

Contreras' family gets out of Cuba

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Jose **Contreras** reunited with his wife and two daughters Tuesday night, one day after his **family** defected from **Cuba** and nearly 21 months after the Yankees pitcher escaped the island nation.

Contreras traveled to Florida from Baltimore to meet his wife Miriam and daughters Naylan, 11, and Naylenis, 3.

"My dream was to pitch for the Yankees in a World Series. Now that my **family** is here, I'm complete," **Contreras** said through Yankees interpreter Leo Astacio during a news conference outside a Miami Beach hotel.

Compiled from Wire Reports

Contreras was reunited with his **family** shortly before 11 p.m. on the way from Miami International Airport to the hotel, according to his agent, Jaime Torres.

Contreras left the airport in a limousine, then talked by cell phone with his **family**, which had **gotten** delayed in traffic. About a mile outside the airport, **Contreras** met his **family**, which transferred to his vehicle with Torres, the agent said.

"I thought I would never see him again," Miriam **Contreras** said at the news conference.

TOP PICK MAY FACE FELONY: Suspended top draft pick Matt Bush is accused of biting one of the bouncers who tried to escort the Padres prospect **out** of a Peoria, Ariz., bar, police said.

After his arrest early Sunday, Bush, 18, was suspended indefinitely by the team. The Padres gave the shortstop a \$3.15-million signing bonus after picking him first **out** of a San Diego high school June 7.

Bush was arrested for investigation of felony assault and faces misdemeanor charges of trespass and disorderly conduct. Bush also was cited for underage drinking, said Jay Davies, a spokesman for the Peoria Police Department.

ALL-STAR VOTING: Rangers second baseman Alfonso Soriano leads Angels rightfielder Vladimir Guerrero as the most popular AL choice among in fan voting for the July 13 game in Houston.

MARLINS: Right-hander Josh Beckett had his start bumped to Saturday against the Devil Rays, giving him three extra days of rest to recover from a strained back muscle.

ORIOLES: Right-hander Rodrigo Lopez is back in the starting rotation, replacing left-hander Eric DuBose, who awaits surgery on a sore pitching elbow. Lopez started the season in the bullpen, moved to the rotation May 20, struggled and wound up back in relief last week.

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PHILLIES: Right-hander Vicente Padilla will be out at least two more weeks because of an elbow injury. An MRI exam revealed Padilla has a bone bruise on his pitching elbow where the triceps attaches to the bone.

RED SOX: Right-handed reliever Curtis Leskanic, released last week by the Royals, signed for the rest of the season. Former Devil Rays left-hander Mark Malaska was demoted to Triple-A Pawtucket to make room.

TIGERS: Shortstop Carlos Guillen, in the midst of a career season in his first year with Detroit, agreed on a \$14-million, three-year extension through 2007.

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Graphic

PHOTO, Associated Press; PHOTO, Getty Images - DARREN McCOLLESTER; The Braves' J.D. Drew runs into Marlins catcher Mike Redmond's leg while scoring on Johnny Estrada's two-run single in the first inning.; Twins rightfielder Jacque Jones leans over the fence to rob Trot Nixon of a homer in the fourth.

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