

Council to mull oversight role

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Discussion concerning a possible increase in oversight by the city over Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. once again tops the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as city leaders take up the subject after a half-hearted attempt two weeks ago.

The topic, which was tabled during the council's March 13 meeting because approximately half the council was absent, stems from the corporation's

involvement in the renovation of the historic Settles Hotel.

Council members Manuel Ramirez Jr., Stephanie Horton and Joann Knox were not present for that meeting, basically cutting the number of council members in half.

"Councilwoman (JoAnn) Staulcup asked that we look at Moore Board and its expenditures and see if we should be more actively involved in that particular issue," said Mayor Russ McEwen. "Our city attorney is looking at that very thing and we just need to have a more firm position on what

we can and cannot do, and what we must and must not do."

Moore Development directors voted unanimously Dec. 8 to provide up to \$3 million to help Brint Ryan — manager, founder and CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city.

According to city officials, Ryan has not yet fulfilled the contract by paying the \$75,000 agreed upon, despite initial reports the tab would be paid by the end of December.

Settles Hotel Development

Corp. announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project which includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Discussions during the February meeting were limited, however, as City Attorney Linda Sjogren asked the council for more time to get her information on what the council can and cannot do in relation to the economic development firm.

Moore Board President Larry McLellan said putting limita-

tions on the body will only defeat the system of checks and balances already in place.

"The council has a say in the members on the Moore Board, and the makeup of the board changes annually, so it's not a lifetime thing," said McLellan. "If the Moore Board is going to function to create economic development, I think that's what the board should do. The council approves our budget and our minutes, and I feel like that's working out really well."

"However, if it ever got to the

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Fund raising whiz kid

Wigington raises more than \$1,400 for St. Jude's

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Caleb Wigington is pretty good at math. At fundraising, he's a 6-year-old force of nature.

Caleb combined his favorite subject — math — with a good cause — raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital — to raise more than \$1,400 during Kentwood Elementary's recent Math-A-Thon fundraiser.

When Kentwood students conduct fundraisers, the usual take is around \$300. In really good years, they'll collect about \$700.

Caleb doubled that all by his lonesome.

"We've never raised more than \$700 altogether on any fundraiser, and Caleb just doubled that," Kentwood Principal Karen Saunders said. "That's just outstanding."

Students raised money for St. Jude's by securing pledges based on how many math problems they solved. For example, a donor could pledge 25 cents for every correctly solved problem.

Caleb, a student in Glenda Hendrickson's



Kentwood Elementary first grader Caleb Wiginton, center, recently raised \$1,400 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital during the school's Math-A-Thon fundraiser. Also shown are Kentwood Principal Karen Saunders, left, and Kentwood PTA official Lisa Dimidjian.

first grade class at Kentwood, didn't only raise a lot of money, he did it quickly. Students had about two weeks to

line up donors before the Math-A-Thon began March 13.

Caleb won more than just a sense of satisfac-

tion for his efforts., collecting a digital camera, back pack, T-shirt and a pass to Six Flags Over Texas as rewards.

"I liked doing it, because I like math," Caleb said. "Mom (Amanda Gillespie) helped a lot."

Robbery suspect arrested

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is currently in the Big Spring City Jail after a allegedly committing a string of aggravated robberies late Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Jose Alfredo Jimenez, 46, of 3910 E. Highway 350, was arrested Saturday and charged with five counts of aggravated robbery, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer and theft.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the rash of armed robberies began 11:30 p.m. Friday night.

"At each location, the subject entered the business requesting the clerk make change for them," said Everett. "Once the register was open, the subject produced a knife and grabbed the money from the register."

Everett said five different locations were hit, including the Travelcenters of America Truck Stop at 704 W. Interstate Highway 20, Friday at 11:30 p.m.; the 7-Eleven Convenience

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ONE ACT PERFORMANCE

The Big Spring High School One Act Team will perform its only community performance Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Four district performances to immediately follow the BSHS performance.

The local team will be performing "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by Tom Stoppard.

Also performing during Tuesday's competition are teams from San Angelo Lake View, Plainview, Frenship and Lubbock Estacado.

Admission to the competition is free.

For more information concerning the contest, contact Big Spring High School at 264-3641.

EDUCATION BRAINSTORM

Trustees and other officials from Howard College, Big Spring Independent School, Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD will hold a rare joint meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Student Union Building Cactus Room on the HC campus.

Trustees will discuss matters of joint concern in a setting that's more social than normal.

Among the topics are higher education opportunities offered through Howard College, including distance learning courses sanctioned by Lubbock Christian University and University of Texas-Permian Basin.

Also: future plans and goals.

MOORE DEVELOPMENT

Settles Hotel Development Company CEO Brint Ryan is expected to be at the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board meeting at 5:15 p.m. today.

The board convenes in the Chamber meeting room, 215 W. Third Street. Last year, SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project which includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. Moore Development agreed to provide up to \$3 million to help the company, which agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring. However, that payment has yet to be fulfilled.



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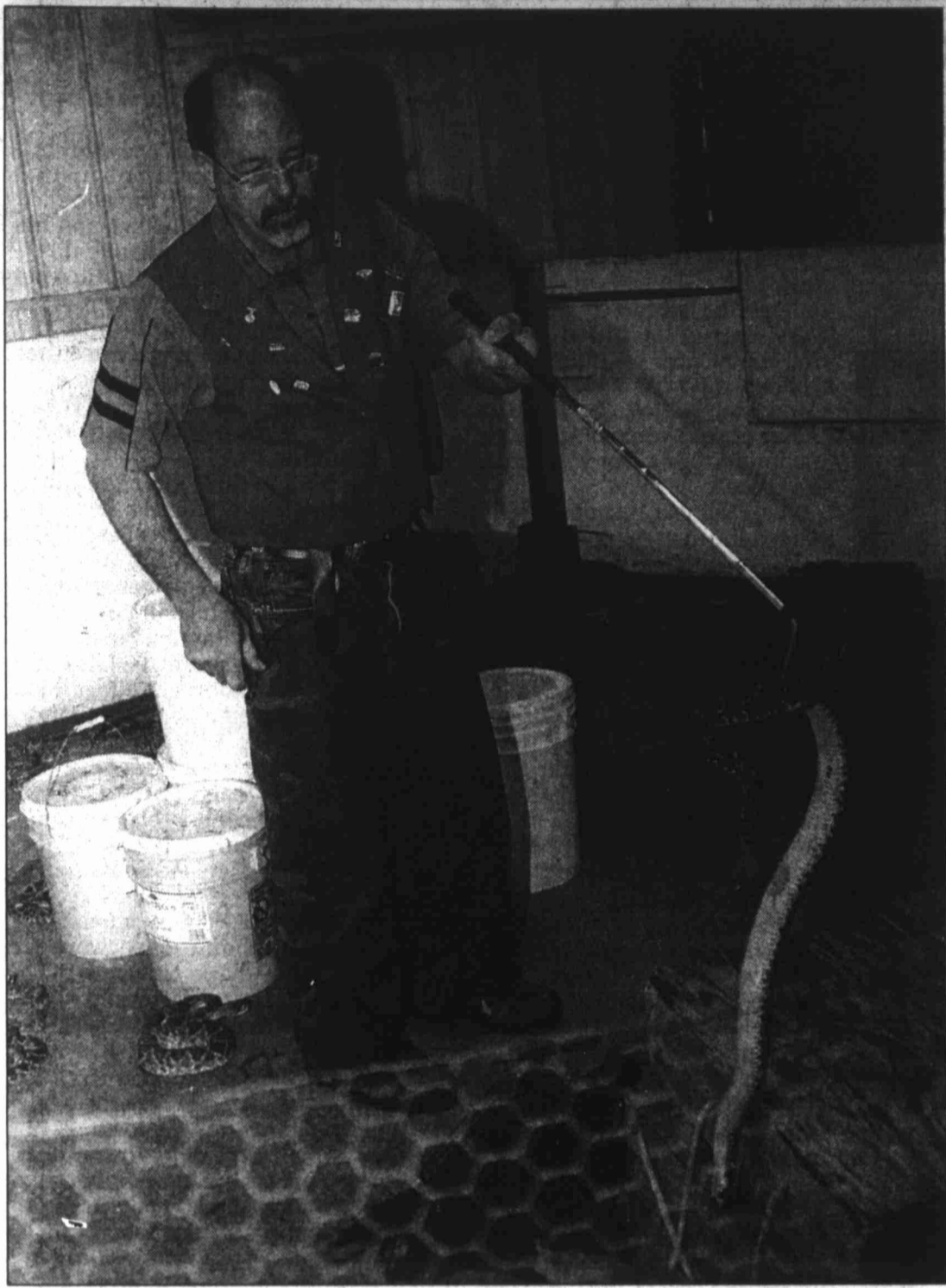
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Dennis Burns of the local AMBUCS displays a snake during the 44th Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday morning at the Howard County fairbarns. This marked the 15th year Burns, a locksmith the rest of the year, has assumed snake-handling duties at the roundup.

Local locksmith very wary snake handler

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For most of us, there's no reason good enough to make us walk into a pen full of rattlesnakes.

And, to be fair, Dennis Burns can think of only one good reason why he keeps doing it, year after year.

Burns is a locksmith most of the year, but when the Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup rolls around, he assumes another job title, that of snake handler.

This year's roundup, which concluded Sunday at the Howard County fairbarns, marked the 15th year Burns has strapped on protective gear and willingly walked into the snake pen, while onlookers probably either admire his calm professionalism or wonder about his sanity.

Even he admits spending time with poisonous snakes can be hazardous to one's health.

"It can be a dangerous situation," he said, "because if you stumble and fall, you are in trouble."

So why would someone, of his own volition, volunteer to do such a thing.

The local American Business Club, which sponsors the event, uses

"If you come across a rattler in the wild, slow movements are important," he said. "If you stand still and determine where it is, you can slowly back away from it..."

"You can't outrun it. They bite in one-tenth of a second. If you just let the snake calm down first, you can get away from it."

money raised from the roundup to purchase specially designed tricycles for disabled children

"There's only one reason I do this," Burns said. "It's to help kids."

In 15 years, Burns said he has learned one important lesson when keeping company with poisonous snakes — slow and steady is the key.

"If you come across a rattler in the wild, slow movements are important," he said. "If you stand still and determine where it is, you can slowly back away from it."

Don't even think about running, he quickly added.

"You can't outrun it," he noted. "They bite in

one-tenth of a second. If you just let the snake calm down first, you can get away from it."

As of midday Saturday, hunters had brought in about 2,000 pounds of snakes, an average amount for this event, Burns said.

The animals are sold to variety of concerns, Burns said, and most are "milked" for their venom, which is used to develop vaccines and heart and stroke medications.

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point the council actually had to be a part of every decision process, I think we're going to muddy the water so much the corporation won't be effective," he added. "What good does it do to go to the Moore Board and get its blessings when it won't mean anything because it still has to go before the city council?"

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to discuss:

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease agreement with Abusaab Companies.
- First reading of an

ordinance annexing a 4.82 acre tract of land out of the S/2 of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, into the city limits.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Rick Boiles as Moss Lake Caretaker.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the fire chief to execute education agreements with firefighter and emergency medical technician recruits, requiring reimbursement for tuition, fees and costs by recruits if their employment terminates within one year of completion of training and containing a non-competition agreement.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a letter of engagement with Texas Trails Education and Motorized Management for consultant services and the creation of the Moss Creek Lake motorized recreational trail.

• Emergency reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 9 of the City Code entitled "Prison Guards," "Qualifications," "Powers" and several others.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an addendum to the election services contract with the Howard County Elections Administrator, previously authorized by the council.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the

city manager to execute a letter of engagement with Texas Trails Education and Motorized Management for consultant services and the creation of the Moss Creek Lake motorized recreational trail.

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Matilda M. Garcia, 84, died Friday. Services will be held later this week in Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Fred Cole, 63, died Saturday. Services are pending.

Elaine Cox Armstrong, 83, died Friday. Services are pending.

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Store at 2310 Wasson Road, Saturday at 1:04 a.m.; the 7-Eleven Convenience Store at 401 S. Birdwell Lane, Saturday at 3:50 a.m.; Star Stop Convenience Store located at 800 Interstate Highway 20, Saturday at 6:30 a.m.; and the Dollar General located at 2602 S. Gregg Street, Saturday at 1:06 p.m.

"Officers learned the suspect's identity from a witness through a photo line-up," said Everett. "An attempt to locate was then issued. Investigating officers were able to obtain an arrest warrant for the suspect at that time.

"Officers began contacting local businesses, advising them of the robberies occurring within the city. At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, officers received information that the suspect was driving a blue Chevrolet step-side pickup. At 3:33 p.m., an officer with the BSPD observed a vehicle matching the description traveling west on W.

Third Street. The officer said the driver matched the description of the suspect, as well."

Everett said the officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but was ignored by the driver for several blocks.

"The driver refused to stop, and a short pursuit followed, said Everett. "The subject pulled the vehicle over in the 200 block of N. Scurry. He immediately exited the vehicle and brandished a knife with a seven-inch blade toward the officers.

An officer utilized a Taser on the subject, who was subdued after a short struggle. A female subject was a passenger in the truck with the suspect and was detained for questioning.

"Jimenez is currently being held in the city jail and bond has not yet been set. More charges may be filed at a later time."

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Causes, triggers and treatments for irritable bowel syndrome

Did you know that irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) affects more than 40 million Americans, 70 percent of whom are women?

Symptoms of the disorder include abdominal pain, bloating, constipation and diarrhea, which can affect a person's physical and mental well-being. Most people can control their symptoms with diet, stress management and prescribed medications. For some people, however, IBS can be disabling. They may be unable to work, attend social events or even travel short distances. Therefore, knowing the causes, triggers and treatment options for IBS may alleviate discomfort for many sufferers.



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To date, there is no known cause for this disorder. However, some researchers believe it is caused by changes in the nerves that control muscle contractions in the colon. Others believe the central nervous system may affect the colon. And because women are two to three times more likely as men to have IBS, researchers believe an increase in hormonal changes plays a significant role.

There are several triggers for IBS, which include:

- **Food** — Many people find their symptoms worsen when they eat certain foods. Processed, fattening and greasy foods, as well as chocolate, dairy and alcohol may cause constipation or diarrhea. Foods high in soluble fiber, such as oatmeal, soy products, carrots, avocados, bananas and rice cereals, may be the better option.
- **Stress** — Some people find their IBS

symptoms to inflame when there is a change in a daily routine or an argument with another person. While stress may aggravate the colon, it is not a cause of IBS.

• **Medication** — Others find prolonged use of antibiotics, antidepressants or medications contain sorbitol, such as cough syrup, may trigger IBS.

Because the causes of irritable bowel syndrome are unknown, treatment options focus on the relief of symptoms so that a person can participate in daily activities. Typically, people suffering from IBS can successfully manage mild symptoms by learning the proper diet and managing stress. However, if a person's IBS problems are moderate to severe, a physician may suggest the following over-the-counter alternatives:

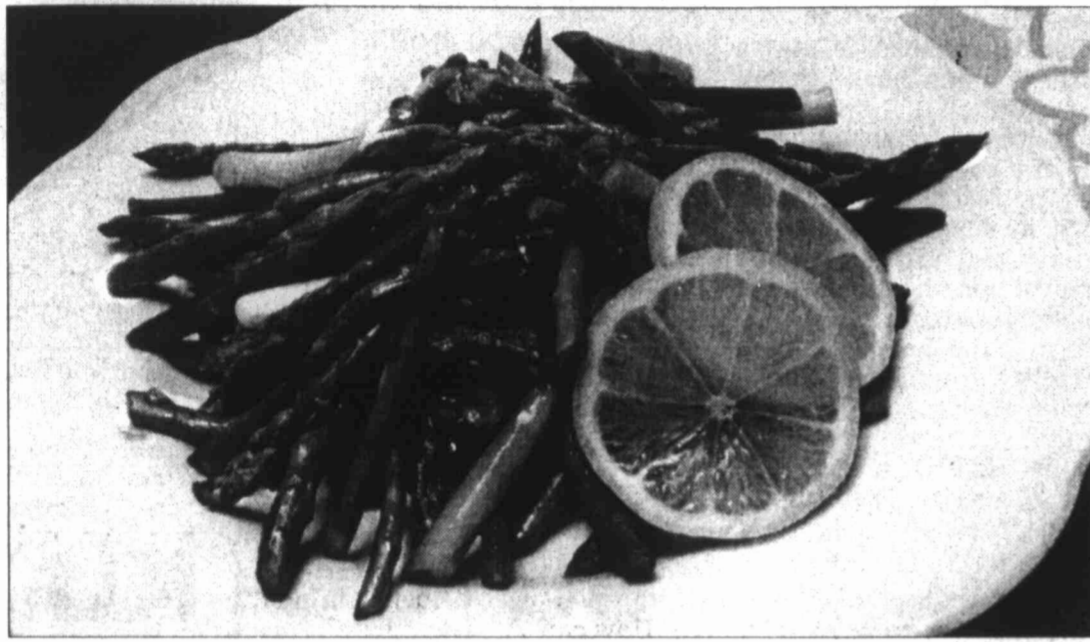
- Taking fiber supplements such as Metamucil or Benefiber on a daily basis may help loosen stool in the colon and

relieve constipation.

- Over-the-counter anti-diarrheal medications such as Imodium, may help thicken stool and control diarrhea.
 - A physician may also recommend prescription-based medications.
- Choosing a healthy diet plan and managing stress are the first steps in controlling irritable bowel syndrome. However, if symptoms continue, consult your physician about alternative medications for IBS.

Sources:
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Spring has sprung

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By the end of March, the first signs of spring are visible in most markets — shad roe, artichokes and asparagus spears. It is time to change gears in the kitchen and think about salad instead of hearty soups, and fresh vegetables in lieu of frozen. Asparagus is one of spring's greatest offerings. It is delicious, low-calorie and healthful, especially in vitamins A, B and C.

First enjoyed by the ancient Greeks, asparagus continues to be among the most popular green vegetables around. Beautiful and easy to prepare, it seems almost too good to be true that it's also good for you and versatile. As an appetizer, a first course, soup, or a vegetable dish alongside an entrée — asparagus is wonderful in all its incarnations.

Choose firm, smooth, bright green stalks with tight tips and be sure to eat them soon after purchase. The fresher, the better. Be sure to rinse the tips well as they are grown in sandy soil. Before cooking, trim spears to remove the woody, inedible part at the ends: Just bend each stalk until it breaks, usually at the point where the tough part begins.

The recipe below can be used for a first course or as an accompaniment to a light spring dinner. For a more elegant salad, you could add walnuts, sliced

oranges and crumbled goat cheese.

Asparagus Salad with Lemon-Soy Sauce

- 1 1/4 lbs. thin asparagus stalks, cut diagonally into 1 1/2-inch lengths
- 8 whole scallions, trimmed to include a little green
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1/4 tsp. fresh ginger, minced
- 5 scallions, trimmed to include a little green, minced and divided in 2 batches
- 1/2 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
- 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. lemon juice, or to taste

Steam asparagus and the whole scallions in a steam basket over boiling water (or in the microwave, with a small amount of water) until crisp-tender, about 5 min-

utes. Rinse under running cold water to stop the cooking and set color. Drain and cool.

To make the dressing, heat oil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Add ginger and stir until it begins to color. Add half the minced scallions and cook a few seconds. Add broth, vinegar, soy sauce and sugar. Set aside.

Just before serving, place the remaining minced scallions in a large bowl. Add steamed asparagus and scallions. Bring the dressing to a boil over medium-high heat. Let boil 30 seconds. Gradually stir in pepper and lemon juice, tasting, to achieve an appealing tart and peppery flavor. Toss the vegetables with the dressing.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 97 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 134 mg. sodium.

VA pathology lab receives accreditation

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West Texas VA Health Care System Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." West Texas VA Health Care System Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service is one of more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's

own inspection program.

During the accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. Inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest stan-

dard of care for the laboratory's patients.

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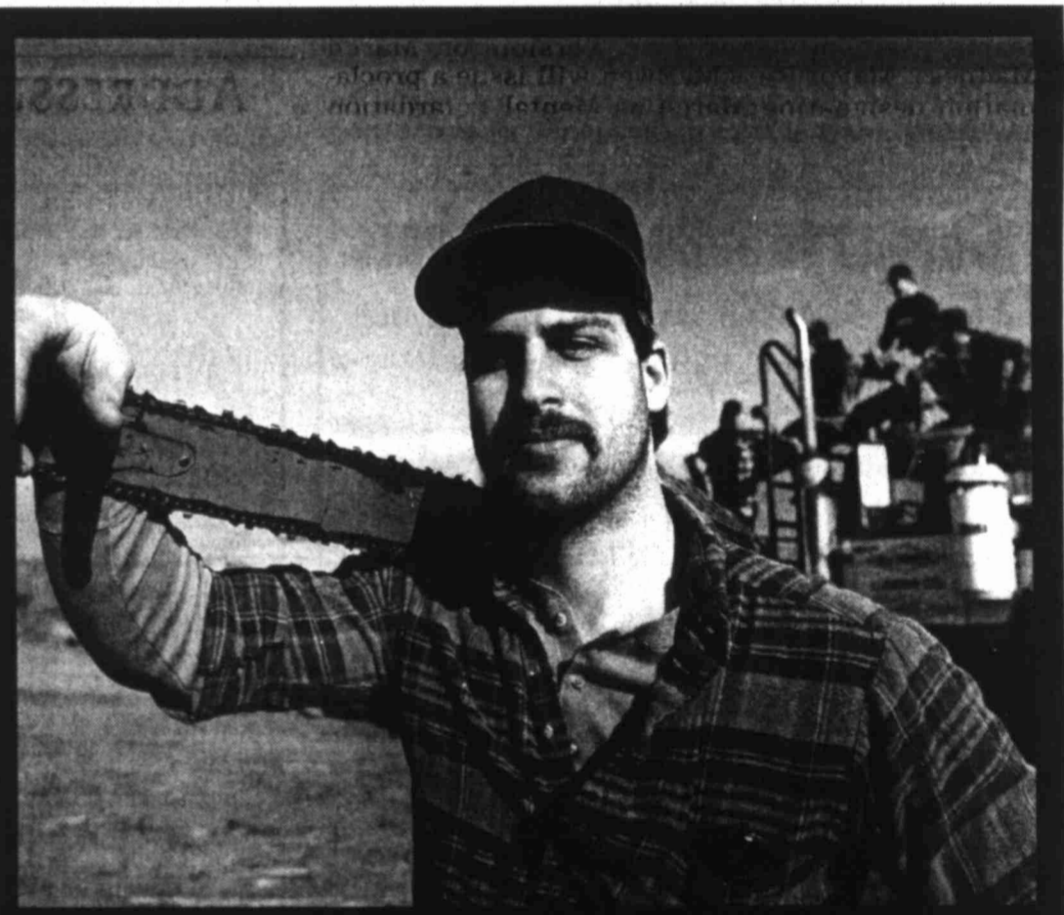
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Neighbors recall odor from apartment where student's body was burned

HOUSTON (AP) — The acrid aroma billowing from the two barbecue grills on the balcony of Apartment 224 didn't smell like barbecue. And the black smoke rising from the leaping flames didn't look like a normal cookout.

What, neighbors at the Red Oak Place apartments wondered, was going on in the second floor apartment where 27-year-old Timothy Wayne Shepherd lived? What was he burning at all hours, for at least two days?

The answer turned their stomachs.

According to law enforcement officials, Shepherd had been burning the body of his former girlfriend, Tynesha Stewart, a 19-year-old Texas A&M University student. Nothing remains of Stewart's body, Harris County Sheriff Tommy Thomas said at a press conference Saturday.

"I just don't know what to think about it," said Louis Evans, whose balcony faces Shepherd's in the quiet tree-lined enclave in northern Houston. "I thought he was a nice normal person. I guess you never know what your neighbors are doing."

Police test DNA of baby found in Mexico to see if child is missing Dallas infant

DALLAS (AP) — A DNA test could show whether an abandoned infant found last month in a Mexican border town is a Dallas girl who disappeared with her mother, authorities said.

Police said the baby was discovered in Matamoros, Mexico, on Feb. 25, the day after 8-month-old Dafne Morales and her mother Norma Morales, 33, were last seen in Dallas.

Norma Morales left behind most of her belongings, including her car, leading investigators to believe the woman and her baby may have been the victims of foul play, police said. No suspects have been named.

Two Dallas detectives traveled to Matamoros, across the Rio Grande from the Texas city of Brownsville, after a friend of Norma Morales reported the possible connection.

Sheila Mendoza said she saw the abandoned baby's picture while reading Mexican news online a few weeks after the two vanished.

Couple recovered alive after falling from cruise ship in Gulf of Mexico

GALVESTON (AP) — A man and woman fell overboard from a cruise ship in the Gulf of Mexico early Sunday, but both were rescued after a four-hour search and appeared to be in good condition, a cruise line spokeswoman said.

The 22-year-old man and 20-year-old woman fell 50 to 60 feet from a cabin balcony, said Julie Benson, spokeswoman for Princess Cruises.

Both were on board Sunday afternoon and being evaluated at the ship's medical center. They sustained minor injuries, Benson said.

The cruise line did not know how the couple fell overboard, although it appears to have been an acci-

dent, Benson said. The ship, Princess Cruise's Grand Princess, was about 150 miles off the coast of Galveston, Texas, at the time.

Beaumont bookstore to reopen 18 months after Hurricane Rita

BEAUMONT (AP) — Eighteen months after Hurricane Rita destroyed his bookstore, Adekunle Odusanwo said the lessons of rebuilding breathed new life into his business.

An expanded Nu World of Books is set to reopen with the help of a small business loan and the lessons Odusanwo picked up from the odd jobs he's worked in the meantime, he said.

The business's insurance had lapsed when the September 2005 hurricane ruined the store and its contents.

"I wouldn't have known how the community embraced Nu World of Books if I didn't experience the destruction of the old bookstore," Odusanwo said.

Odusanwo is one of 356 business owners in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange counties to receive loans totaling more than \$97 million, according to a regional office of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Weldon Gibson, a consultant with the Lamar University Small Business Development Center, said it's hard to rebuild a small business, especially if it was uninsured or underinsured.

"I think being uninsured and underinsured hurt a lot of people, and a lot of them didn't have current financial statements," Gibson said.

Odusanwo stayed afloat with jobs in construction, at a home furnishing store and at a copy shop.

The jobs taught him some practical lessons, he said. At the home furnishing store, he developed an appreciation for lighting, store layout and efficient records management. Working construction, he learned the value of individual steps toward progress.

Odusanwo said the federal loan has enabled him to enhance the store, which caters to the black community, with free wireless Internet access, a beverage bar and more merchandise.

"I always wanted to do it, I just didn't have the space. Once I secured the capital ... I decided to fulfill the vision I wanted Nu World to be," he said.

Army medic from Benbrook reportedly killed in Iraq by blast

BENBROOK (AP) — Spc. Lance C. Springer II joined the Army thinking he would use his training as a mechanic.

But the Army had a different mission for him as a combat medic.

"He actually liked that better. He would be going with the guys out on the front lines," said Springer's father, Lance Springer. "That was his ministry."

The younger Springer was killed in Baghdad on Friday when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit during a patrol, the military said Sunday.

The 23-year-old from Benbrook was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

A Boy Scout, member of the Church of God and saxophone player in the marching band, Springer always

dreamed of being a soldier, his father said. He signed up for the military about 2 1/2 years ago, after graduating from Western Hills High School and attending Tarrant County College for his mechanic's training.

"He knew when he joined that there was a good chance he was going to Iraq or Afghanistan," his father said.

After being deployed to Iraq five months ago, Springer was assigned to patrols and missions that led to the capture of insurgents. He also told his family about having to fire his weapon several times during combat, his father said.

But his son also carried candy and coloring books to hand out to children in Iraq, he added.

"He believed in what he was doing and he felt like we needed to be over there, until the Iraqi army got better," his father said.

When he was back home, Springer loved to pass the time playing video games and going off road riding in his Jeep.

Aside from his father, Springer is survived by a brother, sister and mother.

At least 19 Texas service members have died in Iraq in 2007, and at least 280 have died since the war began in March 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Convicted auto thief missing from prison, creating search around Sugar Land facility

SUGAR LAND (AP) — A convicted car thief serving a 25-year prison sentence at the Central Unit state prison has apparently escaped from the Sugar Land lockup.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said David Shane Roberts, 39, was found to be missing during a routine inmate count late Sunday night. Roberts, who was serving a sentence for a 1990 Harris County auto theft, had been assigned to the unit's trusty camp.

The fugitive had been paroled in May 2005 but returned to prison six months later after he was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest.

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IN BRIEF

Midland College wins national title

The Midland Chaparrals went into the NJCAA basketball tournament as the underdog and left as national champions.

The Chaps defeated Chipola Junior College from Florida, 94-75, to capture Midland's second championship in men's basketball. The first came in 1982.

Odessa College wins national title

The Odessa Lady Wranglers captured their third national championship in basketball (1986 and 1981) by knocking off Central Arizona Community College, 73-50.

Odessa entered the tournament as the No. 3-ranked team in the country, but left leaving no doubt as to who was No. 1.

Juanita Ward scored a game high 20 points for the Lady Wranglers and teammate Chandra Jones left as the tournament MVP.

Big Spring High sports schedule

The Big Spring boy's baseball team will travel to Plainview for a district game at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The Big Spring Lady Steers softball team will host Frenship at the Big Spring Softball Complex Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Quarterback Club to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a scramble golf tournament on March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round on Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all players.

The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

There will also be optional cash players pools for each day. Entry fee is \$60, plus a cart fee.

For additional information, contact Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Tim Siegel slates tennis camps

Tim Siegel, the Big 12 Tennis Coach of the Year in 2005, will be conducting overnight tennis camps on June 2-6 and June 17-21.

The camp is for children ages 8 to 17 and is open to players with all ability levels.

Siegel has been Director of the TTU Tennis Camps since 1993.

For additional information, contact Tim Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

Busch wins NASCAR's first COT race

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The first Car of Tomorrow race is in the books, and NASCAR's stars were divided on their assessment of it.

Kyle Busch hated it, and he won Sunday's race at Bristol Motor Speedway. But veterans Jeff Burton and Jeff Gordon cautioned that it was too early to make any sort of decision on the COT.

NASCAR, though, was pleased with the debut.

"From the tower, I thought it was a good race," competition director Robin Pemberton said. "I think you saw there were more competitors up front ... teams that aren't used to running in the top 10 or 15.

"And there were people concerned with the splitter hitting the race track and all kinds of nightmarish things, you saw there were no problems with that. We were pleased."

But NASCAR is taking two of the cars back to North Carolina for further inspection. Fifth-place finisher Greg Biffle was too low in post-race inspection, so his car is going to the R&D Center, as is Busch's race-winning Chevrolet.

Busch disliked the car so much, he probably shouldn't mind losing it to NASCAR. But as the Nextel Cup Series rolls into Martinsville Speedway, where the COT will be used again this week, his Hendrick Motorsports team needs the car back.

Pemberton vowed the teams would have the cars back before they miss them, much to Busch's chagrin.

"I'm still not a fan of these things, they (stink)," Busch said. "I didn't see any real highlights out there. It was just tough to pass. It was kind of boring."



MCT photo/Gregg Ellman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Kyle Busch in the pits during the NASCAR Nextel Cup Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway. Busch won the first Car of Tomorrow race at Bristol Motor Speedway, but said he prefers the old cars (pictured) over the new, safety minded COT race car he won in.

Not the end of the race.

Busch held off teammate Gordon on a restart, then beat Burton in a drag race to the finish line to get the win.

Busch took the lead with 16 laps to go on a smooth pass

around Denny Hamlin in thick traffic and stayed there through a pair of cautions. Busch had driven away from the competition when the 15th and final caution set up overtime.

With Busch and Gordon run-

ning 1-2 at the restart, the two plotted their own strategy with their respective crew chiefs.

"Well, good job guys," Busch signed at the final caution.

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After 25 years: Georgetown finally beats North Carolina

By BEN WALKER

AP National Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — John Thompson III and Patrick Ewing Jr. could only hope, the same way their dads did a generation ago.

On this night, it was different. A North Carolina freshman missed.

Twenty-five years later, Georgetown had gotten even.

In an NCAA tournament full of incredible rallies, it was the Hoyas' turn. They rallied from 11 down in the second half, then ripped off 14 straight points in overtime to stun the top-seeded Tar Heels 96-84 in the East Regional final Sunday.

The Hoyas are headed back to the Final Four for the first time since 1985, taking on Ohio State next Saturday in Atlanta.

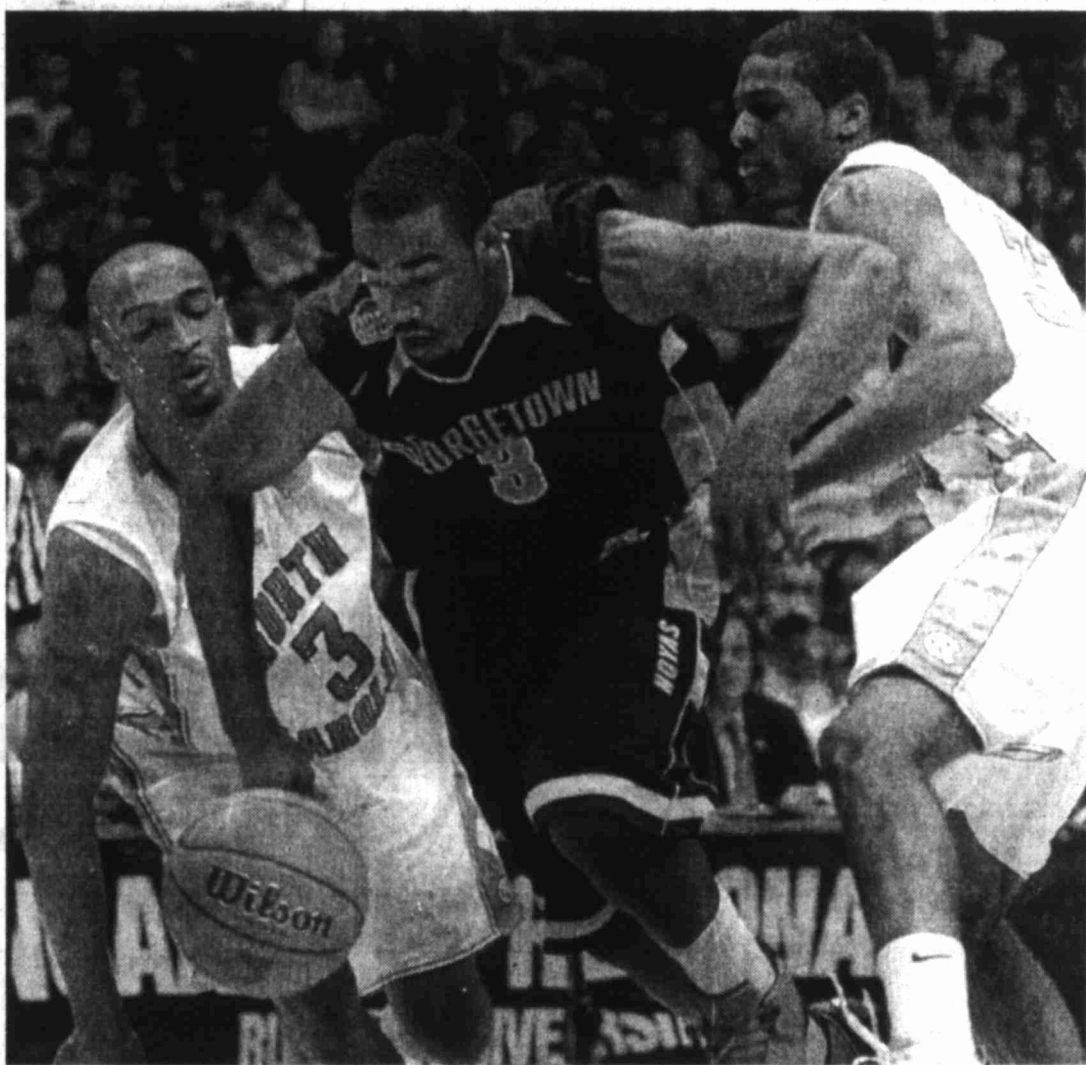
"The comparisons to Pop's teams, much like the talk about Big Pat, Little Pat, Big John, Little John, you guys can do that," Little John said.

"For us to figure out how to hold on and pull away with a win, against that team is special."

Especially because of what happened to them on March 29, 1982, when John Thompson Jr. was their coach and Patrick Ewing was the franchise. Facing those same Tar Heels, for goodness sakes, they were denied the national championship when a North Carolina freshman named Michael Jordan made the go-ahead jumper.

These Hoyas (30-6) won with Thompson calling the backdoor plays he

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MCT photo/David T. Foster III/Charlotte Observer
Georgetown's Dajuan Summers (3) dribbles through the University of North Carolina defense of Reyshawn Terry (3) and Alex Stepheson (32) during the first half. Georgetown defeated UNC in overtime, 96-84, in the NCAA East Regional.

Spurs win 16-of-18; rout Super Sonics

By TIM BOOTH

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Tony Parker set the tone with 10 of his 18 points in the first quarter, Manu Ginobili hit five 3-pointers and scored 19 off the bench, and the San Antonio Spurs were never challenged in an 120-79 win over the Seattle SuperSonics on Sunday night.

San Antonio won its third straight and for the 16th time in its past 18, and routed Seattle for the third time this season. The Spurs beat the Sonics by 20 in November and by 31 last month in San Antonio.

Tim Duncan scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, spending most of the second half as a

spectator on the bench as San Antonio handed Seattle one of its worst home losses in franchise history.

The 41-point margin of defeat was Seattle's biggest home loss since a 44-point setback to Dallas in 1985. Seattle's worst home loss was a 47-point loss to Boston in 1968.

Seattle never led and looked ready for the offseason to arrive, especially after receiving word earlier Sunday that All-Star guard Ray Allen will miss the rest of the season after deciding he will have surgery on his injured left ankle.

Without Allen and his 26.4 points, Seattle's offense had little potency from the perimeter. Luke Ridnour led Seattle with 16

points, but mostly scored on drives to the basket. Seattle, shooting 35.4 percent on 3-pointers this season, made just 3 of 12 3s.

The game became sloppy and reserved for seldom-used bench players in the fourth quarter. Seattle even used rugged forward Danny Fortson, who received a standing ovation when he checked in for the first time since Jan. 5, and promptly picked up a foul after just 44 seconds.

Not surprisingly, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich immediately pulled Ginobili, Duncan and Parker.

Seven Spurs finished in double figures, with Jacque Vaughn adding 13, Matt Bonner scoring 12, and Michael Finley and

Bruce Bowen both having 10.

Chris Wilcox had 14 points and nine rebounds, and Rashard Lewis added 13 for Seattle, but made just 4 of 11 shots and spent the final 10 minutes on the bench with a wrap on his back.

The Spurs put this one away with an overpowering 8-minute stretch to start the second quarter. Leading 30-23, the Spurs started the quarter on a 17-5 run, building the lead to 47-28 on a pair of Parker free throws.

Seattle's offense struggled to get clean looks at the basket, going 6-30 before getting its first field goal, on a spinning jumper by Johan Petro. Only a 12-6 spurt by the Super Sonics to close the half kept Seattle within range, but it was not enough.

Florida returns to final four

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

ST. LOUIS — Joakim Noah stood at midcourt, glaring and beating his chest. The Florida fans were showering him with love, but all he heard was hate.

The critics who built the Gators up, only to bash them when they lost three of four games in February. The naysayers who insist there's no way Florida can win another national title.

Well, let 'em hate. Noah and his buddies will be happy to give them more to despise as they head back to the Final Four for another title run.

"There's been such a circus around this team, so many distraction and I feel like everybody is trying to divide us," Noah said after Florida beat third-seeded Oregon 85-77 in the Midwest Regional final on Sunday.

"It's just making us bond. We realize all we have is each other. That's the only thing that really matters."

That and another title. Noah, Al Horford and Corey Brewer didn't turn their backs on fat NBA contracts — temporarily, at least — just so they could to take another econ class. No, the Gators (33-5) want to be the first team since Duke in 1991-92 to win back-to-back basketball titles — and the first ever to do it with the same five starters.

To do it, though, they'll have to first get by UCLA in the national semifinals Saturday. It's a rematch of last year's championship game, which Florida won in a rout, 73-57.

"They are better than a year ago, and present a great challenge for us," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "They have no weaknesses."

Last year's victory over UCLA gave Florida not only its first national title, but the first half of what would turn out to be the Gator Slam. When Florida beat Ohio State for the national football title in January, the Gators became the first

school to be champs in both sports at the same time.

And how's this for quirky: If the Gators get by UCLA on Saturday, they could be playing none other than those Buckeyes for the title. Ohio State won the South Regional, and will play Georgetown on Saturday.

"People throw everything at us every time they play us," Chris Richard said. "Everyone is out to get us. Sometimes we think we're the Yankees or the Cardinals. The New England Patriots or the Dallas Cowboys."

One of the biggest knocks on Florida is that while the team looks exactly like last year's, it doesn't play like it.

With the exception of one game, last year's squad romped through the tournament. This one has had to come from behind in each game.

Last year's squad was devastatingly potent, with Noah, Horford and Brewer dominating inside and Lee Humphrey and

Taurean Green hurting opponents outside. This year's squad has yet to get the bigs and the guards going at the same time.

Take Sunday. Though Noah had 14 points and 14 rebounds, Horford had only six points and seven rebounds, and was never much of a factor.

It was the Ducks (29-8) who dictated the tempo of the game early, getting their guards free for easy shots and even dumping the ball inside to Malik Hairston. They flustered Florida just as much on the other end, and the Gators had nine turnovers before the game was even 10 minutes old.

But after that ninth turnover, Florida settled down. Humphrey hit a 3-pointer that sparked a 20-9 run. Over the next 6 1/2 minutes, the Gators didn't have a single turnover and turned a five-point deficit into a 33-27 lead.

"We've always been a team that's tried to take what the defense gives us," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.



MCT photo/Zia Nizami/Belleville News-Democrat
Florida's Joakim Noah celebrates his team's 85-77 victory over Oregon in the NCAA Midwest Regional.

HOYAS

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learned at Princeton and young Ewing making key contributions.

They were helped by an amazing collapse from Carolina (31-7), which made only one of 23 field goal attempts, including its first 12 in overtime, over a 15-minute span after seemingly having the game in hand.

"This is an extremely disappointing time for our team. It's not the way you want your season to end," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said. "Congratulations to Georgetown and Young John. Young John is like family to me."

It's a family like none other in college basketball, the first father-son duo to coach teams into the Final Four, much less at the same school.

When it was over, Thompson shook hands with Williams and everyone else on the North Carolina side.

Then it was time to walk across the court — to the biggest bear hug he could imagine.

"You've been complaining about the bus being rickety, but the ride home is going to be good tonight," his dad told him.

"Isn't it the son said. After Georgetown's Jonathan Wallace hit a 3 that tied it at 81 with 31 seconds left in regulation, the Tar Heels had a

chance to win it, but freshman Wayne Ellington missed an open jumper from the wing right before the buzzer and Ewing grabbed the rebound, prompting his famous father to high-five everyone near him in the stands.

There would be no game-winning shot for the Tar Heels a la 1982, when the Jordan legend was born with a 17-foot jumper with 17 seconds left, lifting Carolina over Georgetown 63-62.

The Hoyas waited a long time to avenge that defeat, and when they did, it unleashed a celebration a quarter of a century in the making.

Every Georgetown player crossed the court to hug the elder Thompson, who did the national radio broadcast. Ewing Sr. pulled out his cell phone. He was trying to call Jordan, his old nemesis, to rub it in, he said, "but he wasn't accepting my calls."

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NASCAR

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"We'll do what we can. I can't promise you anything."

"He'll be nice," crew chief Alan Gustafson said. "He'll play nice."

It didn't sound that way on Gordon's channel.

"Tell that 5, if I get a fender underneath him, he better think about the fact that we're teammates," Gordon said. "If I don't get a fender underneath him, I won't move him out of the way."

It never mattered, though, as Burton jumped past Gordon on the restart and quickly pulled onto Busch's rear bumper. Burton looked low and Busch threw a block, then he went high and Busch blocked that, too.

Burton finally pulled alongside Busch as they closed in on the finish line, but Busch nipped him at the flag for his first Nextel Cup victory on a short track.

Both drivers could have spun Busch to get past him, and the 21-year-old appreciated the veterans for racing him clean.

"Without Jeff Gordon and Jeff Burton behind me, I never would have won this race," Busch

said.

Burton owed it to Busch, especially after their stirring finish two weeks ago in Las Vegas in a Busch Series race. The two were battling for the win in the closing laps and Busch could have wrecked Burton to get it.

But Busch kept it clean, ultimately losing the fight as the cars touched and Busch spun backward across the finish line — just a tick behind Burton.

"I could have used the bumper to move him out of the way and win the race, but I didn't want to," Burton said. "I can

lay in bed tonight and wonder 'What if?' but that's what I chose to do. If you can't pass him without knocking him out of the way, do the best you can. He's driven me clean, and that's what I did with him."

Gordon, the polesitter, wound up third.

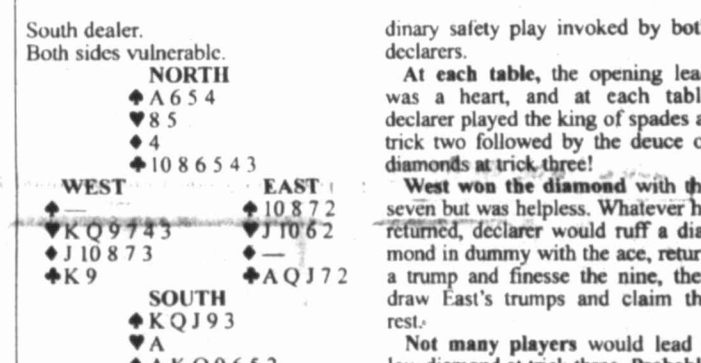
Busch's win was the third straight for Hendrick Motorsports — Jimmie Johnson won the past two Cup events — and was the 200th overall win for car owner Rick Hendrick. It also was the 600th for manufacturer Chevrolet, which intro-

duced the Impala SS this weekend to coincide with NASCAR's debut of the Car of Tomorrow.

The COT spent seven years in development as NASCAR tried to build a uniform car that would cut costs, improve safety and even the competition. It will be used in 16 races this season as NASCAR phases it in through the 2009 season.

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Famous Hand



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6:30	News (CC)	News (CC)	Dueto de Pasiones	King of the Hill	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Season	Raymond	Van Inge Piss	News-Letter	Mega Builders	Classics	CSI: Crime Scene	Charm'd	Live (CC)	Phil of Future	Arma Football	Women's College	Star Trek: Enterprise
7:30	Dancing with the Stars	Dancing with the Stars	La Faa Mas Bella	Prison Break	How I Met Old Christine	Marina	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Friends (CC)	Updates/Israel	Antiques Roadshow	Dirty Jobs	Movie: Dead Calm	CSI: Crime Scene	Charm'd	Movie: Back in the Day (CC)	Movie: Road to Perdition	Desperados at Orlando	Predators	Star Trek: Enterprise
8:30	What About Brian (CC)	What About Brian (CC)	Destilando Amor	24 (CC)	Two Half Men	Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa	Heroes (CC)	Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	American Experience	Futurweapons	Movie: Cocoon	Law & Order (CC) (DVR)	Law & Order (CC) (DVR)	Soul Food	Life Derek	Boxing: Lewis	Star Trek: Enterprise	Star Trek: Enterprise
9:30	News (CC)	News (CC)	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News Tonight Show	Noticias 12	News Tonight Show	Satirfield (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Wide Angle	My8Busters (CC)	Whacked Out	Cold Case (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVR)	Phil of Future	NASCAR Now	College Gmday	The Dresden Files (CC)	
10:30	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	Malcolm-Mid	Letterman Late Late	IAi Rojo Vivo!	Late Night	Conan O'Brien	Update/Israel	Futurweapons	Star Trek: Voyager	Law & Order (CC) (DVR)	ComicView	Proud Family	Series of Foker	SportsCenter	Children-Man	Twilight Zone	
11:30	News (CC)	News (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	My Wife-Kids	The Insider	Pagado													

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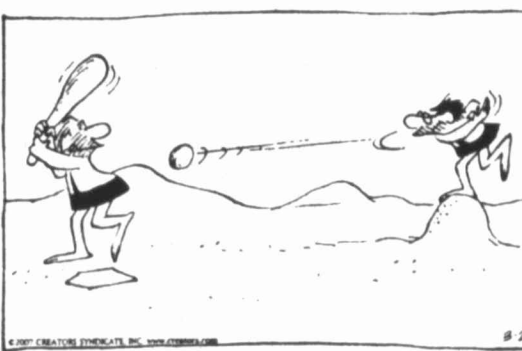
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 26, the 85th day of 2007. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.
- On this date: In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.
- In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.
- In 1937, a 6-foot-tall con-

crete statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

- In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.
- In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand, opened on Broadway.
- In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.
- In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician James Moody is 82. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 82. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 77. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 76. Actor Alan

Arkin is 73. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is 67. Actor James Caan is 67. Author Erica Jong is 65. Journalist Bob Woodward is 64. Singer Diana Ross is 63. Actor Johnny Crawford is 61. Rock singer Steven Tyler is 59. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 58. Actor Ernest Thomas is 58. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 57. Comedian Martin Short is 57. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 57.

Answer to previous puzzle

ASSISTANT	EDITOR
RAIN	TEMPERATURE
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HORSE	SHOE
ASAP	SAWTOOTH
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CROSSWORD	PUZZLE
SPAR	ADIN
WAITING	FOR
AUTOMATED	TELLER
CRAMPSONES	STYLE

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Greek cheese
 - 5 Of prime importance
 - 10 Use a swizzle stick
 - 14 "Too bad!"
 - 15 Currently occupied
 - 16 Astronaut's org.
 - 17 Very precise
 - 20 Close again, as an envelope
 - 21 Lobbies for
 - 22 Dieter's unit: Abbr.
 - 24 At any __ (nevertheless)
 - 26 Stallone's macho role
 - 30 Vote into office
 - 32 Auto for hire
 - 35 Language peculiarity
 - 36 Kansas neighbor
 - 37 Butter substitute
 - 38 More than likely
 - 41 Type of exam
 - 42 Ballerina costume
 - 43 Hammer ends
 - 44 Swamp
 - 45 Marsh bird
 - 46 Opinion piece
 - 47 Courtroom activity
 - 48 Former veep
 - 50 Great bargain
 - 53 Leaf through
 - 58 Is rather up-to-date
 - 63 Datebook entry: Abbr.
 - 64 San Antonio landmark
- DOWN**
- 1 Jamie of M*A*S*H
 - 2 Author Wiesel
 - 3 Price stickers
 - 4 Arthur of tennis
 - 5 Cello relative
 - 6 Quaint hotel
 - 7 Boy King of ancient Egypt
 - 8 Hibachi residue
 - 9 Director Spike
 - 10 Sleeper's noise
 - 11 Sharp taste
 - 12 "That's understood"
 - 13 Sunbeams
 - 18 Washington city
 - 19 Mixed-breed dog
 - 23 Free time
 - 24 Brought back to the start, as a 51 Down
 - 25 Military sch.
 - 26 Done with
 - 27 Think the world of
 - 28 City of Italy
 - 29 __ weevil (cotton pest)
 - 31 State-run game
 - 32 Whodunit tidbits
 - 33 Blue Cross competitor
 - 34 Too pushy
 - 37 Change for a five
 - 39 Highways: Abbr.
 - 40 First game of a series
 - 45 Angelic topper
 - 47 Lawyer's job
 - 49 Chef's garment
 - 50 Pretense
 - 51 What a videocassette holds
 - 52 Sports cable channel
 - 54 Authentic
 - 55 "Do __ others..."
 - 56 Chem. and bio.
 - 57 Optometrist's concerns
 - 59 Small rug
 - 60 Inventor Whitney
 - 61 "Persian" pet
 - 62 Actress Thurman

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