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*Police nab robbery suspect, seek another *

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

The details may seem stranger than fiction, but for investigators with the Big Spring Police Department, a pair of weekend robberies is no laughing matter.

Wayne Douglas Smith, 41, of Haltom City was arrested Saturday on charges of aggravated robbery and evading arrest with a vehicle after police officials say he threatened a clerk at the 7-Eleven convenience store

located at 401 Birdwell Lane.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, the altercation began with a casual transaction at the store around 2 p.m. Saturday, and later escalated to a very odd confrontation between Smith and the store clerk.

"The suspect went into the store and purchased some items. While he was making the purchase, he asked the clerk where he had bought his watch, which the clerk told him he had bought it at Wal-Mart," said Everett. "The suspect left the store and got into his vehicle, where he waited for the customers to

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"Once all of the other customers had left the store, the suspect entered with a ball-peen hammer and threatened the clerk, demanding the watch," Everett added. "The clerk gave him the watch and as the suspect was walking out of the store, he turned around and threw it back at him and fled."

and reported the altercation to the police, at which time an officer began making his way to the

"While responding to the 7-Eleven, an officer spotted a pickup matching the description of the truck the suspect was driving. He attempted to stop him and that's when the suspect tried to make a run for it," said Everett. "The chase began on the south Interstate Highway 20 Service Road and eventually

Everett said the clerk called ended up on the interstate headed west."

> Everett said the suspect left the roadway and came to a stop in a field west of Big Spring.

> "At that point he fled on foot," Everett said. "However, when he stopped the truck, the catalytic converter ignited some brush under the vehicle, so not only did officers have a foot chase on their hands, but emergency responders with the fire

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AP photo/Harry Cabluck

The historic Texas Governor's Mansion is shown early Sunday in Austin after a fire swept through it earlier in the morning. The fire left much of the 150-year-old home charred and inflicted damage that state officials described as "bordering on catastrophic." No one was inside at the time and the cause of the blaze is unknown. The mansion had been undergoing a \$10 million renovation.

Arson suspected in Sunday fire that gutted Governor's Mansion

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Arson is suspected in a fire that swept through the historic Texas Governor's Mansion early Sunday and left much of the 152-year-old home charred and severely damaged, the state fire marshal said.

"We have some evidence that indicates that we do have an intentionally set fire," said state Fire Marshal Paul Maldonado. "So we believe that we may be looking at a criminal act here."

Calling it a "devastating loss to the state of Texas,' Maldonado did not provide details on how the fire may have been set or whether authorities had identified a suspect.

"There were some working cameras and surveillance video and all of that is useful to us and that is part of what we are using to help us with this investigation," Maldonado said.

"There was security personnel on the scene but we do have some evidence that indicates that there intentionally set the fire."

Fire officials said they hadn't had a chance to thoroughly investigate inside the mansion.

Investigators also were interviewing people who were nearby and might have noticed suspicious activity at the mansion, which sits downtown on a lot the size of a city block.

"We're going to come get the person that's responsible for causing this damage," Maldonado said.

About 100 firefighters responded when an alarm

was somebody here that went off just before 2 a.m. The mansion has been unoccupied since Gov. Rick Perry and his wife. Anita, temporarily moved out last fall so the mansion could undergo a \$10 million renovation. It was scheduled to be completed next year.

No injuries were reported, and there was no immediate financial estimate of the damage.

"We are heartbroken by the fire that has ravaged Texas Governors

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To waive ... or not waive

Council may put matter in city manager's hands

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Whether or not to waive admission fees at the city pool at Comanche Trail Lake may soon fall on the desk of City Manager Gary Fuqua, as the Big Spring City Council is expected to consider emergency reading of an ordinance giving him the option.

The ordinance would effectively amend the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 6, entitled "Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation" by changing Article 11, Section 6-191, entitled "Fees" by adding Section 6-1 91 (A) providing authorization for the city manager to waive entrance fees to the Comanche Trail Park Swimming Municipal

Pool. The ordinance comes on the heels of a request from the local Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club for the city to waive admission fees to the pool for approximately 75 area youth participating in the charity's summer program Fridays.

The council voted 5-2 to deny the request during its last meeting after the motion — made by Manuel Ramirez Jr. and seconded by Greg Biddison — was put to a vote following discussion that failed to yield a compromise on the issue.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the ordinance won't have an immediate impact on the situation surrounding the Salvation Army's program, but could address future help requests.

"This will give Gary (Fuqua) the authority to reduce or waive the admission fee as he sees fit, said Darden. "It doesn't necessarily address the request that was denied by the council, but it will give him the ability to decide what will be done.

"I've spoken to officials with the Boys & Girls Club, and they tell me they have made financial arrangements to secure the pool either way. Councilman Ramirez has told me there have been donations made to make sure they can use the city pool, so one way or another those kids are going to get to swim."

Darden said the city staff has also been comparing the way its pool is managed to other area cities, and have found very few differences.

"We've looked Midland-Odessa, Snyder,

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Foundation beginning to come of age

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Area Community Foundation believe the organization is ready to leave its infancy behind.

After about seven years of learning and a bit of trial and error — foundation officials believe the organization is ready to start realizing the dream behind its

"Our mission statement is to develop a permanent fund and utilize income from that fund to enhance and fund opportuni-

ties to improve the quality of life in Howard County and surrounding communities," said Drew Mouton, foundation president.

"This foundation was formed ... because people realized it could be a tremendous asset to this community," he added.

With assets of almost \$500,000, the foundation helps finance a variety of community improvement projects, both big and small, as well as individual grants such as college scholarships.

For the first few years of its existence, however, foundation members found progress to be agonizingly slow.

"We didn't grow much at all," Mouton said of the period following the foundation's creation in February 2001. "It's always difficult to get new organizations like this one off the ground. but in the past three to five years, I've been pleased with our rate of growth.

"Now, our primary concern is to get the foundation organized and structured to tackle any situation we face," he added.

Simply put, the BSACF administers funds donated from private individuals. Donations can either be earmarked for

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Obituaries

Kaya McKenna Franco



Kaya McKenna Franco, 5, of Cedar Park, died on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, in a San Angelo hospital from injuries received in an auto accident. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2008, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Interment will follow at Mt.

Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Jan. 3, 2003, in Austin. Everyone knew her as "Pops' Girl". She cheered for i9 sports league and played soccer for CC United in Cedar Park and was to attend kindergarten at Cypress Elementary. She loved her new dog, Barcardi, her family and especially loved sleep overs with her cousins. She was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin.

Survivors include her parents, Filomeno III and Kim Schaffer-Franco of Cedar Park; two sisters, Kaydra Nicole Franco of Lubbock and Kaymi Lynn Franco of Cedar Park; her paternal grandfather, Filomeno Franco II of Big Spring; her paternal grandmother, Katie Anaya of Big Spring; two aunts, Selina Anaya and husband, Jimmy Nguyen of Round Rock and Luanna Franco of Big Spring; three uncles, Henry Franco Sr. and wife, Lisa, Albert Carrillo and Victor Anaya, all of Big Spring; three "special" tias, Letty Cortez of Austin and Janel Ortiz and husband, David, of Big Spring and Norma Mendoza and husband, Willy, of Odessa; and numerous

She was preceded in death by her maternal greatgrandmother, Glenna Ritenour; her paternal greatgrandmother, Bessie Trevino; and by her maternal grandmother, Cynthia "Nana" Schaffer.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 3001 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Jack H. Cottongame Sr.



Jack H. Cottongame Sr., 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 8, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Salvation Army Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral

He was born Sept. 19, 1936, in Dawson and married Peggy Barbee Aug. 10, 1966, in Lamesa.

Mr. Cottongame came to Big Spring at age 2. He served in the United States Navy for four years and had worked as a fireman for the Big Spring Fire Department for 21 years. He had worked as a crosswalk guard for Big Spring ISD for two years and was a member of the Salvation Army.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Cottongame of Big Spring; two sons, Jackie Cottongame Jr. and wife, Sanden, of Krum and Gary Snowden and wife, Patricia W., of Big Spring; one sister, Sharon White and husband, Bobby, of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ray Cottongame; and three sisters, Verna Sue Smith, Geneva Morton and Betty Brumley.

The family suggest memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720 or to The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, Big Spring 79720.

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

Leeland Wayne Burchett



Leeland Wayne Burchett, 73, of Midland died Friday, June 6, 2008, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was born Dec. 20, 1934, in Big Spring to the late William Ellis and Norma Ethel Burchett. He married Ruthie Adams in 1960.

He served in the armed forces from 1957 to 1963 and was an expert rifleman. He worked to obtain his associates degree in fire science; and served as a

Midland fireman for 25 years, retiring in 1986. The past couple of years he enjoyed working at the Southside Wal-Mart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Betty Jean Brown; and a brother-in-law, Sammy Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Ruthie; three children, Christy Burchett of Houston, Stephanie Rotan of Midland, and Guy Burchett of Midland; a sister, Joyce White of Big Spring; a brother, Terry Burchett of Midland; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at npwelch.com.

Oscar Barraza

Oscar Barraza, 63, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Thomas Edwin Wall

Tom Wall, 67, a former resident of Big Spring, died on June 4, 2008, in Alamogordo, N.M. Services are pending with Alamogordo Funeral Home. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Wall was born Feb. 28, 1941, to Art and Tennie Wall, who raised him in Morton and preceded him in death. He attended New Mexico Military Institute.

He spent his career in radio. In the early years of rockand-roll, he was a disc jockey known as Little Tommy Wall. In the 1960s, as a programmer at stations in Lubbock, his formats were top rated and drew large listening audiences. He told countless stories of going head-to-head against the competition using big contests and hosting concerts featuring the stars of the era.

In the 1970s, while raising his family, Tom turned down offers in even larger markets. He took his skills to Hobbs, N.M., and to Big Spring. In the 1980s, he programmed KUFO in Midland/Odessa. In the 1990s he moved to Alamogordo, N.M., and was news director at KPSA and KINN/KZZX.

Throughout his life, Tom was also an entrepreneur, using his talents in business interests he owned.

He was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Sabia, of Hobbs, N.M., and two grandchildren.

Flora Dyer

Flora Dyer, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- WILLIAM CLEMENTS, 40, of 1002 N. Main Street. was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
- GARY MONTEZ, 17, of 2538 Langley, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- STACIE MARIE DELEON, 41, of 1705 Aylford, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III, 35, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and two local citations.
- KENYA RAY ROBINSON, 34, of 3304 U.S. W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a warrant.
- WAYNE DOUGLAS SMITH, 41, of Haltom City, was arrested Saturday on charges of aggravated robbery and evading arrest with a vehicle.
- CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS ANDREWS, 89, of Port Arthur, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid – enhanced.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 68, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARINA FAIR, 25, of 1201 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify – giving false information.
- KENNETH M. DAVIS, 34, of 1600 S. Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
- ERIC TODD KENNE, 43, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault by contact.

Note: Police activity reports were not made available by press time Monday morning for Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8, due to what police officials described as printer difficulties.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- GILBERT MUNOZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- JOE JESSE RODRIGUEZ JR., 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court – disobedience of a court order.
- ALFREDO EDWARD GARZA, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court –
- disobedience of a court order. • REIMAN FERNANDEZ, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- MARK ANTHONY EDMONDSON, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping and failure
- ADOLFO FRANCO, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- GUILLERMO LIMAS JR., 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • STACIE MARIE DELEON, 31, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. • ADOLFO GARZA, 25, was arrested Saturday by the
- HCSO on an unnamed Class C charge. • MARK WADE ROEN, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal
- EVELYN JOAN WEATHERSPOON, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on chargeS of assault/ family violence, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less..
- SHANNON BOUDREAUX, 37, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of public intoxication and permitting an unlicensed person to drive.
- CLINT BOLLIER, 18, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and driving under the influence by a
- RICAUTER CANTU DELEON, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor and driving while license invalid.
- STEVEN RAY EVANS, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON, 36, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JEREMY KANE BEDWELL, 22, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ADRIAN CARRILLO, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPSD on charges of driving while intoxicated, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM ANDREWS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid -
- JUAN RODRIGUEZ, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving under the influence by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Weather

tTonight - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of W. FM
- 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 175

mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Refinery

- transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of
- Bucknell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of
- Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of
- Williams Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** in the 1400 block of Settles. One person
- was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg



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- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Vikki. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of
- Virginia.c One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of
- Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Connally. Service refused. • RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 4800 block of

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in

Take Note

• Big Spring High School is offering TAKS Tutoring for Exit-Level TAKS re-test. Science tutorials are currently underway. Math tutorials will begin Wednesday, June

18, at 8 a.m. at the high school. Contact Molly Morris, high school counselor, at 264-3641, ext. 133, for additional

• June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact

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treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours

commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a

ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-18-19-33-39-50.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Number matching six of six: None.

Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-17-18-22. Number matching five of five: Ntone.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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order: 1-0-3. Sum It Up: 4.

information.

Bill Birrell at 263-0659.

million.



Tito Drummond, assistant manager of the Big Spring Wal-Mart Supercenter, is joined by members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful at the store Saturday. As part of a recycling effort, Wal-Mart and KBSB were handing out reusable tote bags in exchange for customers' old plastic bags.

FIRE

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Mansion," Perry, who was out of the country, said in a prepared statement. "It has not only been our home for the past eight years, but has stood as a symbol of Texas pride throughout its history. Though it can certainly be rebuilt, what Texas has lost today can never be replaced.'

Small hot spots were still smoldering more than six hours after the fire began. Puffs of smoke billowed from the building.

State officials said damage to the Greek Revivalstyle mansion — first occupied by Gov. Elisha Marshall Pease — was extensive.

The roof buckled because of the fire and the massive amount of water used to extinguish it.

The mansion was left black with heavy burns. Parts of the six 29-foot columns at the front of the home and much of the front wall of the mansion were charred black. In some places the original color of the brick could be seen where white paint had burned off.

Perry spokesman Robert

Black said much of the wood inside the mansion was longleaf pine that is "completely irreplaceable.'

He said some interior ornamentation is damaged beyond repair.

All the historic furnishings and heirlooms had been removed from the mansion for the renovation project. Braun & Butler Construction was working on the maintenance and renovations. Among the improvement projects were an overhaul of the plumbing, removal of lead paint and asbestos and installation of a fire sprinkler system, among

other things.

The mansion was equipped with a fire alarm. A state trooper who was on the mansion's grounds as part of regular security detail heard an alarm go off, then saw flames and called the fire department, said Tela Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Officials would not comment on how many security officers were present when the fire erupted. They said there is no evidence any direct threat to the governor was intended.

The governor uses the

mansion as a home and for official functions, such as hosting heads of state or other dignitaries and for gathering with lawmakers and the news media.

The Perrys have been living in a rented home elsewhere in Austin during the renovation work. They were in Stockholm, Sweden, on Sunday as part of a European economic development trip and were scheduled to return to Texas on Tuesday. The governor was contacted shortly after the fire was reported, and his chief of staff was keeping him updated on the situation. Black said.

The mansion is a national historic landmark. Built in 1856, it is the oldest continually used executive residence west of the Mississippi.

The large trees surrounding the two-story mansion made it difficult for firefighters to position their equipment, Fire Department spokeswoman Dawn Clopton said. The federal Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was sending in a national response team to assist the investigation. Maldonado asked that anyone who has information about the fire to call a hotline at 1-877-434-7345.

COUNCIL

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Andrews and several other cities and their ordinances swimming pools," said Darden. "The only difference we've found at this point is those other cities provide free admission for children under the age of 6 years and seniors over the age of

65. That's it."

The municipal swimming pool isn't the only place Fugua may have to govern swimming in the future, however, as the council will also consider first reading of ordinance that would also give the city manager the authority to allow swimming in Comanche Trail Lake under certain conditions.

The council will also consider bids for sludge

removal at Phillips Pond Reservoir and permission to advertise for proposals for contract manager at risk for the Comanche Trail Golf Course Pro Familia. Shop.

Mayor Russ McEwen is also expected to make a proclamation during the meeting declaring June 10 "John Ontiveros and Gracie Acosta Day."

Ontiveros and Acosta both Big Spring residents

— won a 2008 Grammy while performing with three-time Grammy Award winning Tejano artist and band Little Joe y La

Ontiveros' first recording experience on the band's newest album "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" landed him the award, as he played lead trumpet and arranged all the horn work on the album.

Acosta is currently the second trumpet player for the Tejano band. Ontiveros graduated

from Big Spring High School in 2003; Howard College in 2004 and Angelo State University in 2007 with a music major. Acosta ed at 307 E. Fourth Street. graduated from Big Spring High School in 2004 and Howard College in 2006.

The Chamber Commerce and Howard College will be hosting a reception in honor of the pair Tuesday at the Hall Center for the Arts at 6:30 The council meeting is

expected to begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Champers, locat

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specific purposes or for use at the directors' discre-

A fact of the foundation's life is that the more money it has in permanent funds, the more projects it can help. Persons can donate any amount to the the foundation's discretionary fund, while a restricted fund can be established for \$10,000.

But while the foundation is always open to more donations, "our main job is not to go out and hit people up for money," Mouton said. "Our main job is to tell them what we have to offer."

And what the foundation

has to offer is a sort of helping hand to qualified community improvement projects.

"We try to keep our ears to the ground," Mouton said. "If something is going on in Big Spring, generally one or more of our trustees know about it ... We then contact the organization doing the project and ask if they need financing help

for that project."

Mouton said that the group needs members more than anything. People can join the group for \$100 a year, which gives them a voice in how the money is spent in the community.

And this is a great time to join, Mouton said.

"I like to say that we're iust now out of our infan-

cy," he said. "As of now, we feel ready to handle anything that walks in the door."

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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departments quickly had a brush fire to deal with. The truck was burned to the ground."

With assistance from a helicopter provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Everett said officers were able to locate Smith and take him into custody.

"As far as we can tell, the suspect doesn't have a history of mental illness, but more information may turn up later on this," said Everett.

No injuries were report-

ed as a result of the robbery or the chase, according to police officials.

Everett said a second report of aggravated robbery was reported earlier in the day, this time at the Gold Rush Discount Tobacco shop located 804 E. Third Street.

a.m.," said Everett. "A white female suspect, about 5 feet, 2 inches tall wearing all black clothing, a hat and sunglasses, approached the clerk behind the counter. She

"The call came in at 11:42

told the clerk she wanted what was in the register and displayed a large knife in her left hand. At that point, the clerk ran to



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another part of the store and told a coworker."

When the clerk and coworker returned, however, the mysterious would-be robber nowhere to be found.

"No injuries were reported as a result of the altercation, and no arrests have been made at this time," said Everett.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crime stoppersat 263-TIPS or 264-TIPS.

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OUR VIEWS

Remember to get your entries in for rodeo parade

here's nothing quite as traditional as a rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where the opening performance of the 75th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is fast approaching.

As we have noted many times in this space, the Big Spring Cowbov Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and Women's Professional Rodeo Association will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday, June 19, through Saturday, June 21, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Every event that will be staged during the rodeo bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

Why start thinking about the rodeo now? After all, that's still a couple of weeks away, right?

Well, it's time to be thinking rodeo because there's only a week left to make plans for your entries in the rodeo parade that officially kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. on June 19.

Participants in the parade will line up at 11th and Main, and the procession will again snake its way through downtown Big Spring. What's more, the rodeo association's directors will again judge entrants in six divisions for the parade and sweeten the pot with prize money for the top three overall entries.

That's right. The six divisions are for floats, riging clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles, tractors and motorcycles.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the secondplace entry will receive \$50. A \$25 prize goes to the entry finishing third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the six entry

categories will receive plaques. So, start making plans now.

It seems that we're always exhorting readers to help make the upcoming parade the best rodeo parade Big Spring's ever had, and we do. That's because we're sure it's the best way to kick off the rodeo's three-day run by putting everyone in the rodeo spirit. It certainly has that effect on the newspaper's staff and we always look forward to having it pass right in front of our offices.

And remember, anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form that is being regularly included in editions of the Herald. But you have to do so before the deadline for entries, which is a week from today.

Just fill them out and return them to our office.

So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Don't forget, participation is the key when rodeo time rolls around, the parade offers virtually all of us an opportunity to get in on the fun.

And who doesn't like having a little fun?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

We can discover hidden talents, Lord, with You.

Looking at an Obama-Clinton ticket

f course Hillary Rodham Clinton would be willing to be Barack Obama's running mate. Look at her marriage and tell me she won't settle for second place. Clinton's adult life has been about

doing — and enduring — whatever it takes to get a hold on the White House. On the road to the top,

vice president trumps failed Democratic presidential candidate. Late last

Wednesday, aides confirmed that Clinton would suspend her campaign and endorse Obama. The announcement

was the latest twist since longtime Clintonista Lanny Davis posted a petition asking Obama to consider Clinton as his running mate.

Davis — now with the "Hillary for VP '08 Committee," which, he says, is independent of the Clinton campaign — wrote, "Together, you stand the best chance of making U.S. history not once but twice the first African American president and the first female vice president since the founding of our great nation."

Give up, says conventional wisdom: Obama will never pick Clinton to be his running mate, people who are supposed to know argue — because he doesn't like

The impeccable Obama brand doesn't need the tarnish of all that scruffy Clinton baggage — an argument excruciatingly catalogued in a recent Vanity Fair article about Bill Clinton's out-of-control behavior, they say. Then there's the big question: How do you vet Bubba?

Also: She might overshadow

Worse, he might overshadow Obama.

Besides, there is something unseemly in the way Clinton worked her supporters into a lather of angry victim-hood that blamed sexism for her failure to win the delegates needed to sew up the nomination, even as her surrogates suggested that a black candidate cannot win in November.

You know what: None of that mat-

Obama may not like Clinton, but any candidate who has glad-handed countless strangers and charmed big checks from self-important donors is not going to let a little thing like personal feelings get in the way.

"If Hillary Clinton really wants the job, he has no choice in the matter," noted pollster Scott Rasmussen.

On the phone, Rasmussen laid out the numbers.

On his website, Rasmussen had written that while Obama led McCain with 43 percent to 41 percent of the vote, Democrats have a 63 percent chance of winning the White House in November. "The Democratic presidential nominee will have to make an effort to lose," Rasmussen noted, but "it could happen."

Even as the reputed Democratic front-runner, Obama could not beat Clinton in key states such as Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio.

Last Tuesday night, Clinton noted that she had "nearly 18 million" votes and she wanted those voters "to be respected, to be heard and no longer to be invisible." Like magic, Lanny Davis pulled his petition out of a hat.

"Barack Obama needs those votes," Rasmussen said of the working-class and female Democrats who supported Clinton. And it would be dangerous for Obama to send the message that he does not

care about these important elements in the Democratic base. Hence, Rasmussen added, Clinton as running mate would "unify the party.'

And the party needs unity. In terms of the popular vote, Obama and Clinton practically tied. According to a RealClearPolitics tally that does not include the Michigan vote (since Obama's name was not on the ballot), Obama garnered 17,535,458 votes to Clinton's 17,493,836. Look at the numbers, Davis told me, "It's in Obama's interest to put her on the ticket."

Team Obama likes to talk about Obamacons — you know, those independent-minded Republicans who support Obama. In March, Gallup found that 28 percent of Clinton backers would vote for McCain instead of Obama in November.

It's the independent-minded Democrats, or McCainocrats, who instead might make the difference.

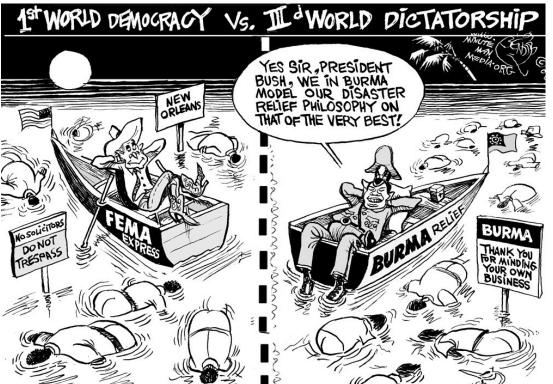
Clinton's announcement that she is bowing out and endorsing Obama gives Obama face. Now, if he were to pick her, at least it would not look as if he did so with a gun to his head.

As a Clinton critic, I've been heartened by the left's realization this campaign season that the Clintons are dangerously opportunistic and downright toxic.

And it has been good to see the Democratic Party move away from the Clinton culture, from which the party derived so much power.

In preferring Obama, Democrats looked as if they stood for something more than simply winning. And now Obama may need her to win the White House.

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Dealing with rights in conflict

oes a doctor have a right to deny treatment to a patient because of her own religious views? Or does a patient have a right to be free from what she sees as wrongful discrimination that consists of denying to her medi-

cal treatment that is

provided to others? The California Supreme Court, which three weeks ago ruled that the state constitution prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation when it comes to the right to marry, last week confronted the question of whether gays



Susan**ESTRICH**

and lesbians are entitled to similar protection in seeking medical care. Observers, judging from the questioning before the state's high court, are inclined to believe that the court will side with the rights of the patient.

Lupita Benitez, now 36 and, with her partner of 18 years, the mother of three children, brought the lawsuit against two Christian physicians in San Diego County who refused to inseminate her with donor sperm when she was trying to get pregnant in 1999.

She claims that she was denied treatment afforded to other women because of the doctors' personal views about lesbians becoming mothers; attorneys for the doctors claim that it was the fact that Benitez wasn't married, not that she was a lesbian, that led the doctors to refuse treatment to her and that in any event, their religious views give them a right to denv treatment they don't approve of.

According to Justice Carol Corrigan, who voted against singlesex marriage three weeks ago but seemed to be siding with the lesbian plaintiff this time, the doctors were running a business, and if they didn't want to perform the services of that business, they should take up another line of work.

Chief Justice Ronald George, who voted for same-sex marriage, said the issue was not whether doctors are required to perform certain procedures, but whether they could perform them selectively on some patients and not others. Justice George asked the doctors' lawyer whether treatment could be denied based on ethnic background.

No abortions for Catholics? I don't think so. Inseminations for married

women only?

What gives the doctor the right to make that decision?

When I was in law school, there was one doctor on duty many afternoons in the school health services clinic, and he didn't believe in birth control, at least not for single women. So when young women went in with birth control-related problems, say bleeding from an IUD, he would refuse to treat them, and we (the Women's Law Association) would have to find a way to transport them to the Central Health Services.

We went to the dean to complain, and he told us we weren't respecting the doctor's First Amendment

freedoms.

I hadn't taken constitutional law at that point, but it didn't make sense that his right to religious freedom allowed him to refuse necessary medical treatment to women. What about our rights?

We took the issue to the Visiting Committee, a body of distinguished jurists and lawyers, to the great consternation of almost everyone who thought discussing gynecological issues so publicly to be supremely inappropriate, but then-Judge Shirley Hufstedler was the chair of the committee, and she got it right away. And yes, we got gynecological services.

So should Ms. Benitez. Here is my answer to the question

of whether doctors who don't believe in abortion should be required to perform abortions: You shouldn't become a gynecologist if you don't want to provide gynecological services, any more than doctors who adhere to Christian Science and disapprove of transfusions should become hematologists, although reasonable people certainly can disagree on that point.

But the idea that doctors should be able to discriminate among their patients as to who gets services and who doesn't — based not on medical conditions or necessity, but on the doctors' views, whether religious or otherwise — is an effort to cloak discrimination with a claim to constitutional protection that it does not deserve.

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Inguinal hernias more common among men

early five million people in the United States are diagnosed with a hernia each year. Hernias can develop over

a long period of time or occur instantly. They often require surgical interven-

For men, inguinal hernias are by far the most common, accounting for approximately 80 percent of those diagnosed. In addition, men are ten times

more likely than women to develop an inguinal hernia. Because inguinal hernias can lead to serious complications, it is important to recognize the

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An inguinal hernia occurs when there is a weak spot in the tum, which may feel like a

signs of symptoms and seek

immediate medical care.

groin muscle, allowing tissue within the abdominal cavity to bulge through.

This is often due to a common problem in men, in which the muscles around the abdominal wall do not completely close before birth, leaving a weakness in the lower abdominal area. Once excess pressure is applied to the area, a hernia is likely to occur and can cause severe discomfort.

While a hernia can result from a muscle deficiency at birth, there are other factors

- that can cause a hernia such as: • A family history of an inguinal hernia;
- A chronic cough caused by smoking or other health condi-
- tions, such as cystic fibrosis; • Obesity, which can put excess pressure on the abdomi-
- nal and pelvic muscles; or · Heavy lifting or physical

A bulge in the groin or scro-

lump to the touch, is one of the most common symptoms of an inguinal hernia. Other symptoms may include swelling or a feeling of heaviness or burning in the groin area.

Often, these symptoms will improve when you lie down, which alleviates pressure in this area. If sudden nausea and vomiting occur it may be a sign of a strangulated hernia, which occurs when part of the intestine has become trapped in the

It is important to seek medical attention at the first sign of a strangulated hernia as complications including intestinal obstruction, gangrene or death may occur.

The only way to repair a hernia is through surgery. During one of the most common procedures, a herniorrhaphy, a physician will make a small incision to the lower abdomen. push the tissue or intestines back into the abdominal cavity and repair the broken muscle wall. After a herrniorrhaphy, most patients can resume normal activities within a few weeks. During another common procedure, the hernioplasty, the physician laparoscopically inserts a mesh covering the weakened area in order to repair the hernia and prevent future episodes.

After a laparoscopic hernioplasty, most patients can return to normal activities within a few days.

Even if symptoms are not severe, a physician may recommend surgery to avoid complications, such as the risk of strangulated hernia.

Although an inguinal hernia is the most common type occurring in men, there are other types of hernias, which affect both men and women. A hiatal hernia occurs when the stomach is pushed into the chest cavity, causing a bulge, and an incisional hernia occurs at the

site of a previous abdominal surgery or procedure.

In some instances a hernia may be unavoidable, but there are a few simple steps that can help prevent a hernia from

- developing, such as: • Maintaining a healthy weight through routine diet and
- exercise; • Eating foods high in fiber;
- Avoiding heavy lifting heavy; and
- Discontinuing smoking to help control episodes of chronic coughing.

If you experience signs or symptoms associated with an inguinal hernia, contact your physician to discuss treatment options and ways to minimize your risk.

A member of the local medical community since 2002, Dr. Alan Abel is a board-certified general surgeon. His office is located at 1501 W. 11th Place, in the Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Showcase summer's bounty in a pasta salad

Pasta salad is nearly synonymous with summer cookouts. But too many recipes call for fat-laden additions like mayonnaise and lots of cheese. Our version, which uses whole-wheat pasta, features a variety of seasonal veggies adding a healthy spin to a classic summer

It's hard to talk about pasta without first delving into its long and colorful past. For starters, many historians contest the popular myth that the Venetian explorer Marco Polo introduced spaghetti to the Italians when he returned from China in the late thirteenth century. In reality, the people of the Mediterranean already enjoyed fresh pasta. In fact, macaroni was



mentioned in the will of a Genoan soldier in 1279 - almost two decades before Polo returned from China. Pasta also holds a place in American history. In the 1920s, U.S. farmers used pasta as a marketing campaign to promote the sale of wheat.

In recent years, food manufacturers have dramatically improved the taste and texture of commercial whole-wheat pasta. If you haven't tried it recently, pick up a box. With all three parts of the wheat grain intact, whole-wheat varieties provide fiber, B vitamins and cancer-fighting phytochemicals.

The lightly sautéed, colorful vegetables offer disease-preventing properties of theirown. The yellow and red bell peppers, for example, provide beta-carotene and vitamin C - two antioxidants that may play a role in fighting esophageal

This flavorful recipe can be prepared a day in advance. Chilling it overnight not only eases your day-of prep time, but it also gives the flavor of the vegetables and herbs time to develop and mingle with the pasta.

Mixed Vegetable Pasta Salad

12 oz. whole-wheat pasta, variety of your

- 1 1/2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup low fat, reduced-sodium chicken
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 (28 oz.) can unsalted diced tomatoes in
- 1 (16 oz.) package button mushrooms,
- 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced 2 medium zucchini, shredded
- 1 tsp. dried oregano

- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. dried thyme

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste 8 romaine lettuce leaves (any other large lettuce leaves may be substituted)

Bring large pot of water to a boil. Add pasta and cook per package directions until al dente (firm, not mushy). Thoroughly drain pasta. Place in a large serving bowl, add oil, toss and set aside.

Using large skillet over medium heat, heat the chicken broth. Add garlic, onions and tomatoes. Cook until the onions are softened, about 5 minutes. Add the remaining vegetables and cook until they are tender crisp, about 5 to 6 minutes. Stir in the oregano, basil, thyme, salt and pepper.

Add the vegetable mix to the pasta. Toss to mix evenly. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, about 1 to 2 hours.

To serve, place lettuce leaves on plates. Top with pasta salad and serve immediately.

Makes 14 servings.

Per serving: 140 calories, 2.5 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 24 g carbohydrates,

5 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 140 mg sodium

Eggs: Is the message changing?

new study adds to the growing body of research that suggests a single approach to limiting egg consumption may

be too restrictive for many people. Research now shows that individual metabolic differences may allow some people to eat more eggs, even though it



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continues as a reasonable caution for others.

The study, recently published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN), revealed that egg consumption was not related to risk of heart attack.

Among more than 21,000 male study participants, an intake of up to six eggs weekly did not increase mortality. However, those who ate seven or more eggs weekly were 23 percent more likely to die during the 20-year study. Another long-term study, which followed men and women for 16 years, also showed no association between egg consumption and either heart disease

or mortality. Such findings contrast with standard recommendations for heart-healthy eating. According to these recommendations, a prevention-oriented hearthealthy diet should include less than 300 milligrams (mg) of total dietary cholesterol each day. People with existing heart disease, diabetes or elevated LDL ("bad") cholesterol are advised to limit cholesterol intake

even further – to no more than 200 mg a day.

These recommended guidelines are fairly strict, considering that one egg yolk contains just over 200 mg of cholesterol. Because saturated fat from animal products is the primary dietary cause of high blood cholesterol. choosing only lean meats and low fat dairy products is a smart first step. But even after implementing these healthier choices, diners must still stick to just four egg yolks a week in order to meet a 300 mg cholesterol limit (one egg yolk weekly if 200 mg of daily cholesterol is the goal). People who do not eat meat or dairy products may have higher daily egg allowances. Controlling

blood cholesterol is important, since each one percent increase in LDL ("bad") cholesterol is linked to a one percent increase in heart disease risk. However, only about 25 percent of the cholesterol in our blood comes from our food. Most is produced within our liver, and the amount we make is influenced by inherited tendencies and by the amount of saturated and trans fat we eat.

According to most current recommendations, people who have high blood cholesterol should restrict dietary cholesterol. But studies do not suggest that all people with high blood cholesterol are equally responsive to changes in dietary cholesterol. In the recent study of egg consumption published in AJCN, those who already had high blood cholesterol at the start of the study did not seem to be any more influenced by egg consumption than others. On the other hand, in several other studies, people with diabetes who ate seven or more eggs per week showed a 50 to 100 percent increased risk of heart disease or death - a much stronger effect than seen in those without diabetes.

While health experts are not suggesting unlimited egg consumption, the new research does call into question whether the current weekly maximum of four eggs is too restrictive. With eggs offering a

relatively low-cost source of protein and an alternative to red meat (which we are encouraged to limit due to its link to colon cancer), up to six whole eggs a week may be reasonable for many of us. But some people, including those with diabetes, pre-diabetes and high blood triglycerides should probably err on the side of caution and stick to the current four-egg limit.

Those who do up their egg intake take note: Eating more eggs should not translate into an



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Lottery Commission says sales down nearly 2 percent from last year

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery ticket sales in Texas are down and state officials say the decline could impact the \$1 billion the lottery sends annually to public schools.

Smaller jackpots and a sagging economy may help explain the drop that has sales running 1.8 percent behind last year, Texas Lottery Commission spokesman Robert Heith said.

About 27 percent of lottery sales are reserved for the Foundation School Program, a fund to that goes to local school districts. If sales trends hold, the money going to the program this fiscal year would be about \$930 million, down from \$1.03 billion in 2007 and 2006. The fiscal year ends Aug. 31.

The lottery's assistance is significant to public schools. The state has appropriated \$19.8 billion to the program for next year, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday

We're doing our best to improve sales," Heith said.

A new \$50 scratch-off ticket game is set to be unveiled this summer. Last year, a similar high-dollar ticket boosted revenue in the final quarter, and lottery officials are hoping for a similar effect.

Astronauts ready to finish tasks with new space station lab

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m HOUSTON}$ (AP) — A few final tasks related to the international space station's newest lab awaited space shuttle Discovery astronauts on Monday.

The \$1 billion lab's robotic arm was going to be fully extended by astronauts. The 33-foot robotic arm was first moved on Saturday, but only very slightly.

They will do a series of motions. It will practically extend all the way out," said flight director Annette Hasbrook.

At the end of the test, the arm will be folded up and stored, out of the way of the lab's windows.

Over the summer, the station's crew will continue checking out the arm. This will culminate with the arm being used to grapple a storage shed that sits atop the lab.

The robotic arm won't be used for any actual work until after the launch into orbit next year of the lab's third and final section — a porch" for exterior experiments — and a second, smaller robotic arm.

The 37-foot lab, named Kibo, Japanese for hope, was delivered by the shuttle and installed on the space station last week. The bus-size lab is the biggest room at the space station.

Later on Monday, astronauts planned to open up Kibo's storage shed, which has been sealed up since it was moved last week from a different location on the station to the lab.

The lab's shed — essentially a 14-foot closet or attic — was delivered to the station by another shuttle crew in March.

Astronauts were going to remove some equipment in the shed that is needed in other sections of the space station.

Emily Nelson, a space station flight director, said the shed will provide something that is often in short supply at the orbiting outpost. If you can imagine how full your house gets with stuff as you go through your life. But you can never have a garage sale and very infrequently can you take anything away. We have that problem on station," she said. This will provide much needed storage space."

On Sunday, astronauts Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan Jr. completed the shuttle mission's third and final spacewalk on the orbiting outpost, replacing an empty gas tank and collecting a sample of dusty debris from a solar power wing's rotating joint. NASA is hoping the debris will give it clues about why another joint is malfunctioning.

Discovery and its crew are scheduled to leave the station on Wednesday.

Four dead in Huntsville chopper crash

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A pilot with more than 30 years of experience, a patient, a flight nurse and a paramedic died when their helicopter crashed in a heavily wooded area of the Sam Houston National Forest minutes after taking off from a Huntsville hospital.

This is a devastating loss," PHI Air Medical spokesman Jonathan Collier said Sunday.

Walker County Chief Deputy Butch Davis said debris from the Sunday crash was strewn over a wide area on private property in the forest.

He identified the dead as patient David Disman, flight nurse Jana Bishop, pilot Wayne Kirby and flight paramedic Stephanie Waters.

Davis said the helicopter crew was taking Disman, 58, from Huntsville Memorial Hospital to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston at the time of the crash for surgery. He had no information on Disman's hometown.

The flight left Huntsville at 2:45 a.m. and the hospital lost contact with the helicopter two minutes later. Searchers didn't find the wreckage for almost six hours. A Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter conducted aerial searches and others scanned the country-side looking for the helicopter.

Once the site was found, Davis said they had to bring in a bulldozer to clear a 60-yard path from a ranch road to the wreckage.

Davis said the ranch owner wasn't on the ranch at the time of the crash.

The PHI Air Medical helicopter was headed from Huntsville to Houston when a missed check-in with dispatch raised concern, Collier said. The aircraft was found about 10 miles from where it had taken off, he said

Davis said the crash site was on the flight pattern to the Houston hospital. He said weather was clear at the time of the crash.

PHI Air Medical said the flight crew's last successful mission came several hours earlier when they helped save a 2-year-old child pulled from a swimming pool.

They will be remembered for their professionalism, compassion for others, magnetic personalities and their unwavering dedication for the wellbeing of others," the company said in a statement.

Bishop, from Magnolia, had worked for the company since January 2005. Kirby. from Bryan, had more than 30 years of experience as a pilot for PHI, including flights in Antarctica and Africa. Walters, of Cedar Park, had been with the company since May 2006.

We mourn the loss of our patient and are deeply saddened along with the family," the company said and declined to release any information on its patient.

Texas group restores old Camaro as part of 'muscle head' ministry

KILGORE (AP) — A muscle car in Kilgore is becoming a vehicle for ministry thanks to the good works of volunteers.

When finished, hopefully by July, the 1976 Camaro with its newly installed 391-cubic-inch small-block Chevrolet stroker engine will open doors for dirt track racer Tom Wills to share his faith. Meanwhile, the car is a ministry aimed at him, with some 25 friends helping Willis, who has Lou Gehrig's disease, keep his fingernails dirty.

They call it Project Compassion.

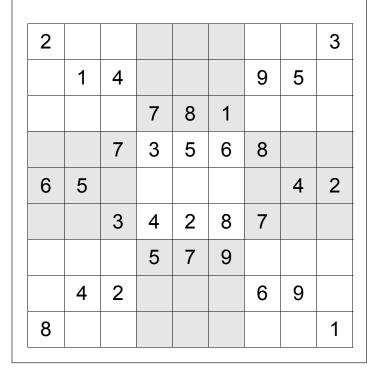
There's been nothing in this project that God hasn't provided," Terry Brewer said in the Kilgore College paint and body shop where he is program director for the collision repair program. Nearby, about a dozen of the 25 volunteers who have been involved in Project Compassion, all but a few of them members of Calvary Baptist Church, neared the end of a second weekend of restoration.

It's just been amazing," Brewer said. These men are working hard. We've accomplished, in two weekends, better than 300 hours of work."

The work is for Wills, 44, a former LeTourneau Technologies steel mill worker who was diagnosed in August with Lou Gehrig's disease, the common name for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS. The incurable disease attacks the nerves through which the mind communicates with muscle groups, gradually destroying the brain's ability to control movement.

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Around 300 attend Crawford film debut

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD — Instead of limousines and a red carpet, there were pickup trucks and a grassy football field for the local premiere of a documentary film about a tiny farming town that suddenly became the Western White House.

About 300 people turned out Sunday night for "Crawford," which started playing at dusk on a 50-foottall inflatable outdoor screen at the football field; the town has no movie theater. Folks sat on blankets and lawn chairs on the warm, windy night and munched on \$2 bags of popcorn.

David Modigliani's documentary tells how smalltown life changed for many of the 700 residents after George W. Bush, while governor, bought a 1,600-acre ranch here in 1999 in the early days of his presidential campaign.

The movie shows residents' varied reactions to the influx of tourists, the media and war protesters as the town's economy initially boomed with new souvenir shops and other businesses.

"All those people in the movie are my friends, and it was neat to see them up there on the screen," Cindy Damon said after the film. She said she's lived in Crawford for 53 of her 54

The crowd laughed Sunday night during a scene showing several elderly men playing dominoes and playfully bickering over their views on Bush.

Some laughed when resident Ricky Smith bragged about - and the footage showed — riding through horses emblazoned with "Cindy go home" and other messages during Cindy Sheehan's war protest dur-

"It showed the various points of view of the town," she said. "I can certainly see how it's been turned upside down and back again. And I think it has some very colorful characters."

Robin Pfeiffenberger,

ing the summer of 2005. The California mother's four-week protest during Bush's vacation drew more than 10,000 people and sparked counter protests.

Not everyone in the crowd was from Crawford. Robin Pfeiffenberger of Dallas, who had never been to Crawford, said she went to see the film Sunday because she was intrigued by what she heard about

"It showed the various points of view of the town," she said. "I can certainly see how it's been turned upside down and back again. And I think it has some very colorful charac-

Modigliani, who moved to Austin several years ago, said he made the film after feeling "betrayed" when he learned that Bush was not from Crawford. The documentary has been shown at several festivals.

The film spans about

town with his friend on Modigliani filmed in Crawford from 2004 through last fall. He also used news footage and residents' home videos such as when Bush spoke at the school's high school graduation in 2000 and when the band played at his first inauguration.

Among those featured in the film are a college administrator, Baptist minister and souvenir store owner who support Bush, and a teacher and student whose dislike of the president increasingly make them feel like outsiders.

"Before he came here this was an overwhelmingly Republican community — or else he wouldn't have bought a ranch here — but it wasn't an 'it's us or them' mentality," Misti Turbeville, a history and debate teacher, said Sunday. "Suddenly it brought to the surface these tensions, and it made politics feel like more of a divisive issue than a difference of opinion."

Turbeville said she believes the ranch purchase was a public relations ploy to help get Bush elected. But she said the town has benefited in some ways, such as when students were able to see Bush, some of his Cabinet members and even world leaders in town during ranch visits.

In 2001 after their summit at the ranch, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Bush spoke to the school's sixth- through 12th-graders. The leaders even answered students' questions.

"That still gives me chills," Turbeville said. "I wish every teacher in America could have that opportunity. It was really eight years, although exciting to bring those dis-



AP photo/Jerry Larson/Waco Tribune

A Crawford resident waits see the movie "Crawford" Sunday. **Hundreds of people turned** out at dusk Sunday for the local premiere of a documentary film about how a tiny town was turned upside down by a new neighbor: the president. David Modigliani's documentary tells how many of the 700 residents' lives changed after George W. Bush, while governor, bought a **1,600-acre ranch in 1999** in the early days of his presidential campaign.

outweighed the negatives. In addition to expanding children's awareness of the world, property values in town increased, he

Johnson said he is pleased with the film and said it may surprise people who think that all residents unilaterally support

"Crawford is not lockstep pro-George Bush," Johnson said. "We're probably a cross-section of mid-America. It's probably the same as a million other little communities."



By Steve Becker Famous Hand

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH ♦ 9 ♥ A Q 10 8 4 SOUTH East 1 ♥ South West North Dble

Many years ago, B. Jay Becker played in a team-of-four match and held the South hand. His leap to four spades was made partly as an advance sacrifice if it turned out that the opponents had the better hands, and partly in the hope of making four

Opening lead - six of hearts.

East doubled, and there Becker played the hand. West led the six of hearts, and East took the ace and returned a heart. Becker finessed the jack, led a spade to the ace, ruffed a club, cashed the king of spades and conceded a spade and a diamond to

make four spådes doubled. There seemed to be nothing unusual about the bidding or play, so he thought the outcome might well be duplicated at the other table and produce a tied board. He was mistaken, however, even though the

final contract was exactly the same.

At that table, after the identical auction, West also led the six of hearts. But here, East, Peter Leven-tritt, made the magnificent play of the queen of hearts on the first trick instead of taking the ace. Leventritt reasoned that the six was either a singleton or a doubleton or possibly a low-card lead from three to the king or jack, but that in all these cases his queen play could do no harm and might do some good.

His judgment was vindicated

when South took the queen with the king and led a spade to the ace. Declarer could now do no better than lead a heart from dummy. Leventritt rose with the ace and returned the ten — a suit-preference signal asking for a diamond return — and West ruffed. West returned a diamond to Leventritt's ace. and another heart promoted West's queen of spades as the

setting trick.

It will be noted that if West had returned a club after ruffing the third round of hearts, South would have made the contract. Why Leventritt, looking at the same number of diamonds and clubs between his own hand and dummy, chose to ask his partner to return a diamond rather than a club is not known. About all that can be said is that after having made such a fine play on the first trick, it would not have served the interests of justice for him to have misguessed what to do later on.

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work well done! ARIES (March 21-April 19). Despite the suggestions you receive from multiple sources,

HOLIDAY you'll do **MATHIS** your own thing — and \equiv

beautifully. You're not out to prove anyone wrong, mind vou. It's just so comfortable for you to be yourself!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Service is an attitude. Reading to the blind or singing at nursing homes fits some people's ideas of service, but not everyone's. Set an intention to contribute to the good of others and see where that leads.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are ups and downs to be sure — if there weren't, your grace would be wasted on the flat surface of a dull day. So enjoy the challenges and when it's your turn to skate on through, take it. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Compromise is comfortable, which is a signal that maybe you shouldn't to that route. Getting too settled in at this point in the game may dull your edge. Remember dream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Call on gentle, nurturing powers of good to protect yourself from the emotional wear and tear that comes from doing a hard job. Suddenly the job seems not quite as hard as you thought. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 9). This year affords you the

field balancing to tell you loud, honking groups of the strength of your "chi." The proof gleams up your life. Results are in and relationships are rocking. You're working it, and it's working for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you give your heart, do it in a way that's original and unique. Cliche-free expressions of affection are appreciated and, thank goodness, understood. Be boldly vou.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes you're content to win a few, lose a few. Not now. Winning them all is what you've got planned, and you just might do it. A Capricorn ally will certainly help matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Should others care about what happens to you? Maybe. But take away the belief that they should, and suddenly you're peaceful. It no longer matters how they react. You're onto your own bliss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your affection for someone is growing. It makes you feel more creative just knowing this person might also be observing you with interest. Apply the added excitement to getting as much work done as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're compassionate, that much is a given. Still, hard as you try, you can't feel another person's pain. So the best you can do is feel that all is right within you as you're available to your friend. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel so funny about your true intentions that you keep them a secret, even from yourself. Admit what you really want and the people who can provide it magically appear on the scene. ASTROLOGICAL TOP-ICS: As Gemini planets kick thoughts of distant lands into high gear, Aquarius and Pisces end our series on the best way to roll, swim or fly — a chance to VIRGO (Aug. perfect vacation, by sun www.creators.com. 23-Sept. 22). You don't sign. AQUARIUS: Unlike ® 2008 CREATORS SYNneed an expert in force-some other sun signs, big, DICATE, INC.

people from another culture don't throw you. Aquarius travel concept: social networking travel. Now websites connect travelers, to exchange itineraries or share the skinny on their trips. Some sites even resemble travel "dating sites" hooking you up with a travel buddy in distant destinations! What to wear: sari, caftan, whatever suits you. What to bring: water (water bearer, what'd you expect?) Who to bring: Gemini, Aries. PISCES: You prefer space travel, inner because the nitty-gritty details of remembering tickets and car keys is exhausting. When arriving is a feat in itself, relax at a place that makes it "their" job to have you covered. Pisces travel concept: wellness destinations. Roman bathhouses of Europe, Napa hot springs, and zen retreats in the Catskills all provide the spiritual makeover of the moment. What to wear: white bathrobe. What to bring: ticket, money, itinerary. Who to bring: Virgo, Cancer CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: With wild-card panache, Gemini Johnny Depp gives the impression of a life lived flying by the seat of his pants. But a quick character sketch reveals a far more studied individual, daresay a perfectionist? With three planets in Virgo, even his improvisations are subject to continual scrutiny, perfectionism and refining qualities of Virgo. Yet Johnny's capricious Gemini sun will make it look so easy!

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to see her.

Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 15-yearold son, "Denny," has always been a handful. He's much larger than most kids his age, and people expect him to behave older than he is. We live in a small community. Once a rumor starts, it gains fire rapidly. I am a single mother and try to keep an eye on him. I don't allow Denny to go to a friend's house unless there is a parent home. Recently, he visited a girl while her parents and younger brother were home. When I picked him up, things appeared fine. He stated he had a good time. They played with her younger brother and watched a movie. He also commented that he liked her parents.

Two days later, three older boys beat up my son. Apparently, this fine young lady must have said that Denny raped her. This rumor took off rapidly, and my son has been attacked numerous

times, my car has been broken into, and he's afraid to go very far from She's apologized Denny and insists she never accused him of anything, but I can't unless she something. Ι physically safe. I battle do innocent attacking him

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home. The girl claims to be clueless as to how these rumors started. to imagine how these boys would have even known he was in her home said don't know what to do to keep Denny emotionally and contemplating moving to another town, but fear that leaving would be an admission of guilt. How these accusations? — Desperate Mom Dear Mom: If nothing happened, the girl in question should be happy to say so to her friends. (And, by the way, her younger brother could be the gossip culprit.) If Denny is and neighborhood boys are and vandalizing your car, you should call the police. This could result in a rape investigation, so first contact a lawyer and see how best to proceed. Dear Annie: My cousin, "Ethel," is planning to

visit my 85-year-old mother. Ethel is an overbearing, self-centered know-it-all. On previous visits, she has alienated

is a saint and says she's never met anyone she couldn't put up with for a couple of days. But she becomes extremely nervous when Ethel is in the house upsetting her routine. Mom has some health issues and tires easily. She's tried every polite excuse she can think of to discourage Ethel's visit, to no avail. I suggested telling Ethel the truth, that there is no loving family feeling here that merits these repeat visits. Mom but probably agrees, won't be able to do it. I live in another state, so Ethel can't stay with me. there Is another recourse? — Daughter Dear Daughter: With Mom's permission, pick up the phone and call Ethel. Be nice. Tell her it become has exhausting and stressful for Mom to play hostess these days and you hope she understands that a visit is absolutely out of the question. Suggest

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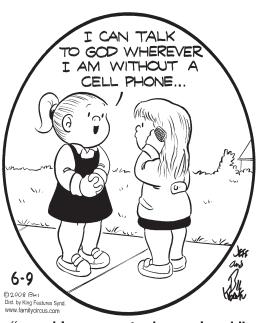
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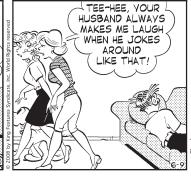
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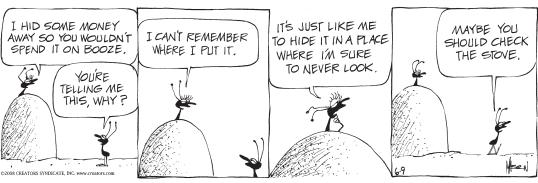
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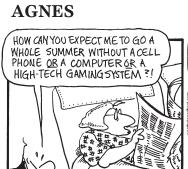


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This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 9, the 161st day of 2008. There are 205 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 9, A.D. 68, the Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide. On this date:

In 1870, author Charles Dickens died in Gad's Hill Place, England. In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to surrender to

the Nazis, effective at midnight. In 1953, 94 people died when a tornado struck Worcester, Mass.

In 1954, during the Senate-Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir?'

In 1969, the U.S. Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.

In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes.

In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy

of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.

In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., home when a mixture of "free-base" cocaine exploded.

In 1985, American educator Thomas Sutherland was kidnapped in Lebanon; he was released in November 1991 along with fellow hostage Terry Waite.

In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts.

One year ago: President Bush, denounced by anti-American protesters on the streets of Rome, defended his humanitarian record as he met at the Vatican with Pope Benedict XVI, who expressed concern about "the worrisome situation in Iraq." A day after being ordered back to jail, Paris Hilton said she wouldn't appeal her sentence for a probation violation.

Today's Birthdays: Guitaristinventor Les Paul is 93. Former World Bank president and former defense secretary Robert S. McNamara is 92. Actress Mona Freeman is 82. Media analyst

Marvin Kalb is 78. Sports commentator Dick Vitale is 69. Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is 69. Rock musician Jon Lord is 67. Mystery author Patricia Cornwell is 52. Actor Michael J. Fox is 47. Writerproducer Aaron Sorkin is 47. Actor Johnny Depp is 45. Jazz musician Wayman Tisdale is 44. Actress Gloria Reuben is 44. Rock musician Dean Felber (Hootie & the Blowfish) is 41. Musician Ed Simons is 38. Country musician Shade Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 34. Actress Michaela Conlin (TV: "Bones") is 30. Actress Natalie Portman is 27. Actress Mae Whitman is 20.

Thought for Today: "History is a romance that is believed; romance, a history that is not believed." ,Äî Horace Walpole, English author (1717-1797).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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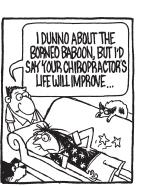


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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Scram!" **5** The Stars and
- Stripes 9 Night-court
- payment 13 Ripped
- **14** Was a
- passenger on **15** Perfectly
- timed
- **17** Fly high **18** Medical-school
- subj.
- 19 Aromas 20 Airplanes and
- helicopters 23 Something inside an
- envelope: Abbr. **24** In addition
- **25** To and
- 28 Swamplands **31** Like 1% milk
- **36** Fraction of a pound
- **38** Jai
- **40** Inauguration
- ceremony 41 Southern Hemisphere
- imaginary line 44 Thailand
- neighbor 45 Coll. military
- program
- **46** Wee hr. **47** City near Tampa,
- for short 49 Slow-cooked meal
- **51** Point opposite
- NNW 52 Gorilla or chimp
- **54** Wine tub 56 Meat-andmushrooms

dish

- **64** Car-wheel connectors
- **65** Ardent
- **66** Word of regret **68** Excessive
- speed
- 69 Auction, for example
- 70 Japanese
- wrestling
- 71 Brunch or
- dinner **72** Letters after
- kays 73 High-schooler

- 1 Urban rds.
- 2 Pig's foot
- 4 Ham
- **DOWN**
- 3 Kind of vaccine 33 Clock dials
- (sandwich order)
- **5** Where Paris is

- **6** Taking quite a while
 - 7 Eden dweller
 - 8 Reach 9 Crying sound
 - **10** You _ (we)
 - **11** Computer-
 - screen image
 - 12 Entice 16 Slalom curve
 - 21 Derive logically
 - 22 Infant's ailment
 - 25 Young horses 26 Charge
 - towards
 - 27 In the lead
 - 29 US alliance
 - 30 Narrow cuts 32 Eroded

 - **34** Map book
 - 35 Main idea **37** Legal work

39 S&L customer

- 59 Greek cheese
 - **60** Flattened circle **61** Fish's breathing

58 Otherwise

- organ
- **62** Chimney
- passage **63** Renown
- **67** Dad's boy
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FINALS

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"We've come too far to really sweat being down 2-0," said Bryant, who scored 13 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter. "We're going to go home and handle our business."

That's what the Celtics did —

Paul Pierce darted around the parquet floor with ease to score onds left. Pierce, though, made

28 points and unknown Leon Powe added 21 as the Celtics held serve at home in these tripdown-memory-lane finals. But coasting to a blowout win, the Celtics nearly blew up.

"We're happy because we won, but we definitely learned a lesson," Pierce said.

The Lakers trailed 95-71 with 7:55 remaining but used a 31-9 run to pull to 104-102 on two free throws by Bryant with 38.4 sectwo free throws, then blocked a 3-pointer by Sasha Vujacic, and James Posey made two free throws with 12.6 seconds left to ice it for Boston, which improved to 12-1 at home in the postsea-

The Lakers, who dropped 41 points on the league's defensive team in the final 12 minutes, simply ran out of time.

During a timeout in the fourth quarter, Bryant, who has struggled against the Celtics all sea-

son, tore into the Lakers with a line. Boston attempted 38 free few well-chosen words that would have never gotten past the network TV censors.

So, what did he say?

"Get our beep in gear," he said, sounding as if he was dictating in Morse code. "Play beep harder, a bunch of other beeps. It's beep, beep, beep, beep. 'Eddie Murphy Raw' times 10."

Beyond Bryant's tirade, the Lakers were also peeved about a huge disparity at the free-throw es. "Unbelievable."

throws to just 10 for Los Angeles.

Known to whistle at his players, Lakers coach Phil Jackson felt the tweeting sounds he heard out of the officials were too onesided.

"I've never seen a game like that in all these years I've coached in the finals," said Jackson, who is going for his 10th title in 11 finals appearanc-

CWS

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Bryan Price (4-4) went 2 1-3 innings and allowed only a hit while striking out three and walking none to take the win. Bobby Bell pitched the final two innings to earn the save, his third of the year. He allowed only two walks and struck out two. Mike Ojala started and went 3 1-3 innings and allowed five runs on six hits and three walks.

Third baseman Dane Carter drove in two runs and Brodie Greene went 2-for-2 as Big 12 champion Texas A&M ended its season at 46-19.

Starling (8-2) went three innings and allowed two runs on three hits and two walks in the loss. He struck

Kyle Colligan's run-scoring double to left started A&M's scoring in the third inning. One out later, Jose Duran drove in the second run on an infield grounder to make it 2-0.

Rice tied it with a tworun double by Hague in the top of the fourth. After the Aggies regained the lead in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Brodie Green, Dane Carter's two-run double gave A&M a 5-2 lead.

Hague's bad-hop single drove in two more runs to close it to 5-4 in the sixth

It was a repeat of last year's Super regional at the same site when A&M lost two straight to Rice.

Aggies sent the speedy Colligan on an attempt to steal home, but he was cut down by pitcher Matt Langwell.

Miami 4, Arizona 2

Yonder Alonso homered and Enrique Garcia pitched six effective innings as Miami defeated Arizona 4-2 on Sunday night to advance to their 23rd College World Series.

The three runs in the first inning were all the Hurricanes (52-9) needed to win the final two games of the super regional series. Reliever Carlos Gutierrez pitched the final 1 1-3 innings for his 13th save of the season.

Arizona, which won the series opener Friday, stranded seven runners in scoring position.

The Wildcats (42-19) loaded the bases with two out in the bottom of the eighth but Gutierrez sprinted off the mound, retrieved Rafael Valenzuela's chopper down the third base line and threw Valenzuela for the final

Garcia (7-3) allowed two runs, seven hits and struck out four.

Alonso's two-run homer in the top of the first off Arizona starter Eric **Bergergavethe Hurricanes** a 3-0 lead. Miami scored earlier in the inning on Jemile Weeks' RBI dou-

North Carolina 14, **Coastal Carolina 4**

Adam Warren threw six A&M tried to stretch its innings of two-hit ball, lead in the fourth inning Dustin Ackley drove in Carolina advanced to the College World Series for the third straight year.

Warren took a no-hitter into the fifth inning and every starter in the lineup had at least one hit for the Tar Heels (51-12). North Carolina scored six runs in the second, led 12-0 in the sixth.

The Tar Heels will play the winner of the UC Irvine-LSU super regional in the opening round in Omaha next weekend.

Warren lost his no-hitter with two outs in the fifth when second baseman Kyle Seager lost Tyler Bortnick's pop-up in the sun. Warren (9-1) won his third straight decision and earn his first victory of the NCAA tournament.

Nick McCully (10-3) allowed six runs and seven hits in two innings, losing for the first time since April 6 for Coastal Carolina (50-14).

Florida State 11, Wichita State 4

Jack Rye's three-run homer capped a six-run first inning and Florida State reached the College World Series for the first time since 2000 with a victory over Wichita State.

The Seminoles (54-12), who have never won the national title, are headed back to college baseball's biggest stage for the 13th time in coach Mike Martin's 29 seasons.

Tommy Oravetz followed Rye's homer with a threerun double to chase Wichita State starter Anthony Capra (9-1). That would be all the Seminoles would need en route to their sixth postseason vicwith the bases loaded. The three runs and North tory while facing elimina-

tion.

Florida State's Ryan Strauss (10-1) was nearly perfect in relief of starter Geoff Parker. Strauss gave up just one hit in six innings, shutting down the Shockers (48-17).

The Seminoles will play Stanford in their CWS opener next weekend.

Georgia 17, **North Carolina State 8**

Gordon Beckham homered twice and Georgia scored nine first-inning runs and earned its third College World Series berth in five years by routing North Carolina State.

Georgia (41-23-1), which has won six of seven, improved to 16-0 in NCAA elimination games at Foley

Beckham's 26th homer marked the sixth time this season that he's hit two. The No. 8 overall draft pick by the Chicago White Sox finished 3-for-4 with four RBIs. Ryan Peisel, Bryce Massanari and Joey Lewis also homered for Georgia, which will play Miami next week in Omaha.

Nick Montgomery (4-2) won his second straight start as he and three other Bulldogs held N.C. State to nine hits. N.C. State (42-22) was trying to advance to the College World Series for the second time in school history, and first Anteaters' bullpen. since 1968.

Wolfpack starter Eric Surkamp (5-3) failed to retire a batter.

LSU 9, **UC Irvine 7**

Irvine.

LSU scored five runs in the ninth inning, including Sean Ochinko's goahead single, as the Tigers rallied to stave off elimination in their super regional series against UC

The deciding third game at LSU's Alex Box Stadium is Monday night.

Trailing 7-4, LSU (47-17-1) loaded the bases with no outs when Jared Mitchell, who homered in the eighth, walked to force in a run. Pinch-hitter Nicholas Pontiff drove in a run on a fielder's choice, Blake Dean hit an RBI single to tie it and Ochinko followed with a chopper over the third baseman's head to drive in the go-ahead run. DJ LeMahieu's sacrifice fly capped the rally.

Louis Coleman (7-0) allowed one hit in the final three innings for LSU, which had its 23-game winning streak ended the night before. The Tigers struggled against UC Irvine starter Daniel Bibona, who scattered nine hits over 71-3 innings, but got to work against the

Closer Eric Pettis (4-3) entered in the eighth and allowed five runs on five hits in one inning to take the loss for UC Irvine (42-17).

Fresno State 8, Arizona 6

Gavin Hedstrom hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to help Fresno State avoid elimination in the Tempe Super

Regional. Steve Detwiler also homered for the Bulldogs (41-29), who recorded 12 hits off four Arizona State pitchers to force a decisive third game Monday in the best-of-three series.

Greg Bordes was 3-for-4 with two RBIs for the Sun Devils (49-12), who lost for the first time in five postseason games.

Detwiler gave Bulldogs a 2-0 lead in the second inning when he homered to right.

The Sun Devils answered with three in the third, sparked by Bordes' tworun triple, and added two more in the fourth to take

The lead was short-lived as Danny Grubb had an RBI single, and Hedstrom drove a pitch from reliever Stephen Sauer deep to left for a 7-5 lead in the bottom of the fourth.







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