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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, auditioning 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 state-wide grant.

The college is one of three new recipients for the 2003 Barbara Bush Texas Fund for Project LIFT (Literacy in Families Together).

The \$65,000 grant will fund Project LIFT, a structured, intensive whole-family literacy pro-

gram for special-needs students and parents.

"We are so honored to be recipients for this grant," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president. "It will allow us to offer a very innovative program to help the families in our communi-

ty." Both parents and children will benefit from the structure of the program.

"While the parents attend courses in English-as-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 literacy instruction," Sparks said.

In addition, parents will meet with their children

for four hours each week 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, which will begin Sept. 1 and continue for one

year.

For more information about the program, call Debbie Klepper at 264-5014.

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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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 three-day Survivor Scout Day Camp.

"We're looking forward to having a great camp and provide the boys with a fun learning experience," said Sandy Wallace, camp business manager.

Archery, BB guns, crafts and swimming are just some of the fun-filled activities available for area boys entering

June 18-20, Hughes Aquatic Base, Lake Colorado City



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.

Grades 2-5.

The camp is held Wednesday through Friday, June 18-20, at the

Hughes Aquatic Base and Training Center on Lake Colorado City.

Registration is \$35 and

includes a T-shirt, cap, cup and snacks. Those

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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

Center before being transported to Lubbock after sustaining head injuries and other wounds in an assault this morning.

On Saturday, Rigo Moran, 32, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with several stab wounds. He was later airlifted to Covenant

Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was listed in critical condition.

Police were called to the intersection of East 14th Street and Owens at about 4:45 a.m. today.

Upon arrival, they discovered Hill, who had reportedly been beaten

with a baseball bat and a three-foot length of angle iron. Police investigating the incident found the weapons and took them into evidence.

No arrests have been made in connection with the assault on Hill.

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Bike across country old hat for Colorado women

Senior citizens make public aware of Huntington's Disease

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Two Colorado women were expecting to wrap up an

800-mile bicycle trek across Texas to raise funds for the Huntington's Disease Society of America by today.

The two-and-half week long journey of 59-year-old Marie Nemeč and 67-year-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 disease.

"My friend and myself

had always talked about bicycling across the U.S.," said Reicks. "We got to be in our 60s and we thought we'd better start thinking about this seriously. In 1999 things worked out and we planned to bicycle the U.S. About that time, Marie started bicycling for Huntington's and she

"I met so many people that just impressed me because of their courage in the face of this horrible disease."

Marie Nemeč

asked if she could join us."

Nemeč 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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Colorado residents Charlotte Reicks, left, and Marie Nemeč 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.

Bustamante chosen for TASB board

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Big Spring Independent School District trustee has been appointed to a statewide association board.

The Texas Association of School Boards has appointed Irene Bustamante to the TASB Risk Management Fund Board of Trustees.

"This is a big honor," Bustamante said. "Anytime you are appointed to a statewide association board, it is an honor not only for myself but for the school district and for Big Spring."

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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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.

HERALD photo, Lyndel Moody

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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

Scouting program," Wallace said. "We can find a group they can be a part of in the fall."

Camps will run 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

camp will be provided. Big Spring Cub Scouts will leave from the College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell, at 8 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday and should be picked up at 5 p.m. each day.

On Friday, the Scouts will leave for camp at noon.

Children should wear their T-shirt and swim trunks each day and bring a sack lunch, an old pair of tennis shoes and

water shoes, sun screen or sun block.

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.

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**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 thunderstorm that creates strong winds. This kind is called a 'haboob' which is an Arabic word

for blowing dust. The 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.

"The sand blows so hard that there is a 'yellow 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."

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

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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 the 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.

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ance, employee benefits, workers' compensation and unemployment benefit programs for more than 1,100 school districts, 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 Risk 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.

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At Leal's invitation, Nemece 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," Nemece 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."

Nemece'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, Nemece has rambled through 29 states and parts of Canada, Mexico, nine of the original 13 U.S. Colonies and now Texas. Reicks has joined Nemece 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

about Huntington's Disease. In five years, we rarely run across anyone who knows 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.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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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.

Tommy hogan, 59, died Saturday. Family will receive friends at funeral home from 7:00 to 8:00 PM Monday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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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-

tor. 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 person.

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 prairie dogs.

Monkeypox's incubation period is about 12 days.

Two patients 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

Wisconsin. The agency also told state humane societies to isolate any prairie dogs people bring in.

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 Milwaukee 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 Illinois ban also covers Gambian rats.

The Illinois Department 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 Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, a nonprofit organiza-

tion 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 a 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 developed 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-year-old girl walked into a convenience store less than 30 miles away, scared but unhurt, police said.

Jennette Tamayo 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 May 30.

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 Conners, the 42-year-old director of the center, turned herself in to DeSoto police late Friday in connection with the same charges and was released on \$10,000 bond.

### Probe indicates deputy may have shot himself

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 his unmarked patrol car. Green 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 full-page 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 "one-year campaign" it believes was designed to create roadblocks to El Paso's progress.

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 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 mob 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 York-based 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 week-long 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.

## ASSAULTS

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although police say they do have suspects.

Officers were dispatched 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. Terry Chamness said police don't know why the attack occurred.

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

talked with the family up there."

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

The incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information about these assaults should contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Chis at 667-7444 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [news@sh.com](mailto:news@sh.com).

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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 Jacobs 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.

# JUST LIKE OLD TIMES

## Local standouts shine in FCA all-star clash

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — For Big Spring 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 etch 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 Michael Longoria proved he could throw the ball as well moments later. The Sweetwater quarterback pulled the North's lead to 14-0 on his first possession of the second quarter by hooking up with Walker's Steve Caraway on an 11-yard strike.

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

Winters' Shane Colburn poked the South to within 14-10 by connecting with Bangs Jeremy 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 Walker helped shut down the South offense for the remainder of the half.

The North, which had fumbled away an earlier possession at the

punt on its first possession, the South rode Gaussha's legs out of the option 54 yards to the North 2. Abilene Cooper's Shawn Diles capped the 10-play march with a two-yard dive into the end zone.

Diles' TD leap pulled the South to within 17-14.

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

The South answered right back. Led by Gaussha, the South squad peeled off a 10-minute drive that ate up an out two minutes of the fourth quarter. Gaussha, who was named the game's offensive MVP, capped the drive by scampering into the end zone from 10 yards out.

The North was unable to muster much of a threat from there. The South defense sealed the win by holding on a fourth-down play near midfield.

The South didn't roll over and die, however. After being forced to



LONGORIO WALKER

## 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 in the best-of-seven 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

COAHOMA — Adam 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.

The Diamondbacks, 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, using key at-bats by Manuel Sosa and Arnon Hanes.

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

After holding the Indians to two runs in the second, the Diamondbacks took their first lead in the third by peeling 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 four-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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10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Stories (CC) (DVS)	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News Nightline	News Tonight	the Enemy	Primer Impacto	CSI: Crime Scene	Movie: Amy's Orgasm (CC)	Trauma: Life in	Movie: My House in	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Monster House	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	That's-Raven Kim Possible			
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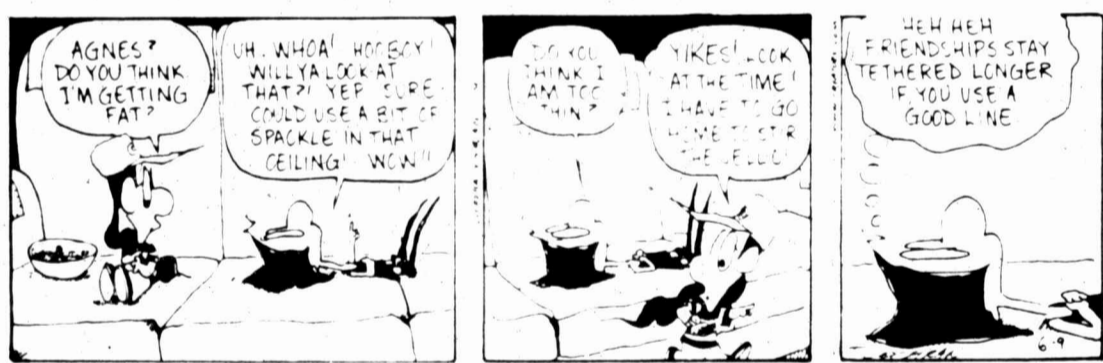
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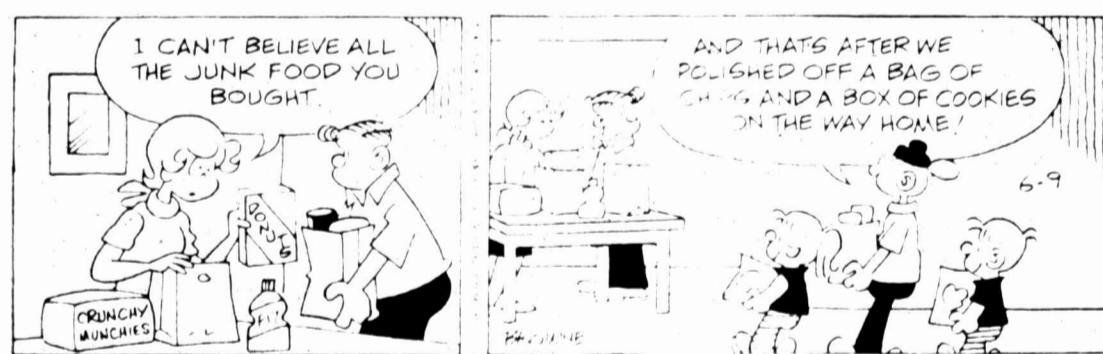
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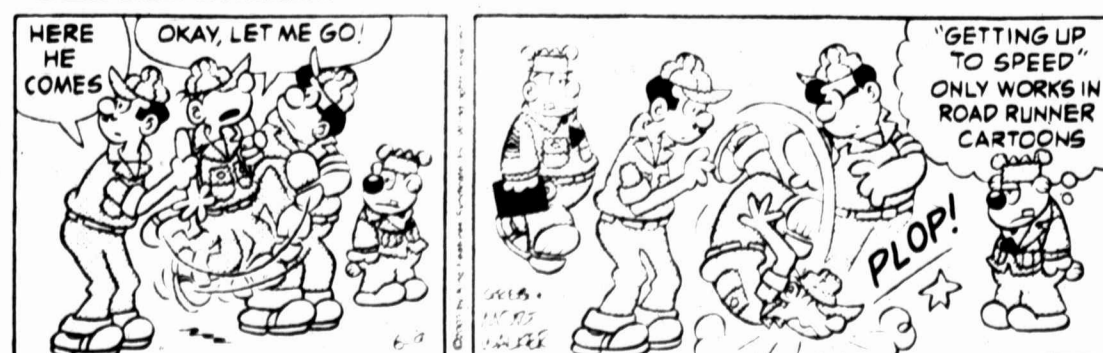
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

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 after-effects 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, Kecalp and Eddie, Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson were among those on the program. The Detroit News reported Tuesday. Vandross, 52, has written and produced songs for Franklin and designed several dresses for the 61-year-old singer to wear during her upcoming tour. 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.

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