. The science is clear: Secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but a serious health hazard," said U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona.

More than 126 million non-smoking Americans are regularly exposed to smokers' fumes, what Carmona termed "involuntary smoking," and tens of thousands die each year as a result, concludes

the 670-page study. It cites "overwhelming scientific evidence" that secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer and a list of other illnesses.

The report calls for completely smoke-free buildings and public places, saying that separate smoking sections and ventilation systems don't fully protect nonsmokers. Seventeen states and more than 400 towns, cities and counties have passed strong no-smoking laws.

But public smoking bans don't reach inside private homes, where just more than one in five children breathes their parents' smoke, and youngsters' still-developing bodies are especially vulnerable. Secondhand smoke puts children at risk of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, as well as bronchitis, pneumonia, worsening asthma attacks, poor lung growth and ear infections, the report found.

Carmona implored parents who can't kick the habit to smoke out-

doors, never in a house or car with a child. Opening a window to let the smoke out won't protect them.

"Stay away from smokers," he urged everyone else.

Even a few minutes around drifting smoke is enough to spark an asthma attack, make blood more prone to clot, damage heart arteries and begin the kind of cell damage that over time can lead to cancer, he said.

Repeatedly questioned about how the Bush administration would implement his findings, Carmona would only pledge to publicize the report in hopes of encouraging anti-smoking advocacy. Passing anti-smoking laws is up to Congress and state and local governments, he said.

"My job is to make sure we keep a light on this thing," he said.

Still, public health advocates said the report should accelerate an already growing movement toward more smoke-free workplaces.

"This could be the most influential surgeon general's report in 15 years," said Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "The message to governments is: The only way to protect your citizens is comprehensive smoke-free laws."

The report won't surprise doctors. It isn't a new study but a compilation of the best research on secondhand smoke done since the last surgeon general's report on the topic in 1986, which declared secondhand smoke a cause of lung cancer that kills 3,000 nonsmokers a year.

Since then, scientists have proved that even more illnesses are triggered or worsened by secondhand smoke. Topping that list: More than 35,000 nonsmokers a year die from heart disease caused by secondhand smoke.

Regular exposure to someone else's smoke increases the risk of a nonsmoker getting heart disease

or lung cancer by up to 30 percent, Carmona found.

Some tobacco companies acknowledge the risks. But R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which has fought some of the smoking bans, challenges the new report's call for complete smoke-free zones and insists the danger is overblown.

"Bottom line, we believe adults should be able to patronize establishments that permit smoking if they choose to do so," said RJR spokesman David Howard.

And a key argument of some business owners' legal challenges to smoking bans is that smoking customers will go elsewhere, cutting their profits.

But the surgeon general's report concludes that's not true. It cites a list of studies that found no negative economic impact from city and state smoking bans—including evidence that New York City restaurants and bars increased business

by almost 9 percent after going smoke-free.

To help make the point, Carmona's office videotaped mayors of smoke-free cities and executives of smoke-free companies saying business got better when the haze cleared.

In addition to the scientific report, Carmona issued advice for consumers and employers Tuesday:

- Choose smoke-free restaurants and other businesses, and thank them for going smoke-free.

- Don't let anyone smoke near your child. Don't take your child to restaurants or other indoor places that allow smoking.

- Smokers should never smoke around a sick relative.

- Employers should make all indoor workspace smoke-free and not allow smoking near entrances, to protect the health of both customers and workers, and offer programs to help employees kick the habit.

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Name: Capstone c/o University