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Santa letters due quickly at the Herald

Sunday is the deadline for the Herald to accept Santa letters from area schools.

Letters can be mailed to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431 or e-mailed to johnmoseley@big-spring-herald.com.

They can also be dropped off at the Herald office at 710 Scurry.

The letters will be forwarded to Santa at the North Pole, and will be printed in the paper's annual Christmas edition.

WHAT'S UP...

FRIDAY

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pottou House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

The Concerned Citizens Council meets 7 p.m. Monday at Fiber Flex at the airpark.

Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2005 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

Howard County ARC meets at 8:05 E. Third at the Bingo Hall.

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Weekend filled with holiday cheer

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Cold weather has arrived with the Crossroads area with surprising snow flurries so it must be time to welcome in the holiday season.

Nothing ushers in the holiday spirit in Big Spring in grander style than the Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas Parade. Thousands of spectators are

expected to line Gregg Street Saturday for the annual event.

"With the weather predicted now in the 60s and clear we should have a good parade for the evening," said Big Spring Herald Publisher Ken Dulaney. "It is fortunate that the past few days weather happened before the parade than during."

The parade will begin its trek at 5:30 p.m. from the intersection of Gregg and

FM 700 and then proceed to Sixth Street, turn right and proceed to Main, where it will turn left and end at the Howard County Courthouse.

Big Spring's police and fire personnel and the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department personnel will be the grand marshals of the parade.

More than 50 civic, church, business and school

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Friday

VA Lighting of the Lights at the VA Medical Center, 6:30 p.m.
'Othello,' 8 p.m., Big Spring Auditorium

Saturday

The Living Christmas Tree dress rehearsal, 2 p.m., FUMC.
Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, 5:30 p.m., Gregg Street.

Hangar 25 Air Museum open house, 6-8 p.m.

The Living Christmas Tree, 8 p.m., FUMC.
'Othello,' 8 p.m., Big Spring Auditorium.

Sunday

Big Spring Symphony fund-raiser Tour of Homes, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The Living Christmas Tree, 8 p.m., FUMC.

Travelers put safety first

U.S. 87 lined with semis as truckers avoid icy conditions

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

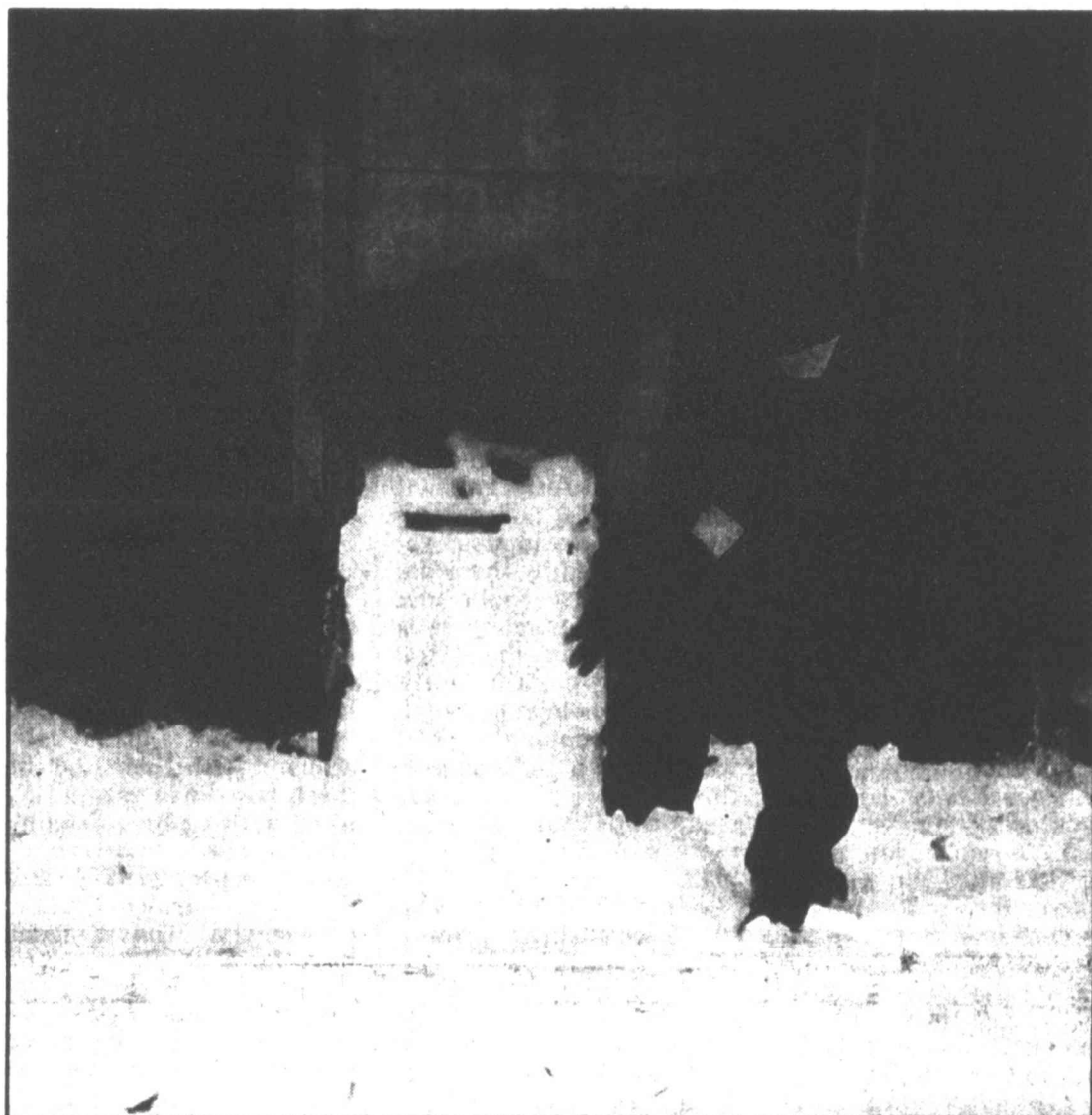
Safety first seemed to be in the minds of travelers and law enforcement in the Crossroads area as they battled with hazardous road conditions left from Wednesday's snowfall.

Interstate 20 and Highway 87 shoulders were lined with semi-trucks this morning as professional drivers decided to halt travel for the night because of icy roads and numerous accidents.

"It so packed out here you can't hardly move," said Mark Thompson, service manager of Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center. "We have trucks lined up about two miles north on Highway 87.

"Our parking lot is so full you can't park anything else," he continued. "Our restaurant is so full you can't seat another person. It's been this way since yesterday and will be like this until they start moving."

Employees at Rip Griffin's stayed busy through the night, Thompson said, with the overflow of travelers seeking respite from icy road conditions.



Twelve-year-old Malorie Paredes puts the finishing touches on the afroed snowman in her front yard Wednesday. All area school children got to take a day off due to the large accumulation of snow received. Most public schools, including those in the Big Spring Independent School District, were also closed today. Below, Furr's restaurant takes on a "winter wonderland" appearance Wednesday morning.

The Department of Public Safety shut down the east bound lanes of Interstate 20 from the west side of Big Spring to Midland Wednesday night for about four hours because of two semi-trucks blocking traffic, Bekkelund said.

"We shut down the east

side of Interstate 20 for a few hours because a couple of trucks had jacked-knifed and blocked the lanes until we could get the wreckers out there," said DPS Sgt. Johnny Bekkelund.

The long lines of traffic backed up from the accident probably prompted the

closing, said Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett.

"We had traffic back up from the 170 mile marker all the way to the Howard County line on the east side of I-20 on both lanes," Pritchett said. "We probably had about five miles of traffic."

Law enforcement agencies stayed busy responding to incidents of vehicles sliding or jack-knifing off the roads Wednesday.

"The majority of the accidents we responded to were just because trucks or cars had lost control and slid off the edge of the road," Bekkelund said.

No injuries have been reported.

"There were no injuries reported that I am aware of," Pritchett said.

Snow-packed roads turned icy Wednesday night but Pritchett reported a pretty quiet morning

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Fire marshal warns of holiday associated hazards

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The Christmas season isn't the time people like to think about fire safety, but

with strings of electric lights being woven around flames a fire Christmas trees and people firing up furnaces which have lain dormant all summer, it's better to think a little about fire safety than to have the season ruined by a

tragic house fire. Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray offers some tips to make sure your holiday season is disaster-free.

"When choosing which type of tree to buy, artificial or real, remember that it is purely a matter of personal preference," Condray said. "Both can be safe if you follow these simple rules."

Those who prefer real trees should buy the freshest tree possible because a fresh tree is less flammable than a dry one, Condray said.

"Look for a deep green color, strong natural scent and needles that are still firmly attached to the limb,"

he said. Once you find a fresh tree, you should do your best to keep it that way.

"The trunk should be cut on an angle to increase the area for water absorption and should be sticky with sap," he said. "Keep the trunk immersed in fresh water, as we do with fresh flowers, to keep the tree fresh."

Condray added that a Christmas tree's water supply can dry out quickly in a heated room.

"Check the water often," he said. "When the time comes that the needles begin falling off in large amounts, dispose of the tree.

This is a sign of a dry and very dangerous tree."

Homeowners in the city limits should never burn Christmas trees to dispose of them, Condray said.

"Have it taken to a proper disposal site," he said. "Many times, various groups around town will carry them off for you."

Owners of artificial trees need to remember that those can burn as well, Condray said.

"Even if the label says otherwise, don't take chances," he said. "Never use electric lights on the metallic types of trees but use a separate colored spotlight instead. On plastic trees, make sure

that the lights you use are not going to get too hot and melt the needles."

No matter what type of tree you own, the following rules are important, Condray said.

"Always turn off lights and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the area. A short circuit could start a fire," he said. "Avoid placing the tree too close to a heat source, such as a fireplace or a space heater."

People sometimes often rearrange furniture to set up a tree.

"Always maintain a clear exit route. Don't let

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Politics

Court ruling upholds new district maps

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

A federal court ordered new Texas House district boundaries Wednesday

which boosted Hispanic voting strengths in some areas, but rejected Howard County's bid to stay in House District 70.

The court also upheld the Legislative Redistricting Board's Senate plan, meaning Howard County will also be moved from Senate District 28.

District 28 representative Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) said he was disappointed with the court's decision, but that it is time to move forward.

"I was obviously disappointed in the outcome. I felt like the LRB (Legislative Redistricting Board) had ignored the wishes of Big Spring. I don't say that just because I have been their representative, but because geographically, I felt the county was ideally situated in the districts it was in," said Duncan.

The court's decision — which changed only slightly from the LRB's redistricting maps — takes Howard County out of Duncan's Senate District 28 and places it in Senate District 31, represented by Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo). It also takes Howard County from House District 70, represented by Rep. Counts (D-Knox City) and puts it in House District 85, represented by House Speaker Pete Laney, (D-Hale Center).

In an earlier court decision, Howard County will also have a new U.S. Congressman — Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) instead of Charlie Stenholm (D-Abilene).

Feeling that Big Spring would lose representation under the new state redistricting, Howard County Commissioners Court had

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OBITUARIES

Celia Lilley

Funeral service for Celia Lilley, 91, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Lilley died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, in a local hospital.

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today. "Most of the truck drivers decided to not drive on the ice," said Bekkelund. "They are slowly getting out (this morning)...They should be back rolling about noon."

Wednesday night's low temperatures turned some parts of snow packed lanes on west I-20 into about three inches of ice, said Johnny Moore, area maintenance supervisor for Texas Department of Transportation.

As a result of the still-treacherous conditions, school officials throughout most of the Crossroads canceled or at least postponed classes for the second day in a row. Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma schools were closed today. Grady, Sands and Glasscock County schools were delaying school until mid-morning.

Moore was anticipating the snow to begin melting this morning and traffic to resume on both the highway and interstate, but warned those traveling tonight to be careful.

"If you are on the highway or interstate, please use caution tonight because there may be patches of ice on the road," Moore said.

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rearranged furniture block an exit that may be needed or present a fall hazard," he said. "Remember to keep a fire extinguisher handy and make sure the entire family knows how to use it."

When it comes to Christmas lights, homeowners should inspect each string prior to hanging them, Condray said.

"It is a good idea to plug in all lights and let them burn for about 15 minutes on a flameproof surface like your driveway prior to installing them," he said. "Take this time to look for damage such as frayed wires and staples. Also be on the watch for loose prongs or cracked sockets."

Condray said decorators should pay attention to the intended use of each string of lights they use.

"Indoor lights should only be used indoors. All outdoor

lights should be waterproof and be securely fastened to prevent wind damage and trip hazards," he said. "Only use outdoor-rated extension cords and never have more than three light strings plugged into one. Always check for the maximum draw that your cord can handle. Cords with a built-in Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter or GFCI are the safest."

With colder weather here to stay, many people are cranking up their furnaces for the first time in several months. Condray said home heating is a major cause of fires each year.

"In 1998 there were over 49,000 heating-equipment-related home fires in the United States," he said. "These fires resulted in the deaths of 388 people, 1,445 injuries and over \$515 million in property damage."

Remember to leave enough space in front of each portable heating unit, Condray said.

"Space heaters need space," he said. "Portable space heaters need a 3-foot clearance from anything that will burn. Never leave one burning while you are asleep or away from the room."

Condray suggests owners of fireplaces and woodburning stoves have their flues and chimneys inspected and cleaned each year by qualified personnel.

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filed for and obtained intervention status in *Balderas v. State of Texas*, to challenge the political districts. Wednesday's order by the federal court officially ends that challenge.

"I applaud the county for getting into the fight," said Duncan. "The commissioners put their money where their heart was. Lawsuits are kind of like going to (Las) Vegas — you never know whether you will win or lose. It was disappointing, but now it is time to move on. I will still be your representative in the Senate until 2003."

Duncan said he will continue to look after the wishes of Howard County.

"You don't serve a group of people, make friends and all there, and just walk away. Big Spring will always be like one of mine. I think Big Spring will be well represented. We know Troy Fraser will continue to keep Big Spring's interests in mind too," said Duncan, speaking of the Republican senator from Horseshoe Bay who once lived in Big Spring and was its representative. "Also Perry (Gov. Rick Perry) has ties to Big Spring and grew up down the road. And Pete Laney, we know he will put West Texas first. So I feel Big Spring will continue to have

good representation." Duncan said he plans to ask both Bivins and Combest to visit Howard County and visit with its people to help make the transition a more comfortable one.

"We have got our work cut out for us, but we usually rise above our problems in West Texas and we will rise above this," Duncan said.

Rep. Counts said he is unhappy over losing Big Spring.

"I am very disappointed in losing Big Spring. We have accomplished a lot and we still have things we are still working on. But Pete Laney is very familiar with those projects as Speaker of the House and I know he will do a great job for Big Spring," said Counts, who, like Duncan, will continue to represent Howard County until 2003.

Overall, Counts sees the new House redistricting map as a blow to rural Texans.

"That is the way it is going to be. I think it is real mean to rural Texas. It moves, in an extreme manner, the power bases into the city. Over the next 10 years, you (Texas) will lose at least 20 rural representatives," Counts said.

The new House map pairs 19 districts, including Counts' and Rep. Rick Hardcastle's (R-Vernon).

"That is an example of what I am talking about. You have two rural representatives in myself and Rep. Hardcastle, and after that (election) only one will be left. It's pretty harsh to rural Texas."

By some estimates, the map approved by the redistricting board could give Republicans as many as 88 to 90 seats in the Texas House. Currently, Democrats hold a 78-72 edge. In the Senate, the GOP, which held a 16-15 edge in this year's legislative session, could gain three or more seats under the new plan.

Latino plaintiffs got what they were pushing for in the House plan with the creation of a new Hispanic majority district in South Texas, said Nina Perales, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

"We prevailed in the House," Perales said. "It means more representation for Latinos, more districts in which Latinos can elect candidates of their choice. Latinos did not get addi-

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

tional seats in the Senate, however.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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groups have so far registered to participate in the parade. As always, Santa Claus has made time in his busy holiday schedule to grace the parade with a special appearance.

Several other seasonal activities are planned for this weekend as the West Texas VA Health Care System will light up on Friday for the VA Lighting of the Lights program.

Santa Claus is expected to make a visit at the event, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Nursing Home Care Unit choir will perform Christmas carols and refreshments will be served.

Also lighting up for the holidays is Hanger 25 Air Museum which will hold its third annual open house on Saturday night from 6 to 8. Hot chocolate, cookies and punch will await visitors to the Hangar who will have the opportunity to view the new T-38 exhibit. There will be no entrance fee to tour the museum that night.

Saturday also marks the dress rehearsal and first performance of The Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church. The program's theme will be "The Wonder of Christmas" by David Hamilton with narration by Karla Worley.

There will be an interpretation of the narration Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus in Bethlehem and the three wise men presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

An interpretive dance will also be performed by Lori Churchwell, who designed the choreography, during the Wexford Carol.

The Living Christmas Tree, which stands 35 feet tall, will hold a 100-voice choir composed of community volunteers, adults and children, and about 20 of FUMC's choir members.

No tickets are necessary for Saturday's 2 p.m. rehearsal, which is open to the public. Official performances are set for 8 p.m.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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BRIEFS

MARCY ELEMNTARY'S PARENT INVOLVEMENT will be an Enchilada Extravaganza on Nov. 29. All students and one parent per family will be provided with meal tickets and you may eat from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional plates may be purchased at the door at the cost of \$3 each.

After eating, parents may go to classrooms for Make and Take Activities from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

These activities will enable parents to help their children become more successful students in the classroom. Entertainment will be provided for students in the Marcy library.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

10:13 a.m. — 4000 block of Vicky, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:37 p.m. — 1400 block of Settles, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:58 p.m. — Mile marker 185 I-20, traffic accident, service refused.

6:10 p.m. — 500 block of Edwards, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:20 p.m. — Buffalo Country Fina, medical call, service refused.

6:56 p.m. — 1300 block of Mesa, public service, service refused.

7:04 p.m. — 500 block of NE Ninth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

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Celia (Grant) Lilley, 91, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Effie Montgomery, 81, died Tuesday, November 27, 2001. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park (Peace Chapel). Services were rescheduled for Friday due to weather.

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At least six fatal accidents blamed on winter storm in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — An arctic blast that invaded Texas with a hard freeze and up to a foot of snow has left at least six motorists dead in wrecks blamed on icy bridges and highways slick from sleet and frozen rain. Dozens of airline flights were canceled or delayed.

Meteorologists said much of the Dallas area had dodged a bullet as the frigid blast moved into the state.

The storm system powered by an upper-level low pressure system left thousands without electrical power before stalling over North Texas.

"This threat that the weather has caused certainly is not over yet," said Texas Department of

Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange, warning that the sheen of ice coating roadways was not apparent to many motorists.

The Dallas area received only light amounts of freezing precipitation.

But it was enough to close the Dallas North Tollway for a time on Wednesday night after vehicles spun out of control on icy bridges.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, more flights were canceled.

American Airlines on Wednesday canceled 50 percent of its flights at DFW Airport, the carrier's main hub, airport spokesman Ken Capps said.

Early today, American

spokesman John Hotard said on the carrier's hot line that 20 more flights were canceled, but that the airline planned to operate a full schedule by later in the morning.

Three of the six fatalities were in the Abilene area. A Nevada man was killed about 4 p.m. Tuesday when he lost control on Interstate 20 and struck another motorist, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger.

Ninety minutes later and six miles south of Abilene, Derwood Thomas, 88, of Abilene died when his vehicle rolled over on an icy stretch of U.S. 83.

Mark Allen Garcia of Winters was killed about 7:15 p.m. Tuesday

after a collision on Texas 36 in Callahan County.

Patsy Davis, 49, of Silverton died after 5 p.m. Tuesday when her vehicle lost control and veered into oncoming traffic on snow-packed Texas 207 in Briscoe County in the Panhandle. Two others were seriously injured.

In West Texas, Jean English McDaniel, 61, of Muleshoe died Tuesday after being thrown from her truck when it went out of control and overturned on U.S. 84 about 10 miles west of Littlefield in Lamb County.

Law officers in Roanoke closed both eastbound lanes of Texas 114 for more than an hour after a four-vehicle collision killed 21-year-old

Juan Gandara of Irving.

"Absolutely, weather was a factor," said Roanoke police Lt. Bobby Olivias.

"The bridges were iced over."

Dozens of cars slid off slick roads Tuesday and Wednesday in Wichita Falls, where part of Highway 287 spanning over the city remained closed, said Dejuan Wallace, a DPS spokesman.

Wednesday night, an area of frozen precipitation extended from a line through Granbury, Meridian, Lampasas and Killeen, all the way south to San Antonio. Sleet was falling as well as some freezing rain and snow as the system moved northeast at about 35 mph.

Two Muslims arrested for suspicious activity

TEXAS CITY (AP) — Two Muslim men, free on bond Thursday on charges in connection with separate violations, say they were arrested after stopping their rental vehicle to kneel in a parking lot and pray.

The Somalis who live in Houston had finished their prayers and were about to drive their rented U-Haul truck off the parking lot this week when officers arrived to investigate a report of suspicious activity, said Texas City police Capt. Anthony Morgan.

Morgan identified the men as Ismael Abdi Hassan, 31, and Ahmed Shueib Yusuf, 32.

The two were picking up clothing and other donated items from collection boxes placed by a charity, said Morgan.

Police told the suspects that the U-haul van they were driving looked suspicious.

Hassan, asked for identification, presented a driver's license on which the photograph appeared to have been burned, said Morgan. He said the height and weight listed on the license far exceeded Hassan's.

Morgan said Hassan, who later presented a valid Texas identification card, was charged with possessing an altered driver's license.

After police got permission from Hassan and Yusuf to search the truck, officers found under the passenger seat a sheathed Bowie knife with a blade measuring 5 3/4 inches — a quarter inch more than Texas law allows. Yusuf was charged with possession of an illegal weapon, Morgan said.

He said police notified the U.S. Immigration Naturalization Service and the FBI of the arrests.

Morgan said the men work for a company that requires them to pick up boxes from stores.

Police were called after residents began to wonder what the men were doing.

Time running out for winner of \$13 million

HOUSTON (AP) — Time is running out for the Lotto Texas player who bought a \$13 million winning ticket at a suburban Houston store to claim the lottery winnings.

A ticket purchased at Copperfield Liquor No. 6 in Humble on June 23 contained the winning numbers for the jackpot. The ticket was purchased with the cash value option, which make the winnings total \$7,302,952.80.

And the owner of the ticket has just 22 days left as of Thursday to claim the prize, said Linda Cloud, the Texas Lottery Commission's executive director.

"I hope they don't find out they had a \$13 million ticket after it's no good anymore. Wouldn't that just kill you?" store manager Josh Brown said.

Brown said people come by or call every day to see if the prize has been claimed, or to get the winning numbers — 10-12-16-25-29-41.

Cloud, along with store owner Gary Hmaidan, held a news conference at the store Wednesday to maybe prod someone's memory.

The store has already received its retailer bonus of \$130,000 for selling the ticket. The prize was split

among Hmaidan and employees who were working the Saturday it was sold.

"Most of our business is regular customers," Brown said, "and most have lived in this area a long time."

But he said it wasn't likely any of the store's regular customers bought the June 23 ticket, since a five-foot sign on the store's window proclaims the ticket was sold there and has not yet been claimed.

Brown said he and other employees cannot even speculate with much assurance who might have purchased the ticket because it was sold on a Saturday.

"So many people come in on Saturdays, there's just no way to know who it could have been," he said.

Since Lotto Texas began in May 1992, only one jackpot-winning ticket has gone unclaimed, said lottery commission spokeswoman Kristina Tironi. That ticket worth \$12.4 million was sold in Flower Mound in 1994. It expired in April 1995, she said.

Unclaimed prize money — up to \$40 million a year — is transferred to the state's Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account, to fund indigent health care.

Neighbor rescues two kids from house fire

TYLER (AP) — A neighbor rescued two children from a burning East Texas home, but a toddler the man did not know about died from smoke inhalation.

"I ran outside and saw that the smoke was coming from the house in back," Ruben Guzman said. "I could hear the kids inside screaming."

Guzman said the occu-

pants of the home — Maria Fonseca, 34, and 35-year-old Roberto Urquiza — had gone to the Salvation Army to get food for the family.

Guzman rushed into the smoke-filled house Wednesday afternoon and grabbed the two boys, a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old.

Firefighters found the 18-month-old.

"They were all in the back

of the house," Guzman said. "I couldn't see the baby and didn't know he was there."

The baby was taken to East Texas Medical Center, where he was reportedly in full cardiac arrest as a result of smoke inhalation, said Chris Moore, Tyler police information officer. Moore said the baby died at about 4 p.m.

Fire department investiga-

tor Laura Mason said the cause of the fire was still not known Wednesday night.

"We know the fire started in the master bedroom," she said. "We are looking at an extension cord but have not ruled out other possibilities."

Moore said no charges have been filed, but the investigation is continuing.

Mayor in Holiday Lakes, two staffers decide to quit

HOUSTON (AP) — The workforce of a small Brazoria County town has been reduced by two-thirds — and it only took two resignations.

The mayor also resigned after the city payroll in Holiday Lakes, a town of

about 1,100 residents, dropped to one employee.

The resignations stemmed from changes initiated by the new voting majority on the Board of Aldermen.

City Secretary Donna Brown resigned after a 3-2 vote Tuesday night that

required her to keep regular office hours.

Brown, whose ill husband requires 24-hour care, had been splitting her 30-hour work week between home and City Hall. The board wanted her in the office from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

After she resigned, Mayor M.A. Berg also quit, along with the city's utility worker, Mark Sanford.

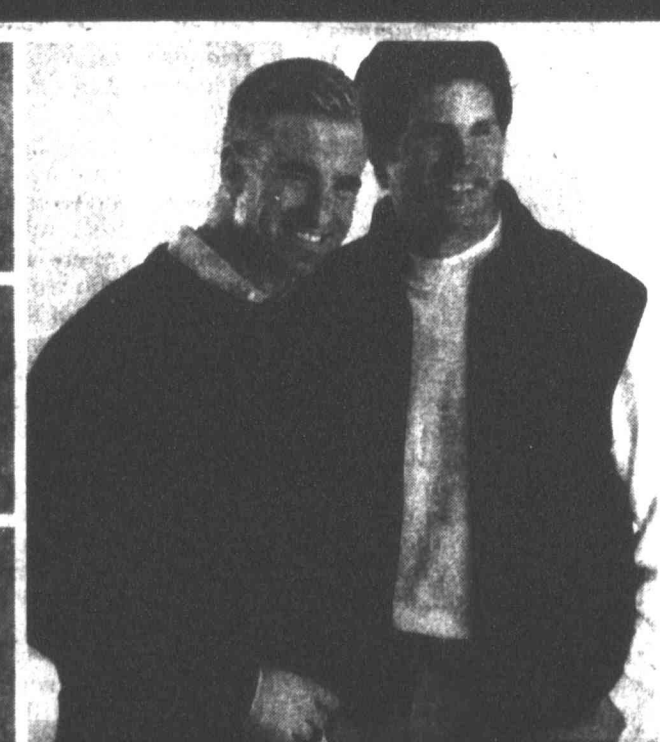
Berg, a 75-year-old mechanic, said he quit to protest the treatment of the city secretary.

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OUR VIEWS

We're getting excited about the big parade

Yuletide will officially begin in Howard County on Saturday when Santa Clause arrives to take part in the 16th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

Although snow and ice created treacherous driving on Wednesday and much of today, forecasters say temperatures should climb into the 60s on Saturday, meaning the parade route — from the intersection of Gregg and FM 700 to Sixth Street, turning right and proceeding to Main, where the procession will turn left and end at the Howard County Courthouse — should be clear.

As is almost always the case, however, lows that evening are expected to be near the freezing point, so we encourage those planning to line the parade route make sure to bundle up and perhaps bring a thermos of hot chocolate or coffee to ward off the chill.

This year the parade will have 207 grand marshals — all personnel from Big Spring's police and fire departments, as well as those from the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

The four department heads — Police Chief Lonnie Smith, Fire Chief Brian Jensen, Sheriff Dale Walker and Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan — will ride in the parade, representing their personnel.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will include 53 entries from civic, church, business and school groups that have registered to participate, and there always seem to be some last-minute additions to the lineup.

"A Big Spring Christmas" will be the theme for this year's parade set to begin at 5:30 p.m. and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Thursday of last week, I had the privilege to go to a really unique "gathering" at the Big Spring Country Club. It was a dinner hosted by a great group of people that call themselves the Neighbors and Newcomers Club.

What an enthusiastic group! It was truly a fun and encouraging time.

These folks are people who have not been in Big Spring for as long as some of us old timers. Some had been here for less than six months and some for 13 or 14 years. They graciously invited some of us who have chosen Big Spring as our homes for longer periods of time. That was the main difference between all of us because we all call Big Spring home and love living here. I think most of those present agreed that Big Spring is an "acquired taste" and all agreed that Big Spring's charm is its people.

We are very blessed to have the town we live in to be one where newcomers are just as welcome as natives and as

Gloria Coffee said in her words to the group, we are thrilled to have the newcomers because of what they bring to our community. Fresh ideas, energy, enthusiasm, insight and talents are some of just a few of the things they bring to our community.

Greg Brooks encouraged those present to get involved and if there was something they saw that needed to be done, get in there and do it. Some people are here for the jobs that they do and some are here by choice. They are all valuable to our town.

To me Big Spring is like a patchwork quilt. We all are one of the unique blocks that it takes to make a beautiful creation. Big Spring is a better place when we all contribute to its beauty with our actions and positive words to make it a better place to live. It was great to be reminded of this by these neighbors and I want to say thank you.

TERRI JOHANSEN
BIG SPRING

Influential women share their wisdom

When Fawn Germer's publisher decided — after Sept. 11 — to scratch all sched-

uled book tours, the brand-new author simply got in her car and created her own tour.

After all, Fawn's book was about women overcoming challenges, most of them more daunting than driving

cross-country to hawk a good read. Fawn's book, "Hard Won Wisdom," includes interviews with powerful women from Linda Chavez-Thompson to Jocelyn Elders to Jane Goodall, more than 50 females who have at least one thing in common. They certainly didn't scramble out of beds of roses to reach their current lofty positions.

I caught up with Fawn in Memphis, Tenn. She had finished a book signing and a TV interview and just had time for lunch before pointing her car toward Atlanta. She looked perfect

and professional but related how the automatic faucet in the service-station restroom had given her an unintended shower before the TV appointment.

It was OK. One thing she's learned while interviewing female presidents and Nobel Prize winners, actresses and athletes: Perfection's not necessary. "People like people who bite their nails," she says.

A seasoned investigative reporter, Fawn has fought her own corporate battles in newsrooms. She once searched for a book that would tell her the secret to survival and provide female mentors. To use an overused phrase, a network. She found books offering advice on what to wear — never red or purple, no open-toed shoes — and how to talk and act. But none of them addressed the fundamental question many women ask themselves daily: Is it me who is crazy or everyone else?

Women with big names and long stories talked to her. White House reporter Helen Thomas kept on talking until 2 a.m. Academy Award-winning actress Frances McDormand ("Fargo") bared her soul to Fawn and then said: "I feel like I just got out of therapy."



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Liberty could be a casualty

The anti-terrorist bill that was recently made law is voluminous and poses several threats to liberty that all Americans should be concerned about.

Rather than do a legalistic autopsy, let's just concentrate on principles that have been the bedrock of American civil liberties.

We should all oppose secret arrests. Nothing can be more sinister or un-American than to create a situation in which Americans or visitors to America can become "disappeared." That's a word applied to people in Latin America who simply vanish.

Every arrest should be a public record. It should be highly disturbing, especially to journalists, that the Justice Department refuses to say how many people have been detained in the current investigation, how many people have been released, who they are and what, if any, charges have been filed.

Because the establishment media seem completely unconcerned about this entirely unnecessary secre-

cy, the public should be disturbed by the journalistic apathy. Let us not add to the old saying that truth is the first casualty of war, that civil liberty is the second.

A Pakistani gentleman died while in federal custody, apparently of natural causes. Yet it was not until his death that anyone even knew he had been arrested. Others have reported that they were held incommunicado. Both of these practices should be simply unacceptable in America. Let us not allow panicky and paranoid politicians to turn this great country into a police state.

Then there is this business of using military tribunals to try aliens suspected of terrorism. Again, this should be unacceptable. I listened to Attorney General John Ashcroft try to justify it, and it was mighty strange to hear the chief law-enforcement officer of the nation speak so derogatorily about the U.S. judicial system. If the federal courts are in such bad shape, he should try to reform them rather than go around them. A military tribunal is a kangaroo court. Period.

Since our president has declined to reveal to the American people what, if any, evidence he has concerning Osama bin Laden's guilt, the suspicion naturally arises that using mili-

tary tribunals in foreign countries away from the press would be a good way to avoid revealing that there is no conclusive evidence. Bin Laden and his followers are certainly not the only terrorists in the world.

What Americans often forget, especially when they are being whipped into a frenzy by politicians and their lap dogs in the media, is that powers used against people we don't like can also be used against us.

Is there an American who, if he's arrested, would not wish for his family and friends to know where he is and what has happened? Is there anyone out there who, if he finds himself in jail, would not wish to call a lawyer and to communicate with his family and friends? Is there anybody out there who would like to scrap the Bill of Rights?

Well, liberty really is indivisible. If we allow these things to be done to foreigners, even to people we detest, then we are placing our own liberty in jeopardy. It is not necessary to scrap the Constitution in order to defeat terrorists. In fact, if we allow politicians to scrap the Constitution, we will be handing the terrorists a victory. They will smile from their graves.

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Government unveils citizenship incentive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreigners who give the U.S. government useful information about terrorists could be put on a fast track to American citizenship under a program announced today.

Attorney General John Ashcroft offered the carrot while defending the administration's stick in the domestic war on terrorism — its decision to allow the creation of secretive military courts to try accused terrorists.

Ashcroft said the government will provide visa assistance and a "pathway to citizenship" for immigrants — including "responsible" but illegal aliens — who aid the war on terrorism.

The "responsible cooperators program" would defer deportation indefinitely for illegal aliens who qualify, and allow those with visa problems to enter the coun-

try. Foreigners who "provide information that is reliable and useful in the apprehension of terrorists or prevention of acts of terrorism" would be eligible for the program, Ashcroft said in a memo to the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Justice Department's criminal division.

It would be up to federal prosecutors to decide whether the information provided meets the standard, Justice Department officials said.

Ashcroft made the rounds of morning talk shows to defend the extraordinary military tribunals being added to the government's legal arsenal — a tactic some in Congress say President Bush may not have the authority to use.

The attorney general said public trials for terrorists

could spill intelligence secrets, give them a propaganda tool and make the location of proceedings subject to terrorist attack.

"We're not going to hand that to the enemy," he said.

Senators told the government's top terrorism prosecutor that they should have been consulted before the Bush administration decided to allow the Pentagon to create the military courts.

But Michael Chertoff, the assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division, said Bush has the authority to create the tribunals without Congress approval. And he defended get-tough tactics as necessary to stop "sleeper" terrorists secretly waiting to strike Americans.

"We face an extraordinary threat to our national security and physical safety of the American people of a

character that, at least in my lifetime, we have never faced," Chertoff told a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday.

Republican and Democratic committee members insisted they should not have been left out of the loop about the tribunals, which could afford less protections for defendants than civilian courts.

Chertoff also faced pressure on other tactics, such as the secret detentions of hundreds of suspects and the monitoring of jailhouse conversations between lawyers and clients. He said officials feared quiet terrorist cells may still be in operation.

The committee's Democratic chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said he was concerned some measures may infringe on civil liberties or undercut American justice.

Administration buying enough smallpox vaccine for all Americans; routine vaccinations not planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says it will have enough smallpox vaccine on hand within a year to inoculate every American, but officials have no plans to use it absent a return of the virtually extinct but deadly virus.

The Department of Health and Human Services signed a contract Wednesday to buy 155 million doses of vaccine from a British company, preparing for the possibility terrorists would try to spread the highly contagious disease.

The contract with Acambis Inc. is supposed to bring the nation's stockpile to 286 million doses of the vaccine by the end of next year, promising protection for every American.

But there are no plans to resume the routine vaccinations of Americans

that ended in 1972, HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson said. That's because the vaccine can be administered four days after exposure to smallpox and still offer protection and because it can cause some rare but deadly side effects.

Still, Thompson predicted that the contract would prompt demand for the shots by many Americans.

"That discussion is not only going to be taking place here in the department, but in Congress, at the White House and across America," he said.

Smallpox hasn't occurred in the United States since 1949 and was declared eradicated worldwide in 1980.

But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a Moscow laboratory hold stocks of the virus, and bioterrorism experts worry

that samples could fall into terrorists' hands and be used as a weapon.

Experts believe such a smallpox attack is unlikely, but it could overwhelm communities were it to occur. The virus is highly contagious, and nearly a third of its victims die.

"The risk does exist and we must be prepared," Thompson said.

"Obtaining the vaccine represents an important insurance policy," added Dr. D.A. Henderson, who led the global campaign that eliminated smallpox and is now Thompson's top bioterrorism adviser.

"It's simply a prudent thing to do at this point in time."

But the risk of a smallpox attack is not significant enough to justify the risks associated with the vaccine, he said.

Fight over financing war, Sept. 11 recovery advances to Senate after House blocks Demos from adding billions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battle over paying for the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks is shifting to the Senate now that the House has bowed to President Bush's veto threat and limited its anti-terrorism package to \$20 billion.

By a razor-thin 216-211 margin, the Republican-controlled House on Wednesday blocked a Democratic effort to add billions to the measure for defense, domestic security and aid to New York and other communities digging out from the terrorist assaults. Only four Republicans — two from New York — defied Bush and the GOP leadership and voted to let Democrats offer their amendments for more spending.

The \$20 billion package was attached to a widely popular, \$318 billion measure financing the military this year. Final passage of the overall bill was by a lopsided 406-20.

Many Republicans said they agreed that more money for New York, the war in Afghanistan and a slew of domestic security initiatives would eventually be needed.

But they said they would stand by Bush, who said there was enough money available for now. The president vowed to veto the bill if more was provided and promised to request more money next year if necessary.

"He gave this House his word that it will get done,"

said Rep. Thomas Reynolds, R-N.Y.

But Democrats said now was the time to lay out more money to buy vaccines, hire sky marshals, secure Russian nuclear materials, increase food inspections and otherwise thwart terrorists.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., argued that waiting to provide more money was like asking the terrorists, "Would you mind waiting until next year until we figure out where you're going to hit us next?"

The House vote underlined the strong pull the widely popular Bush has on GOP lawmakers.

That influence, plus pressure from party leaders, let them withstand lobbying by

unions, mail-order businesses, ports and other groups that stood to benefit from the Democrats' proposal.

The Democratic-led Senate, however, will be a different story.

There, Democrats still want about \$35 billion overall for anti-terrorism.

That amount — \$15 billion beyond what Bush supports — includes money for bioterrorism, aid to local and state law enforcement agencies, other domestic security programs, defense and aid for New York.

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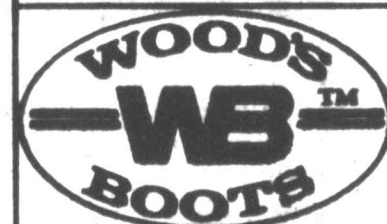
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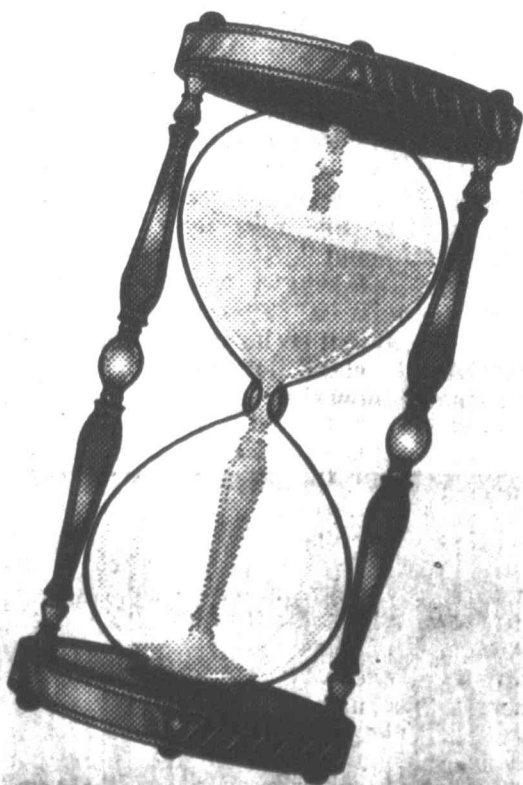
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IN BRIEF

Hoops tournament has been postponed

The 16th annual Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament, which was scheduled to begin today with girls' and boys' play has been postponed due to inclement weather.

The girls' division, which was scheduled to begin today at Coahoma, will include just four teams and will be played as a round-robin event on Saturday.

The boys' bracket, which had been moved to Stanton because Coahoma is still in the Class 2A football playoffs, will be pushed back one day and begin on Friday and conclude on Saturday.

Coahoma boosters planning caravan

Coahoma Athletic Booster Club members will stage a send off for the Coahoma Bulldog football team at 1:15 p.m. Friday.

Boosters are also organizing a caravan of fans going to Breckenridge for the Bulldogs' Class 2A, Division II regional quarterfinal playoff game with Quanah's Indians.

The caravan will form at the west parking lot of Bulldog Stadium at 4 p.m. Friday.

Fans are encouraged to wear red and white and turn out to support the Bulldogs.

Youth basketball meeting scheduled

An organizational meeting for the upcoming Big Spring Youth Basketball League season has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the YMCA.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or the YMCA at 267-8234.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires interested in working high school fastpitch softball plan to meet at the MUGS Umpires Building in Midland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Umpires will be working games at schools throughout West Texas.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

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7:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Eagles at Kansas City Chiefs, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Can one play turn a season? Arrington's, Redskins' did

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins are hesitant to admit that one big play turned their season around. Coach Marty Schottenheimer has no doubt that it did.

The play, of course, was LaVar Arrington's 67-yard interception runback for a touchdown against Carolina.

The Redskins, 0-5 and playing miserably in that game, suddenly discovered some energy and confidence.

It was as if they decided in an instant that they were too good to be winless, too proud to be the butt of jokes. A 14-0 fourth-quarter deficit was overcome, and they haven't lost since.

"The ball was batted in the air, and he was running, and it just happened," Schottenheimer said. "The

football gods decided to shine on us.

"What it did in my mind is it gave some energy to our team, but equally important, it gave some energy to the stadium. We found a way to get the victory, and then you begin to build. I honestly believe it was a key play, and I think individual plays like that can have an influence on the outcome of the season."

An informal survey among the players Wednesday produced a variety of reasons for the Redskins resurgence from 0-5 to 5-5.

Tony Banks, who missed nearly all of training camp, got many votes, as did the subtle changes made by the coaching staff to suit the talent on both offense and defense. A reshuffling of the offensive line was also key.

Inevitably, however, the topic returns to Arrington's interception,

but usually with hesitation. After all, how can just one play turn the worst team in pro football into one of the best? It makes the first five games feel like one big waste.

"A lot of guys are somewhat upset and disappointed because we've been able to play like this, but we started it in the sixth game," kicker Brett Conway said. "It's not too late, but it could come down to later in the season that we look back and say we needed those first five games. It's really frustrating knowing that we can play as well as we have, and we didn't do that at the beginning of the season."

Another way to contemplate the importance of the play: What if Arrington hadn't intercepted the ball? What if he had just tipped the pass away?

"I don't want to think about it,"

guard Dave Szott said.

"I hate to say it was just that one play, but that did kind of turn us around," cornerback Champ Bailey said. "If he hadn't made that play, who knows?"

Interestingly, the survey found players putting less importance on another oft-cited development: the air-it-out meeting with Schottenheimer after the 32-point home loss to Kansas City.

Most say the meeting helped clear a tense atmosphere between players and coaches, but the only concrete result was a few minor changes in the daily schedule.

"At the meeting, nothing really changed," linebacker Kevin Mitchell said. "Everybody just stopped complaining and just went on and did their jobs, the way it should have been at the beginning."

Sooners' Williams, Nebraska's Crouch top Big 12 players

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roy Williams' dominance on defense was never more evident than in the final two minutes of Oklahoma's victory over Texas in October.

With the Longhorns trailing 7-3 and backed up at their 3-yard line, Williams blitzed, jumped over a blocker and hit the arm of Texas quarterback Chris Simms. The ball fluttered and was intercepted by linebacker Teddy Lehman, who trotted into the end zone for a touchdown.

Williams then made the tackle on the ensuing kickoff and followed that with an interception that sealed the 14-3 victory.

"He single-handedly clinched the game," coach Bob Stoops said.

Williams, a junior-strong safety, was the most dominant player on an outstanding defense. As a result, he was a near-unanimous choice as Big 12 defensive player of the year by The Associated Press. He received 19 of 20 votes in balloting by writers who cover the league on a regular basis for newspapers in the conference's seven states.

Sooners linebacker Rocky Calmus, who won the award last year, got the other vote.

Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch also received 19 votes to run away with the award for offensive player of the year. The other vote went to Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

Oklahoma freshman defensive tackle Tommie Harris was voted the league's defensive newcomer of the year. The top newcomer on offense was Iowa State's Seneca Wallace.

Stoops says the 6-foot-1, 220-pound Williams is the best defensive player he has coached or been around.

"You put him on the field and he almost takes away one side of the field," Stoops said. "You blitz him and he's going to tip the ball either to someone else for an interception or to him-

self. You throw a screen out that way, he's going to make the tackle. You throw it downfield, he's a great cover guy. He does it all."

Williams finished the season with 99 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, five interceptions, two sacks, three fumble recoveries and 27 pass deflections.

Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said he had never seen a player control games as consistently as Williams did this year.

"He makes hard plays look easy, and that's very, very hard to do," Mike Stoops said. "That's where you can see how special he is, because he makes it look easy. You come to expect that of him."

Quarterback Nate Hybl recalled playing against Williams two years ago when Hybl was on the scout team.

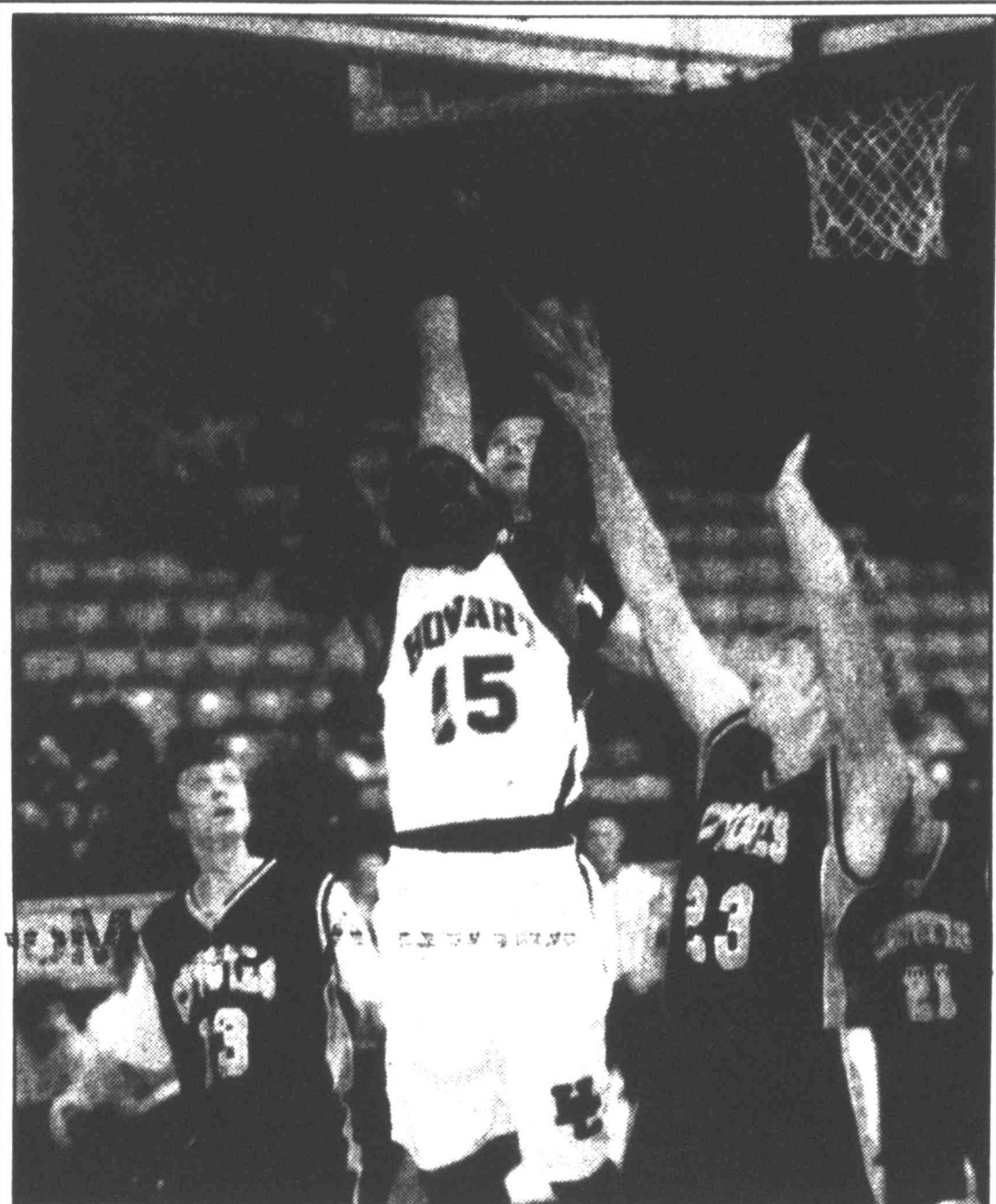
"He didn't really know all of his assignments, but he was the one who stood out," Hybl said. "A lot of times when you're going against the scout team, guys can go through the motions. This guy was flying around. I mean flying around."

Williams played on both sides of the ball until he came to college. Bob Stoops says he has no doubt Williams could excel on offense, although Williams says he prefers defense.

"I would rather tackle people than get all the glory catching touchdowns," he said. "I get a better thrill out of tackling people."

Many expect those thrills to come in the NFL next season, although Williams says he hasn't thought much about leaving school early. When he's away from the field, he gets away from football. He says he only watches games if he knows one of the players, and his passions are watching movies on his DVD player and playing video games.

"You cannot find a better student athlete, a finer young man than Roy Williams," Bob Stoops said. "The guy is an absolute joy to coach."



Howard College's Ryan Williams (15) goes up for a short jumper, but finds his way to the basket blocked by a Weatherford player during their game Nov. 20 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks open play in the Southern Idaho Classic in Twin Falls, Idaho, tonight by taking on Western Junior College Athletic Conference foe New Mexico Junior College.

Red Raiders top New Mexico State

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The Texas Tech Red Raiders are proving to be quick studies in Bob Knight-style basketball.

Texas Tech (5-1) continues to play with poise and purpose and Wednesday night added New Mexico State to its list of early season victims. Guard Will Chavis' free throw with 3 seconds left in overtime left gave the Red Raiders an 81-80 win.

Knight, fired at Indiana after 29 seasons that included three national championships, took over a Tech team that last year went 9-19 overall and 3-13 in the Big 12. The way the Red Raiders are playing, the rebuilding

may not take long.

Tech players have bought into Knight's patient, work for the good shot offense and smothering man-to-man defense. Both were a factor in the Red Raiders' second road win of the season.

Tech, which consistently got easy lay-ups off its offense, hit 15 of 24 shots in the second half, and defensively the Red Raiders held New Mexico to 39.7 percent.

"We needed to get a lot of screens and at times I thought we did that really well," said senior center Andy Ellis, who hit 11 of 19 shots and led the Red Raiders' scoring with 28 points.

Ellis had a key defensive play when he blocked a short jumper by NMSU's Eric Channing with 30 seconds left in regulation and the Aggies up 72-70.

Kasib Powell added 17 points and Chavis 16 for Tech.

Chavis hit the game-winning free throw after missing his first attempt with the score tied at 80. New Mexico State tried to ice Chavis after his miss by calling a timeout.

"I was thinking I was going to make it," Chavis said. "We fought so hard, I felt like I would let my teammates down if I had missed it."

Local athletes win awards during Special Olympics bowling tournament action

HERALD Staff Report

A number of Big Spring athletes took medals or ribbons during the Area 18 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament held at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.

The Big Spring athletes were competing against entrants from Midland, Odessa, Kermit and Monahans.

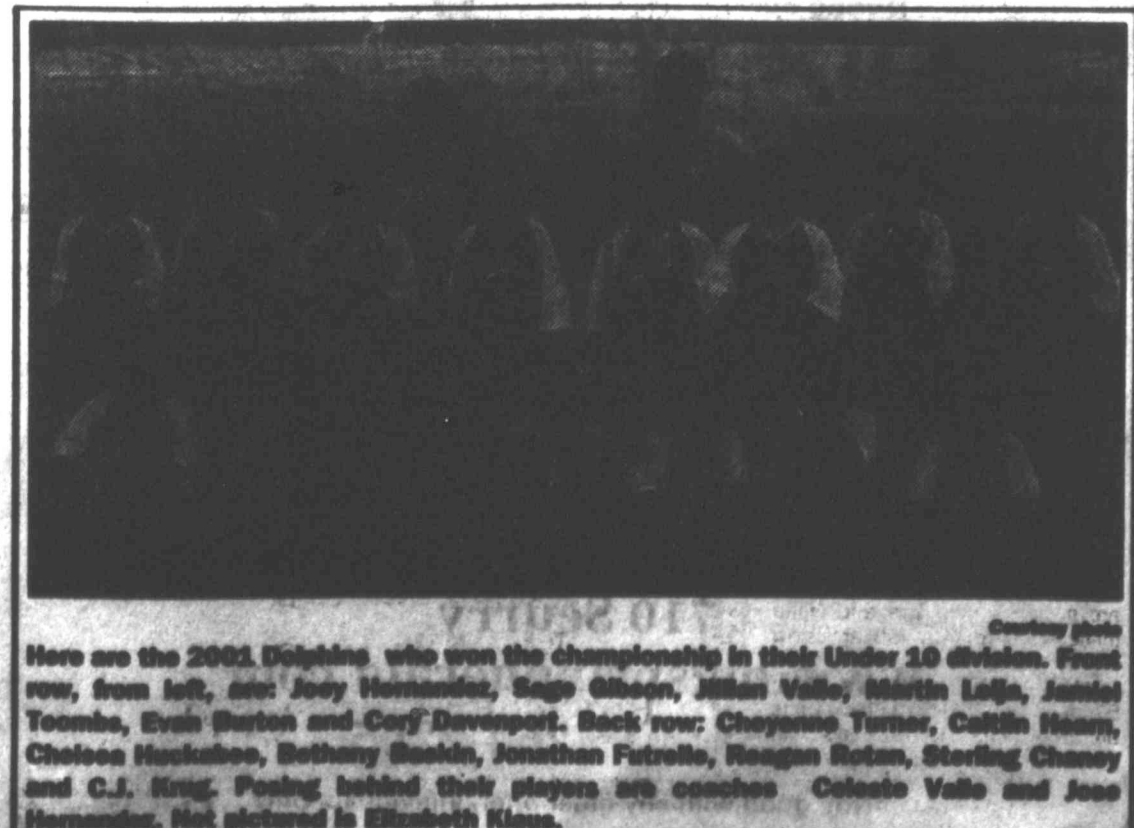
Local bowlers to take first-place gold medals were Cindy Lee, Mary Helen Gonzales, Terri Vasquez, D'lene Wylie, Steven Mills, Steve Holt, Seth Kirn, Robert Edwards and Stacy Wells.

Silver medalists, those

who finished second, were Diana Parker, Arturo Rios, Tommy Lasater, Cathy Garwood, Choyia Baker, Rita Rea, Carrie Parker, Leticia Anguiano, Sandra Mack, Job Mullen, Jessie Casillas, Bobby Dancer, Cody Porter and Monroe Fabian.

Those finishing third with bronze medals included Valerie Heflin, Jackson Welch, Pam Boley, Loretha Mireles, Josh Hughes, George Rojo, Aurilio Cortez, Charles Wallace and Red Holguin.

Fourth-place finishers, who received ribbons, included Charles Thomas, Bobby Emerson and Ricky Winn.



Here are the 2001 Deaflympics who won the championship in their Under 10 division. Front row, from left, are: Joey Hernandez, Sage Olson, Milan Valle, Martin Loffe, Jamel Toombs, Evan Burton and Cory Davanport. Back row: Cheyanne Turner, Caitlin Hanes, Chelsea Hankabee, Bethany Beards, Jonathan Fritelle, Reagan Rotan, Sterling Chaney and C.J. King. Posing behind their players are coaches Celeste Valle and Jose Hernandez. Not pictured is Elizabeth Klaus.

Here is the week as compiled for the and Wildlife Dept. 28. (Report also at as www.bdfishing.c

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 28. (Report also available on Web as www.tfwishing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 68 degrees; 3.4 low; Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits in 15 - 20 feet. Striped bass are fair on slabs and spoons in 15 - 20 feet. White bass are fair on spinnerbaits and live minnows. Crappie to 12 inches are slow on minnows and jigs in 5 - 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on punchbait, stinkbait, nightcrawlers and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch and shad.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 61 degrees; 1014.54'; Black bass are fair on watermelon 3/8 oz. Terminator Finesse Jigs with Disc Craw worm trailers, neon/red fleck Scremer worms and parrot colored crankbaits around brushpiles and docks in 6 - 10 feet. Striped bass are good under diving birds on live or cut shad, and trolling Curb's striper jigs and jigging Pirk Minnows on creek points in 20 - 30 feet. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps, jigging 1/4 oz. Pirk Minnows under birds or casting Spin Traps to surfacing fish on points. Crappie are slow on minnows. Channel catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 1157.57'; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are slow on shad and white or chrome Model As. Crappie are slow on jigs in 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow on shad on the bottom in 6 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch and shad.

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 66 degrees; 50 low; Black bass to 8.5 pounds are good on soft jerkbaits. Striped bass are good on slabs up the Devils River and Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Devils River around brush. Channel and blue catfish are very good on cheesebait in 20 - 60 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 59 degrees; Black bass are fair on jigs around the brush near points. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 58 degrees; 7.5 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows around derricks. White bass are slow Catfish are slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 71 degrees; Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and minnows. Redfish are fair on cut shad. Catfish are good on cheese bait and minnows.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps and minnows. Catfish are good on goldfish and minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 61 degrees; 18 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are fair on topwaters. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and shad. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows. Redfish are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows and chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are fair on trotlines using minnows. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 63 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair around docks on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

OH. RIVE: Water stained; 62 degrees; 19.25 low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on minnows and cheesebait. The new road construction to Concho Park has been completed.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 61 degrees; 6.5 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair on minnows on the upper lake.

SPENCE: Water stained; 63 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows near the dam. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs at 12 - 25 feet. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and perch.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 19.5 low; Black bass are slow on minnows and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows and white trime spinners. Catfish are slow on minnows.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 57 degrees; 22 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Walleye are slow. Catfish are fair on minnows.

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Big Sky Country

Montana From A to Z



"Montana" comes from the Spanish word for mountain. But only the western half actually has the Rocky Mountains.

The east is made up of wide-open plains, giving the state the nickname "Big Sky Country."

It is the fourth-largest state in area, but it is the 44th largest in population, with only about 902,000 people. The largest city, Billings, has about 92,000 people. The capital is Helena.

Mining has been important since the 1800s. Gold discovered in 1862 brought in thousands of people. There are also big deposits of copper, silver, lead, sapphires, platinum, zinc, oil and coal.

The United States bought most of Montana from France in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase. It got the rest in 1846 in a treaty with Britain. Montana became a state in 1889.



Glacier National Park has more than 1 million acres of waterfalls, with more than 50 glaciers and snow-capped mountains all year. Lake McDonald is the largest of the 500 lakes in the park.

Site to see: www.nps.gov/gla

Agriculture is the top industry. Cattle, wheat, barley, dairy products, sugar beets, hay, hogs and sheep are important.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is the site of Custer's Last Stand, the 1876 Sioux and Cheyenne Indian victory over Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and the U.S. Army.

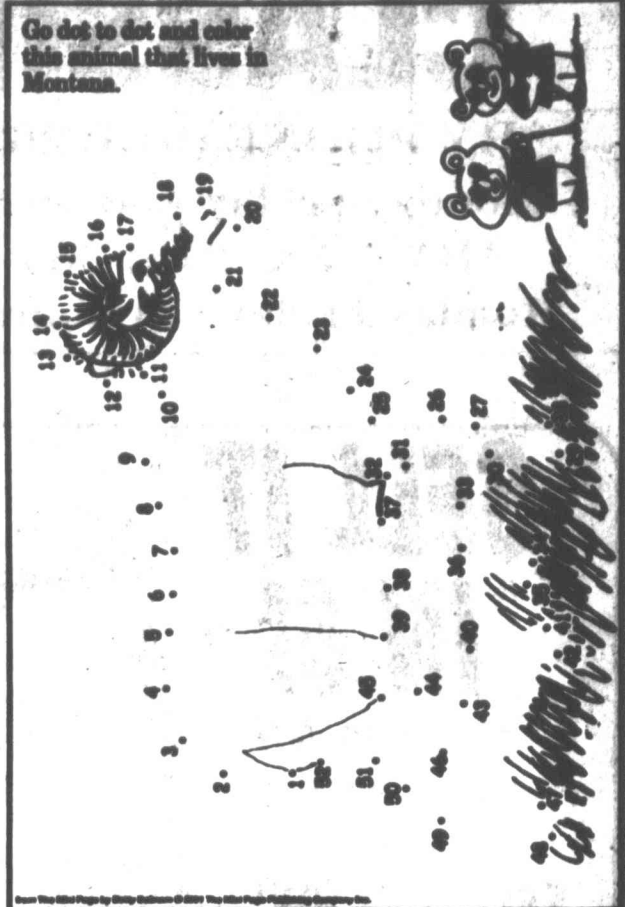
The Bitterroot is the state flower.

Coal deposits are the biggest in the U.S.

The Continental Divide runs partly through Montana's Rocky Mountains. The Divide is an imaginary line that separates the flow of our nation's rivers. On one side, the rivers flow east into the Atlantic Ocean. On the other side, rivers flow west into the Pacific.

Dinosaur fossils from more than 45 species have been found there, including Stegosaurus, Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus.

The biggest herds of migratory Elk and Rocky Mountain sheep in North America are in Montana.



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Brandi Chastain is one of the country's best women soccer players. She plays for both the U.S. National Team and the Bay Area CyberRays of the Women's United Soccer Association. Brandi began playing soccer when she was 6. In 1999 she was on the team that won the Women's World Cup. She also played on the team that won the gold at the 1996 Olympics. Brandi was born in San Jose, Calif. She and her husband, Santa Clara's women's soccer coach, Jerry Smith, live in Santa Clara, Calif. She studied television communication in college. In her free time, she likes playing golf, drawing and learning new languages.

Meet Don Stark
Don Stark plays Bob Finetti on the TV show "That '70s Show." Don was born in New York City. In high school he joined the drama department on a dare from a friend. He soon realized he had an interest in acting. After high school, he studied at California State University in Northridge. He started off studying business but then switched to theater. He has been in many movies, plays and TV shows, including "Beverly Hills 90210." Don lives in Los Angeles. He has two daughters and coaches their sports teams. He also volunteers with Indian Princesses, a program offered through the YMCA.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes
The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?
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Stanley: How do you make a poisonous snake cry?
Sue: Take away his rattle!
Katie: What did the boy snake say to the girl snake?
Kak: "Give me a little hiss!"

MONTANA TRY 'N FIND
Words that remind us of Montana are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MONTANA, PLAINS, STRIPES, RAINING, COAL, HORNS, LILIES, BATTLEFIELD, BITTERROOT, MOUNTAINS, HELENA, FOSSILS, ELK, FISHING, LAKE, GO! D.
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Mini Spy ...
Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are hiding in Glacier National Park. See if you can find: • man in the moon • snake • fish • human silhouette • mountain • whale • arrow • ruler • pencil • question mark • number 3 • exclamation mark • ball • number 6 • mail • letter A • lion hair
Site to see: www.montana.edu

More About Montana
Fishing, especially for trout, bass, walleye, pike and salmon, is a top sport.
The Ghost Town Hall of Fame is in Philipsburg. About 20 ghost towns are within 30 miles of there.
Helena (HELL-uh-nuh), the capital, has about 25,000 people. It started as a mining camp in the 1800s.
Eleven Indian tribes, including the Cheyenne, Sioux, Blackfoot, Chippewa-Cree, Assiniboine and Crow, live on reservations there.
Jewel Basin, with its lake, mountain and forest scenery, is reserved especially for hikers, a top activity throughout the state.
Kayaking, canoeing and whitewater rafting are big draws on the many rivers and streams.
Flathead Lake is the biggest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi.
The Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman is known for its dinosaur digs and research, headed by dinosaur expert Jack Horner.
Nine National forests are in Montana. Forests cover about one-fourth of the state, and logging and wood product manufacturing are major industries.
The Origin of much of the water flowing to the rest of the country is in the mountains of Montana. Two of the main river systems in the country, the Missouri and the Columbia, start there.
The Ponderosa Pine is the state tree.
Quiet natural settings attract people wishing to enjoy the more than 25 million acres of public parkland and wilderness.
Ranches offer a chance for real cowboys and cowgirls to show their skills. Cowboys and cowgirls still ride the range today, caring for cattle, the state's top agricultural product. Some of the biggest cattle ranches in the country are there.
The Red River is the shortest river in the world. It flows about 200 feet between Great Falls.
Spring and the Missouri River near Great Falls.
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The number of Tourists who visit Montana each year.

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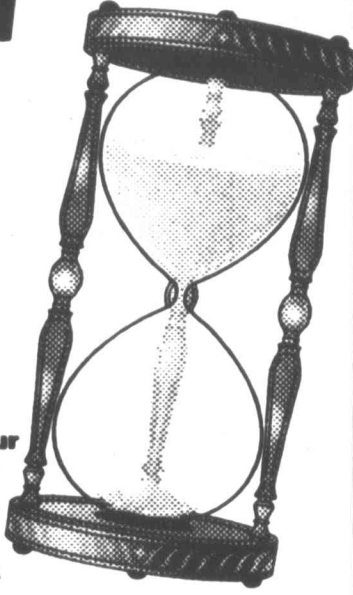
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Witness the Honorable Charles P. Ross, Albert Rahn, III, David L. Cavender and Robert L. Russell, III, Judges of said Court. 63374 November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2001

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 30:
You often juggle your needs with others' demands. You might not be sure just how much to give or take. Discuss boundaries with friends as well as loved ones. Accept feedback gracefully. People find you to be unusually creative and verbal. Your charisma runs high. Sometimes you might not understand why others pull back. Again, this could be a boundaries issue. If single, your popularity will soar. An important relationship knocks on your door this coming summer, perhaps when you're traveling. If attached, you will spend more time with your partner talking about both of your needs. Don't let your significant other close down. Always keep communication flowing.

GEMINI can challenge you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** Today's Full Moon emphasizes the importance of remaining practical, no matter how difficult or how good a situation appears to be. Aspire to your long-term goals. Explain your cost-cutting ideas to those around you. Know that your suggestions will be well-received. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** The Full Moon tests your limits - both financially and emotionally. Others don't seem to be communicating their ideas. A boss has a suggestion or good news money-wise. Know that nothing is for certain until it has happened. Listen to an associate. Tonight: Head home. Think about your Christmas list.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Others back you in a disagreement. Allow your creativity to emerge when dealing with those at a distance. You find an expert warning - or at best, confusing. Ask questions to help this person clarify his ideas. Take your time making a decision. Tonight:

CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Being that you're ruled by the moon, this Full Moon has an unusual impact. If you're feeling less than up to snuff, call it an early day and head on home. A close partner understands you and supports a project. Be discreet with communication in general. Wait a day or so if you question a decision. Tonight: Do for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** You could easily lose your focus when dealing with others. Someone might not have the same perspective. Deal with someone head on. Do not shy away from a possible change involving an interpersonal relationship. Declare what you want and aim for it. Tonight: Someone close might be a touch grumpy!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** You find yourself pulled in two separate directions. Honor your priorities, staying efficient and directed. Brainstorm with a family member later in the day. Decide what both of you would most enjoy doing later on. Indulge yourself. Tonight: You're a force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Suddenly you're on overload with a change in plans or news that tosses your day into even more chaos. The good news is that everyone is communicating. The bad news is that you cannot get anything done. Juggle the different time demands. Brainstorm as to how to handle a difficult person. Tonight: Hold off on taking off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Reach out for others who might have a better understanding of financial matters. A talk/brainstorming session brings excellent results. The key to success is found by not deluding yourself about something happening behind the scenes. Someone could be stern. Tonight: Deal with an uptight loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Others test your limits way too often.

Be clear when dealing with emotional matters. Your words become a panacea to others. Express your thoughts even if someone could have an attitude right now. This too will pass; just give this person time. Tonight: Go out with the crowd.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** The Full Moon could toss you and others off-kilter. You could be more exhausted than you realize. Slow down and take your time completing work. Do one thing at a time. Don't multitask! Your intuition helps you make the right financial decision. Tonight: Ask for a back rub.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Others might misread your playfulness, causing a snafu where you least expect it. Your imagination and unpredictability take you in a new direction. Others admire your resourcefulness. Don't be hard on a child or a new friend. Tonight: Play the night away.

Tossing cigarette butts poses safety hazard

Dear Ann Landers: I knew I had to write when I saw the letter from "Fed Up with Buttheads." I also had an experience involving a lit cigarette being tossed out of a car window.



ANN LANDERS

I was driving with my girlfriend, "Lisa," her 3-month-old daughter and her mother. Lisa was in the front with her mom, and I was in the back with the baby. Lisa finished her cigarette and threw the butt out the window - or so she thought. The cigarette was somehow sucked into the rear and landed on the baby's chest. No one noticed until the child started coughing. I then saw that there was smoke coming from the baby's blanket. I grabbed the butt and smashed it on the floor. Thankfully, the baby wasn't hurt because the blanket was made of a flame-retardant material. Who knows what might have happened if she had been wearing something more flimsy?

Please print my letter, Ann. If this doesn't get people to stop tossing cigarette butts out of car windows, I don't know what will. - Long Island, N.Y., Sue

Dear Long Island Sue: I hope your letter will make cigarette smokers think twice before tossing their butts out the window - and shame on Lisa for smoking around her 3-month-old daughter.

Cigarette smoking has caused billions of dollars in damage and the loss of countless lives. What will it take for these addicts to get the message? Yes, I know it's an addiction and difficult to beat, but so is heroin, and people have been known to kick that. Keep reading for one more on the subject - if you're not already sick of it:

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Fed Up with Buttheads." I am a smoker. On behalf of all of us, I'd like to apologize to "Fed Up" and tell her I'm on HER side.

I am ashamed to admit that I have been guilty of tossing my cigarette butts out the window. I'll tell you why. I have purchased four new cars in the past four years, and not one of them had an ashtray that a smoker can safely use. Some cars have no ashtray unless you specifically order one. Then you get a tiny thing that holds nothing and is situated where you can't reach it. In order to put my cigarette out in the ashtray, I have to take my eyes off the road. It is safer to throw it out the window.

I have written to car manufacturers, engineers, auto magazines, my local newspaper and the National Highway Safety Administration, to no avail. Perhaps you can help make manufacturers aware of

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** You might not see eye to eye with others right now. Today's Full Moon takes a toll on your relationships. You can't say no and respond to demands immediately. A family member could be quite put off by your lack of response. Tonight: Buy a favorite munchie on the way home.

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Insurance company statistics tell us that cigarette smokers do billions (that's a "b," folks) of dollars worth of damage annually. Not to mention what lung cancer and emphysema cost in terms of pain, anguish and medical bills. WAKE UP, FOLKS! If you are a smoker, it's later than you think.

Gem of the Day (credit "Elton John's Cousin" in Paducah, Ky.): Don't envy the neighbor next door because the grass on the other side of the fence is greener. You can be sure his water bill is higher, too.

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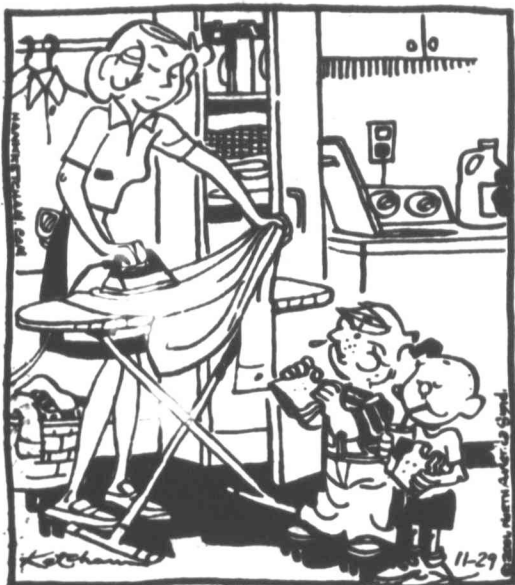
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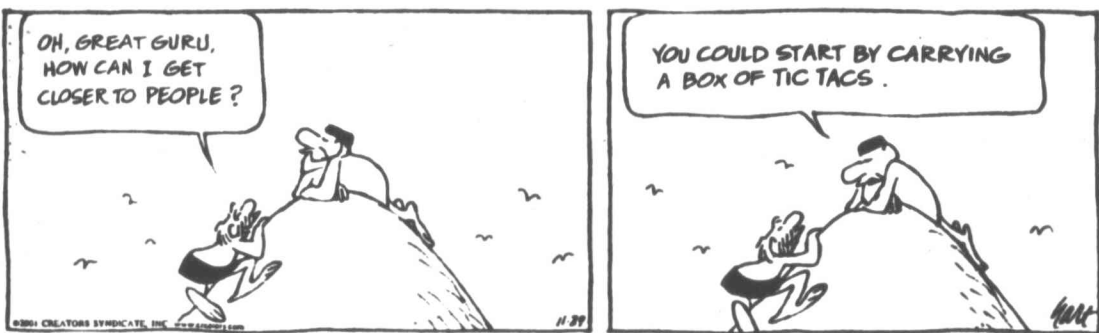
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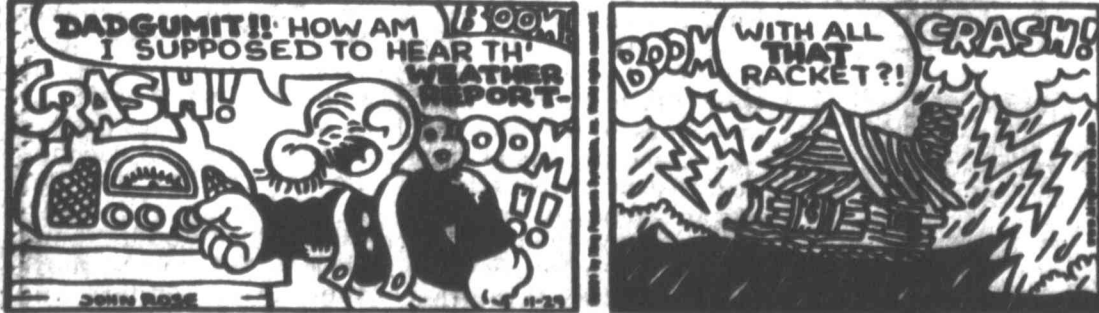
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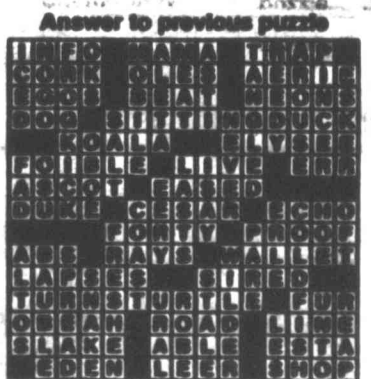


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Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews. In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower kept his campaign promise to visit Korea to assess the ongoing conflict. In 1956, the musical "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway. In 1963, President Lyndon Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy. In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank. In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43. In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82. Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 74. Former Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., is 73.

Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 68. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 61. Pop singer Denny Doherty (The Mamas & the Papas) is 60. Country singer Jody Miller is 60. Actress Diane Ladd is 58. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 57. Skier Suzy Chaffee is 55. Comedian Garry Shandling is 52. Movie director Joel Coen is 47. Actor-comedian Howie Mandel is 46. Actor Jeff Fahey is 44. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 41. Actress Kim Delaney is 40. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 39. Actor Don Cheadle is 37. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 36.



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