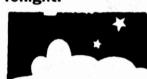
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CHORUS REHEARSES TONIGHT

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus, which is preparing for the annual Big Spring Pops in the Park celebration July 3, rehearses at 7 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church of

Stanton. Anyone interested in singing with the chorus is invited to participate. For information, about the group, audi tioning or upcoming rehearsals, contact Keith Graumann at 263-5943.

FORSAN '80s REUNION

Anyone who graduated from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

Tentative activities include individual class get together on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug 2.

Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund.

Any who graduated from Forsan during the period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalfrmhrt2@aol.com.

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Howard College to offer family literacy program

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College will soon be offering a literacy program for the whole family, thanks to a statewide grant.

The college is one of Dr. Cheryl three new recipients for Sparks, the 2003 Barbara Bush Texas Fund for Project (Literacy Families Together).

The \$65,000 grant will fund Project LIFT, a very innovastructured, whole-family literacy profamilies in our communi-

gram for special-needs ty." students and parents.

"We are so honored to be recipients this grant," said Howard College president. will allow us to offer a

SPARKS intensive tive program to help the

dren will benefit from the structure of the program.

"While the parents attend courses in Englishas-a-Second-Language or Adult Basic Education at Howard College, their children will be enrolled in Howard Cottage, the college's child care facility, for pre-literacy and litinstruction." eracy Sparks said.

for fours hours each week Both parents and chil- for family reading and other literacy-related activities

> The college will also recruit senior adult volunteers from the local RSVP, adding another generation of support for the families enrolled.

Howard College representatives will begin surveying the community in July-to determine the best times to offer the classes, In addition, parents will which will begin Sept. 1 meet with their children and continue for one

For more information about the program, call Debbie Klepper at 264-

The Barbara Bush Texas Fund was created in 1999. Currently, the fund administers two all-Texas grant programs: The First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas and a separate discretionary grant program. Together, these two pro-

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By LYNDEL MOODY

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A Scouting we will go

Sign-up begins for this year's Scout day camp

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Registration is under way for the Boy Scouts of America's annual threeday Survivor Scout Day Camp.

"We're looking forward to having a great camp and pro-

June 18-20,

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vide the boys with fun learning experi ence, s a i d Sandy Wallace.

c a m p business manager. Archery, BB guns, crafts and swimming are Grades 2-5. just some of the fun-filled activities available for Wednesday area boys



Cub Scouts Austin Rinard, left, Brent Wright and Morgan Barker enjoy playing with an inner tube at Lake Colorado City during the Boy Scouts of America Survivor Scouts Day Camp in 2002. Registration is already under way for this year's camp, which will be held June 18-20.

entering Friday, June 18-20, at the

The camp is held Training Center on Lake cup and snacks. Those through Colorado City.

Registration is \$35 and See CAMP, Page 3

·Bustamante was first elected as a trustee on the BSISD board in 1994 and served as president twice,

as well as vice-president

and secretary. "This appointment will not have any effect on my school board duties and being a delegate for our

district," she said. As a member of the TASB board, Bustamante will deal in issues of

property/causality insur-

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Two in Lubbock hospital after assaults

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Assaults Saturday and this morning have left two Big Spring men recovering in a Lubbock hospital.

Christopher Hill, 20, of Big Spring was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical

and other wounds in an tion. assault this morning.

Scenic Mountain Medical 4:45 a.m. today. Center with several stab Upon arrival, they dist the assault on Hill, wounds. He was later air- covered Hill, who had lifted to Covenant reportedly been beaten See ASSAULTS, Page 5.

Center before being trans- Medical Center in with a baseball bat and a ported to Lubbock after Lubbock, where he was sustaining head injuries listed in critical condi-

Police were called to the On Saturday, Rigo intersection of East 14th into evidence. Moran, 32, was taken to Street and Owens at about

three foot length of angle iron. Police investigating the incident found the weapons and took them

No arrests have been made in connection with

Bike across country old hat for Colorado women

Senior citizens make public aware of Huntington's Disease had always talked about

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horrible disease."

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Two U.S.," said Reicks. "We **FORSAN** Colorado women were got to be in our 60s and expecting to wrap up an we though we'd better 800-mile bicy "I met so many

cle trek across Texas to raise funds for the Huntington's Disease Society of America by today.

The two-andhalf week long journey of 59year-old Marie Nemec and 67year-old

Charlotte Reicks brought the women to Forsan last month where they stayed the night, courtesy of the members of the Forsan

Baptist Church. This latest adventure is also the shortest the two women have completed to raise funds and awareness for the little-known

"My friend and myself

bicycling for Marie Nemec Huntington's and asked if she could join

> Nemec first learned about Huntington's, a hereditary, progressively degenerative brain disease, through meeting a friend, Carmen Leal, online. Leal's husband is diagnosed with the affliction.

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See BIKES, Page 3



Colorado residents Charlotte Reicks, left, and Marie Nemec were expected to wind up a 800-mile bicycle trek across Texas to raise funds for the Huntington's Disease Society of America today. The two made a stop at Forsan for the night on May 27 before resuming their adventure.

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Jo Anne James



Jo Anne James, 68, of Midland died on Saturday, June 7, 2003, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at the St. Stephen's Catholic Church with the Rev. James Bridges officiating.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1934, in Merkel, and married Leonard James on March 6, 1996, in Big Spring.

Mrs. James graduated from Merkel High School in 1952. She had worked for for ARCO for several years and the First National Bank in Stanton for several years before retiring.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband, Leonard James of Midland; two sons, Kevin Fikes of Odessa and Gary Fikes of Abilene; one daughter, Patricia Holt of Big Spring; two sisters, Sue Goode of Fort Worth and Glenda West of Tennesee; one brother, Charles Reddin of Tye; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N. Midland 79701.

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

Tommy Hogan



Tommy Hogan, 59, of Big Spring passed away at his home on Saturday, June 7, 2003, following a two-year illness.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Mt. Olive Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Gee, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church, officiat-

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 8 tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Hogan was born on Jan. 30, 1944, to William Franklin Hogan and Ila V. Hogan in Big Spring.

He moved to Big Spring from Luther in 1992. He worked for Feagins Implement Co. from 1982 to 1990. In 1990 he bought Clanton Automotive and operated it until he retired. He had also done some farming along with other endeavors.

He is survived by two sons, William Hogan and Michael Hogan both of Big Spring; one daughter, Dolly Hogan of Big Spring; two sisters, Betty Muller of Big Spring and Kay Blanton of Little Rock, Ark.; snd 10 hrandchildren.

He is also survived by his constant companions, Gerry Buchanan, and daughters, Shelly Lamb and Christy Sims.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Manuela Castaneda



Manuela Castaneda, 75, of Big Spring passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2003, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Funeral mass was at noon today, Monday, June 9, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Mrs. Castaneda was born on Dec. 27, 1927, in Big Spring. She married Margarito Castaneda and he preceded her

in death on Aug. 27, 1987. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a member of the Blue Army. She was a homemaker and also loved to play bingo.

She is survived by eight sons. Joe Castaneda, Robert Castaneda, Reyes Castaneda, Carlos Castaneda, Martin Castaneda, Ernest Castaneda and Raymond Castaneda, all of Big Spring, and Margarito Castaneda Jr. of Victoria; six daughters, Francis Enriquez, Lupe Loya, Margie Rivas, Mary Lou Marquez and Viola Castaneda, all of Big Spring, and Anita Gonzales of Fort Worth.; one brother, Lorenzo Armenta of Lubbock; 51 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Margarito Castaneda III. Joe Enriquez, John Marquez, Armando Enriquez, Patrick Rivas, Ernest Castaneda Jr., Margarito Loya and David Lopez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-25-31-44. Bonus Ball: 27. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: one. Prize: \$37 million.

Winning ticket sold in: Humble.

Estimated tackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-16-27-30-31 Sumber a stending five of five mone. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Saturday night:

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

- GAYE ANN ELLISON, 41, of 4709 W. County Road 116 in Midland was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROGER DALE MASTIN, 42, of 611 Kermit Ave. in Odessa was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARY NAOMI SHAFER, 42, of 611 Kermit Ave. in Odessa was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS JAVIER MIER JR., 38, of 1503 Johnson
- was arrested Saturday on city traffic warrants. KENNETH KIRK KIRKHAM, 35, of 600 Carol was arrested on a Sunday charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL LEE WHITE, 17, of 200 Collins Road was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- MARCOS CHAVERA JR., 18, of 1605 Avion was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JASON HOWARD PERKINS, 24, of 2613 Fairchild was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
- FABIAN CHAVERA, 24, of 1605 Avion was arrested Sunday on a parole violation and a Martin County warrant for burglary of a building.
- TIFFINIE VANDERBILT, 19, of 610 Steakley was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive and on city traffic warrants.
- BUDDY ALLEN McCOY, 25, of 408 Lancaster was arrested this morning on city traffic warrants.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1600 block of Avion
- ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 1700 block of South Benton Street.
- · ROBBERY was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall Drive, the 1600 block of Wood Street, the 2500 block of Dow Drive and the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.
- · DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of East Interstate 20.
- · ACCIDENT was reported in the 2300 block of
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of South Owens Street, the 1100 block of Barnes Avenue, the 1600 block of East Third Street.
- THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 100 block of Lockhart Street. Services worth \$32.20 were reported stolen.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:

- In the 500 block of North Birdwell Lane. Property at the nightclub reportedly sustained \$400 damage and a computer game was reported stolen.
- In the 600 block of East Second Street. A toolbox worth \$250 and tools worth \$3,200 were reported
- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE BY A MINOR was reported in the 500 block of East FM 700.
- LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue, the 1400 block of Park Street. the 100 block of Whipkey Drive and the 1900 block of South Runnels.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1000 block of Howell Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREATS was reported in the 900 block of South Scurry Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IMPAIRING OR INTER-RUPTING PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings Street. A gas meter worth \$40 was reportedly stolen.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- · In the 300 block of Northeast 10th Street. A white 1978 Ford reportedly sustained damage in the incident.
- In the 3300 block of West Highway 80. A brown 1993 Oldsmobile reportedly sustained \$250 dam-

Sheriff's report

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

- FIRE was reported on East Howard Field Road.
- THREATS were reported in the 5700 block of Ranch Road 33, the 300 block of Spring Creek Road.
- LOUD MUSIC was reported in the 2600 block of North Anderson. • LOUD PARTY was reported on Haley Road.

Weather

Todáy...Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs near 90. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s. Friday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email imoselev@crcom.net.

TODAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m. 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years and older are invited to participate. 268-4721.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Coahoma Lions club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 6:30 p.m. dinner, lodge at 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 219 Main.

Big Spring Symphony Chorus, which is preparing for the annual Big Spring Pops in the Park celebration July 3, rehearses at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Stanton. Anyone interested in singing with the chorus is invited to participate. For more information, contact Keith Graumann at 263-5943.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The Public is invited.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden County, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, lodge at 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 219 Main.

Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Free blood pressure checks and foot assessment, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Northside Community Center, 108 NE Eighth Street. Registered nurses will determine the need for additional foot care and can also determine if the procedures can be covered by Medicare, or can provide information on other payment sources. Fore more information call 432-263-2673.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country

Eagles Lodge Ladies auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic

Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80.

Arts, Craft and Quilting club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors & Newcomers club. New members wel-

come. For more information call, 268-9335. **FRIDAY**

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, call, 267-1307 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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> "A sandstor for several ho day," says Nie Gammon. "Me time, sandstor only the air fi to 3 miles hig planes flying range are OK ground, sand near 50 miles



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Betty and Ladd Smith view several photographs on display in the Great Staked Plains Masonic Lodge exhibit at the Heritage Museum. The 120-year-old organization is the oldest service group in Big Spring. The exhibit will be on display through the end of June at the museum, 510 Scurry. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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who register after June 10 will be charged a late fee of \$10.

Participants must be a member of the Boy Scouts of America to attend but Wallace noted that the cost to join the organization at this time of the year is only about \$5.

"This is a good way to start them off in the find a group they can be a part of in the fall.

Camps Wednesday and Thursday, June 18 and 19. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, June 20, from 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Family members are invited to attend the closing campfire on Friday. Those families who wish to stay overnight at camp are welcome.

Transportation to the pair of tennis shoes and

Wallace said. "We can Big Spring Cub Scouts or sun block. College Park Shopping run Center, 501 Birdwell, at 8 a.m. Wednesday and

> Thursday and should be picked up at 5 p.m. each On Friday, the Scouts will leave for camp at

noon. Children should wear trunks each day and bring a sack lunch, an old

for blowing dust. The

program," camp will be provided. water shoes, sun screen

A nurse will be at the camp to provide first aid. To register, make checks payable to BSA and send to 610 Scurry, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call the BSA office at 263-3407 or Wallace at 394-4310.

Contact Staff Writer their T-shirt and swim Lyndel Moody at 263-7331. ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

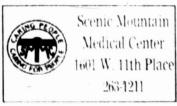
WEATHER WHYS

Topic: Sandstorms

Q: What causes sandstorms?

A. Sandstorms are caused by strong winds that occur in desert or semi-arid regions and they carry thick clouds of dust and sand, often reducing visibility to near zero in many cases, says John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University. In many parts of the world, such as the deserts of the Southwest U.S., or in Africa or the Middle East, sandstorms can create havoc with man and machine.

"A sandstorm can last for several hours to a full day," says Nielsen-Gammon. "Most of the time, sandstorms affect only the air from about 1 to 3 miles high, so airplanes flying above that range are OK. But on the ground, sand moving at near 50 miles an hour



can be a real nightmare. It can clog up just about anything that is mechanical, from a soldier's rifle to a car or army tank. Once the sandstorm has passed, a thorough cleaning of just about anything is required."

Q: What types of sandstorms can occur? A: There are two types

of sandstorms, says Nielsen-Gammon. "The first kind is the result of a severe thun-

derstorm that creates strong winds. This kind is called a 'haboob'

second type is the one most Americans are familiar with. It's caused by a curving of the jet stream which brings strong winds to the surface. Sandstorms tend to be worse during the daytime because the ground is heated up by the sun and the dust can be carried greater distances. That's why breathing can become a real problem and some type of mask is often required. Probably the worst sandstorms occur in China and Mongolia," Nielsen-

Gammon adds. which is an Arabic word We Put The Best Roof Over Your Head **Residential & Commercial Roofing Carpentry & Repairs Composition & Metal Roofing Tar & Gravel, Modified** 4th Generation Big Spring Residents

"The sand blows so hard that there is a 'vellow rain' effect. So much sand is in the air that it changes the color of raindrops and there appears to be a yellow rain falling from the sky

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grams have awarded more than \$2 million to 90 Texas programs in 53 different cities. First Lady Laura Bush continues as the honorary chair of the First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative.

In addition to the Barbara Bush Texas Fund, the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, launched in 1989, has awarded nearly \$12 million to create or expand family literacy programs in 44 different states across the nation.

The philosophy behind these programs is that if every man, woman, and child can read, write, and comprehend, the nation will be much closer to solving many of its other serious problems.

According to National Adult Literacy Survey, millions of adults lack important literacy skills. This lack not only affects the quality of their lives and limits their participation in society but can also seriously limit the development of their children's literacy skills.

Other new recipients of the grant are Texas A&M University for The Barbara Bush Literacy Corps and the Tegeler Career Center in the Pasadena ISD for Project Impact. West Texas communities that have been past recipients are Kermit and Midland.

BOARD

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ance, employee benefits, workers' compensation and unemployment benefit programs for more than 1,100 school disfricts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers and county appraisals.

Bustamante is the only representative on the board from West Texas.

An active community member, Bustamante is president of the Howard County Teen Court, vice chair of the Comanche Trail of Lights, and is a board member of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Hospital and Project Head Start.

In addition, she is a member of the Big Spring Code Enforcement Patrol and Mexican American School Board Association.

Bustamante has been active in lobbying for public schools for the last several years. She has participated in the TASB Delegate Assembly and Grassroots Advocacy Process.

The TASB Management Fund, created in partnership with Texas school districts in 1974, provides risk management coverage as well as a wide range of services in the areas of workers' compensation, property/casualty, unemployment compensation and employee benefits.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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At Leal's invitation, Nemec attended a HDSA convention where she was so deeply touched by the families she met that she decided help.

"I met so many people that just impressed me because of their courage in the face of this horrible disease," Nemec said. "I just couldn't go 'oh, that's really too bad. I'm really sorry.' Whenever I get involved with something I always get involved 110 percent.'

Nemec's first bicycling trip with Reicks took them 3,000 miles across the nation from the Pacific to the Atlantic to attend the HDSA convention in Washington D.C.

Now five years, 10,000 miles and \$93,000 later, Nemec has rambled through 29 states and parts of Canada, Mexico. nine of the original 13 U.S. Colonies and now Texas. Reicks has joined Nemec for four of those adventures.

"We've developed quite a mailing list all over the U.S.," Reicks said, "Plus, it's been really good for getting the word out

Huntington's about Disease. In five years, we rarely run across anyone knows who about Huntington's disease except the families who have it. One of our biggest goals beside raising funds is also to raise awareness of what it is."

Each trip is based on the where the HDSA annual convention is set. This year, the convention is being held in Houston.

The women began in Texline on May 20 and wound their way down south to Forsan, through the Hill County to Austin and they were to finish in Houston today.

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Manuela Casteneda, 75. died Thursday. Funeral Mass will be 12:00 Noon Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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Our Views

Take the time to give input on relief route

uesday's public forum concerning the proposed U.S. Highway 87 Truck Reliever Route answered some concerns by local citizens. In particular, the revised plan now calls for five access and egress points along the route — one at the far northern end, another at the State Highway 67, one at Interstate 20, one near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and one where it intersects at Stallings Road.

We were particularly pleased to see that, because the route must be accessible so that commerce can develop around it. That's vital for the economic future of Big Spring. We don't want just a "fast track" around our city.

However, the primary reason for the route, according to officials from the Texas Department of Transportation, is to relieve congestion along Gregg Street.

According to TxDOT statistics, Big Spring's major north-south thoroughfare handles between 11,000 and 13,000 vehicles a day — and those are 1999 numbers. Traffic is expected to increase with the Ports-to-Plains corridor and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Understand, economic impact is not TxDOT's concern — building highways is. Because of that, TxDOT doesn't entertain comments about economic impact. However, that doesn't mean they don't listen. The first proposed reliever plan had just one entrance and exit. Because of citizen input, the plan now includes the aforementioned

five entrances and exits. Certainly, it is going to be increasingly important to ease the traffic flow along Gregg Street. However, we must also ensure that the project is done in Big Spring's best interest — balancing traffic control with economic development as well as what is best for the environment.

If you were not able to attend Tuesday's meeting but would like to make a comment or a suggestion, there is still time. Friday is the deadline for public input. If you have something to say, send a letter to Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 511, Big Spring 79721, attention Roy Dill, P.E.

This is a very important part of our city's future. Take time to give your input.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May your dreams and desires for us, Lord, be our dreams and desires.

8.1 million of us are chopped liver

rarely find fault with Washington journalist Josh Marshall and his thoughtful Blog "Talking Points Memo," but I beg to differ on this occasion. "My God," writes Marshall,

"when they say down the memory hole, they ain't kiddin'! There now seems to be a secret competition — perhaps it was announced and I just didn't hear it for the Iraq-hawk who can come up with the most ingenious, Crwellian, upis-down rewriting of the history of the year-long lead-up to the Iraq war."

Marshall goes on to discuss a few entrants in the secret contest but then votes, prematurely I believe, to award the palm to Bill Safire of The New York Times. Safire's recent column about "hyping the ëhoax' charge" is the most elegant of its kind: Suddenly those who ask, "So where are these weapons of mass destruction we went to war to over?" are the prob-

In Safire's parallel universe, the problem is not that we're not finding weapons of mass destruction — which means either we were lied to by the Bush administration or there was a massive intelligence failure. No, that's not the problem at all. The problem is rather the people asking the question are "the crowd that bitterly resent America's mission to root out the sources of terror" and are "whipping up its intelligence hoax

Got that? If you ask, "Where are the weapons of mass destruction?' a fairly obvious question at this point — ·you are the problem.

That's good, but not as good as my old favorites at the Wall Street Journal editorial board. Their June 1 editorial "Weapons of Mass Distortion" is a masterpiece. In this version, those who ask the WMD question are attempting "to damage the credibility of Mr. Blair, President Bush and other . war supporters.'

"But who's trying to deceive whom here?" thunders the Journal. "That Saddam had biological or chemical weapons was a probability that everyone assumed to be true, even those who were against the war." So there! And why did everyone assume it? Either because we were lied to or because there was a massive intelligence failure. To get off Orwell and back to the facts here, we were told we were going to war because Iraq had 5,000 gallons of anthrax, several tons of VX nerve gas, between 100 tons and 500 tons of other toxins, including botulinin, mustard gas, ricin and Sarin, 15 to 20 Scud missiles, drones fitted with poison sprays and mobile chemical laboratories.

The ex post facto development of tender concern on the part of hawks for human rights is delightful to see. To repeat, there was always a good case to be made for taking out Saddam Hussein on humanitarian grounds alone those us who work in the human rights movement were making that case back when the Reagan administration was arming Saddam Hussein. It was not, however, the case made by the Bush administration, in part because we are still supplying weapons to other monsters (Algeria, anyone?).

Also contending for the Orwell award is White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. In response to questions about that rather expensive photo-op aboard the USS Lincoln (between \$800,000 and \$1

million just for delaying the aircraft carrier a day), Fleischer said, "It does a disservice to the men and women in our military" to suggest that the president "or the manner in which the president visited the military would be anything other than the exact appropriate thing to do." Everything the president does is the exact appropriate thing to do, and anyone who says otherwise is doing a disservice to the troops. Amazing.

There's an old newspaper saw, "Error runs around the world before the truth can get its boots on." The sad case of the distortions of the Jessica Lynch story (she did not receive multiple gunshot wounds; she was not stabbed; she was not fighting to the death; she was apparently injured in a car accident; the famous rescue at the hospital did not involve any firefights; in fact, there were no Iraqi troops in the area, and there was no one there but the Iraqi doctors, who had been taking very good care of Lynch) amount to what the BBC — not normally noted for overstatement - called, "One of the most stunning pieces of news management ever conceived."

OK, so truth is always the first casualty of war, but tax cuts aren't war. President Bush said, "My jobs and growth plan would reduce tax rates for everyone who pays income tax." Except, of course, for the 8.1 million low- and middleincome taxpayers who pay billions a year in income taxes.

After the new tax cut bill was signed, Fleischer said, "And, of course, for people in the 10 percent bracket, they benefit the most from it, and that's the lowest income workers in America. This certainly does deliver tax relief to people who pay income taxes." Guess that makes 8.1 million of us chopped liver.

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Clinton days: Anything but boring

rf the Secret Service agents guarding President Clinton in 1998 had learned that Hillary Clinton "wanted to wring Bill's neck" for cheating on her, as she says in her new book, what would they have done?

A: Wrestled her to the ground and arrested her for plotting to take the life of the president. B: Looked the other

way.

C: Helped her. I am betting on C. I covered the Clinton White House during 1998, the "Year of Monica," and although it was often

exhausting, it was never dull. Today, White House reporters are bored silly. There is tight control over the news, and there have been no scandals.

But back in 1998, every day was Anything Can Happen Day.

The president of the United States was down in the Map Room giving 4 milliliters of blood from his right arm so it could be taken to the FBI lab and matched against the evidence on the little blue dress?

Sure, why not? Just another day at the Clinton White House.

The Secret Service got dragged into the whole mess when agents were subpoenaed by Special Counsel Kenneth Starr to testify as to whether Clinton was ever alone with Monica Lewinsky in the Oval Office and whether the two were observed engaging in sexual acts.

Today, everybody knows the answer to both those questions ("yes" and "hoo-hah!"), but back then Clinton was denying everything and the Treasury Department, which oversees the

Secret Service, fought the subpoenas, claiming that agents couldn't do their job if they had to worry about ratting out their boss.

"I deal with the Secret Service all the time," a top Clinton aide told me. "They tell me what they need. They tell me what the presi dent can and can't do, and mostly Ldefer to them. But if I ever have to worry about whether agents are going to be put under oath to repeat what they see and hear, I am going to say, 'I don't give a (expletive) about security, I don't want you in the room.

The Supreme Court was not impressed with this line of reason ing, however, and upheld Starr's subpoenas.

Which reinforced Clinton's belief that he was being victimized

Not long after he had been sworn in as president, he had opened up a back door at the White House one evening and walked out onto the South Lawn to play with Socks, the cat.

Three Secret Service agents immediately stepped out of the shadows and created a security tri angle around them.

"The White House is the crown jewel of the federal penal system. Clinton grumped.

And the Clintons got off to a rocky start with the agents. The Clintons were not only unused to the close presence of the agents, but they also wanted to handpick

them, fearing that after 12 years of Republicans in the White House. the agents in place might not be loyal to them.

Soon after the Clintons moved in, there were leaks to the press, allegedly by Secret Service agents, about fights between the couple, including one in which Hillary reportedly threw a lamp or a vase at her husband's head.

"Or a Bible or a Mercedes-Benz," she jokingly said in a television interview later. "You know, there were many variations. It particularly bothered me that the Secret Service was being used to try to substantiate untrue stories.'

But the Clintons knew a thing or two about leaks. And the White House soon kicked off rumors that the Treasury Department was shopping around for another agency to guard the president and his family

After that, all the leaks stopped and Clinton went out of his way to woo the agents, meet their families and give them gifts when they retired. He came to trust them. Which at least one canny politi cian told him was a mistake

"I was with him at a Bears game," Chicago Mayor Richard Daley told me, "and he was surrounded by Sécret Service agents. He asks me a private question .. and I say: 'Mr. President, I can't answer you. Why? Those two guys sitting here (the agents), I don't know them. A week from now, if what I say shows up in gossip columns, I've got to blame them. So I'm not talking.' And you know what? After, one of them comes up to me and says: 'Thank you.'

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Health officials in three states battle disease linked to prairie dogs

By TODD RICHMOND

Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. - A virus similar to smallpox apparently jumped from pet prairie dogs to at least four people in the disease's first appearance in the Western Hemisphere.

Four Wisconsin residents have confirmed cases of the monkeypox virus and 14 others have suspected cases, said Milwaukee health commissioner Dr. Seth Foldy. At least 10 more cases are suspected in Indiana, officials confirmed Monday. Illinois has three suspected cases.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Saturday the prairie dogs likely were infected with the virus by a giant Gambian rat, which is indigenous to Africa, at a Chicago-area pet distribu-

The four people confirmed with the virus contracted it by close contact with prairie dogs, Wisconsin officials said. Thirteen of the people

suspected of having the virus in Wisconsin had been around prairie dogs and the other apparently contracted it while handling a sick rabbit that had been near a prairie dog. Foldy said it doesn't appear anyone contracted the virus from another

Monkeypox in humans is not usually fatal, but causes rashes, fevers and chills. Doctors initially feared they might be facing smallpox, which causes similar symptoms, but scientists quickly eliminated that possibility after discovering the link between people and dogs.

period is about 12 days.

patients Two at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee were in satisfactory condition Sunday, hospital spokesman Mark McLaughlin said. The two were isolated and doctors treating them wore caps. gowns and masks. Other suspected victims were treated and released.

Health officials are trying to contain the virus by preventing more animals from becoming infected.

Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection warned people not to release prairie dogs into the wild, agency spokeswoman Donna Gilson said. Prairie dogs are burrowing herbivores indigenous to the West and Southwest, not to Gambian rats.

Monkeypox's incubation Wisconsin. The agency also told state humane societies to isolate any prairie dogs people bring

> The human mortality rate from monkeypox in Africa has ranged from one to 10 percent, but Foldy said the virus may be less lethal in the United States because people are typically better nourished and medical technology is far more advanced.

> The prairie dogs were sold by a Milwankee animal distributor in May to two pet shops in the Milwaukee area and during a pet "swap meet" in northern Wisconsin, the CDC said.

Both Wisconsin and Illinois have banned the sale, importation and display of prairie dogs. The

of Agriculture prohibited Phil's Pocket Pets, the pet distributor in Villa Park, Ill., where the prairie dogs may have been infected, from selling animals until the animals'

health is verified. The owner of Phil's has given Illinois officials a list of all who bought prairie dogs, Gambian rats or other exotic animals since April 15, the Illinois Department of Public Health said. No telephone listing could be found for the store Sunday.

The popularity of prairie dogs as pets has grown in recent years. Last year 10,000 prairie dogs were shipped out of Texas to become pets, said David Crawford, executive director of the Illinois ban also covers Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, a nonprofit orga-

The Illinois Department nization that advocates for animal freedom.

> Tammy Kautzer's Dorchester farm in central Wisconsin has been quarantined because she purchased two prairie dogs at the Wausau swap meet. Less than two weeks later, her 3-year-old daughter, Schyan, was bitten by one of the animals and spent seven days in the hospital with 103-degree fever, swollen eyes and red bumps on her skin.

"It was getting a little scary," Kautzer said. Three days straight (in the hospital), she just slept and cried.

Kautzer and her husband, Steve, also devel-. oped similar rashes but are recovering. The prairie dog that bit Schyan has died. The other animal became ill but is recovering.

Girl found alive two days after being kidnapped

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Two days after an intruder brazenly kidnapped her from her home, a 9-yearold girl walked into a convenience store less than 30 miles away, scared but unhurt, police said.

Jennette Tamavo appeared at the store in East Palo Alto Sunday night, San Jose police said, although it was unclear how she got there.

"We're not sure if she was able to escape or if she was dropped off at this location," San Jose Police Chief William Lansdowne said at a news conference Monday morning.

Reunited with relatives, Jennette was in good spirits, and was providing investigators with valuable information about her ordeal, Lansdowne said. She was healthy and had not suffered major physical injuries, he said.

Jennette walked into the Eastside Market at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday, said Isa Yasin, the owner of the shop. Yasin said he did not see anyone drop off the girl.

"She was crying and scared," said Yasin, who called police after realizing who she was.

No arrests have been made. Police have not identified the suspect, but said they expect to apprehend

him quickly. "She's provided a lot of information and we are very confident it's going to lead us very quickly to the suspect," Lansdowne said earlier Monday on

NBC's "Today" show. Deputy Chief Rob Davis said investigators are focusing on one suspect, who police believe was unknown to the family. Davis refused to discuss further details about the man, except to say that neither

Jennette's father nor stepfather were suspects. Investigators believe Jennette remained in the San Francisco Bay area during her abduction, although police declined to provide further details.

Jennette was taken from her home Friday afternoon by a man who staked out her house and waited for her to arrive home from school. Before he left with her, Jennette's mother and teenage brother encountered the man, who beat them before he sped away.

Much of the ordeal was caught by a neighbor's video surveillance camera. Released before Jennette's discovery Sunday, the tape contains several brutal images and sounds.

The videotape showed a man pulling up in front of Tamayo's home Friday afternoon and going inside. Police aren't sure how he was able to enter, but they believe he may have used a broken rear window.

After approximately 25 minutes inside, the suspect was seen returning to wait in the car. At one point another car drives past, then backs up and lingers next to the suspect's car. Police said they were looking for the driver of that car.

At approximately 4:20 p.m., Jennette was seen crossing the street and entering the house alone. The man got out of the car about 90 seconds later and followed her into the house.

After another 25 minutes inside, the suspect came back outside, backed his car into the garage and closed the door.

Texas News Briefs

Second day care death suspect surrenders

DALLAS (AP) - A second day care center employee has surrendered in the death of a toddler who was left inside a van in 100-degree heat following a field trip.

Jimmie Ree Smith turned herself in to DeSoto police late Sunday. two days after a former co-worker surrendered in the death of Alan D. Brown Jr. He died last week after suffering heat-related injuries when he and a group of 11 other children in the care of Lancaster's Little Dudes and Daisies Daycare and Learning Center returned from a pizza restaurant outing

Hundreds of friends and family members gathered Saturday at a closed-casket memorial service for the 2-year-old Dallas boy.

Smith, 47, remained in the DeSoto jail on charges of injury to a child, with bail set at \$1 million, according to a jail spokesman.

Co-worker Onetha Kizzee the center, turned herself in to Paso's progress. DeSoto police late Friday in connection with the same charges and was released on \$10,000 bond.

Probe indicates deputy may have shot hmself

PALESTINE (AP) — Officials investigating last month's fatal shooting of an East Texas lawman say the veteran sheriff's deputy may have died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Anderson County sheriff's investigator Shelby Green, 39, was found shot to death May 15. slumped against the open door of had been shot in the chest.

Since then, county investigators had said the case was being investigated as a homicide. But last week, Chief Deputy Mike Link said that investigators had also begun to consider suicide a possibility in Green's death.

Investigators are still awaiting ballistics results and have no other suspects in the shooting.

"We can't eliminate one of them (homicide or suicide) right now," Link said. "It is our goal to come to a definitive classification. It may not be as timely as everyone wants, but ... we want to be right, we want to be accurate."

Wyatt jabs El Paso with apology to stockholders

HOUSTON (AP) - One of El Paso Corp.'s largest shareholders and most vocal critics has apologized to former shareholders of Coastal Corp., an energy company he founded that was sold to embattled El Paso, and again urged the investors to vote to replace the company's directors.

Oscar Wyatt Jr. took out a fullpage ad in Sunday editions of the Houston Chronicle, telling shareholders that the 2001 stock deal didn't turn out well because of later "ill-advised" decisions by El Paso's board and management.

In the ad, Wyatt advised former Coastal shareholders holding El Paso stock to oust the energy company's 12 directors and install a new slate.

The company, in a statement, said the ad was "riddled with falsehoods and outrageous statements"; and that Wyatt has been on a oneyear campaign it believes was Conners, the 42-year-old director of designed to create roadblocks to El

it's the latest chapter in the increasingly heated contest between the incumbent board and dissident shareholders.

Houston man a winner in new Lotto Texas game

HOUSTON (AP) — David Kelly got more than he bargained for when he went for a glazed doughnut and large coffee at his neighborhood food mart.

Kelly was told by a store clerk Sunday that he was a winner of the \$37 million lottery. That would make him the first to cash in on his unmarked patrol car. Green the game since state lottery officials added a bonus ball last month, increasing the odds.

Meanwhile, a store manager and two employees rechecked his ticket and posed for photos with a disposable camera off the rack.

Kelly, 37, said he purchased \$20 in quick picks, hoping to win enough money to save a longtime friend from bankruptcy. He described himself as an occasional lottery player — about twice a month.

Mafia leader to complete prison term in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH $(AP) - A \mod$ boss who ran one of the nation's most powerful Mafia families and dodged prosecution for nearly seven years by claiming mental illness will complete his prison term in North Texas.

Prosecutors say Vincent 'Chin' Gigante's reign over the New Yorkbased Genovese family continued even after he was transferred to Federal Medical Center Fort Worth in 1999 to serve out a 12-year sentence for labor racketeering and related charges.

Gigante, 75, managed to deceive some of the most brilliant minds in psychiatry and psychology who found him to be suffering from varying degrees of dementia in evaluations from 1990 to 1997, court documents show.

Dubbed "The Oddfather" for his bizarre behavior that included wandering through Greenwich Village mumbling and appearing disoriented, Gigante acknowledged in a New York federal court this year that it had been an act to avoid prison. On April 7, he pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice.

In the plea, Gigante received an additional three years in prison. In return, prosecutors dropped the remaining charges of extortion conspiracy and extortion from a January 2002 indictment accusing Gigante of running the crime organization from prison.

Tax assessor-collectors convening in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - When the children's choir from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School performed their patriotic medley Sunday, at one point several children stepped forward and told the crowd what they wanted to be when they grew up.

One will be a police officer, another a doctor. The littlest one of all proclaimed, "president of the United States.'

Perhaps not surprisingly none said, "county tax assessor-collector." But that didn't seem to faze the annual gathering of the Tax Assessor-Collector's Association of Texas, which kicked off a weeklong conference at a Houston hotel.

"Always be about the bottom line and always be of service to the community," Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia implored the crowd.

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt promised a fun week including a trip to Houston's new Aquarium restaurant downtown. In between, conferees will endure the drudgery of continuing education classes.

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although police say they do have suspects.

Officers were patched about 2:25 a.m. Saturday to the 1600 block of Avion Street in reference to the stabbing assault on Moran.

Police arrested Marcos Chavera, 18, on suspicion of committing the assault. Police Lt. Chamness said police don't know why the attack occurred.

"Not at this time," he said. "We have gone to Lubbock and we have under

talked with the family up there.

Chavera was being held this morning in the Big Spring City Jail on a at 264-2550. charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His bail has been set at \$50,000.

Anyone with information about these assaults should contact the Big Spring Police Department

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World Briefs

Militant Palestinian groups join in killing four Israeli soldiers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Three militant Palestinian groups joined forces to kill four Israeli soldiers in a daring attack Sunday in Gaza, sending a message that they are out to sink a new, U.S. backed Mideast peace plan.

Hours later, Palestinians killed another Israeli soldier in the West Bank town of Hebron. Six Palestinian gunmen also were killed in the violence, one of the bloodiest 24-hour periods in recent weeks.

The attacks strike a blow to Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas' efforts to negotiate a cease-fire with militant groups, his strategy for ending anti-Israeli attacks as called for by the U.S. backed "road map" peace plan.

Israel quickly demanded the Palestinians crack down on the extremists.

US officials say Iraq's weapons

will be found, given enough time WASHINGTON (AP) — Because Iraq concealed its banned weapons so well, it will take time to interview scientists and pore over seized documents to find the hiding places, say Bush administration officials who reject charges the White House overplayed prewar intelligence to justify the invasion.

Answering claims that the administration exaggerated the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, Secretary of State Colin Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice expressed confidence Sunday that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction will be found.

"I'm sure more evidence and more proof will come forward as we go down this road," Powell told "Fox News Sunday."

He said his prewar statement to the United Nations that there was no doubt Saddam had the capability to produce and use such weapons — had been vetted for days by U.S. intelligence analysts.

Poles vote 'yes', fulfill aspirations of joining the European Union

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - President Aleksander Kwasniewski told cheering supporters Sunday that Poland has fulfilled its aspirations to return to Europe, after exit polls showed an overwhelming vote in favor of joining the European Union.

"We are coming back. We are coming back to Europe.' Kwasniewski said at the presidential

Concern that voter turnout would fall below the 50 percent required to make, the referendum valid spurred many to the polls on the second day of voting Sunday, encouraged by their priests, family and friends.

Turnout reached 56 percent of the registered 29.5 million voters Sunday, according to exit polls, after an 18 percent vote on Saturday. The polls said 82 percent voted "yes" for membership.

The referendum gives Kwasniewski the popular mandate needed to ratify a treaty with the EU.

Powell sees `a lot of churning' in Iran, and U.S. tries to exploit it for change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States sees "a lot of churning" among Iran's youthful population against the policies of the country's hard-line Islamic rulers, but has no plans to intervene as it did in Iraq, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday.

At the same time, he said, America is working to persuade the Iranians to force change from within to make the oil-rich country a more productive, less troublesome member of the world community.

"Regime change is not on our list right now," Powell said after ticking off a list of what he described as unacceptable Iranian practices: undermining Israeli-Palestinian peace moves; sponsoring, supporting and arming terrorists; trying to develop nuclear weapons. "It's up to the Iranian people to decide what's going to happen in that country."

Liberia rebels make push into capital; Westerners gathering for evacuation

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Liberians raised their voices in prayer to a backdrop of crackling weapons fire and mortars, appealing for peace Sunday as rebels again pushed into the besieged capital of this West African nation.

President Charles Taylor's ragtag soldiers rushed to the decaying city's west side while thousands of trapped civilians took flight again.

Soldiers claimed late Sunday to have beaten back the latest rebel advance, driving insurgents deeper back into the swamps lying behind the St. Paul's river bridge marking the city's western entrance.

U.S. Marines staked out sandbag bunkers on top of the U.S. Embassy, readying for an expected helicopter evacuation of Westerners. The U.S. Embassy already announced an evacuation of nonessential personnel, and U.N. agencies also may leave.

Coup attempt reported in Arab-led West African nation of Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania (AP) — Mauritania's pro-Western leader battled an apparent coup attempt Sunday, as small arms and tank fire erupted near the presidential palace in the Arab-dominated west African nation.

The fighting followed a government crackdown on Islamic activists that started with the U.S.-led Iraq

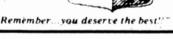
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Police seek suspect in motel robbery

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Police are searching for the person who reportedly robbed a Big Spring motel Friday night.

At about 11 p.m. Friday, a black man wearing a ski mask reportedly entered the Classic Inn, 2900 W. Highway 80, and demanded cash from the clerk.

"Without displaying any weapons at all, he demanded money," said

The suspect is described as a black man about 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds and wearing a ski mask, a blue shirt and blue jeans.

Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness. "They gave him some money out of the cash register and he left.'

Chamness said the exact and he didn't 'get very

amount of cash the robber

stole isn't being released.

"It wasn't very much," he said. "They had just made a deposit that day

The suspect is described as a black man about 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds and wearing a ski mask, a blue shirt and

Anyone with information about this crime should contact the Big **Spring Police Department** at 264-2550.

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'Railroad Killer' says he killed man for whom others received conviction

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"I'm confident Resendiz

will do anything and

everything to basically

draw attention to him-

self," said McClellan, who

was not familiar with

details of the Kolojaco

case. "He's not going to

fade away quietly. It's just

However, attorneys for

Diamantina Kolojaco, 42,

and 27-year-old boyfriend

Andres Moscorro, are

hopeful a court some-

where will consider

Maturino Resendiz's con-

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seen their life sentences

Judy Prince, an attor-

ney for Moscorro, said

her client was bullied into

"My client gave a state-

a confession.

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'serial killer's statements.

By MARK BABINECK

Associated Press Writer HOUSTON — Since his arrest, the man known as the "Railroad Killer" has given authorities crucial details that have helped close four murder cases in three states, including one in which another

man had been charged. Yet Angel Maturino Resendiz, 43, who sits on Texas' death row for one of 14 murders in which he is the likely killer, has failed to convince investigators he committed the June 1998 slaying of a southeast Harris County man. Lawyers for two people serving life sentences for the crime Maturino believe Resendiz could be the key to their clients' prison

"Nobody seems to be interested in these cases." Maturino Resendiz said recently from death row. One thing you can take back on this case, they can never prove one case that I've claimed that I haven't done.'

Indeed, information and descriptions given by Maturino Resendiz led to the discovery of a body in Florida and have allowed authorities to conclude he was the killer in two slavings there, one in Bexar County and another in Carl. Ga., where authorities dropped charges against another man.

In all, authorities believe Maturino Resendiz is responsible for seven killings in Texas, two each in Florida and Illinois and one each in California, Kentucky and Georgia, all near the freight train lines he rode from coast to coast. A Texas Ranger got Maturino Resendiz to cross the border into El Paso and surrender on July 13, 1999, ending weeks of fear over the string of random killings. Yet despite a similar

confession in the slaying of Darryl Kolojaco, including accurate scene descriptions and a blowby-blow account of events Maturino Resendiz claims occurred June 13, 1998, prosecutors believe his oft-repeated statement is among several bogus admissions the Mexican citizen has made.

Prosecutor Vic Wisner, who successfully convinced two juries that Kolojaco's wife got her lover to commit the murder using the lure of a \$100,000 life insurance payment, said details

Resendiz didn't add up.

"We met with the Railroad Killer at length," Wisner said. "Either he (saw news accounts) or -somebody clued him in on the case. But his story is impossible as to how he claimed it happened."

Assistant District Attorney Lyn McClellan, who helped secure a conviction and condemnation for Maturino Resendiz in quick the 1998 slaying of a Houston-area medical

Because they kept telling me I was going to get the needle if I didn't," Prince said.

Similarly. Diamantina Kolojaco's attorney says she was confused by interrogators and signed a confession that didn't accurately embody her verbal statement to Harris County sheriff's deputies

"The cops came to a real theory: (Diamantina Kolojaco and Moscorro) set it up for a

Maturino Resendiz

Convicted murderer

Harris County Detective

Charles A. Leithner

denied the confessions

were ill-gotten, saying the

pair are desperate con-

victs willing to say any-

thing for a chance at free-

dom. Besides, he said,

he'd have no motivation

to elicit a faulty admis-

"There is no conviction

worth me risking my job,"

Leithner said. "None of

lured her two teen sons

with her to an apartment

she maintained with

Moscorro to chase Darryl

Kolojaco through the

home some time after

midnight and use a pipe

to fatally bludgeon him in

the living room two days

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Investigators

Moscorro in

Pasadena,

Diamantina

Gifford said.

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going crazy. The color became gray-blue," said Maturino Resendiz, who has reported similar blackouts before other killings, including such an episode on Dec. 17 of that year when, during a Houston-area break-in, he found what he thought were materials. Enraged, he said he raped and killed Dr. Claudia Benton in the murder that landed him

In a 2001 letter to his trial judge, Bill Harmon, Maturino Resendiz accurately described the Kolojaco home, down to the water tank behind the lot, two distinctive fence styles lining the back yard and "some big tree that almost touches the house."

"I wonder if Diamantina Salinas Kolojaco will be let go for the killing that I did," he wrote.

Wisner said Darryl Kolojaco did not have access to a car the night of his slaying and could not have picked up Maturino Resendiz. Also, Wisner said Maturino Resendiz mispronounced Kolojaco's first name, among other inconsisten-

check out. It's impossible," Wisner said.

Maturino Resendiz's conviction and sentence recently were affirmed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. His court-appointed attorneys will continue the appellate process unless he stops them, which will require a finding by Harmon that he is competent to make such a deci-

hearing and allows Maturino Resendiz to stop his appeals, the judge could set an execution date. No such hearing currently is scheduled.

Even though Maturino Resendiz's insanity claim was rejected by a Harris County jury, appeals attorney Les Ribnik contends his client is unstable but could hold the secrets of other killings that would die with him in the Texas death cham-

"The state should be patient and wait for my guy to die another day so these other cases can possibly cleared (by judicial review)," Ribnik said. "I think my guy's execution should be abated."

ment after nine hours of before the victim's 37th interrogation after the birthday. door was kicked in by the Maturino Resendiz cops at 5 a.m.," Prince maintains Darryl said. "He's ignorant, with Kolojaco picked him up a fifth-grade education in for day labor work and rural Mexico. He gave a brought him to the house statement but didn't where the man touched admit to murder by remuhim in a homosexual pass, jibing with the "We asked him, Why

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IN BRIEF

Black & Gold Tennis tourney slated locally The Black and Gold

Tennis Circuit is slated to be held locally at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex on June 13-14. The event is open to all local tennis players, ranging in ages 12 to adult.

Locally, players will be divided into five classifications, including 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under and Adult. Mixed doubles will also be played in each classification.

Players are eligible to compete in three events in any two divisions. All matches will be decided by a best-of-3 format and will follow United States tennis Association guidelines. Entry fee is set at \$25 for three events.

For more information about the Black and Gold Tournament, contact Big Spring tennis coach Sarah Corse at 263-2275.

Camp of Champs set to get started June 9

The Big Spring High School Camp of Champs weightlifting clinic began this morning. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate in the event, which runs through June 26.

Interested persons should contact Coach Long at 264-3662 for more information.

BSHS Tennis camp set to start June 9

The annual Big Spring High School Tennis Camp began this morning at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

The camp, which runs from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily, is being conducted by BSHS coaches Sarah Corse and Dennis Smiley.

Ranger College to hold baseball tryouts

Ranger College will hold its annual series of baseball camps on its campus on June 8, 20 and 28.

Those participating must be high school graduates and furnish their own equipment. There is no pre-registration. For information contact Don Flowers at (254) 629-2412.

Softball's closing event to be June 19

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association's closing ceremonies will be at 7 p.m. on June 19 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Final team places and trophy presentation to all BSUGSA players will be held. The BSUGSA all-star teams will also be announced.

All-star softball game slated for Saturday

The West Texas All-Star Softball Classic will be held Saturday night in Midland. A team of Permian Basin All-stars, will face an Abilene-area squad. beginning at 7 p.m. at

MUGS Field. Coahoma's Ashley Lang, Michelle Walker, Megan Young and Tawna Jacoba will compete.



Big Spring offensive tackle Kyle Newton blocks one defender while keeping an eye on the rush from the outside while teammate Tye Butler looks downfield during the third quarter of Saturday's Myrle Greathouse FCA All-Star Game in Abilene. With Newton up front, Butler passed for almost 200 yards in the contest.

Local standouts shine in FCA all-star clash

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

For Big Spring ABILENE Steers football fans, Saturday's Myrle Greathouse FCA All-Star Game was a simply a case of deja vu all over again.

Big Spring standout Tye Butler did just what he did all last year. He stood behind the blocking ability of Kyle Newton and rifled pass after pass to Brandon Mendoza. The three Big Spring High School standouts were among five Howard County seniors who turned in solid efforts despite a wild 21-20 loss to the South.

Butler, who rewrote almost every passing record in Big Spring history over the last two years, completed 13 of 21 attempts for 192 yards and engineered two scoring drives - one capped by a 53-yard scoring pass to Mendoza. his favorite target over his final two years. Forsan standout Wes Longorio and Coahoma's Billy Bob Walker both starred defensively. making five tackles apiece

It didn't take Butler long to eigh his name into the FCA history books. The University of New Mexico signee gave the North a quick lead on the second series of the game when he hooked up with Mendoza on a 53-yard strike. Stamford's Eric Richardson added the extra point.

Mendoza will play next fall at Navarro Junior College

Sweetwater's Mychal proved he could throw the ball as well moments later Tha Sweetwater quarterback inflated the North's lead to 110 on as his possession of the second quarter by hooking up with Merke's live a Caraway on an 11 yard street

The South, which was led by Abilene Cooper's Will Galusha, managed to get its offense or gear from there.

Winters Shane Colburn pulsed the South to within 11; by connecting with Bangs decemy Newton for a 63-yard score on the



Big Spring standout Brandon Mendoza runs around the block of a teammate while returning a kickoff in the third quarter of the all-star clash. Mendoza, a Navarro JC signee, had 84 receiving in the game.

third play of their ensuing series. The South offense didn't manage much more. Longorio, who also played on special teams, and

The North, which had fumbled



WALKER LONGORIO

South 3, looked to have all but ged the game on the final play of the half. Richardson booted a 33vard field goal with no time left on comfortable 17-7 lead.

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punt on its first possession, the South rode Galusha's legs out of the option 54 yards to the North 2. Abilene Cooper's Shawney Diles Walker helped shut down the capped the 10-play march with a two-yard dive into the end zone. South offense for the remainder of Diles' TD leap pulled the South

to within 1714.

Butler and Mendoza heiped cut, the South - celebration's short moments later. The two hooked on a lengthy pass play fate in the third that set up a Richardson field goal that sent the North into the final period with a 20-14 edge.

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Spurs bounce **Nets in** Game 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Out of the Jersey swamps emerged a horrific sight, a game so ugly it was almost frightening. They called it Game 3.

On a night that featured the lowest-scoring first half in the history of the NBA Finals, Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs didn't really care how it looked.

They took control of the game with a 14-3 run to open the fourth quarter, putting them back in charge with an 84-79 victory Sunday for a 2-1 lead best-of-seven in the series.

How unsightly was it? Well, the winning team committed 17 turnovers, missed 12 foul shots, tossed up numerous airballs and even had players bickering at each other after a series of botched plays in the first quarter.

Duncan, the league MVP, had a night that was nothing too special by his standards, scoring 21 points with 16 rebounds - the 15th of which was most crucial.

Tony Parker added 26 points - two off his career playoff high - to make up for the lack of any other double-digit scorers.

San Antonio improved to 7-3 on the road in this year's playoffs with its fifth consecutive victory away from home. This time, it came at one of the NBA's oldest buildings an arena built in the

1970s in the swampland west of the Hudson River. Game 4 is Wednesday night.

Short-handed Snakes rally for win over Tribe

СОАНОМА Guzman went 3-for-3 and drove in four runs Saturday afternoon and helped the Big Spring Diamondbacks keep their season alive with a stunning 14-13 win over the Indians.

 Diamondbacks. The who played the game with just eight players. rallied from a 5-0 deficit to claim the win and move into the fifth round. They are scheduled to face the Pirates today at 5:30 p.m.

The Indians bolted to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, dising key at-bats by Manual Sosa and Arron Hanes.

Guzman helped the Snakes tie the game in the top of the second with a two-run single

After holding Indians to two runs in the second, the Diamondbacks took their first lead in the third by reeling off five runs.

The Tribe answered back, pounding out six runs in the bottom of the frame and took a 13-10 lead into the final frame. Guzman fueled a 4-run

surge by the Diamondbacks in the fourth with a two-run single to left. Diamondbacks' pitcher

Tommy Wells Jr. struck out the side in the bottom of the fourth to collect his first career victory. The left-hander finished with a career-high seven strikeouts.

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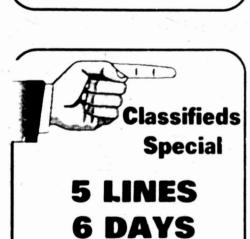
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JILLSON

flirty, glamorous discussions, decide to have and be a fabulous friend, and get involved in the game of life.

It's

suit.

time to have

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Mental limitations are self-imposed. Believe you can, and you'll make amazing progress. Send a letter to someone you've never met but to whom you have something to say. Loved ones need career advice or general motivation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make bold decisions independently, though everyone is offering help, opinions and ways for you to spend your money. Forward movement cannot denied now. Professionals move up the corporate ladder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have been holding back important thoughts communicate them. If

you want to be wealthy, you must develop habits that wealthy people have. Ask, observe, and read about such things.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Intention is the most important element in making that big sale. When you believe that your service or product will really make the client's life better, it's a slam dunk. If you don't believe that, it's time to figure out why.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Taking part in a group endeavor helps you cover a lot of bases at once. You have a way of turning the tables in your favor but must work on your courage and raise your

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one. Unconfirmed plans

keep your future up in the

air when you want it

pinned down. Your career

path gets crystal clear as

soon as you get back to

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You have the instinct

for making money but

don't necessarily find this.

easy to do. For peace of

mind, go over your month-

ly bank statement. Keeping

money and friendship sep-

arate will help you hang

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QUESTIONS: "After being

lost and confused for so

many years, I feel that I

have finally discovered

what I really want to do for

a career. I want to check-

with you and make sure

that I am on the right track

because this is such an

important decision for me

to make. I plan to pursue a

career in the food indus-

try. I'm going to take some

cooking classes in

Australia, gain some work

experience there, and then

open my own restaurant in

the Philippines. Will I suc-

ceed in the food industry? I

Your Mars in Leo makes

was born March 12, 1980."

your career path strong -

even though, as a Pisces,

you have had a hard time

making up your mind.

Follow it with force now

that you've decided. Mars

in Leo also means you're a

natural leader. This turns

energy level to do it. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 9). Your health and the well-being of those close to you is ensured by your amazing healing capacity this year. Slow and easy in July gets the job done, but August moves up to a fever pitch. October brings many amazing ways to make money. Take your pick for major bucks. Cupid's arrow hits you hard in February. March is your most pivotal month. Your lucky numbers this year are: 12, 33, 19, 56 and 8.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A theatrical tinge to the day practically can't be helped, so roll with it. Don't be surprised if loved ones give you a show to remember - they can't help letting the inner clown or tragedian out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Trivial matters lead to more substantial work, so don't be afraid to amuse yourself with seemingly distractions. frivolous After all, if you don't follow your interests, life can be very uninspiring. Back down from a family confrontation

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). New happenings in your life far outweigh past losses. The rules of love are shifting into a set that you can really stick to. When loved one shares your ideals, the path is easier. Friendship, however, is another matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Dec. 21). Forget the past, and formulate new plans. Ignore information from those you really don't know. Borrowing and lending make a friendship awkward, so don't go there. Romance starts with an ordinary gesture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Deserving the best doesn't automatically mean you're going to get it. Your forceful personality could intimidate certain friends, but when you step back and think it over, you might decide you've outgrown these folks.

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Dear Annie: My husband and I have recently attended several events where we've witnessed young people "dirty dancing." For those unfamiliar with the term, it means that couples imitate sex acts while dancing. There's plenty of bumping and grinding, body rubbing and fondling. We find it vulgar and crude in the

The latest episode hap pened at my niece's wedding reception. A young woman dancing next to us actually pulled her top down, so she could better wiggle her assets against her partner. Nothing was left to the imagination. Women splayed their legs, and men groped their partners' rear ends.

I felt as though we were taking part in an orgy. I suggested to my sister that the dancers be told to tone things down, and that many people in the crowd were embarrassed and offended by the exhibition. To top it off, there were children present. Sis replied that this is how the younger crowd dances

nowadays and we should just ignore their antics. My husband and I left after the bride threw her bouquet. Now my sister is angry with me for being "a prude." She says we insulted the bride and groom by walking out before the end of the reception. Are we out of touch? Is such behavior acceptable? Should we have gritted our teeth and stayed?

Cheeks Red in Michigan Dear Red Cheeks: You are not out of touch; such behavior is crass and inappropriate, and you stayed long enough. You don't have to hang around until the caterers pack up the hall.

Dear Annie: Four years ago, my husband had an affair with a friend of ours. I trusted him completely and never would have suspected, but he confessed. He even told the woman he was in love with her. We went to counseling, but all that did was drain the bank account. We stayed together, thinking that things would work out, but deep inside I am still hurt. I have such horrible nightmares that I wake up depressed.

My husband says he loves me and he's sorry about the affair, but I am

out to be profitable when you open your own restaurant in 2007. The biggest problem you will have is being patient enough to know when you have gained enough experience. Wait at least a year longer than when you first feel like moving away. The extra time you spend in Australia garners you valuable insights about people and their everchanging palates.

PRO-CELEBRITY FILES: Johnny Depp may be an intelligent Gemini, but he's also got quite a lot of sensual earth-sign energy in his chart to put him in touch with the rhythms and music of nature. Though his music career is secondary to his life as a movie star, Depp could do a composing project under a different name and wind up playing guitar on a movie soundtrack. His musical talents will be used more as time passes.

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Annie's Mailbox

unable to trust him. He is a nicer husband, but I still can't figure out why he cheated, so I wonder if he'll do it again. I am empty inside. I feel only sadness. Living this way is taking a lot out of me. I don't sleep well. When I bring up the subject, my husband refuses to discuss it. Can you help me? -Need Some Hope in the East

Dear Need Hope: Please go back for counseling. The therapist you saw was not the right one for you. Ask the original therapist or your doctor to refer you to someone else. If your husband will go with you, great, but if not, go by yourself. Rebuilding trust takes time and the willingness to forgive. You are depressed and unable to see that there is hope for your marriage, but it's there if you keep looking; Dear Annie: "Crushed In

the South" said she and her husband are paying the mortgage on her par ents' condo, even though neither her siblings nor her mother seem to appreciate her generosity.

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Dear Sage: Thanks for the "sage" advice. We hope they will follow through.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611

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DETROIT (AP) Fans and fellow singers held a candlelight vigil for R&:B artist Luther Vandross, who's recovering from a stroke.

Aretha Franklin, a friend of Vandross, organized Monday night's event at the Little Rock Baptist Church.

"I felt he needed prayer, and he needed it now." said Franklin, who sang "Amazing Grace" for a crowd of 5,000 people.

Five weeks ago, Vandross was discovered in his New York apartment suffering the aftereffects of a stroke. He remains in the intensive care unit of the Weill Cornell Medical Center of New York-Presbyterian

Hospital. The Four Tops, Ortheia Barns, Franklin's sons. Kecalf and Eddie, Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson were among those on the program. The Detroit News report-

Vandross, 52, has written and produced songs Franklin and designed several dresses for the 61-year-old singer to wear during her upcoming tour.

ed Tuesday.

Music from Franklin, Dionne Warwick and Vandross himself is being played for the singer as he lies unconscious, according to his mother, Mary.

NEW YORK (AP) There can only be one "American Idol" winner. but finalists Clay Aiken and Ruben Studdard will both appear on America Online to answer viewers' questions after the finale.

AOL will select questions from members of the online service, which

Aiken and Studdard, both 24, will answer in video interviews Friday.

America will find out Wednesday night on Fox which singer wins the coveted \$1 million recording contract, which is decided by viewers' votes. In AOL voting since last Wednesday's episode, the rotund Studdard is slightly ahead of the lanky Aiken. 56 percent to 44 percent. More than 775,000 votes have been cast.

To see the interviews with the "Idol" finalists, members can log onto AOL Keyword: American Idol.

Answer to previous puzzle



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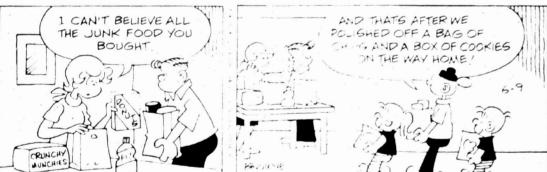
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