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Sweet 16 shocker

UCLA erases 17-point deficit, turns back Bulldogs in final seconds

End of an era?

Junior All-American Morrison makes exit with 24-point performance



Gonzaga forward Adam Morrison collapses to the floor after UCLA eliminated the Bulldogs by scoring the game's final 11 points.

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THE SLICE GOES DANCING

Zags show winning ways even as they lose to UCLA

OAKLAND — When Adam Morrison's eyes teared up at the end, I'll bet he had a lot of company.

So close.
So close.

Gonzaga's heartbreaking 73-71 loss to resilient UCLA ends the Zags' 2006 NCAA tournament run.

It wasn't supposed to be over yet.

But the poise those players showed in the moments after seeing their dream snuffed out was more awesome than any fade-away jumper or slam dunk.

One moment, victory seemed imminent. And then, well, you saw it. I don't need to tell you.

Bad things happen to good people. As the last GU shot failed to deliver a thrilling comeback and the horn called the time of death, the Gonzaga Bulldogs looked positively stricken. Several probably wouldn't grimace more if stabbed.



PAUL TURNER

But then they got up off the floor. They hugged each other. And they saluted their crestfallen fans. Still, Morrison's emotional reaction at the end seemed fitting.

A sports loss is not a tragedy. But man, the way that game ended stung.

For fans who believe in omens, there was plenty of superstition fuel.

How about Morrison scoring the first basket of the game?

Or what about UCLA's atrocious shooting early?

Or how about when UCLA scored on a lob/dunk, and Morrison immediately answered with an in-close basket?

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Students react at Gonzaga's Crosby Center during the final seconds of the game.

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- **The game:** In a shocker of the highest order, UCLA scores the game's final 11 points to deny GU its second appearance in the Elite 8.
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too familiar: A piece of cruel history repeats itself, and the Zags' star player finishes the season in tears.

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Freeman, city icon, dead at 96

Son of former slave a Spokane fixture

BY VIRGINIA DE LEON
Staff writer

Throughout his life, Clarence Freeman imparted many lessons. Be forthright, he told his three children. Keep your word and work hard. Always be proud of who you are.

"And don't forget to shine your shoes," he'd often tell friends and family, including the pastor of his church. "Dress like a winner."

Looking and being sharp was important to Freeman — a Spokane native who overcame poverty and discrimination to become one of the city's best known civic and business leaders.

"He was a survivor," said his son, Frederic J. Freeman. "He persevered. When he set his mind to something, he got it done."

The elder Freeman, a member of one of Spokane's oldest black families, died in his sleep Wednesday in the living room of the home he built in 1939. He was 96 years old.

Many longtime residents of Spokane knew, or at least knew of, Clarence Freeman — real estate developer, contractor, owner of Freeman Construction Co., Spokane's first black PTA president and organizer of Spokane's first job fair.

He not only constructed well-known buildings here such as the



Freeman

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Dog rescued after being buried alive

BY CHRISTOPHER RODKEY
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His feet still too big for his body and his tongue hanging in the breeze, the young black Labrador running around the play yard at SCRAPS animal shelter seemingly didn't have a care in the world Thursday.

But the happy face hid a recent horror: Last Saturday morning, the same dog was waiting for help, buried beneath a concrete slab and a few feet of dirt in his owner's backyard.

"It's unbelievable to think someone would do that to any creature," said Patricia Simonet, a program coordinator at Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service. Simonet was at the shelter Saturday morning when a neighbor called to report the dog buried under the concrete footing for some stairs in the 5000 block of North Evergreen Road in Spokane Valley.

By the time Spokane Valley police arrived, neighbors had started digging out the dog, using a plastic shovel to avoid hurting him. The dog, about a year old, had been buried under a concrete slab, where he had made his home. When the neighbors noticed the dog under the slab, they heeded a shovel next to the entrance, which was firmly packed down with a few feet of fresh dirt, Simonet said.

The dog, named Stinky by his owner but awaiting a name change from a new owner, was removed and appeared to have no injuries.

While county animal officials were appalled at what many called

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COMING SATURDAY

KING EXHIBIT TO VISIT SPOKANE

A rarely seen photo exhibit of Martin Luther King Jr. at a 1966 fair housing march in Chicago comes to Spokane on Friday.

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