

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 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.

we can and cannot do, and what 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 Settles Hotel Development 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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Robbery Fund raising whiz kid susect arrested

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A Big Spring man is currently in the Big Spring City Jail after a allegedly commiting 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 busi-

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-yearold force of nature.

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

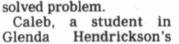


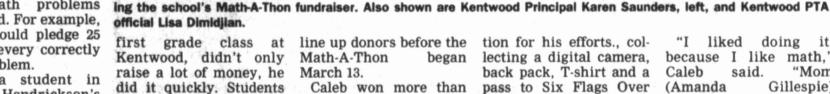
Kentwood Math-A-Thon recent fundraiser.

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





raise a lot of money, he did it quickly. Students had about two weeks to

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

ONE ACT PERFORMANCE

The Big Spring High School One Act

formance Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Dead" by Tom Stoppard.

ly follow the BSHS performance.

The local team will be performing

"Rosencrantz and Guildensterm are

Team will perform its only community per-

Four district performances to immediate-

Also performing during Tuesday's com-

petition are teams from San Angelo Lake

View, Plainview, Frenship and Lubbock

Admission to the competition is free.

For more information concerning the

contest, contact Big Spring High School at

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.

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.

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

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

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.

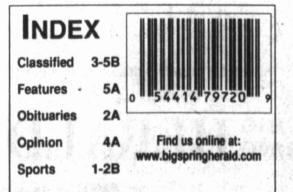
Caleb won more than

Kentwood Elementary first grader Caleb Wiginton, center, recently raised \$1,400 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital dur-

ness 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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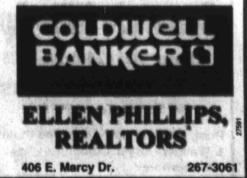
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Obituaries

Johnny Lynn Peugh

Johnny Lynn Peugh, 54, of Stanton died on Saturday, March 24, 2007, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the Grady High School Gym in Grady with Wayne Brown and Gene Glaeser, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral

home. He was born on Nov. 20, 1952, in Big Spring and married Carla Raye Hunt on Dec. 30, 1972, in Ackerly.

Johnny graduated from Sands High School and Texas A &M University. He coached basketball at Grady High School and Sands High School for 13 years. He was active in 4-H and FFA and was a breeder of show pigs. He was a devoted husband, father, Grandad, son and coach. He attended Tarzan Church of Christ and Knott Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Peugh of Stanton; two sons, John Cody Peugh and wife, Shanna, and Robert Brady Peugh, all of Stanton; one daughter, Tandi Dawn Stockton and husband, Richard, of Stanton; his parents, J.E. and Joann Peugh of Stanton; six grandchildren, Ashli, Ryan, Major, Huston and Scout Stockton and Ashlynn Peugh; one brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Michelle Peugh of Stanton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty and Kenneth Schuelke of Stanton and Tammy and Koy Blocker of Lenorah; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. condolences can be made at: Online www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Matilda M. Garcia



Matilda M. Garcia, 84, of Big Spring died Friday, March 23, 2007, at her residence. Prayer service was held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Lighthouse Restoration Center, officiating. Funeral services will be held later this week in Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Burial will be at the San Sebastian Cemetery in Venado.

She was born June 2, 1922, in Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to Evarista and Paulino Garcia. She married J. Isabel Martinez in 1937 in Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He preceded her in death on June 23, 1988. She had lived in Howard County since 1992. She was a member of Lighthouse Restoration Center and was a homemaker.

She is survived by three daughters, Matalin Puelite and Julia Hernandez, both of Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and Luisa Zavala of Big Spring; five sons, Ascencion Martinez and Luciano Martinez, both of Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Ventura Martinez of Knott, Fidel Martinez of Monterey, Mexico, and Jesus Martinez of Big Spring; one sister, Martina Garcia of Monterey, Mexico; one brother, Margarito Garcia of Monterey, Mexico; 39 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Salvador Martinez; one daughter, Maria Reyes; three sisters; and two brothers. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

M. Wayne Beck

M. Wayne Beck, 66, died Friday, March 23, 2007, at his residence in Mt. Carmel, Ill.

He was born May 9, 1940, in Wabash County, Ill. the son of Marion and Blanche Loeffler Beck.

Wayne was a member of Evangelical United Methodist Church in Mt. Carmel. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and prior to his retirement in 2002, served as vice-president of First

National Bank of Allendale-Mt. Carmel. He was a member of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a past president and director of the local Chamber of Commerce and was in charge of the lemonade stand at Ag Days for many years.

He enjoyed softball, bowling, golf, camping and was an avid Cardinals fan.

He married Sherry Houchins Noble on Nov. 29, 1986, and she survives. Wayne and Sherry's mutual love of Southern Gospel music brought them together and remained a constant enjoyment for 20 years.

Other survivors include his children, Angie and husband, James, Worley of Big Spring, Micah and wife, Tammy, Beck of Lakenheath Airforce Base, U.K., Brian and wife, Lori, Beck of Ira, Stephanie and husband, Matt, Yeats of Big Spring, Matt Noble of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Stefani and husband, Randy, Medler of Allendale, Ill.; grandchildren, Timothy and Crystal Worley, Mikayla and Dylan Beck, Cami, Jake and Steven Beck, Aaron Michael Farr, Alexys Yeats and Elizabeth, Vaida and Sam Medler; two sisters, Norma and husband, George, Campbell of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kay and husband, John, Warthen of Springerton, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Joan Beck of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Mary Lou Beck of Alton, Ill.; his mother-in-law, Marynell Marsh of Mt. Carmel, Ill.; a special friend, Nell Kupper of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Fred Beck; a brother-in-law, Dennis Houchins; and a niece, Laverne Minalga.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Evangelical United Methodist Church (EUM) in Mt. Carmel, Ill., with the Revs. Curt Rush and Nelson Reiber officiating. Friends may call at Cunningham Funeral Home today Monday, March 26, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will follow at Orio Cemetery.

Paid obituary

James Edward (J.E.) Airhart

James Edward (J.E.) Airhart, 91, of Lamesa died Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa. Graveside funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Lamesa Memorial Park with the Rev. Clinton Igo officiating. The family will receive frines from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa bio ne Mr. Airhart was born on Nov. 24, 1915, in Mitchell County. He married Margie Pearl Burchell on Dec. 12, 1934, in Knott.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

JOSE ALFREDO JIMENEZ, 46, of 3910 E. Highway 350, was arrested Saturday on two counts of aggravated robbery, three warrants, aggravated assault on a public servant and evading arrest.

· ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 48, of 1803.5 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• LISA JANELL BURRIS, 37, of 7805 Interstate Highway N. Service Road, was arrested Saturday on six local warrants.

 LISA JEANINE RUBIO, 39, of 3911 Hamilton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to identify.

 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Dallas.

- THEFT was reported:
- in the 700 block of Douglas.
- in the 100 block of Second Street.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A **VEHICLE** was reported:

- in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 200 block of Marcy.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2500

block of Gregg Street. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey.

- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:
- in the 4000 block of Highway 80.
- in the 2600 block of Barksdale.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3900 block of Parkway.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
- in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- in the 1000 block of Sycamore.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported:
- in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.
- in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.

THE PURPOSE OF SELLING was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: · MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of

Princeton. One person was transported to the VAMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13th

Street. One person was transported to the VAMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC: Section w

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 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

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Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

• MICHAEL LEE MIDDLETON, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

· MARKQUIN HARRIS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana and evading arrest or detention.

• MARTY RAY EVANS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 NED RANDAL HILDEBRAND, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

· GEORGE WILLIAM KOSTELAZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• HENRY VERNON BACKES III, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threats.

· DAVID VILLAREAL JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• LISA J. RUBIO, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

· ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• TROY JOSEPH JOINER, 37, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

 JOHN CORBETT WILLIFORD, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

Fred Cole

Fred Cole, 63, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

D.L. Newton

D.L. Newton, 51, of Big Spring died Monday, March 26, 2007, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Today - Cloudy. Showers and thunderstorms likely in the morning, then scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Tonight – Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Warmer. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Lows in the upper 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Thursday - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.



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 MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 5400 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the area of Garrett Ranch Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused.

 STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2900 block o Rice Road. Service refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-26-29-33-39-42. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$66 -million.

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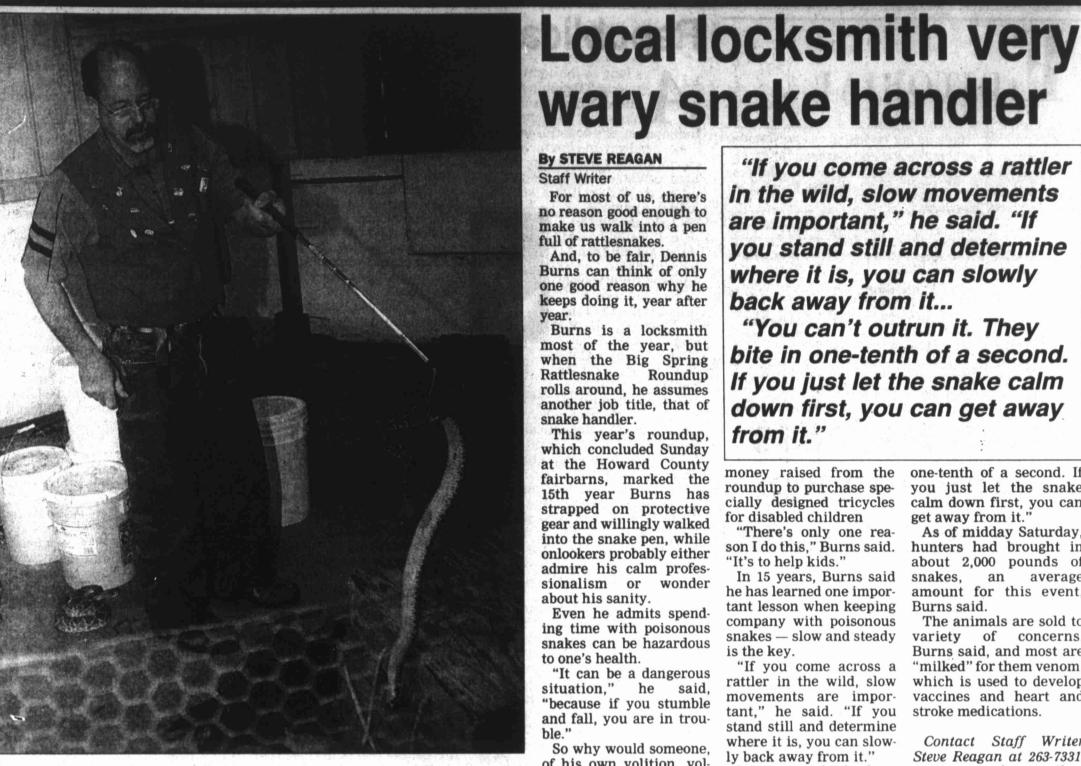
Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-23-27-34-36. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-7-8

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LOCAL

By STEVE REAGAN

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Rattlesnake

snake handler.

one good reason why he

keeps doing it, year after

Burns is a locksmith most of the year, but

when the Big Spring

rolls around, he assumes

another job title, that of

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

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admire his calm profes-

sionalism or wonder

Even he admits spend-

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"It can be a dangerous

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Roundup

Staff Writer

year.

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.

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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

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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.

wary snake handler "If you come across a rattler in the wild, slow movements For most of us. there's no reason good enough to are important," he said. "If make us walk into a pen you stand still and determine And, to be fair, Dennis Burns can think of only

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

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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 them venom, which is used to develop vaccines and heart and stroke medications.

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"Officers began contacting local businesses, advising them of the robberies occuring 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 desription traveling west on W.

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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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OUR VIEWS

March Madness coming to town with MHMR event

eems like virtually everyone develops a case of March Madness to some degree or another when the NCAA's Road to the Final Four gets under way each year. And while the Road to the Final Four doesn't lead through Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the home of the Howard College's Hawk programs will be the site for lots of basketball Friday during a day-long tournament sponsored by The Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens, Howard College and West Texas Centers for MHMR.

But it will be much more than just a basketball tournament. That's why the coliseum will be fillwed with some of the most enthusiastic fans anyone has seen at a local basketball event in years.

"It's not just a basketball tournament," said WTCMHMR CEO Shelley Smith. "The tournament is just a backdrop for the many accomplishments set on such a grand stage for the athletes, cheerleaders and coaches."

The Third Annual "Hoops, Dreams and Goals" will boast a field of eight teams from the region playing competitive basketball as well as other special events.

Tip-off is set for 9 a.m. at center court when four teams start off their own version of March Madness. Mayor Russ McEwen will issue a proclamation designating March as Mental Retardation Awareness Month in Big Spring.

Teams competing include many returning from **FEDERAL**

Republicans won't stand when Dems lie

s long as the administration and Republicans allow Democrats a monopoly on righteous indignation, it's doubtful they'll make headway in convincing the electorate they hold the moral high ground on the important issues of the day. If this were

merely a game of political one-upmanship, it would be one thing, but national security consequences are involved. From the war on

NSA surveillance program, to the Wilson-Plame fiasco, to global warming, to the firing of eight U.S.

attorneys, deceitful Democrats engage in relentless

What is a half-attuned public to surmise about the relative integrity of the two parties when one party is forever accusing the other of misconduct and the other barely defends itself, much less turns the tables on its wrongful accusers?

Surely in their wildest dreams Democrats didn't expect the PR and electoral bonanza they've achieved with their "Bush lied" lie. When they first trotted it out, it was almost too preposterous to require refutation. But with four years of daily repetition it has become so entrenched in the conventional wisdom that those of us who bother to refute it are considered the deceivers or the brainwashed.

Every time the administration has attempted to defend itself, bulldog Democrats begin their counter-counter propaganda almost before Republicans offer their tepid defense. Democrats rarely bother even defending challenges to their false claims. They just go straight back on offense, accusing the administration, for example, of challenging their

patriotism, though neither the "p" word, nor any of its synonyms, was uttered. The mainstream media then conspires to make the false patriotism charge the story of the day.

When Joe Wilson falsely reports that on his CIA-commissioned trip to Niger he debunked Bush's 16word State of the Union assertion that the British had learned Saddam was trying to acquire uranium from Africa, the administration eventually apologizes for including the 16-word truism in the speech.

When Democrats portray Gitmo as an administration-sponsored gulag, as opposed to a detention center for the worst of the worst where terrorist murderers are treated with dignity, respect and high-calorie cuisine, the administration ultimately agrees that it, too, would like to close Gitmo when feasible.

When the liberal establishment refuses to brook any dissent from its apocalyptic global warming claims, the administration, after long resisting the Stalinist tactics of the enviro-kook fringe, finally relents and begins "acknowledging" some of its dubious premises.

In every case where the administration has relented, either through fatigue or hopes of conciliation and compromise, the Democrats have been energized to greater partisan stridency, not less. The lesson is that you just make sharks hungrier when you feed them.

Don't think these rhetorical battles are merely partisan squabbles with minimal fallout. How can we expect the rest of the civilized world, to say nothing of the Arab street, to believe the United States is a force for good in the world, when one of its two major political parties — with little resistance from the other — portrays it as an evil empire bent on stealing the world's oil and torturing "freedom fighters"?

In particular, the ascendancy and acceptance of the "Bush lied" lie has had enormous consequer s. The Wilson-Plame affair

has been completely driven by it: from Sen. Chuck Schumer's demand for a special prosecutor, to the special prosecutor's insistence on prosecuting someone other than the real leaker and his successful strategy to make the Libby trial - and the public's perception of it - about Rove, Cheney and Bush. In the end, it was all based on the premise that the administration would go to any lengths to protect itself from lies it didn't tell and crimes it didn't commit.

But here we are, after the Libby verdict, already into the next phase of the Democrats' Orwellian propaganda circus, this one disguised as a bona fide congressional investigative hearing on Wilson-Plame. Republicans, instead of being outraged at the Democrats' fraudulent allegations, are barely even defending their honor.

Where were congressional **Republicans when Valerie Plame** testified to a completely different version of events concerning her role, or lack of it, in recommending her husband for the Niger trip? Where were they when their Democratic counterparts were sermonizing over the exposure of the covert status of the already exposed, non-covert CIA desk agent?

Where were they when Democrats were impugning and insulting attorney Victoria Toensing for refusing to conform her expert testimony concerning the law she helped write to the Bush-administration-is-corrupt template?

I can't help but wish that one day we'll see justice in these matters, a balancing of the scales in favor of reality. But until Republicans start fighting back, my wish can be nothing more than idle fantasy.

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warfare against Republicans, and Republicans - way too often roll over without even returning fire.

last year's field: the Sweetwater Rattlers, Snyder Wildkatz, Seminole Pink Panthers, Ballinger Longhorns, Pecos Bulls, Monahans Purple People Eaters, Brownfield Bears and Big Spring HEAT.

But more is at stake than bragging rights. There will be lots of plain, old-fashioned fun with cheerleaders, coaches, managers and spectators.

Anyone who would more information or who would like to volunteer should contact Amy Vidal at 263-0007 or e-mail her at amy.vidal@wtcmhmr.org.

The event is one way West Texas Centers celebrates Mental Retardation Awareness Month.

Smith says she just wishes everyone would come out and watch the games.

We'll echo that sentiment.

One doesn't have to spend the full day, but be warned, all that fun and excitement is infectious. In fact, it's down right addictive.

In other words, you won't be disappointed.

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Latin American trip all about denial

tate of Denial" is the title of Bob Woodward's famous book on the Bush team's road to disaster in Iraq, but it would have served just as well for a description of their Latin America policy. The president's seven-day, five-country trip to Latin America to see if he can counter the populist political tide that has brought governments on the left to about half the popula-

tion of the region.

Carrying vague promises of a joint effort on ethanol production - but no offer to lower tariffs protecting the U.S. market - President George W. Bush hopes to entice Brazil into taking his side against his nemesis, **President Hugo** Chavez of Venezuela.

This is a fantasy. President Lula da Silva of Brazil made a point of visiting Venezuela for his first foreign trip after being re-elected last October. There, he presided over the dedication of a \$1.2 billion bridge over the Orinoco, financed by the Brazilian government, while he lavished praise on Mr. Chavez and gave the popular Venezuelan president an added boost in his own re-election campaign. The Bush administration's policy of trying to isolate Venezuela from its neighbors has only succeeded in isolating Washington. Recently, **President Nestor Kirchner of** Argentina, speaking in Caracas, flatly rejected the notion that Argentina or Brazil should "contain President Chavez," whom he called "a brother and a friend." In another thinly veiled swipe at Washington, Kirchner said: "It

cannot be that it bothers anyone that our nations become integrated." At the same time, he announced that Venezuela and Argentina would jointly issue a "Bond of the South" for \$1.5 billion.

If Washington is in denial about the political reality of Latin America, it is even more in denial about the economics there. For 25 years, our government has pushed a series of reforms throughout the region: tighter fiscal and monetary policies, more independent central banks, indiscriminate opening to international trade and investment, privatization of public enterprises, and the abandonment of economic development strategies and industrial policies. The Bush team thinks that these reforms, known as "neoliberalism" in Latin America, were just the right formula to stimulate economic growth.

In fact, Latin America's economic growth over the last 25 years has been a disaster - the worst long-term failure in more than 100 years. From 1980 to 2000, its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per person grew by only 9 percent, and another 4 percent for 2000 to 2005. Compare this to 82 percent for just the two decades from 1960 to 1980. and it is easy to see why candidates promising new economic policies have been elected (and some re-elected) in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Uruguay, and Venezuela. They also came close to winning in Mexico, Peru, and Costa Rica.

The left-leaning governments that have introduced new economic policies have done pretty well: Argentina has grown by a phenomenal 8.6 percent annually for nearly five years, pulling more than 8 million people out of pover-

ty in a country of 36 million. Bolivia has increased government revenue from hydrocarbons by about 6.7 percent of GDP, an amount that would equal \$900 billion in the United States, and is using the additional revenue to help its poor majority. Venezuela is also using the government's increased take of oil production to provide health care, education, and subsidized food for the poor. All of these governments have succeeded by implementing policies that Washington opposed.

President Bush got a good reception from the right-wing governments he visited: his close allies in Mexico, Colombia, and Guatemala. Colombia is in the midst of a huge national scandal over the responsibility of government officials for mass murder and assassinations of political opponents. More trade unionists are killed in Colombia each year than in the rest of the world combined. Guatemala is another rightwing ally with a terrible human rights record: Recently, a Guatemalan police death squad murdered three Central American parliamentarians. All three governments have been linked to narco-trafficking, but President Bush will likely praise them for their cooperation in the war on drugs.

It's all about denial. The political and economic changes sweeping Latin America are a serious break with the failed policies of the past. Washington's influence there has collapsed, and is not likely to recover.

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HEALTH

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 wellbeing. 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



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social events or even travel short distances. Therefore, knowing the causes, triggers and treatment options for IBS may alleviate discomfort for many sufferers.

To date, there is no a known cause for symptoms to inflame when there is a relieve constipation. 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, researches 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

this disorder. However, some change in a daily routine or an argument with another person. While stress may aggravate the colon, it is not a cause of IBS.

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 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

· 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.

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VA pathology lab receives accreditation own inspection program.

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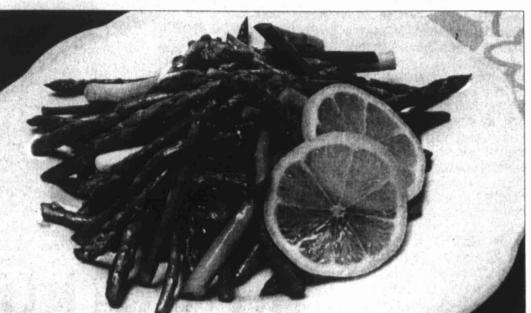
West Texas VA Health Care System Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of american Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

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

dard of care fot the laboratory's patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician trol of procedures for the members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate fo high-quality and cost-effective medical care.



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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, lowcalorie 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. cooking, Before 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.

oranges and crumbled utes. Rinse under rungoat cheese.

Asparagus Salad with Lemon-Sov Sauce

1 1/4 lbs. thin asparagus stalks, cut diagonally into 1 1/2-inch lengths enorg 8 whole scallions, trimmed to include a little green 1 Tbsp. canola oil 1/4 tsp. fresh ginger

ning cold water to stop the cooking and set color. Drain and cool.

heat oil in a small saucepan over mediumhigh heat. Add ginger and stir until it begins to color. ^PAdd **haif** the minced scallfons and cook a few seconds. Add broth, vinegar, soy sauce and sugar. Set aside. before serving, Just the remaining place 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.

To make the dressing,

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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

mincd 5 scallions, trimmed to include a little green, minced and divided in 2 batches

1/2 cup fat-free, reducedsodium chicken broth 1 Tbsp. rice vinegar 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy

sauce 1/2 tsp. sugar Freshly ground-black pepper

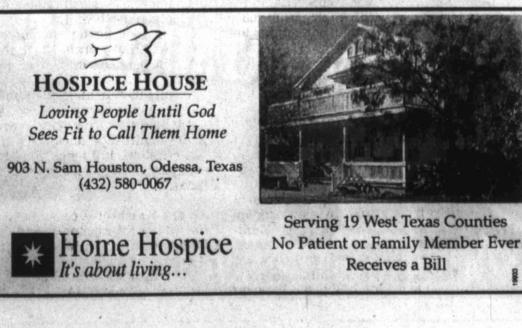
1 tsp. lemon juice, or to taste

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

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.







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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

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

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."

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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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Busch wins NASCAR's first COT race

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Mike Grimes at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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Midland College

Sports

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

The Chaps defeated Junior Chipola 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. Ward Juanita scored a game high 20 points for the Lady Wranglers and teammate Chandrea 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 Softball Spring **Complex Tuesday at 6** p.m.

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. Fifthplace 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."

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.

safety minded COT race car he won in.

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

around Denny Hamlin in thick ning 1-2 at the restart, the two traffic and stayed there through a pair of cautions. Busch had driven away from the competition set up overtime.

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,

With Busch and Gordon run. See NASCAR, page 2B

plotted their own strategy with their respective crew chiefs.

"Well, good job guys," Busch when the 15th and final caution sighed at the final caution.



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 ennis Camps since at (806) 742-3355



MCT photo/David T. Foster III/Charlotte Observe

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.

Georgetown finally beats North Carolina

After 25 years:

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

See NCAA, page 2B

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, spend- potency from the perimeter. adding 13, Matt Bonner scoring ing most of the second half as a Luke Ridnour led Seattle with 16 12, and Michael Finley and

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

spectator on the bench as San 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 immedi-ately pulled Ginobili, Duncan and Parker.

Seven Spurs finished in double figures, with Jacque Vaughn 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.

SPORTS

Florida returns to final four

By NANCY ARMOUR **AP National Writer**

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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 ⁴ "They Howland said. 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 every-

thing 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

chance to win it, but

everyone near him in the

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

The Hoyas waited a long

time to avenge that

defeat, and when they

did, it unleashed a cele-

bration a quarter of a cen-

Every Georgetown play-

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Georgetown 63-62.

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stands.

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 3pointer that sparked a 20-9 run. Over the next 6 1/2minutes, 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.

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."

"You want the best for your kids. I'm proud of both John and my son," Ewing said. "I'm happy, I'm very proud. I think Georgetown is back."

While the Hoyas celebrated, Williams could only sit in disbelief. In overtime, it was over in a hurry.

Wallace scored inside, make it 87-81.

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MCT photo/Zia Nizami/Be 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 Williams said. Rov-Congratulations to Georgetown and Young John. Young John is like

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 Coorgetown's Jonathan Wallace hit a 3 that tied it at 81 with 31 seconds left in regulation,

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

DaJuan freshman Summers slam dunked a minute later, and Jeff Green added a layup to

It was time for the

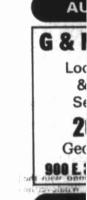


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NASCAR

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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.

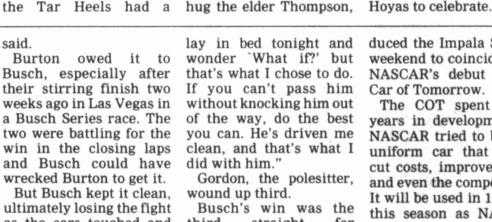
"Tell that 5, if I get a fender underneath him, he better think about the fact that we're teammates," Gordon said. "If I don't get a fender underneath him. I won't move him out of the way.'

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



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

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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 straight third 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-

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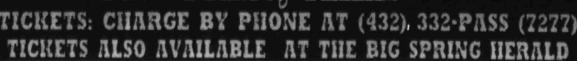
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It is a great tribute to the bridge played in those days that both declar ers allowed for a 5-0 diamond break and protected against it. They were each willing to sacrifice a 30-point trick to ensure a slam worth 50 times as much as the trick they were willing to give away.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Moody? Unmotivated? Last weekend was so raucous, it's like you have a hangover without having had the drinks! Loud noises or sudden moves irritate, so keep escapades on the down low.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Emotions can stream directly from the heart, or be the result of a thought. The stars support you taking conscious control of your feelings. Think about what you want to feel, and choose your experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You could spend your money on a day at the spa, a trip to the mall or paying off your credit cards. Paris Hilton never has dilemmas like this. But you might feel more like an heiress with those balances paid off!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

22). A little jump-start is all you need in order to get going, and yet your engine sputters, refusing to turn over. Instead of calling for a tow, process all those backlogged emotions that are dragging you down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your feelings get hurt easier than the world thinks. Maybe it's because you're always "on" that you seem impenetrable to little annoyances. Instead of sideswiping someone with your paw, show your vulnerability in that soft kittenish way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're still flying high from a revelation, making it difficult to concentrate on anything else. But really, what could be more important than concentrating on the thing

that thrills you so? LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People are counting on you to show up, and it's obvious when you arrive that they're looking to you for direction. Step into the place like you own the joint, even if you

don't. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Dorothy of Oz said. "Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore." It may take a while to find

out exactly where you are today. Listening to other people's stories helps you figure out where you stand

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's easier to see the gratification of indulging in a piece of son for the slightest

negative emotion, but each has a payoff. Consider cutting emotional calories by telling yourself not to dwell where you shouldn't.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could wait all day for someone to get his or her act together. Do what makes sense for you feel complete. to Nothing's so important that you have to put off for tomorrow what you could do today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel like a mother hen tending her coop. There's plenty to clean up and organize, and when a helper chickadee goes missing, you're left with dangling details. There's no one more qualified to handle it than you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When the boss leaves you incomplete instructions, there's nothing to do but a little creative slapstick. People grossly underrate imagination until they get a live one like you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I am a Cancer who just fell in love with a Cancer. Can we have a good relationship?"

Yes! The key to loving a Cancer is tapping into the very nature of true love that it is unconditional. Cancer people like to test their relationships and sometimes go to great lengths to make sure the other person still loves them. This could include punishing the other per-CANCER (June 22-July cake than indulging a infraction of trust. By

punishing their loved one, they're asking, "Will you still love me if I'm not nice to you?" "Will you still love me if I'm surly and sour?" This can get tedious, but anyone who is in love with a Cancer should remember that once the test is passed, the reward is a tidal wave of loyal affection. Since you're a Cancer, too, I caution you to choose your battles. You both can't be mad at the same time, or this is going to be very complicated. Always try to be the bigger person, easygoing and quick to forgive. Otherwise, this love affair will be more

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am in my 60s and have been married to "Lorraine" for 42 years.

In Year Four of our marriage, Lorraine admitted to an affair. She said I wasn't exciting enough, and she was right. I was more interested in being successful in my career. We had a 2year-old daughter, so I got over it. In Year 11, I caught Lorraine in our bed with a guy she worked with. He was 10 years younger. This was rough, because the guy was friends with many of my co-workers and made sure they all knew the whole story. I still loved her, and we had two young daughters. I forgave, but never really forgot.



one else. I've tried, but can't perform. We now have a brother-sister relationship and are reasonably content. We are comfortably retired and financially set. MUL

The problem is, I've started having dreams of the time I caught her in our bed with the other guy. In the dreams, I always deal with it differently - I never wimp out and end up in the situation we are in now. The stress and lack of sleep are getting to me. Please help. — 60-Plus Wimp Dear 60-Plus: You may have forgiven Lorraine, but you never forgot how disrespectful she was to you and your marriage. You are now fixated on the most humiliating episode, believing that had you reacted in a more "manly" way, your life would have been better. You sound beaten down. Please consider some counseling, so you can learn to forgive yourself and truly put the past where it belongs. Dear Annie: I'm a 64year-old man, married for 37 years. It bothers me that my wife will never call me by my name or any term of endearment, unless we are with other people. I have told her it makes me feel as if I am nothing special to her. I always call her by her name, or use "Honey," or "Dear," but she thinks I'm expecting too much for her to do it. Am I? -No Name in Nebraska Dear No Name: We remember the woman who begged her husband to call her by a pet name, so he called her "Lassie." Your wife's "endearment impairment" is no doubt annoying, but it may have little to do with her feelings for you. You can try some behavior modification and ask her to

force herself to call you by your first name (and remind her often), and it will become more natural over time. But after 37 years, this is not going to change unless your wife is willing to work on it.

Dear Annie: What were you drinking when you answered "Stressed Out"? Her mother gives her money since she suffers from chronic fatigue, and her sister also receives money from Mom in the form of child tuition payments. Now Sis, who is also the executrix of Mom's estate, wants both of them to deduct all payments from their future inheritance. Did Mom direct her executrix to do this? Don't you think she would have written that in her will? I would be horrified to think my children would engage in some kind of "payback" when I died, instead of enjoying what I gave them and divvying up their inheritance as specified in my will. In no way should the writer sign any kind of document that diminishes her share of her mother's inheritance. – M.E. Dear M.E.: Many readers agreed with you, but unless Mom specified what she wanted, there really is no way to know. The sister was, at least, trying to be equitable about it. But thanks for reminding our readers that it is crucial to have a will that spells out such things in order to avoid disagreements that estrange siblings. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox. and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. 2007 CREATORS
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for **TxDOT Prequalified Contrac**tor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit requalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available TxDOT's website at from www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 23132

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In Year 20, Lorraine

KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

admitted to another affair and wanted a divorce. I moved out, but after four months, she said she'd made a mistake, so I moved back.

Annie, that last one did me in. I no longer want sex with Lorraine or any-

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"I'm STILL cold! When's that global warming scheduled to kick in?"

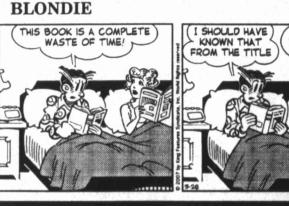


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This Date In History

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 and Begin Egyptian the White House.

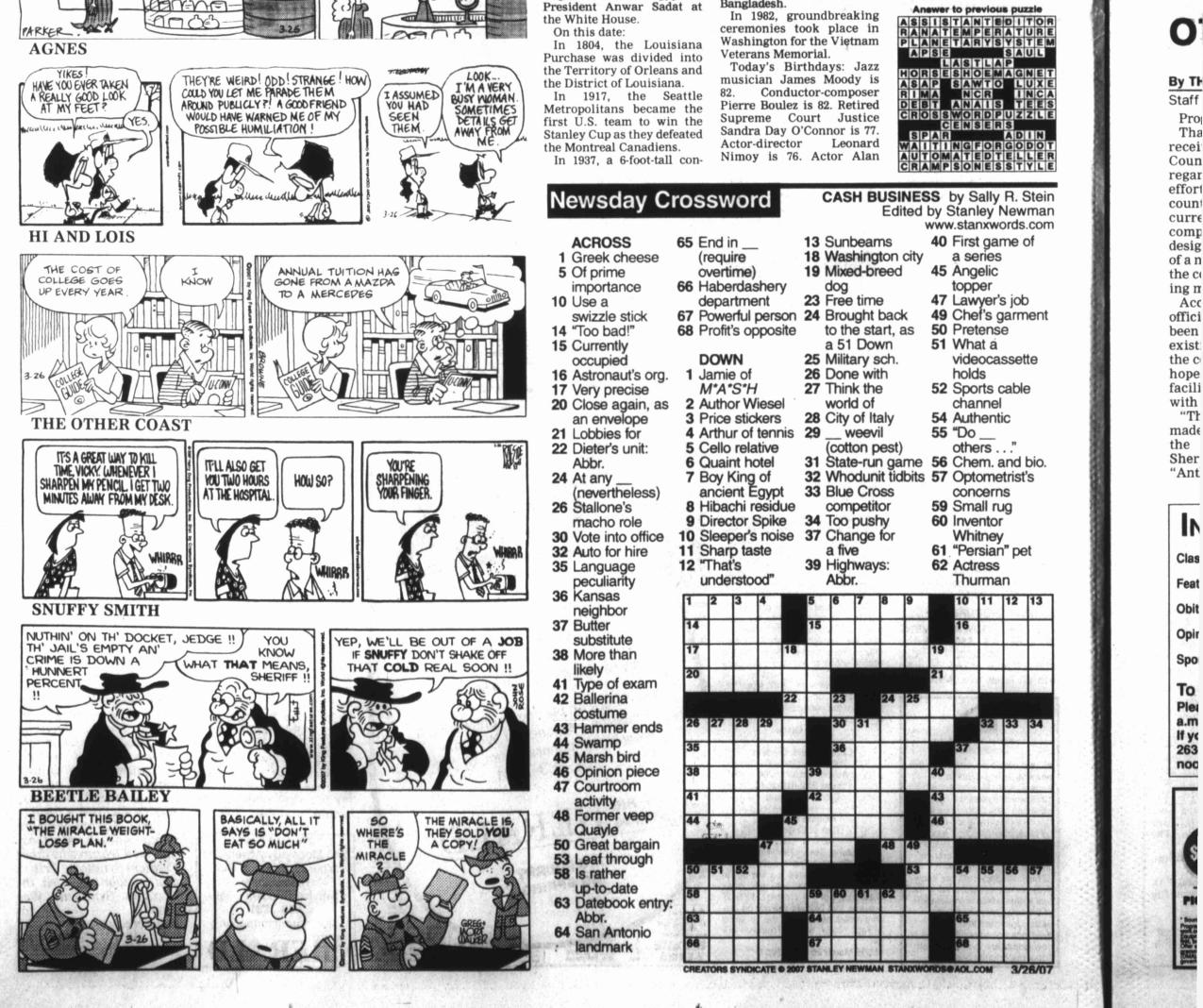
crete statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer

In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand, opened on Broadway. In 1971, East Pakistan pro-

claimed its independence, the taking name Bangladesh.

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. @ 2007 The Associated Press.



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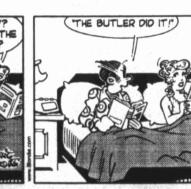
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