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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 22°-24° WEDNESDAY 51°-54°

Mobile Meals sends out need for volunteers

The Mobile Meals program, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

Anyone who can spare an hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, is needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 1013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 11 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call Terry Hansen 264-5175.

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. 3rd.

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

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Tour bus overturns on I-20, dozens injured

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A bus transporting more than 40 tourists from Mexico overturned on an icy Interstate I-20 this morning, sending dozens of people to the hospital.

It was one of many weather-related accidents which sent Department of Public Safety troopers, sheriff's deputies, emergency units and wreckers scurrying all over the Crossroads area.

Big Spring EMS transported 15 patients to Scenic Mountain Medical Center from the wreck, which occurred about 5 a.m. near the Howard-Mitchell County line. Mitchell County and Coahoma EMS assisted in helping victims and a hospital spokesperson said some were taken to hospitals by private vehicle.

"When we got there we were the first ambulance on the scene," said Ron Phillips of the Big Spring Fire Department. "The pas-

senger side of the bus was down on the ground."

According to Phillips, most of the passengers had already exited the bus.

"It ranged from people who were not hurt walking around to injured people bleeding profusely," Phillips said. "There were several people still in the bus. It was not a good sight."

"Being the first ambulance on the scene, my immediate thoughts were to find how many patients we had," he said. "I called Lubbock and San Angelo medical helicopters but because of the ice they were both grounded."

Five ambulances responded to the scene, he said.

According to Phillips, emergency personnel used the Jaws of Life to cut a hole in the bus to rescue some passengers.

Icy road conditions delayed response time to and from the scene, Phillips

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
A truck trying to make it up a hill on 11th Place gets a helpful push from area residents. Freeing rain led to numerous accidents in and around Big Spring, including one on I-20 in which a tour bus overturned.

Scenic Mountain forced to divert emergency patients

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

With a bus wreck and a slew of weather-related injuries to treat, Scenic Mountain Medical Center

closed to new emergency patients this morning.

The volume of patients was so heavy that at mid-morning, the hospital began diverting new emergency patients to the VA Medical Center for treat-

ment. Scenic Mountain had earlier implemented its minor disaster plan to handle the patient load.

"That means we take several areas that normally have other uses, and they become triage areas," for

assessing patients, said spokesperson Amber Rich. "Everybody has a job during the disaster plan."

Thirty-two people were brought to the hospital from the wreck of a chartered bus that occurred on I-20 east of Big Spring about 5 a.m. Icy roads were blamed for other wrecks throughout the morning, including several that sent people to the emergency room for treatment.

From the bus wreck, which involved people from age 14 to 70 — many of

A vehicle prepares to turn into the post office on Main Street on a slick road. Snow and ice made roads treacherous this morning.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

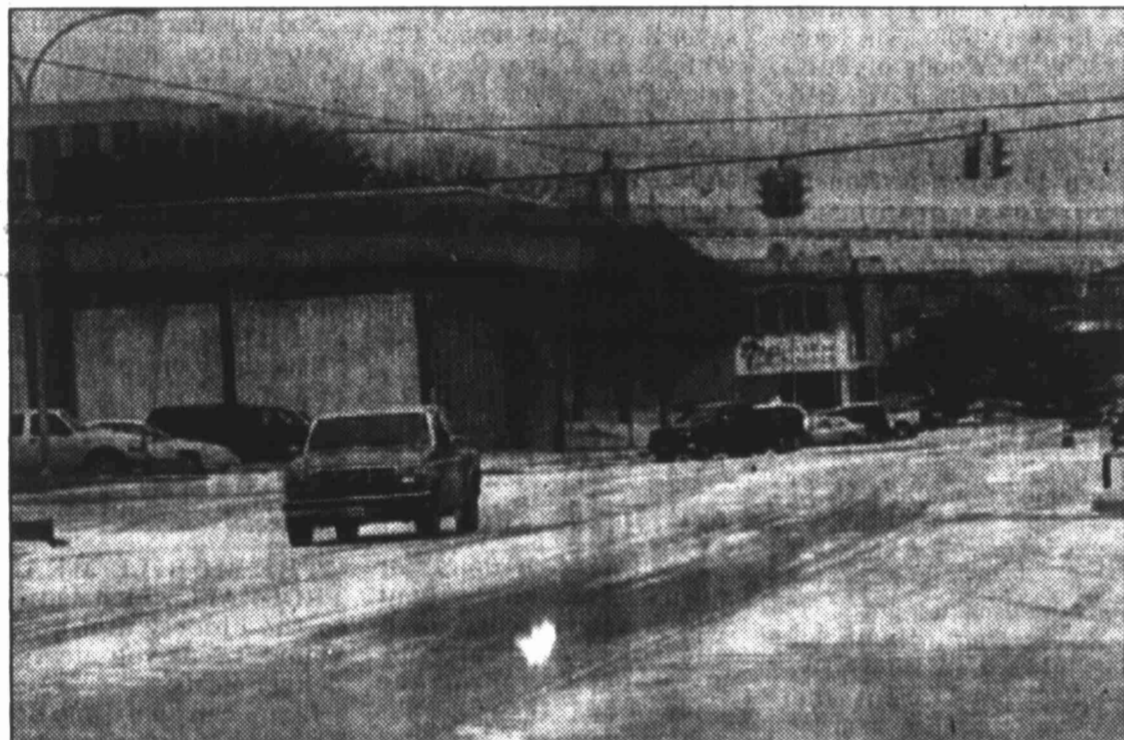
them Spanish-speaking, Rich said three serious injuries resulted.

At least two of the travelers were in surgery this morning, although none had been transferred to other hospitals for further treatment.

The bulk of those brought to the hospital in the predawn hours, however, were bumped, bruised and shaken by their experience. Rich and others spent much of the morning on the phones, talking with representatives of the company that had chartered the bus, Americanos USA, or relatives of the injured.

Spanish translators were in great demand to speak with both the wreck victims and their families, Rich said.

"I have several messages right now that I will return, from people asking about their relatives that may have been injured," Rich said.



Deluge of waterline breaks continues with 12 in past 24 hours

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

As icy streets played havoc with motorists again today, another another side effect of freezing temperatures continued to have Big Spring city crews working around the clock.

"We have had about 12 main breaks since yesterday," Todd Darden, director of public works, said wearily this morning. "We're still on Code Blue, still getting after

it." Waterline repair crews have been on Code Blue — working day and night shifts — for about a week. The crews are split up so they work can continue 24 hours.

"We're trying to meet the demand without killing our people," Darden said.

One break has involved a 16-inch line that feeds the north side of the city. An alternate line is being used, Darden said.

"These haven't been major outages. Most involve just a block or two area," he noted.

The city had nine two-man crews working morning and night shifts

last week. The cemetery department, code enforcement department and airport department helped, Darden said.

By last weekend, the city had addressed more than 40 waterline breaks.

Darden estimated that the city has lost four million gallons of water from broken waterlines.

Freezing temperatures cause the ground to expand around the pipes, creating pressure. Once warmer weather arrives, the soil relaxes, releasing the pressure but creating stress on weakened joints, Darden said.

Many times the ground move-

ment results in a break in the line.

Meanwhile other city work crews were out early today coping with freezing rain which made driving treacherous.

"Our crews have been putting rock on the roads where there are steep rises, such as Highland, Kentwood and other major collector streets," said Darden.

He said the on city street blocked due to the was the Benton Street overpass between Third and Northwest Second. That's because with the Owens Street overpass open, the older, more narrow Benton Street overpass is not necessary.

Big Spring Area Chamber banquet tickets go on sale this week

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce staff and volunteers will start the new year off with a banquet, Jan. 25. "We have

an exciting event planned," said Terri Davis, chamber executive vice president. Highlighting the annual dinner will be the announcement of Man and Woman of the Year.

Six committee members will make the decision, using input from the community. The honorees will remain secret until the banquet.

"The committee meets

BANQUET
When: Thursday, Jan. 25
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Speaker: Mac Bledsoe
Tickets: \$20 each, \$200 per table, available at the chamber office.

Thursday to make its choice," Davis said. "The

deadline for nominations has passed, but anyone with a late nomination needs to get it to us by Wednesday so it can be considered."

Guest speaker for the event will be Mac Bledsoe, a motivational speaker who spoke at Howard College last year, Davis said.

"Those who heard him said he was awesome," she said. "We are very pleased that he can come back to

Big Spring for our banquet." Many of those who heard Bledsoe, who is with the Drew Bledsoe Foundation, said he was the best speaker they had ever heard, Davis said.

Also as part of the program, the chamber will recognize some past man and woman of the year recipients and some of its past

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Historical Commission adds part-time students to scholarship list

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

After awarding scholarships to full-time students for the past three years, Howard County Historical Commission is offering scholarships to part-time students for the first time. "Our group is very excited

about offering part-time scholarships now as well as scholarships to full-time students," said Ozella Long, historical commission chairman.

"We are pleased to announce that a limited number of Polly Mays Memorial Scholarships will be available for students

enrolled in the spring, 2001 semester at Howard College. These scholarships will be offered only to part-time students, taking less than 12 semester hours," said Long. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on all college work and must complete a scholarship

application. The application includes an essay entitled "Why History is Important to Our Society."

Applications may be picked up beginning Wednesday in the financial aid office located in the guidance and counseling center at Howard College. Completed applications

must be returned no later than Jan. 25.

"We have been offering scholarships to full-time students for three years now," said Long. "Polly Mays was a great historian for the community. She was interested in people and civic projects. Polly always made a difference."

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OBITUARIES

Lou Alma Bobo

Lou Alma Bobo, 94, of Coahoma, died at 10:09 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at Big Spring Care Center following a long illness.



Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bobo was born Feb. 8, 1906, at Arab, Ala., to Martha Catherine Jones Owens and Millard Oliver Owens. She married James Floyd Bobo on Oct. 22, 1920, at Arab, Ala. They moved to Westbrook in 1949 from Kilgore and to Coahoma in 1951. Mr. Bobo died April 30, 1980.

Mrs. Bobo was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters-in-law, James and Jean Bobo of Arab, Ala., Bobbie and Willie Bobo of Big Spring and Sunny Bobo of St. James, Fla.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Era and Bill Horn of Port Aransas, Bettye and Charles Parrish, Jeannie and Billy Jack Darden, Winnie and Bobby Dodson, all of Coahoma; one sister, Dorothy Starkey of Union Grove, Ala.; 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ira Vernon Bobo, and two grandsons, Bobby Bobo and Larry Horn.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons, including Danny Dodson, Billy Joe Darden, James Parrish, Blake and Billy Bob Walker.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith

Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The family will be at 410 College in Coahoma.

The family suggests memorials to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, Box 376, Coahoma 79511.

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

Paid obituary

Jarrold Seth Richardson

Jarrold Seth Richardson, 24, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, in Big Spring. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born on April 29, 1976, in Paris, Texas. Jarrold was raised in Kermit and Odessa and had attended schools there. He had moved to Big Spring in October 1999 and attended Howard College. He went to work for Cornell Corrections and had attained the rank of sergeant as a correctional officer. He played the drums and had played in several bands. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his daughter, Alexis Bree-Ann Richardson of Odessa; mother and stepfather, Debbie and A.J. Pirkle of Big Spring; father and stepmother, Robert and Menet Richardson of Kermit; paternal grandmother, Mary Richardson of Kermit; maternal grandparents, Karl and Scottie Wall of Duncanville; sister, Jillian Richardson of Austin; half-brother, Tyler Richardson of Coahoma.

McKenna Richardson of Kermit; three stepbrothers and their wives, Kevin and Jessica Pirkle and their son Caleb, all of Big Spring, Kris and Alise Pirkle of Midland, and Jay and Lynn Pirkle and their daughter Haley, all of Albuquerque, N.M.; and step-grandparents, Ken and Mary Mays of Kermit.

Jarrold was preceded in death by two grandfathers, Buck Walker and Ray Richardson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

George Sidney Grimes

Funeral service for George Sidney Grimes, 95, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain of Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Grimes died Dec. 31, 2000, in a local hospital. Mr. Grimes was born in Marshall, Mo., in 1906. He graduated from Slater High School in Missouri. He went to work for the railroad in Ponca City, Okla., and later for the Marlin Refinery. He was made superintendent of Cosden Refinery in 1986. He married Emma Sherbon in 1925 who preceded him in death in 1965. He was a Methodist. He was a Rotarian and a 50-year member of the Blue Lodge, Scottish and York Rite of Freemasons in Dallas. He was Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of

Texas, B.D. Commander of No. 31 Suez Shrine Temple A.A.O.W.M.S. of San Angelo for 50 years and a life member of The Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. and A.M. of Big Spring.

He is survived by: two sons, Richard Sidney Grimes of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and C.R. Grimes of Longview; one daughter, Helen Brown Gilmore of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33631-3356 or to the Village United Methodist Church, 200 Carmona Road, Hot Springs Village, Ark. 71909.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Floy Hellen Perryman

Memorial service for Floy Hellen Perryman, 80, of Big Spring, will be held at a later date in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Perryman died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1920, in Cole County, Okla., and married B.B. Perryman who preceded her in death on March 3, 1959. She came to Big Spring from Artesia, N.M., in 1966. She worked as a barber in Coahoma and for Rip Griffin's in Big Spring. She was a Protestant.

Survivors include: a daughter, Jenell Robinson of Denver, Colo.; six brothers, W.D. Woods of Tulsa, Okla., Melvin, F.W., Billy Eklar and Jerry Woods, all of Colegate, Okla.; two sisters, Bernice Green of Houston and Tony Brantley of Coahoma.

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BANQUET

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presidents. The theme is "Stars of Big Spring, Past Present and Rising."

Rising stars will include local fifth graders, who will write essays about their favorite chamber businesses and create stars to decorate the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Some of the local students will also be the chamber's guests for the dinner.

Tickets to the event — available starting this week at the chamber office — are \$20 each, or businesses can buy a table for \$200. Those who purchase a table (which seats eight) will be named sponsors and listed on the program as well as mentioned during the event, Davis said.

"This is a good way for them to support the banquet and get some advertising for their business as well," Davis said. For more information about the banquet, call the chamber at 263-7641.

BUS

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said. "En route to the scene and back we could only drive 30 or 40 mph," Phillips said. "That was our best without sliding off the road."

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said travelers not injured in the accident

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were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by a Coahoma school bus.

According to Walker, the tour bus was an Americanos bus out of El Paso, carrying tourists from Mexico to Fort Worth.

Walker said the bus was carrying an undetermined amount of passengers at the time of the accident.

"Originally the bus line told us they had a total of 65 on their passenger list," Walker said. "The company now says the number is undetermined."

Al Penedo, a spokesman for Greyhound Bus Lines, told the Associated Press that 42 people were on board the bus. Americanos is a Mexican subsidiary of Greyhound Bus Lines, Penedo said.

The bus originated in Chihuahua, Mexico, traveled to El Paso, and was on its way to Dallas, Penedo said.

Walker said the accident appears to be weather-related and the sheriff department has responded to numerous accidents because of ice on the roads.

"The accident happened at the far east end of Howard County near what is commonly known as Rattle Snake Gap," Walker said.

Department of Public Safety officials could not be reached for a comment at press time.

According to Walker, Americanos has sent a bus from Abilene to pick up uninjured passengers wishing to continue their journey.

The accident was one of several up and down I-20 which sent travelers to emergency rooms. A number of wrecks, including three one-vehicle rollovers, were reported on U.S. Highway 27 and Highway 281 near Big Spring.

DISD may have to wait for change, experts say

DALLAS (AP) — After the fifth superintendent search in four years, a former state education commissioner is taking the helm of the Dallas Independent School District in what some hope will be a turnaround for the nation's 10th largest system.

But experts say progress will be slow.

Mike Moses was to assume his superintendent's duties on Tuesday at the Dallas ISD Administration Building. Moses was the school board's unanimous choice for the troubled 163,000-student district.

"If there is one piece of advice that I could give Dallas, it is to have patience," said Frederick M. Hess, a University of Virginia education and government professor who studied reform in 57 districts, including DISD, for a 1998 book.

Moses, also a former Texas Tech University deputy chancellor, will be the fifth DISD superintendent since the departure of Chad Woolery in August 1996.

The last superintendent, Bill Rojas, was fired after 11 months for failing to

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0,0,0

Cash 5: 12,13,22,23,34

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

maintain "good rapport" with the long-embattled school board. He was hired to replace Yvonne Gonzalez, who went to federal prison for embezzling funds to buy personal furniture.

Moses' five-year Dallas contract awards him a base salary of \$280,000 — reportedly the highest in the nation. He is eligible for another \$80,000 in other incentives.

neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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BP AMOCO	49 1/2 + 1/2
Chevron Corp	86 1/2 + 1 1/2
Compaq	15.15 + 0.1
Cornell	5 1/2 - 1/2
Dell	17 1/2 - 1/2
Du Pont	47 3/4 - 1/2
Exxon Mobil	88 1/2 + 1 1/2
Halliburton	37 1/2 + 1 1/2
IFCO Systems	4 + 1/2
IBM	85 1/2 + 1/2
Intel Corp	31 + 1/2
NUV	8 1/2 - 1/2
Patterson Ener	35 1/2 - 1/2
Pepsico Inc	49 1/2 - 1/2
Phillips Petro	58 1/2 + 1 1/2
SBC Comms	49 1/2 + 1/2
Sears Roebuck	35.46 + 7 1/2
Texaco Inc	63 1/2 + 1 1/2
Texas Instrument	47 1/2 NC
TXU	43 1/2 - 1/2
Total Fina	75 1/2 + 3/4
Unocal Corp	39 1/2 + 1 1/2
Wal-Mart	55 + 1 1/2
Wal-Mart/Mexico	19 1/2 - 19 1/2
AMCAP	17.78 - 11
Europacific	31.35 + 13
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Gold	270.70-272.90
Silver	4.55-4.62

Mysterious monolith appears in Seattle park

SEATTLE (AP) — A 9-foot-tall steel monolith mysteriously appeared in a city park, just in time for 2001.

Denny Sargent couldn't resist humming the theme to "2001: A Space Odyssey," when he walked up to touch the imposing object, which stands on a grassy knoll in Magnuson Park like the movie's enigmatic extraterrestrial guardian.

"I feel my intelligence increasing by the moment," he said.

The unmarked sculpture appears to have been put in place on New Year's Eve.

There is no plaque or other clue to the sculptor.

Sod was carefully tamped into place around the object's base, but several plastic bottle-cap rings littered the ground, suggesting it was thirsty work for whoever installed it.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 6 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. today:

DARRELL MILLER was arrested on a charge of Class C Assault family violence.

ROZANNE CARLETON was arrested on a charge of Class C Assault family violence.

RICHARD HUCKABEE, 40, of 2200 Alabama, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

PHILLIP BERRY, 20, of 538 Westover, was arrested for local warrants.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.

RUNAWAY was reported at the police department.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the Fifth and Nolan and the 2400 block of Main.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin, the 100 block of Carey, the 1100 block of N. Lamesa and the 900 block of Willa.

THREATS was reported in the 2100 block of Main.

RECORDS

Monday's high 37
Monday's low 25
Average high 55
Average low 26
Record high 80 in 1997
Record low 4 in 1979
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 2.24
Month Normal 0.96
Year to date 17.84
Normal for the year 18.06
Sunrise Wednesday 7:47 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 5:52 p.m.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

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George Grimes, 94, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lillie "Ruth" McNew, 84, died Friday. Services are 2:00 PM, Today at Trinity Baptist Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Yolanda Saldana, 53, died Friday. Services are 4:00 PM, today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Lou Alma Bobo, 94, died Monday. Services are 10 AM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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NEW YORK (Law as a scalpel) hope to turn men accused in ings of U.S. en into an autopsy for plotting to worldwide.

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U.S. government to put terrorism on trial in unprecedented case

NEW YORK (AP) — Using the law as a scalpel, federal prosecutors hope to turn the trial of four men accused in the deadly bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa into an autopsy of a group blamed for plotting to kill Americans worldwide.

The four are among nearly two dozen men accused of engaging in terrorism after pledging loyalty to Osama bin Laden, an exiled Saudi millionaire who is on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List.

Jury selection is set to begin Wednesday.

The prosecution is unique because the crimes were outside

the United States, forcing hundreds of investigators to chase leads in the Middle East, Africa and Afghanistan, where bin Laden is believed to be hiding after allegedly ordering Americans to be killed wherever they are found.

The trial will unfold in the same Manhattan courtroom where the government earlier won convictions of six men in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and 10 men in a plot to blow up New York landmarks.

This time, the government prosecutors hope to prove bin Laden and his followers conspired against Americans through terror-

ist networks in places such as Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bosnia, Algeria, the Philippines, the Kashmir region of India and the Chechnyan region of Russia.

Before they are finished, prosecutors said they want to turn terrorism inside out, displaying how this extensive network worked since 1989 to spread fear and destruction.

The centerpiece of the case: the Aug. 7, 1998 twin bombings of U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that left 224 people dead, including 12 Americans.

Prosecutors plan to call 100 wit-

nesses from six countries, and use confessions and circumstantial evidence including telephone and computer records.

The defendants have all maintained their innocence, challenging the government's right to stage the trial in the United States and to use evidence gathered in foreign lands by methods they say would be illegal under U.S. standards.

The defendants heading to court for the first of several trials to result from the bombings include Wadih El-Hage, a 40-year-old Lebanon-born U.S. citizen who was a former personal secretary to

bin Laden.

El-Hage, who most recently lived in Arlington, Texas, could face life in prison should he be found guilty.

Two others — Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-Owhali, 23, of Saudi Arabia, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27, of Tanzania — could be sentenced to death if convicted of the conspiracy charges facing all of the defendants.

Al-Owhali allegedly admitted to the FBI that on the day of the bombing he rode in the passenger seat of a bomb-laden van to the embassy in Nairobi and tossed a grenade at a guard outside.

Bush readying schools plan, continues finalizing Cabinet

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush is readying an education package that would aggressively test students and cut federal funds for schools that fail to measure up. Aides say that despite significant opposition in Congress, he will not abandon a school voucher plan.

As he puts the finishing touches on his Cabinet this week, Bush also is weighing how to present his education proposals to Congress. He has said improving public schools is his No. 1 priority, and lawmakers are certain to see his proposals just after he takes office Jan. 20.

Key elements of the plan include flexibility for states and local districts in their education programs, and increased student testing.

The most politically sensitive component of Bush's proposal is his plan to strip federal funds from the worst-performing schools and make them available to parents for private education, tutoring or "whatever offers hope," as he put it.

Using public money to allow students to go to private schools is commonly known as voucher programs, and it is the most divisive issue in Bush's plan, one sure to spark a debate in Congress.

Proponents call it school choice.

Given the disputed presidential election and the slender advantage Republicans hold on Capitol Hill, Bush cannot force his programs through Congress.

Nevertheless, advisers say he will stick with some form of his campaign proposal to allow parents with kids in chronically ailing schools to spend federal funds as they choose.

"He will press for some choice," said a top adviser. "What he's saying to Congress is, with federal money, when do we ever say the parent has to be able to do something different?"

Escapees didn't rob fireworks stand, TDJC says

DALLAS (AP) — The hunt for seven escaped convicts continued for a third week, focusing in North Texas, after law officers spent the holiday weekend on heightened alert for clues that could lead to the inmates' recapture.

Although prison officials have dismissed the possibility that the escaped convicts participated in the Sunday morning robbery of a Dallas-area fireworks stand, they believe the fugitives have remained in the Dallas-Fort Worth area after receiving some promising leads.

"We've had several sightings, but none of them have helped us make an arrest," said Larry Todd, Texas

Department of Criminal Justice spokesman. "We believe some of the sightings are possibly good and we're looking into them. We've had more sightings in the Dallas area than anywhere else."

The escaped convicts, who have avoided capture for three weeks since leaving the TDJC's Connally Unit at Kenedy, are sought on capital murder arrest warrants for the Christmas Eve robbery of an Oshman's sporting goods store in Irving. An Irving policeman was shot and killed when he arrived at the scene.

"The tension is really, really thick," said Dallas County Sheriff Investigator

Don Peritz Jr. "Hey, we're not resting until these guys are caught. They're likely to go anywhere or do anything. Any call could be the call."

On Sunday morning, a fireworks stand on unincorporated land near Hutchins was robbed by three men who brandished weapons and said they "were not going back to prison." Two employees sleeping inside were tied up but not injured.

The bandits got away with money, a pistol, fireworks and a pickup truck.

"We do not believe that the seven escapees were involved in that at all. We have discounted that totally," Todd said Monday

night.

Law enforcement officials working at a command center in Garland are fielding tips on the whereabouts of the escaped convicts.

"Our investigation is still under way, and we're not ruling anything out," said Peritz.

DPS troopers are manning telephones 24 hours a day at the agency's Dallas-Fort Worth area headquarters on Interstate 30.

"We're getting more calls and they're getting more specific with information," Trooper Robert White with the state Department of Public Safety said.

Anyone with any information should call 214-861-2386 or 1-800-737-8143.

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Man, woman nominations still accepted

It's not too late to submit nominations for Big Spring's Man and Woman of the Year, but almost. A six-member committee will convene Thursday to make the final choices, so nominations must be in by Wednesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The woman and man who are selected will be honored at the annual chamber banquet, set for Thursday, Jan. 25 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Applications for nomination are available at the chamber office and when filled out should contain the nominee's contributions to the community, outstanding accomplishments, civic involvement and other information.

The person making the nomination must also include his or her name, address and telephone number. The nominee does not have to be a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, but the nominator must be.

Traditionally, those who have been named Man and Woman of the Year have been leaders of some sort in our community. They may not have held political office or even have been a civic leader, but their volunteerism and dedication to Big Spring and its people has made them stand out.

We hope that you will consider nominating someone you feel is worthy of this very important honor and that you will make plans now to attend the Jan. 25 banquet.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Sometimes people say and, in this case, write things in the heat of the moment, without getting the facts. I did last week. I wrote a letter to you about an incident that had occurred at Warren's Chiropractic Clinic during a dance recital being held at Canterbury.

I have since spoken with J. Wray Warren and he explained to me that this is not the first time that this has occurred. As a matter of fact it is the sixth. Each of these times it has cost Mr. Warren a considerable amount of money. It has also hindered Mr. Warren's patients who are in need of his services. Mr. Warren has done everything that he possibly can to alleviate this situation. He has put up signs on his property stating that unauthorized vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense. He has spoken

with the board at Canterbury and told them that if they would hold programs after 7 p.m. that they could use his lot as he would be closed.

Mr. Warren informed me that he had 22 patients scheduled that afternoon and probably lost around \$1,500. He told me that there were more than 35 cars in his lot, including cars parked in his handicapped and employee parking spaces. He also told me he had one patient who drove around for 45 minutes trying to find a parking space.

I would like to apologize to Mr. Warren for my previous letter and promise to him that before I write another letter to the editor that I will get all the facts before doing so.

Sincerely,

ROBERT SMITH
BIG SPRING

Futch was born under a lucky star

In 1976, after accidentally shooting himself in the head with a cheap pistol and surviving, a 31-year-old Douglasville, Ga., man landed in the hospital and on the same tabloid page as a story called "Hen Lays Eggs That Are Blue."

Doctors called it a 1-in-10-million chance that the bullet from Ken Futch's .25-caliber pistol would enter his right cheek and exit his left temple without touching brain or optic nerve. It passed, instead, through his sinus cavity.

Futch (rhymes with "hutch") spent one night in the hospital, came out wearing two Band-Aids and in just a couple of weeks went back to work as a Southern Bell sales representative.

A neighbor who was a sheriff's deputy threw the gun in the Dog River; Futch's wife, Linda, decreed "no more guns or sharp objects" in the house,

and that might have been the end of it.

Except it wasn't. Friends and neighbors all wanted to hear the story. So Futch told it. Again and again, honing hindsight humor and adding details. He had grown up hearing his father regale the denizens of Futch's Esso in Burgaw, N.C., and the tradition of storytelling, unlike the bullet, was imbedded in his brain.

"What started out as a tragedy ended as a destiny," Futch says. Today, at age 55, Futch tells his story for a living. He uses it — plus dozens of other motivational stories and his years of sales experience — in a booming career as a professional speaker and corporate trainer.

Futch, now living in Tucker, Ga., looks somewhat like Bob Newhart; he sounds like the late Brother Dave Gardner. Since 1986, when he followed his heart and opened his mouth, he's been president of the Georgia Speakers Association and the Toastmasters International Humor Champion and has trained more than 10,000 people in seminars.

"None of us have any idea how much time we

have left," he says. "It took a shot through the head to open my mind."

In February Futch will open the National Speakers Association meeting in Chicago; he has a Tolstoy-thick stack of corporate testimonials, from Acme Brick to United Telephone, companies that pay him anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,000.

But it was a commencement speech back home at Pender High that meant the most.

He was in his mother's yard rehearsing when his sister asked if he planned to tell the Story.

He hadn't. "Do you realize they're scalping tickets?" his sister asked.

So he added the gun story and blew them away. It goes something like this:

Futch was sitting on the side of his bed, idly toying with the gun, when his wife asked him if he was sure the safety was on.

He didn't feel a thing, but heard the explosion. He ran to the mirror, saw the two holes in his head and prepared to die.

"I'd heard that when you're about to die, your life flashes before your eyes, so I waited. There were a couple of things I'd

like to catch again. ..."

He sat back on the bed to pray. Still he didn't die. Blood gushed from his mouth and nose, so Futch considerably ran down the stairs to wait for the ambulance in his yard. If he wasn't going to die, he didn't want to mess up the house.

When he realized he didn't have his insurance card, he ran back inside to get it. When a sheriff's deputy came, he ran back upstairs to show the law what had happened. It occurred to him that "this running up and down the stairs" wasn't helping the bleeding, so he returned to the yard.

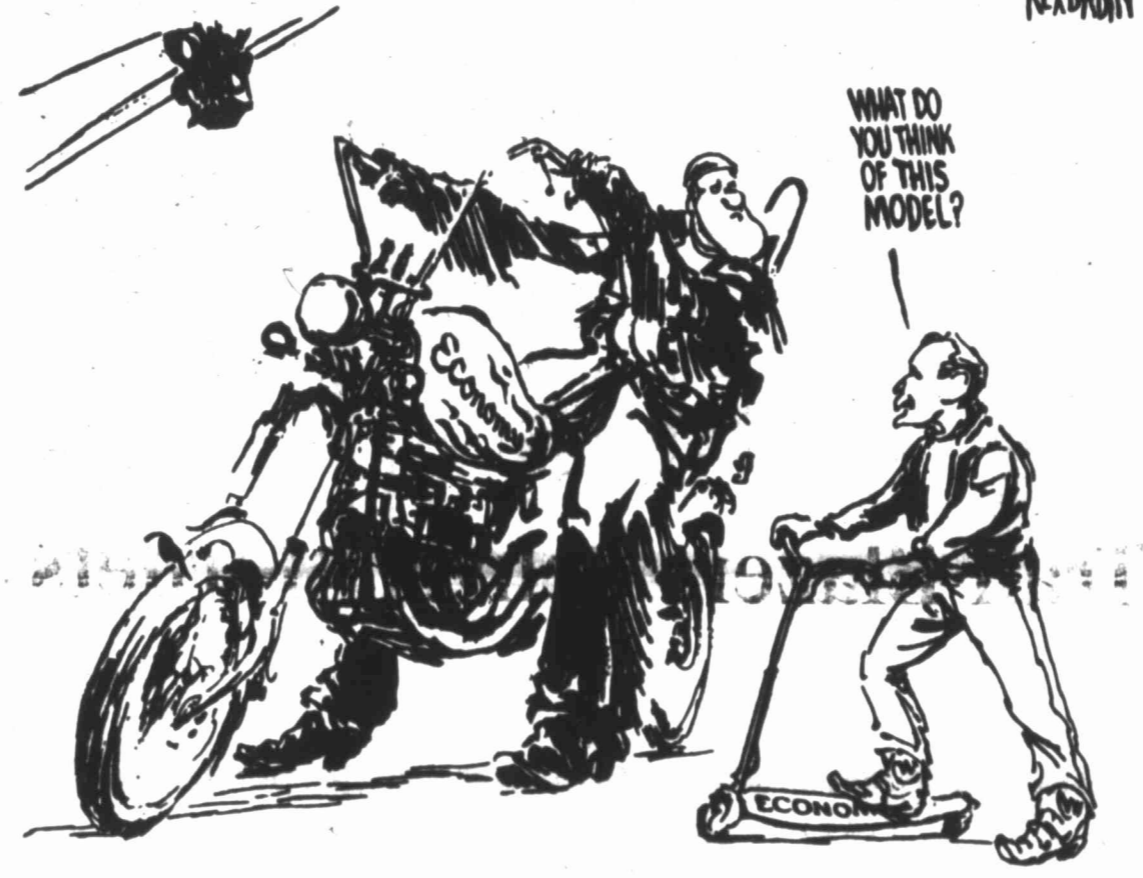
As he told The Star: The ambulance "didn't come, and it didn't come, and before long a huge crowd of neighbors, kids on bikes and women in housecoats were gathered around me.

The story moves to the hospital and only gets funnier when, before seeing a doctor, he's put through administrative hurdles, including answering questions about whether he prefers a tub bath or shower.

And today he tells the tale. Oh, the things that teach us.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Tell me, have the Hollywood leftists left yet?

One of the things that decent Americans can look forward to in the coming year is the departure of the Hollywood leftists who said they would leave the country if George W. Bush was elected president.



CHARLEY REESE

You don't think they were just kidding, do you? Personally, I don't know of any country that would especially want Alec Baldwin, an immature and mediocre actor who, on national television, called for the murder of Rep. Henry Hyde. Perhaps Cuba would take Baldwin, who is one of those who promised to leave.

Frankly, I think they will stay. Even America's socialists enjoy capitalism. We're probably one of the few countries in the world where, when socialists and communists meet, the parking lot is full of expensive cars. Even Hanoi Jane Fonda enjoys her millions, however much she despised American prisoners of war during the Vietnam War, and however much she admired the North Vietnamese communists.

I knew the country had gone to hell when she came back posing as a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft battery and her career flourished instead of being ruined. Don't ever kid yourself about Hollywood. It is so far left that it views Harry Truman as a right-winger. There are a handful of conservatives out there in la-la land, and they are rarely seen on the screen.

At any rate, the Bush haters aren't about to leave. They'd rather stay and try to sabotage his administration and smear all of his appointees.

This crowd of moral lowlives and big-money high livers were in hog heaven when it appeared their moral equivalent would be occupying the White House. They must have felt that it was like

having your own country. Now they are nervous.

Unless Bush really is dumb, he will give them cause to be nervous. Bringing the country together does not involve getting into bed with political extremists and moral reprobates. At any rate, we shall have a chance to see if Bush has any sand in his craw. I'm betting that he does.

John Ashcroft, Bush's nominee for attorney general, is the first to get the smear job. Ashcroft, a decent, honorable and Christian man, is being attacked precisely because he is a decent, honorable and Christian man. Such people, in the eyes of the left and the morally incapacitated, are viewed as dangerous fanatics.

Democratic liberals ought to be careful. Their phony facade of compassion is wearing thin, and people are beginning to see them for what they really are: power-hungry, venomous neototalitarians. Their idea of civility and tolerance does not extend to their political opponents.

If anyone needs to show some nonpartisanship, it's the Democrats, not Bush. Whenever I think of poisonous partisans, the images that come to mind are all Democrats. They will make a big mistake if they believe the election of Bush is setting them up for big victories in the next election.

What the public saw was Democrats so desperate to hold on to power that they resorted to litigation, lies and character assassination in a vain attempt to steal the election.

The Florida secretary of state, Katherine Harris, whom Democrats vilified in the most personal and abusive way, got so many bouquets of flowers from all over the country that she had to send them out to nursing homes and hospitals.

In other words, it's the Democrats who are out of step with the people, not the Republicans.

The more the left gnashes its teeth, whines, howls and complains, the better I like it.

How sweet it is.

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Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

Baldwin's 2001 New Year's Predictions: Primes are now being sold as 'Dried Plums'.

CBS News will try a similar strategy to increase ratings by changing its name to... NBC NEWS.

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Weather has rescheduling
Icy road conditions several Crossroads coaches cancelling ball games that scheduled for tonight.

Big Spring's Lady Steers, scheduled to take View's Chief Maidens in District games tonight instead play their Wednesday with man games begin 4:30 p.m. Junior boys and girls will play at 6 p.m., and varsity girls teams.

Coahoma cancelled its games to be played tonight.

Bulldogs head Kim Nichols said are trying to make the games.

Forsan and Gals have also the games they were scheduled tonight in Lenox games will not be held.

Lady Steers consolation

Big Spring's Lady Steers rolled to a seemingly 64-36 win over Christl King's Mustangs on claiming the championship Texas Invitation ball tournament Westlake.

Senior point guard Melissa Forth led for the Lady Steers in a game-high while LaTrish added 12 more.

Defensively, Steers' pressure King for most of the game. The Lady Steers managed 15 points in the final eight minutes.

By that time, Big Spring owned the lead and was able to improve to 13-4.

YMCA scheduled basketball

Elementary students may now take part in a basketball camp by former Big Spring Lady Steers coach Loter.

The camp will be Wednesday Friday with grades K-2 at 9:15 a.m. and grades 3-6 meet at 10 a.m. to noon.

The camp will be open to 40 youth age group.

Fees are \$11 members of and no fee will of members.

For more information call the YMCA.

Area coaches to transmit

The Herald's Crossroads ball coaches will provide copies of their schedules to the 20 son to do so as possible.

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6:30 p.m. — at Rutgers, FOX COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Miami vs. Florida
9 p.m. — P. Match Play C first round, ESPN

IN BRIEF

Weather has coaches rescheduling games

icy road conditions had several Crossroads area coaches cancelling basketball games that had been scheduled for tonight.

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers, who were scheduled to take on Wake View's Chiefs and Maidens in District 4-4A games tonight, will instead play those games Wednesday with freshman games beginning at 4:30 p.m. Junior varsity boys and girls will begin play at 6 p.m., as well as the varsity girls and boys teams.

Coahoma has also cancelled its games that were to be played in Hamlin tonight.

Bulldogs head coach Kim Nichols said officials are trying to reschedule the games.

Forsan and Grady officials have also cancelled the games their teams were scheduled to play tonight in Lenora. Those games will not be rescheduled.

Lady Steers claim consolation crown

Big Spring's Lady Steers rolled to a seemingly easy 64-36 win over Corpus Christi King's Lady Mustangs on Saturday, claiming the consolation championship of the Texas Invitational basketball tournament at Austin Westlake.

Senior point guard Melissa Forth led the way for the Lady Steers, scoring a game-high 16 points, while LaTrisha Rollins added 12 more.

Defensively, the Lady Steers' pressure limited King for most of the night until the Lady Mustangs managed 15 points in the final eight minutes.

By that time, however, Big Spring owned a 52-21 lead and was able to coast to the final buzzer and improve to 13-4 overall.

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Elementary school students may now register to take part in a YMCA basketball camp conducted by former Big Spring Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter.

The camp is set for Wednesday through Friday with students in grades K-2 attending at 9:15 a.m. and those in grades 3-6 meeting from 10 a.m. to noon.

The camp will be limited to 40 youngsters per age group.

Fees are \$10 for non members of the YMCA and no fee will be charged of members.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

AREA GAMES

TONIGHT
H.S. BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.
Sands at Klondike (VG)

ON THE AIR

Television
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6 p.m. — Notre Dame at Syracuse, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Women
6:30 p.m. — Tennessee at Rutgers, FXS, Ch. 29.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Sugar Bowl, Miami vs. Florida, ABC, Ch. 2.

GOLF
9 p.m. — PGA Accenture Match Play Championship, first round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

No changes in top of of men's poll, but showdowns coming

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The second stage of the college basketball season — conference play — gets under way this week with six games between ranked teams sure to affect The Associated Press Top 25.

Michigan State was No. 1 for a second straight week Monday, with very little change in the rankings after the final week of nonconference games produced few upsets.

The Spartans (11-0) held the same spot from last week, and the top 11 teams stayed in the same order. The only new member of the poll was No. 24 Texas.

Michigan State, which beat Bowling Green and Wright State

last week, received 47 first-place votes and 1,607 points from the national media panel. Stanford (11-0), which beat Fordham and Santa Clara last week, was No. 1 on the other 18 ballots and had 1,577 points.

Duke was third again and was followed in the Top Ten by Wake Forest, Florida, Tennessee, Kansas, Virginia, Illinois and Connecticut.

Seton Hall was 11th for the second straight week and was followed in the Second Ten by Wisconsin, North Carolina, Syracuse, Oklahoma, Arizona, Maryland, Alabama, Georgetown and Southern California.

The last five ranked teams were Notre Dame, Mississippi, Iowa

State, Texas and Cincinnati. The first of the ranked matchups also will be one of unbeaten teams, with Virginia at Wake Forest on Tuesday night. The Demon Deacons also will have a road game against a ranked opponent this week when they play at North Carolina on Saturday.

Also on Tuesday night, Notre Dame is at Syracuse, while Saturday's other ranked matchups are Seton Hall at Georgetown, Oklahoma at Iowa State and Stanford at Arizona.

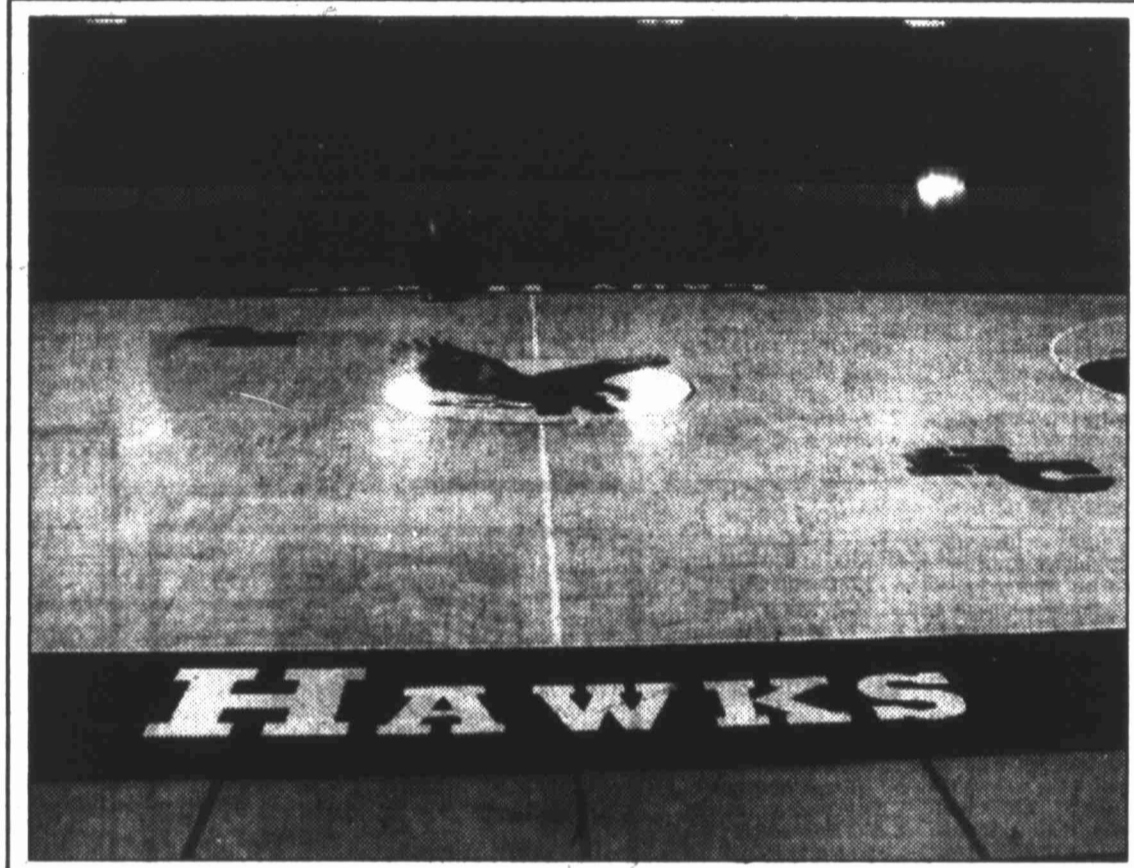
Texas (10-2) moved into the rankings on a five-game winning streak that included a home victory over Illinois. The Longhorns, who were ranked all last season and got as

high as No. 9, lost to Duke in the Preseason NIT semifinals and at South Florida.

Iowa (11-2) dropped after out of the poll after a three-week run. The Hawkeyes finished third in last week's Rainbow Classic, sandwiching wins over Detroit and Saint Louis around an 80-68 semifinal loss to Tennessee.

Five teams — Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgetown, Mississippi and Iowa State — made modest two-spot jumps this week, while Cincinnati's fall from 19th to No. 25 was the biggest drop.

The Bearcats (9-3) beat North Carolina-Wilmington 65-55 last week before suffering a 69-66 loss to Toledo.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks fans will notice some major changes at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum when the two teams return home to host Midland College's Chaparrals and Lady Chaparrals on Jan. 18. The parquet floor has been repainted and a newly designed Hawk is displayed at midcourt. Coliseum director Stan Feaster said railings around the arena are also being painted and a new scorer's table is also being installed.

Trail Blazers deliver Hornets' third consecutive loss, 89-67

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Charlotte Hornets lost their third straight game, and then coach Paul Silas lost his temper.

Bonzi Wells scored 16 points in just 25 minutes and Rasheed Wallace grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Charlotte Hornets 89-67 Monday night.

After the loss, Silas took exception to a reporter who questioned his substitutions.

"I'm going up against teams with 50, 60 million dollar payrolls, and I've got one with a \$30 million payroll. Realistically, we shouldn't be able to compete against those guys, but we are," Silas said. "You need to give me some credit."

In the only other NBA game, Minnesota beat Houston 106-96.

Silas had reason to be frustrated. Charlotte (20-12) has the second-best record in the Eastern Conference, but a four-point loss to Sacramento Thursday and a two-point loss to Seattle two days later seemed to wear the Hornets down.

Jamal Mashburn and David Wesley each scored 12 points for Charlotte, which shot just 33 percent

from the field and managed only 12 points in each of the first and third quarters.

P.J. Brown had 13 rebounds and Baron Davis, Lee Nailon and Otis Thorpe each scored 10 points for the Hornets.

"We hit 30 percent, and that won't beat any team," Silas said. "They played good defense, trapped in the post and stopped our offense. We had good looks at the hoop, but Portland just played good defense."

Wells started in place of Steve Smith and added seven rebounds.

"It's a little different starting," Wells said. "I've got to pace myself a little bit and can't go all out too early."

"I'm playing a little more and I'm figuring out what I can and can't do. I'm starting to get more comfortable."

Wallace and Damon Stoudamire each scored 12 points as the Blazers won their season-best fifth straight game.

After Charlotte scored the first six points of the second half, Portland put the game away in the third quarter. Stoudamire hit a jumper with 9:28 left, and Wells added a pair of layups to put Portland up 54-43.

Wallace added a dunk and Wells made a pair of free

throws as the Blazers took a 67-49 lead into the fourth quarter.

"This is a great win because we took them out of the game," forward Scottie Pippen said. "We just played really good basketball. We didn't give them any life or let them back into the game."

That was in part because the Hornets couldn't make shots when they got good looks at the basket, and took shots when they didn't have looks at all.

Mashburn hit just five of 13 shots, Brown made two of 10 and Derrick Coleman connected on only one of nine attempts.

Timberwolves 106, Rockets 96

Kevin Garnett scored 21 points, and Terrell Brandon had 12 of his 19 in the fourth quarter to lead Minnesota over Houston.

The Timberwolves beat the visiting Rockets for the sixth straight time despite 30 points by Cuttino Mobley, who had a career-high 33 when the teams met in the season-opener.

Wally Szczerbak also had 19 points for the Timberwolves, who finished with a season-high 35 assists and a season-low eight turnovers.

Broncos' Anderson named top rookie

DENVER (AP) — Reflecting on a season replete with unforeseen accomplishments, Mike Anderson admitted he never expected to be Rookie of the Year. Neither did many of the opposing defenses who failed to stop him.

The Denver Broncos running back, who went to training camp with a goal of merely making the team and playing on special teams, vaulted from third-string to starter because of injuries and finished his rookie season with 1,500 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns.

On Monday, Anderson's remarkable odyssey culmi-

nated in his selection as The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Anderson received 40 votes. Baltimore running back Jamal Lewis got 10.

"I'm kind of speechless," Anderson said. "This award, it just sums up what kind of season it has been."

Quick to credit his line and the rest of the Broncos' offense, Anderson added, "It's a team thing. We did this together. When you're racking up those yards, you can't do it by yourself. It takes 11 guys to move the ball."

Anderson's 1,500 yards, which ranked fourth in the

NFL, represented the fifth-best performance ever by a rookie. Against one of the league's best defenses on Dec. 3, he ripped New Orleans for 251 yards rushing — a rookie record.

Asked what feats he would most savor from the 2000 season, Anderson said, "There's a lot of things. Rushing for 1,500 yards. The 15 TDs. That game in New Orleans. Winning this award. Making it to the playoffs with my teammates. The run we had from November all the way up the end of December, saving our season after the shaky start we had going into the bye week."

Bowls

Washington wins Rose; Vick pondering future after dominating Gator

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington didn't need another comeback to win the Rose Bowl, while Virginia Tech can only wait and see if quarterback Michael Vick will come back to school after winning the Gator Bowl.

No. 4 Washington, which rallied to win eight games this season, never trailed in the Rose Bowl, beating No. 14 Purdue 34-24 Monday.

Marques Tuiaosopo, who missed the end of the third quarter with an injured right shoulder, ran for one touchdown, passed for another and accounted for 213 yards to win the player of the game.

"He is the absolute epitome of what a quarterback should be," Washington coach Rick Neuheisel said. "He hurt his shoulder, he came back in there and said he could play. The rest, as they say, is history."

So might Vick's college career. Vick threw for 205 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score as sixth-ranked Virginia Tech beat No. 16 Clemson 41-20.

The sophomore quarterback, still trying to decide whether to return to the Hokies next season or turn pro, said he'll use the time between now and the Jan. 12 deadline to consider his options.

"I haven't set a timeline," he said. "I realize I have a couple of days to think about some things and make my decision, what I'm going to do. I'm going to take advantage of those next six or seven days."

Also Monday, No. 5 Oregon State won its first bowl game since 1962, beating 10th-ranked Notre Dame 41-9 in the Fiesta Bowl, the second-worst bowl loss ever for the Fighting Irish.

"I'm obviously embarrassed by the way we played, but I'll never be embarrassed of this football team," Notre Dame coach Bob Davie said.

In other games Monday, it was Michigan 31, Auburn 28 in the Citrus Bowl; Kansas State 35, Tennessee 21 in the Cotton Bowl; and South Carolina 24, Ohio State 7 in the Outback Bowl.

Tonight, No. 2 Miami plays No. 7 Florida in the Sugar Bowl as the Hurricanes try to win a share of the national title.

Rose Bowl

No. 4 Washington 34, No. 14 Purdue 24

Tuiaosopo missed the last three plays of the third quarter, but returned for the fourth and threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Todd Elstrom to put the Huskies up by 10.

Willie Hurst's 8-yard run made it 34-17 as Washington (11-1) gave the Pac-10 its first Rose Bowl victory in five years.

The Bollermakers (8-4) were playing in their first Rose Bowl in 34 years. Purdue's Drew Brees was

23-of-39 for 275 yards and two touchdowns — both to Vinny Sutherland.

Gator Bowl

No. 6 Virginia Tech 41, No. 16 Clemson 20

Lee Suggs ran for three touchdowns to complement Vick for Virginia Tech (11-1).

Quarterback Woodrow Dantzer was a virtual one-man show for Clemson after the Tigers (9-3) lost tailback Travis Zachery with a broken foot early in the second quarter.

Dantzer rushed 18 times for 81 yards and was 15-of-32 for 180 yards and one TD.

Fiesta Bowl

No. 5 Oregon St. 41, No. 10 Notre Dame 9

Jonathan Smith threw three touchdown passes as Oregon State completed its remarkable rise from pitiful to powerhouse.

"What can you say?" Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson said. "We came out and played in all three phases about as well as we can play."

The Beavers (11-1), college football's laughingstock for more than a quarter-century, handed the Fighting Irish their worst bowl defeat since a 40-6 loss to Nebraska in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

Smith completed 16 of 24 passes for 305 yards.

Citrus Bowl

No. 17 Michigan 31, No. 20 Auburn 28

Anthony Thomas ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns, and Drew Henson passed for two TDs for Michigan.

Henson was 15-of-20 for 294 yards for the Wolverines (9-3), which has won bowls in four straight seasons for the first time.

Down 31-21, Auburn (9-4) stayed alive when Ben Leard hit a leaping Deandre Green with a 21-yard touchdown pass with 2:26 left.

Cotton Bowl

No. 11 Kansas St. 35, No. 21 Tennessee 21

Jonathan Beasley ran for a career-best 98 yards and a touchdown, threw for 210 yards and two TDs and quick-kicked the ball to the 4 late for Kansas State.

The 297 yards rushing by Kansas State (11-3) were the most against Tennessee (8-4) since Nebraska had 409 in last year's Fiesta Bowl. Josh Scobey ran 28 times for 147 yards for Kansas State, two shy of his career best.

Outback Bowl

South Carolina 24, No. 19 Ohio St. 7

Ryan Brewer, an Ohio native, rushed for 109 yards and scored three touchdowns as South Carolina (8-4) finished the most dramatic one-year turnaround in Southeastern Conference history.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Your personality wins friends. Inspiration stems from friends and groups. Talks and brainstorming only add to good ideas. Welcome differences, especially from someone you put on a pedestal. Let this person share ideas. You will only gain. Tonight: Your smile wins friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Assume a low profile, even at work. Others frequently depend on you. You can give guidance, but do not get yourself in trouble. Close your door if you want to get any work done. Establish more of what you want in a partnership. Another is changing. Acknowledge this person's spiritual growth. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Keep the big picture in mind, especially if you get thrown off by someone who is close to you. Dealing with others needs to be kept on a universal level. Don't get personal. Let another make the first move. Do needed research. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Think about what you expect from those in your

everyday life. A friend or associate pushes your buttons. Are you expecting too much? What is happening here? Have a creative discussion with a friend or loved one. Root out the problem and solve it. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Take an overview, especially if confusion sets in. You might not grasp what someone at work is trying to do. New information points you in a new direction. Use your limitless imagination with problems, and you'll cruise through them. Tonight: Check out the Internet for a special deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Work with others one-on-one. Listen carefully to a friend or loved one who is always on your side. A flirtation could distract you from the main issue at hand. Your creativity bubbles forth with others and with finances. Talk money. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Let others seek you out. Face tensions among family, your domestic needs and a loved one. Work on your juggling skills. Communication surges. Seek out answers and touch base with others. You get a variety of opinions. Consider different beliefs. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You might not agree with those you work with, but you need to develop better work relationships. Use your diplomatic skills to seek out answers and meld different opinions. Make time for some exercise, especially now that the holidays are over. Tonight: Do something physical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You might want something that simply costs way too much. Know when to rein yourself in and say no. Indulge a loved one or child by doing something he loves. Your sense of what is

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happening is right on. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Continue romping in the year.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** You might inadvertently cause yourself confusion. Slow down and take your time. You could make a bad decision if you rush. If you go within, you'll come up with great ideas. You're inspired with your finances. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Keep things moving. Don't get focused on one idea. Holding too much inside could cause you a problem. Keep conversations moving, with an eye to success and extending your horizons. Your influence might be a lot larger than you think. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Budget weddings can be just as beautiful

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for setting "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues" straight. She's the young woman who was miffed because her parents offered her "only" \$7,000 to spend on her wedding when she wanted four times that amount. How dare she assume that her parents are financially responsible! They do not "owe" her anything.

I am a wedding coordinator and have been involved in many weddings where the bride and groom had a limited budget. They were some of the most beautiful and romantic weddings I've seen. I have also done a wedding where the parents spent \$100,000 to impress 2,000 people. That couple isn't any more married than a couple who spends very little.

"Singing" should wake up and rethink her plans. Allow me to offer a few suggestions:

- (1) Consider having her wedding at a bed-and-breakfast or other facility that provides everything needed for a wonderful event.
- (2) Have a double ceremony with her brother. (They have the same family members and probably share some of the same friends.)
- (3) Change the wedding date so she and her fiancé have more time to save for the splashy wedding of their dreams.
- (4) Hire a wedding coordinator who will help her stay within a budget.

Abby, even if this bride-elect is a 4.0 graduate, she's showing neither maturity nor common sense, not to mention gratitude for the \$7,000 her parents have offered. She is more concerned about having a wedding than a marriage, and that is sad. — KATHY IN ATLANTA

DEAR KATHY: Mail poured in after that young woman's letter appeared. While none of the other letters came from professional wedding planners, all of it came from readers shocked by "Singing's" attitude of entitlement. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I commend you for your response to "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues." If I were writing your column, I might have chosen a few four-letter words to emphasize the selfish immaturity displayed by those young adults. Keep shooting straight. — DOING ALL I CAN — AND THAT'S ALL, OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR ABBY: My parents worked hard during my entire childhood to ensure that my sisters and I had a comfortable upbringing, only to lose everything in a business they bought for their retirement after the three of us left home. When my sister and I were being married, neither of us expected financial assistance from our parents. We

were delighted they could even ATTEND our weddings. My parents drew upon their life insurance policies so they could give us each \$1,000 as a wedding gift. I will never forget how wonderful it was to have them with me when I married my husband, nor the heartbreak at opening their card and having to accept their gift, knowing what a tremendous sacrifice it was for them.

"Singing" should be happy that her parents are able to retire comfortably and that she won't have to worry about their future. For years, I could not say the same. — GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: When I married in May 1977, my parents couldn't afford an elaborate wedding either. We had an outdoor wedding on my father's property. We spent the entire spring building trellises and planting flower beds. My husband and I invited 150 guests at a cost of \$1,500. Two weeks before the wedding, several aunts and I made up 300 tamales. The day of our wedding, we had a huge Mexican feast.

Our wedding was gorgeous, and I have the pictures to prove it. "Singing" should quit sulking and use her imagination. — MADE DO IN KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: I don't have enough money to quit working, but I want to. I have this desire to live my life freely. I would like to travel around the world and get to know new people and rich men. If possible, I would like to meet handsome, kind men. How can I do this? — THE WISHER, MADRID, SPAIN

DEAR WISHER: Unless you win a lottery or an unexpected inheritance of some size comes your way, traveling without earning an income is indeed a fantasy. However, it's refreshing to learn that some fantasies are universal.

If you are willing to work while you travel, apply for a position as a crew member for a cruise line or a business that provides private jets to upscale companies. You're sure to meet new people in such a job. Unfortunately, there's no guarantee that the men you'll meet will be rich, handsome and kind. However, with luck, you might score two out of three.

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