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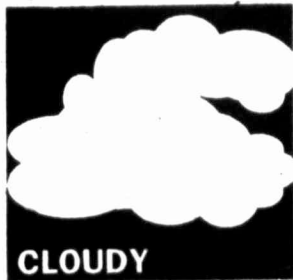
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Alzheimer's group to host caregiver event

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, will present an educational program "Facing End of Life Issues," Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

This program, which is part of the Caregiver series, will be held at the Howard County Library and is free to the public.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to preregister today. To preregister or for more information contact Janet Cross, program coordinator, at 570-9191 or 1-800-682-1174.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo Hall.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council, RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic building, 221 1/2 Main St.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at noon in the Senior Citizens Center.
- Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Alzheimers Association Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 South Main in the conference room.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at the VFW Hall at 7 p.m., 500 Drive Rd.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.
- American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m.

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Numerous activities slated during Boy Scout Week

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has been telling boys from 6 through 18 to "Do Your Best" and "Be Prepared."

Each year in February the Scouts take a week out to reflect on their history and the purpose of Scouting. "It's an annual event," said Warren Wallace, district executive for the Lone Star District of Scouting's Buffalo Trail Council. "This year is 92 years it's been in the United States. It was brought over from England in 1910 and we began having Scout organizations

here in the Big Spring area within a year or two after that. Troop 1 was formed here in Big Spring some 90 to 91 years ago."

Now Big Spring boasts about 450 scouts in nearly 30 units, including Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews.

Wallace said the purpose of Scout Week is simply to recognize the importance of Scouting.

"It's just to recognize and have the kids remember," he said. "We have Scout Sunday where the kids all wear their uniforms to church. Quite a few of the churches charter our units here in Big Spring."

Local scouts participated this weekend in the "Scouting For Food" canned food drive in conjunction with Scout Week, he said.

Other events during Scout Week include Hawk Night at Howard College, during which flag details from each scouting unit will participate.

"We'll have multiple numbers of flags and flag details from all our units out there," Wallace said. "And the kids and their parents will get in free to that."

A recognition banquet for area scout leaders will be held Thursday night, he said.

"We have some 150 leaders here in the Big Spring area for those 450 kids and we like to recognize them on an annual basis," he said. "We'll have that at Garrett Hall at 7 o'clock Thursday night."

Among the honors bestowed at the banquet will be the district's Award of Merit.

Each pack and troop will also hold its own Blue and Gold Banquet during the month in recognition of the BSA's anniversary, Wallace said.

For more information about Scouting in the area, contact the local office at 610 Scurry St. or call 263-3407.

A wild ride in fund raising

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Competition for the Howard County Sheriff's Posse's first Donkey Basketball game was sometimes brutal, sometimes painful, sometimes hilarious and sometimes downright sneaky. Then the donkeys got involved.

Around 1,300 people packed the Big Spring Junior High School gym Friday night to witness the spectacle of four teams attempting the gather the most points shooting the basketball while riding a donkey.

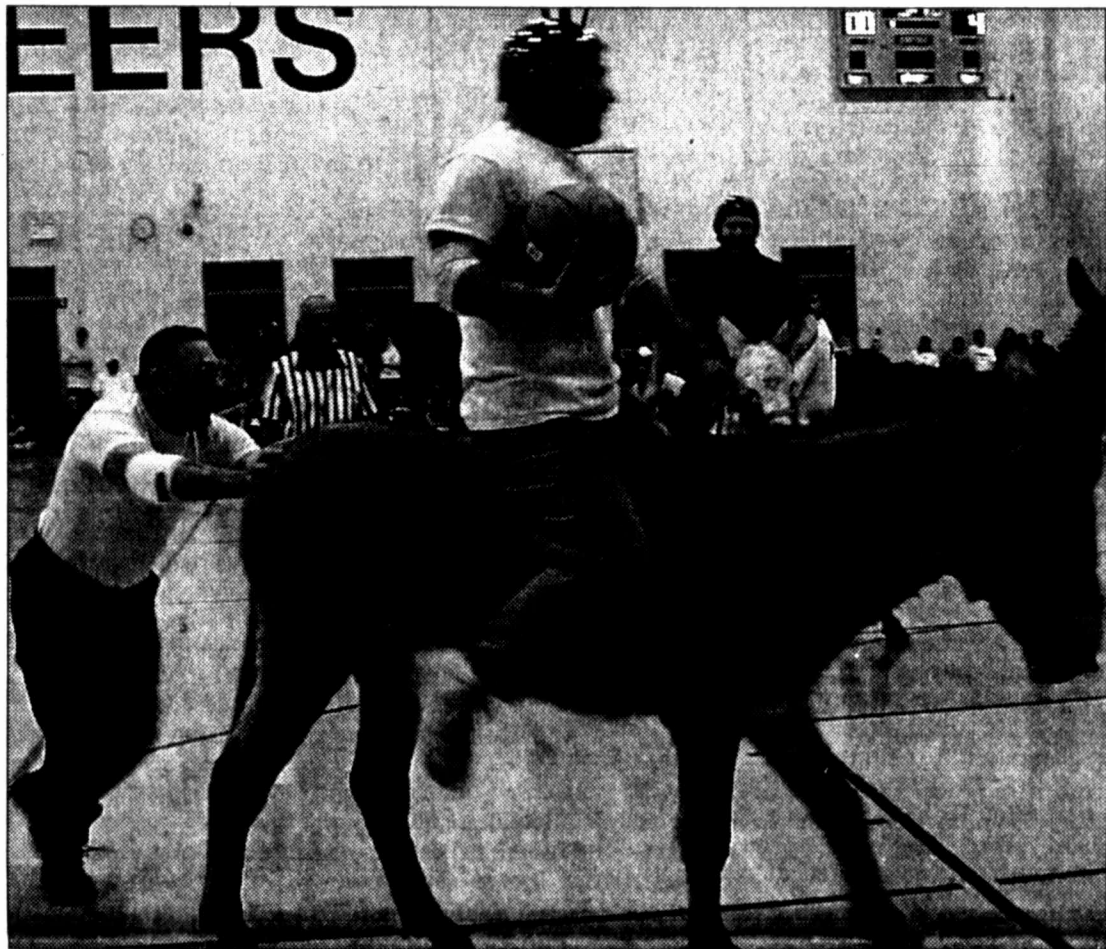
The donkeys were less than cooperative.

"It was one family night in Big Spring that will not be forgotten," said Sheriff Dale Walker, who was riding for the posse.

Petting, bribing with carrots and even pleading, both in Spanish and in English, did little to keep riders from being bucked to the floor or taking a wild ride around the court by the obstinate donkeys.

In the end, the Big Spring Police Department team lasted the longest to become the donkey basketball champions, beating the posse by a 4-2 margin.

But the sheriff's squad



Big Spring police officer Art Dehlinger gives Brian Gordan's donkey a push during the donkey basketball game Friday. The police department earned the championship after beating the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

has vowed that it will get its revenge.

"In one way or another," promised Walker.

The police department overcame a Big Spring Fire Department team earlier in the evening, while the

posse beat the Sheriff's Office team to make it to

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Hangar 25's membership affair draws good crowd

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Chili supplies ran a little short at the Hangar 25 Air Museum annual membership meeting Thursday night.

"We had about 120 people for the meeting," said Museum Coordinator Susan Lewis. "We ran out of chili. It was the first time we ran out of food."

Despite the lack of the homemade Texas tradition, Lewis said the meeting was an enormous success.

Among the many attending was the last wing commander of Webb Air Force Base, Harry Spannaus and his wife.

The annual meeting is held as a membership drive and to elect new officers along with reviewing past and future goals.

Thursday the museum board welcomed a new member and said farewell to outgoing president Jerry Worthy.

After an introduction by Jim Little, Tumbleweed Smith, Ralph McLaughlin and Gloria McDonald both roasted and toasted Worthy.

"Jerry's son, Roy, gave a very lovely tribute to his father," said Lewis.

The new president will be elected by the board later this year.

Emma Bogard was elected to the board, replacing outgoing member J.R. McKenzie. Worthy, Jan Foresyth and Nelda Reagan were re-elected to the board.

The Howard College Night Hawk Jazz band provided entertainment and played "God Bless America" for one of the more dramatic moments of the evening.

"Margarita Dorand-Hollis and her husband, Gabriel, sang the introduction to God Bless America," said Gloria McDonald, a member of the Hangar 25 Air

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BSSH now taking orders for Valentine's Day

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

People with a long list sweethearts or even one special guy or gal can take care of their Valentine's Day shopping with one phone call.

The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office and its slew of volunteers are filling orders for the purchase of Valentine's Day gifts. More than 10 items, including singing telegrams, range from \$10 to \$20.

And the best bargain of the entire deal is that delivery is included in the cost of the gift.

"Half of the fun of

Valentine's Day is having the package delivered," said Billie Russworm, director of community relations. "And our volunteers do it with such flair, too. I think our volunteers enjoy delivering them as much as the people enjoy getting them."

Close to a dozen singing groups will be dispatched to various addresses in the Howard County area, serenading valentines with their repertoire of songs or one in which the purchaser has selected.

"We will always try to fill their song request if we can," Russworm said. "And we'll sing to them at any place they select."

Slots for the singing

telegrams fill up quickly, so Russworm urges people to place their orders early.

Singing telegrams cost \$20 as well as a few other items, including a patriotic snack basket and a large stuffed bear loaded with goodies.

Items for \$10 range from candy jars holding homemade candy to a latte mug filled with various hot beverage mixes and snacks to accompany the drinks. Other items include flowers, a basket of homemade cookies, a soda can topiary and smaller stuffed animals cradling various pieces of candy.

All proceeds from the sale of the Valentine's Day gifts are used to benefit the

patients at Big Spring State Hospital. Nearly 200 patients are cared for at the facility, which is operated by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The agency provides essentials for the patients' daily needs, but does not provide for the little extras, such as special patient events, which encourage recovery of mental illness. Volunteers sponsor dozens of activities, including birthday parties and provide decorations for patient living areas and clothing.

To place an order for Valentine's Day, call the community relations office at 268-7535 or 268-7536.

Volunteers honored during Four Chaplains service

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

For service above and beyond the call of duty, the West Texas VA Health Care System chaplain service presented four men with the Legion of Honor award on Sunday.

Jessie Alba, Ricky James, Richard Nix and Joe Clark, who all perform volunteer services at the hospital, were honored at the annual Four Chaplains memorial service held at the hospital's chapel.

Alba, an U.S. Army veteran, lives in Abilene but averages about 100 volunteer hours a month at the hospital for the Disabled American Veterans. He has been a volunteer since 1992.

Hospital employee Ricky James, an U.S. Air Force veteran, volunteers on many of his days off at the hospital to escort patients around the hospital or drive them to various places, said Chaplain Dean Thomas.

Army veteran Richard

Nix drives veterans to appointments or to their homes each month.

Clara Lewis, another hospital volunteer, recalled a day when Nix went above and beyond the call of duty.

"He was escorting a patient to Andrews and then taking medicine to Odessa," Lewis said. "The van broke down in Andrews and he could not find anyone who would take the VA credit card. He paid for the repairs with his own money then he continued on to take the medicine to Odessa before he came back to Big Spring."

Joe Clark, an Army veteran, is also known for going above and beyond his volunteer duty. One time Clark drove 145 miles one way to pick up a veteran for an appointment at the hospital and then returned him home in the same day, Lewis said.

The chaplain's service and the volunteer service hon-

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Volunteers Ricky James, Richard Nix, Jessie Alba and Joe Clark hold their Legion of Honor award certificates at the annual Four Chaplains memorial service held at the VA Medical Center Sunday. The men were honored for their service to military veterans.

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OBITUARIES

Bess Claire Fincher Harrison

Memorial service for Bess Claire Fincher Harrison, 79, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Flynn Long officiating.

Mrs. Harrison died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at a local hospital following a sudden illness.

She was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Dallas. She was valedictorian of her graduating class at Oak Cliff High School in Dallas. She was an accomplished musician in piano and violin. She was state violin champion at age 11. She was active in U.S. Figure Skating and rewrote sections of the rule book on judging for tests and competitions. She had been comptroller for the Center for a Human Future at Syracuse University. She married John G. (Jack) Harrison on Feb. 7, 1942, in Corpus Christi. They moved to Big Spring in November of 2000 from College Station. She was a lifelong Presbyterian.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. John G. (Jack) Harrison of Big Spring; one daughter, Dr. Jill Nabors of Big Spring; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made to the Howard County Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

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

Cruz Miramontes

Funeral service for Cruz Miramontes, 41, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Miramontes died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at her home following a long illness.

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the championship game. The tournament was a fund-raiser for the posse, an organization not affiliated with the Howard County Sheriff's Office. The event raised about \$4,000 for the club.

"I would like to thank all the people who donated door prizes," said T.J. Walker, coordinator of the event. "I was very glad to see such a great response from Howard County for such a good cause."

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Bess Claire Fincher Harrison 79, died Monday. Memorial services are 10:00 AM Thursday at First Presbyterian Church.
Cruz Miramontes, 41 died Sunday. Services are pending.

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Those riding for the fire department were Brian Jensen, Carl Condray, Steve Hedges, Alex Calvio, Bob Stapp, Jay Holt, Craig Ferguson, Sammy Rodriguez, Kyle Waggoner, Shawn Grandi, Danny Whitehead and Kevin Murphy.

Participating for the police department were Stan Parker, Matt Coates, Joel Garza, Brain Gordon, Steve Everad, Bob Fitzgibbons and Art Dehliner.

The Sheriff's Posse team members were Dale Walker, Clint Sheets, Bert Sheppard, Thomas Moreno, Jerry Harbour, Jay Freeze, T.J. Walker and Andi Andrews.

Riding for the Howard County Sheriff's Department were Cliff McCartney, Scott Ginnetti, Mark Hall, Jay Fryar, O'Brian Blakeney, Gary Pritchett, Misty Porter, Bennie Green and Will Stapp. Juan Para was the coach.

The clean up crew included Ralph Rollins Lance Telchik, Brian Michaelz and Andi Andrews.

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Museum. "When they got to the word God, all the lights went out except for one spotlight on the American flag."

During the meeting, the museum's weekend volunteers Jan Overman, Robert Underwood, Darrel Reagan, Binie and Edna White, Eric Hensley, Bill Cox, Foresyth, Donna Gorenke, Jeanine Huskey, Jan and Judy Jarmes and Joyce Stevenson were honored.

"Without them we would not be able to be open on the weekends," Lewis said. Hangar 25 is a non-profit facility dedicated to preserving items and artifacts from the Big Spring Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base.

The museum is located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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ors people for their efforts to help veterans each year. The recipients are chosen for the honor from positive comments made by the hospital's patients and their families throughout the year.

The chaplain's service is held each year to remember the act of four military chaplains who gave up their lives for their fellow man.

The U.S.A.T. Dorchester, a troop transport carrying more than 600 men, was struck by torpedoes from a German U-boat on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic.

Lacking sufficient life vests, four chaplains — two Protestants, a Roman Catholic and a Jewish rabbi — gave away their life vests to others.

The four chaplains stood on the ship locked arm-in-arm praying as the ship sank.

Lt. George Fox, Lt. Alexander Goode, Lt. John Washington and Lt. Clark Poling were each posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart on Dec. 19, 1944.

In connection with Sunday's ceremony, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars read the names of veterans who died in 2001.

"The four chaplains all gave up their lives in the line of service to their country," Thomas said. "That is why we thought this was a good time to remember the veterans who passed away last year. They also laid their lives on the line for service to their country."

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Entrepreneurs who use hemp prepare for fight over DEA rule

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The energetic 60-year-old woman with cropped white hair and sea-green eyes doesn't fit the usual profile of a drug pusher.

But inside Gertrude Spindler's cozy condominium, there's trouble cooking. The Drug Enforcement Administration is steeling itself to put Spindler out of business and make sure she keeps her wares away from would-be buyers.

There's no meth lab in Spindler's bath tub, nor an Ecstasy ring in the garage. She's using a family recipe to create her Alpsnack snack bars that include hempnuts. And under a recent DEA ruling, she may as well be selling heroin.

Hempnuts come from hemp, an industrial plant grown outside the United States that is related to marijuana. Fiber from the plant long has been used to make paper, clothing, rope and other products. Its oil is found in body-care products like lotion, soap and cosmetics.

Entrepreneurs like Spindler argue the nuts and oil from hemp are among nature's best sources of essential fatty acids. Twice a day, she swallows a spoonful of raw hempnuts, which she says improves — no pun intended — her joints.

"I hate chemicals. I like natural things," Spindler said. "God has given us those natural things and we should use it."

But the DEA objects. In October, the agency declared that food products containing even trace amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol or THC — the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana — were banned under the Controlled Substances Act.

It ordered an immediate halt in the production and distribution of all goods containing THC that were intended for human consumption. It gave until Wednesday for all such products to be destroyed or removed from the United States.

DEA spokesman Will Gaspy said the agency simply is upholding the law.

"A lot of people did not understand the law. The clarification says if a substance contains THC and is intended to enter the body then it is an illegal product," Gaspy said.

Hemp and marijuana, as the DEA sees it, are different parts of the same plant, he said. And THC in any amount is an illegal drug.

The ruling has galvanized hemp-product manufacturers, who contend the DEA violated the law by failing to hold hearings or accept public comment before issuing its declaration.

The Hemp Industries Association, which represents U.S. hemp product manufacturers and Canadian hemp exporters, has challenged the ruling in the federal court and asked for a stay of the deadline.

Meanwhile, association members are continuing to produce and sell their goods, arguing that since the DEA did not issue a standard to measure THC levels they will follow standards set by Canada: By that scale, the THC is so negligible it could be considered undetectable — and certainly far below any level that would produce a "high."

"There is no such thing as a true zero in nature. It's like how the government allows trace levels of arsenic in water or alcohol

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

in orange juice," said David Bronner, an association member who is chairman of Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap, an Escondido-based company.

Association members argue that hemp is not marijuana, just as field corn used for livestock feed is not the same as sweet corn eaten by humans. "But it's part of this whole drug warrior ideology where they just associate anything that looks like cannabis to drug culture," Bronner said. "They're making it a drug-war issue."

So far the DEA has not taken enforcement action against people continuing to produce hemp food products, Gaspy said. What will happen after Wednesday remains to be seen.

In the United States, hemp is a \$100 million industry, mainly in textiles and cosmetics. The food product sector was worth \$5 million last year, but has been doubling in size for the past three years, Bronner said.

Spindler launched her one-woman Alpsnack business last year. She produces 1,500 bars a month and sends them to distributors in six states. The threat of being shut down worries her.

"It hurts. But I have some very strong feelings that it's going to work. It's going to be settled," she said.

Neighbors of homeless man raise money for his burial

POTTSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Neighbors of a homeless man who refused to accept offers of help while he was alive have volunteered to pay for his funeral.

Joe Czarenko, 72, was found dead Tuesday in a wooded area of Chester County near North Coventry where he had lived in a makeshift shelter for years.

Jean Zubert, manager of a nearby convenience store, said customers who heard about his death had donated \$178 toward funeral expenses. The Coventry Mall, where Czarenko often spent time, donated \$500.

"People would come in and leave money for him because he wouldn't take it," Zubert said. "We had a folder in the back labeled 'Joe's money.'"

Mt. Zion Cemetery spokeswoman Kim Lenhardt said her company will donate a grave and marker for the burial.

"He was always cleaning our hedges and wouldn't accept anything for it," she said.

MEETINGS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS regular meeting 2013, 500 S. Driver Rd., today at 7 p.m.

BRIEFS

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE All Star Kids Pageant presented by All Star Kids is currently being accepted. The pageant is set for Feb. 10, at the Big Spring Mall.

The overall winners in the newborn through 47 months and 4 year olds through 18 and older division will qualify for the

national competition held in Dallas over the July 4th weekend.

For more information or to receive an entry form, call (214) 319-7827. Forms are also available at the Big Spring Mall.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and 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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Sunday's low 37
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Average high 58
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Wal-Mart	59.43 +.17
Wal-Mart/Mexico	28.6-28.85
AMCAP	15.66 -.09
Europacific	25.96 -.03
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	284.9 - 287.9
Silver	4.26 - 4.34

POLICE

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

• HECTOR MARTINEZ, 29, of 1604 Virginia was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANTHONY CANTU, 21, of Lubbock was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of east 15th, in the 2100 block of south Lancaster and in the 1100 block of south Main.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of south Birdwell and in the 800 block of west FM-700 and west Interstate 20 where a 1995 green Ford received \$40 of damage.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Rideroad where \$2,710 worth of jewelry, precious metals were reported stolen.

• ASSAULT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported at residence in the 600 block of Holbert. A knife/cutting instrument was reportedly used in the crime.

• THEFT OF \$200 was reported at a residence in the 1900 block of south Runnels.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 300 block of south Aylesford and in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.

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Waco schools launch program to report bullying through e-mail

WACO (AP) — Waco students tired of being pushed around by bullies but uneasy about reporting them to school officials now have an alternative.

This week, Waco school officials will launch an e-mail program at five schools that allows students to tell on their classmates anonymously. Students can also use the program to report home problems and potential violence.

With School Bridge pro-

gram, students can access their campus School Bridge Web site from home or school computers. They can choose to write to a principal, nurse or campus police officer.

They also have an option to identify themselves to school officials.

Brazos, University, Carver and G.L. Wiley middle schools as well as A.J. Moore Academy high school will use the program.

University Principal

Alfredo Loreda said the site will help students who are uncomfortable talking with principals face to face.

He said bullying sometimes occurs as students are walking home or in hallway gaps when teachers aren't around.

"There are probably more opportunities to bully than we'd like," Loreda told the Waco Tribune-Herald in Sunday's edition. "We certainly want students to feel that they're safe on this

campus."

The program was developed by Insideye, a California-based company that makes similar programs for private-sector employees to send confidential e-mails to managers about sexual harassment and other office troubles.

Insideye President Ashley Bryan said the company first used the program in an Austin school.

Brazos Middle School Principal Veronica Sharp

"The devastating school tragedies kind of got us thinking," Bryan said. "We decided to change the service and try to put it into schools so that the kids can have a retribution-free safe place that they can come and speak anonymously to the administration."

Bryan, a Texas native, said the company first used the program in an Austin school.

Brazos Middle School Principal Veronica Sharp

she often wears clothes with pockets because students pass her notes during the day about bothersome classmates.

"I think it will be a great deterrent, knowing that somebody could sit at home and type out what happened in the bathroom," said Sharp.

"I wouldn't know who the student giving the information is, but I'm going to know whom to keep my eye on."

Lay avoids scheduled congressional testimony as Enron probe continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid evidence of possible illegal activity at Enron, former chairman Kenneth Lay joined a growing list of executives who are backing away from testifying to Congress about the energy company's complicated financial deals and spectacular collapse.

Lay canceled his planned appearance Monday on Capitol Hill after several senators and House members suggested on Sunday news shows that he and other company executives engaged in criminal acts.

Lay "cannot" be expected to participate in a proceeding in which conclusions have been reached before Mr. Lay has been given an opportunity to be heard," his attorney, Earl Silbert, said in letters to the Senate and House panels that were to hear from him.

"These inflammatory statements show that ... the tenor of the hearing will be prosecutorial," Silbert said.

Enron's former chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow, and ex-Enron executive Michael Kopper have indicated they will refuse to answer questions from Congress.

Arthur Andersen auditor David Duncan, fired for his role in document shredding, invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify Jan. 24.

The Senate Commerce Committee canceled Monday's hearing, while the House Financial Services Committee said it would proceed, minus the former Enron chairman.

"I don't think he would have expected an appearance before Congress would be a walk in the park," Sen. Byron Dorgan, who would have presided over the canceled hearing,

said Monday on network morning shows. But whether there is proof of securities fraud in the Enron collapse, Dorgan said: "I don't know that ... There's a criminal investigation. Let's let the Justice Department determine that."

If Lay declines an invitation to appear later this month before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, "he'll be subpoenaed like everyone else," said panel spokesman Ken Johnson.

"We're going to meet with the committee members (Monday) and have a discussion about what we do next," Dorgan said.

Dorgan, D-N.D., dismissed Silbert's criticism, saying comments by members of Congress about possible criminality simply reflect assessments "by Enron's own accounting firm."

Lay's decision came the day after an Enron-authorized review of several of the company's estimated 3,000 off-the-books partnerships by University of Texas law school dean William Powers found that the energy trader's management concealed financial information from the public.

The report said the partnerships "were used by Enron management" to enter into transactions that "apparently were designed to accomplish favorable financial statement results, not to achieve bona fide economic objectives."

Andersen was accused in the report of facilitating a series of complicated transactions aimed at helping Enron conceal big losses and debts.

Dorgan called Enron "almost a culture of corporate corruption."

Congress taps general road aid to states in bid to finance billions in pet projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, members of Congress have dipped directly into a pot of highway money destined for the states to help pay for local projects dear to lawmakers.

In doing so, an Associated Press computer analysis found, Congress steered a large amount of the redirected money toward pet projects in the home states of lawmakers who crafted the final spending plan.

Among the winners: —\$3 million for Seattle's Odyssey Maritime museum, championed by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., co-chairman of the panel that wrote the final plan.

—\$2 million for downtown revitalization in Somerset, Ky., the hometown of the other co-chairman, Republican Rep. Hal Rogers.

—\$2.9 million for airport construction in Sugar Land, Texas, hometown of House Majority Whip Tom DeLay. He was on the joint panel of House members and senators who wrote the final spending blueprint.

The shift toward more pet projects cost state and local governments about 11 percent of the money they originally were to get from Washington to spend on transportation as they saw fit.

In Ohio, that means fewer roads with crumbling 1960s era pavement will be repaired, officials said.

California, the most populous state but without representation on the panel that approved the plan, lost the most money in general highway aid and ranged near the bottom in project dollars when measured as a percentage of population.

In contrast, Alabama, with three lawmakers on the panel, finished near the top in project money.

"It's the classic definition of pork," said Rep. Tom

Petri, R-Wis., a member of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee who voted against the bill.

But it comes with a new twist.

While Congress regularly finances pet projects of lawmakers who have clout in spending decisions, this is the first time it has done so by taking away money from the general highway formula money going to the states with no strings attached, according to the House committee.

As it wound its way through Congress, the \$59.6 billion transportation bill already had set aside money for special projects, known as earmarks — between \$3 billion and \$4 billion in all.

But with money hard to find in a budget pinched by tax cuts and the costs of war and recession, that total was judged insufficient to do everything lawmakers wanted for their voters — like a \$500,000 roadside animal detection experiment in Montana.

So lawmakers lowered the amount of discretionary highway money planned for the states, and freed hundreds of millions of more dollars for their projects.

The AP's review found several states whose lawmakers helped shape the final legislation made out far better than larger, more populous states.

For instance, Alabama ended up with at least \$157 million in earmarks, while Ohio, with three times the population and nearly double the annual vehicle miles traveled, got roughly \$66 million.

That amounts to about \$35 per resident in pet projects for Alabama, but only about \$6 per person for Ohio, which had no one on the conference committee.

The budget tinkering means vast stretches of

Ohio's interstates that have crumbling pavement from the 1960s will not be resurfaced, State Transportation Director Gordon Proctor said.

Proctor said his department urges its representatives to push for transportation money distributed by formulas that treat all the states equitably rather than earmarked projects.

"When the funds go into earmarks, they're coming away from the basic categories that maintain the very infrastructure," he said.

The budget tinkering, however, does not surprise veterans such as Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. At each stop of the budgeting process, lawmakers with clout add projects.

"They are emasculating the entire process by going into a back room and dividing up the pork," McCain said. "That is a misuse of power."

Andrea Andrews, spokeswoman for Republican Sen.

Richard Shelby, a conference committee member, said having three Alabama lawmakers on the panel helped the state.

"Senator Shelby and the entire Alabama delegation have been very aggressive in securing funding for projects important to the state," she said. She added, "They've been successful."

Among the Alabama earmarks: \$20 million for a transportation center at Auburn University, \$1.5 million for a trail connecting the USS Alabama to the Weeks Bay National Reserve, and \$2.5 million for the University of Alabama to develop an automated crash notification system.

California lost the most in general highway aid — about \$41.5 million, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Despite having no representation on the committee, California got the most total dollars for pet highway, bridge, ferry, train, airport and other projects.

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Plan would get Pecos water to Texas

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — A new plan will enable New Mexico to deliver Pecos River water to Texas as required — not only this year, but in the future.

Pecos River water users have agreed to a long-range plan that would cost \$68 million over 10 years to buy farmland and its associated water rights, then pump the ground water into the river to supplement its flow. It also calls for water-saving methods in southeastern New Mexico.

"We're in crisis here on the Pecos," said Tom Davis, manager of the Carlsbad Irrigation District. "We may have dodged the bullet for the last calendar year ... but this year is shaping up to be a much drier year."

The amount due under an interstate compact that governs the river water is based on a complex formula and changes annually. Last year, New Mexico had to lease and buy water rights to make the delivery.

In the 1980s, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled New Mexico had violated the interstate compact and had shorted Texas 10,000 acre-feet of water per year since the 1960s. An acre-foot, about 326,000 gallons, can meet the annual water needs of one to two U.S. households.

The court ordered New Mexico not to fall short again. New Mexico also paid Texas \$14 million.

This year "looks pretty bad in terms of our ability to comply. There's just not much water in the Pecos

this year," said Interstate Stream Engineer Norman Gaume.

An ad hoc committee of Pecos water users last month came up with a long-term compromise for meeting the delivery obligation.

The goal is eventually to build up a water delivery credit with Texas that could be used as a cushion in dry years.

Under the plan, the state would buy 6,000 acres of irrigated farmland in the Carlsbad Irrigation District

and 12,000 acres worth of water rights upstream from Brantley Reservoir near Carlsbad. Water previously used for irrigation in both areas would be left in the river to augment deliveries to Texas.

Some 20,000 acre-feet of ground water also would be pumped into the river each year from the aquifer under Roswell and Artesia.

The plan also calls for conservation methods and removing water-guzzling salt cedars.

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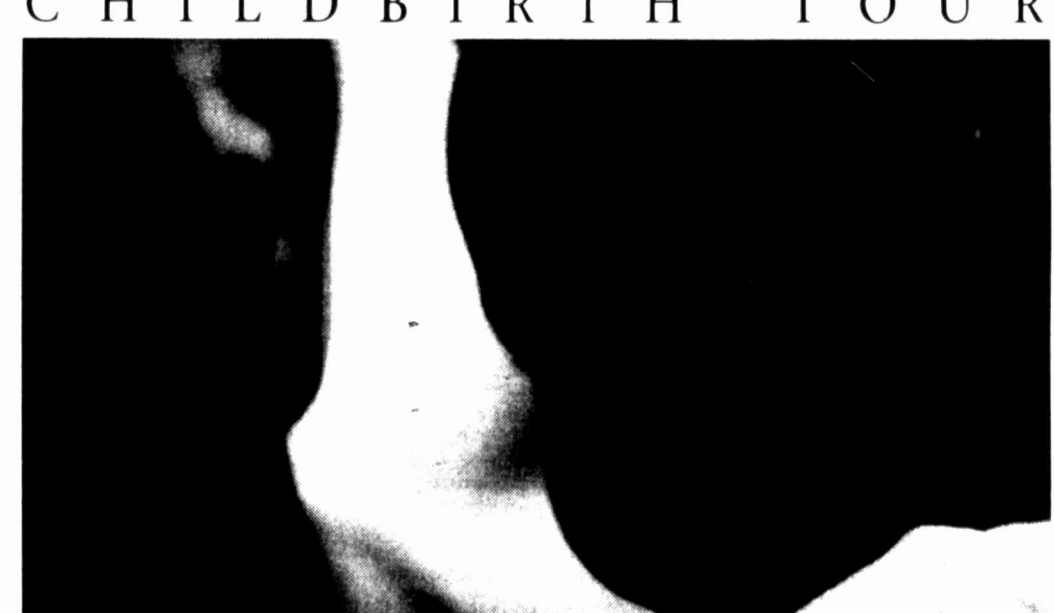
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World wants
to know about
the prisoners

The United States has depended upon the cooperation of other nations in our war against terrorism. One reason we have received it — aside from the odious nature of al-Qaida itself — is that our allies trust the U.S. government to do the right thing. That's a strong reason why the Bush administration must be sure that when the prisoners being held at Guantanamo Naval Base are tried, not only must justice be done, but the world must see it is done.

Conditions at Guantanamo are causing a furor in Europe. ... The United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees, Mary Robinson, pointedly reminded America that "there are international legal obligations that should be respected."

President Bush may be excused for reminding our European allies that al-Qaida attacked our land and killed U.S. citizens.

Unfortunately, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has complicated events by being less than forthright about the situation. Rumsfeld says prisoners at Guantanamo are not entitled to Geneva Convention protections because they are not prisoners of war; he calls them "unlawful combatants."

But when reporters asked to see the conditions under which prisoners are held, Rumsfeld said that interviewing prisoners or taking photographs of them would violate their rights under the Geneva Conventions. ...

The Geneva Convention protects POWs from being paraded in public, not from speaking with reporters, if prisoners so choose. The press merely wants to verify the conditions under which prisoners are being held.

The world wants to know that. Rumsfeld should let the world see. That will go a long way toward persuading the world to accept the judgments soon to be handed out by military courts.

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When you don't know who your friends are

The late Thomas Hughes, English author and reformer, once said, "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another." This is certainly a true statement and one that those of us who cherish our friends can really appreciate.

However, there is a moral and social crisis in the world today which can make it difficult to know who our true friends really are. I'm referring to the terrible scourge of illegal drugs. For those who choose to get involved, the

idea or thought of true friendship can quite often be a rude and painful awakening. There are millions of tragic stories that will bear this out and I have one of those stories to share with you. This true story involves a young person who got involved with drugs and it took place only a few miles from where I live, so it really hit close to home.

A young man in his 20s was a college student, and like so many others, he fell into bad company and before long he was using drugs on a regular basis. During this time he met another young man and they became friends. He had been left an old house in a will, and he was fixing it up to live in and his friend even spent several days helping him get it ready.

A few miles from the college town where these young men were both living, they had started a marijuana field to grow plants, harvest them and sell the drugs to other students and

anyone else who came along. One afternoon, just a short time ago, they both left school early to go to the marijuana field to harvest some plants. It had become their custom for one of them to carry a gun, since they had become wary of the local authorities. As they made their way through a thicket of small pine trees, the young man who owned the house, was a few feet in front of his friend, and he heard the hammer of the gun click. The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground dazed, because his friend had shot him and presumed him to be dead.

As he continued to lay there, he heard the bite of a shovel as it tore hunks out of the pine floor. His friend was digging his grave. Realizing his only chance to survive was a knife he carried in his pocket, he slowly pulled it out and opened the blade. His real problem however, was that the blast of the gun had left him blinded. When his so-called "friend," who had

now become his assailant, finished digging and came over to put him in the grave, as he heard footsteps close by, the young man lunged at him with the open knife blade and ripped into the calf of his assailant's leg. He expected to be finished off, but his assailant left without doing him further harm. Later it was revealed he had left to get medical attention.

For the next two days and nights, in a mosquito and snake infested forest, the young man wandered totally blind until he finally staggered upon a farm house where he was able to find help. Today he is living with his parents in a nearby town and he will be blind for the rest of his life.

While the subject of drugs and the havoc they wreak in people's lives is endless, I believe this true story will shed light on the problem from a little different angle. It's true, when you get involved with drugs, you never know who your friends are.

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Bush needs to uphold principle of law

No president in modern times has received such high job approval ratings, for such a long period of time, as George W. Bush. But the rally-round-the-flag effect generated by military activity typically fades, which former President Bush learned when he failed to win re-election after having won the Gulf War. The fact that Bush has sustained his ratings, despite an economy in recession and a spreading sea of red ink, is astounding and possibly deceiving.

Bush likes to talk about bi-partisanship, and how he has changed the tone in Washington. But, in practical terms, the Bush administration operates very much on an us-versus-them basis, and an almost Zen-like belief in the rightness of its positions. It is an arrogance that affects almost all politicians when the polls are with them.

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But, the trust the American people have placed in this president, as evidenced by his stratospheric ratings, make that power doubly dangerous if abused. Even before Sept. 11, journalists found the Bush White House more closed and inaccessible than any since Richard Nixon's in the depths of Watergate.

This attitude doesn't only apply to reporters, but is evident throughout the administration's policies. A president is entitled to privacy, and to the presumption that he is acting in the nation's best interest. But, the public has rights too, and an examination of some of the administration's recent actions suggests that it is time to at least sound an alarm.

Vice President Cheney's refusal to reveal the names of the people he met with in formulating the administration's energy policy is the clearest case in point. Cheney adopted this position long before Sept. 11, and before Enron's bankruptcy made the Bush and Cheney ties to the oil industry a front-page story. As somebody who had worked in two previous Republican administrations (Nixon and Bush Sr.),

Cheney felt that Congress had chipped away at the power of the executive branch, and he didn't want Bush to be the target of partisan investigations, the way his predecessors had been.

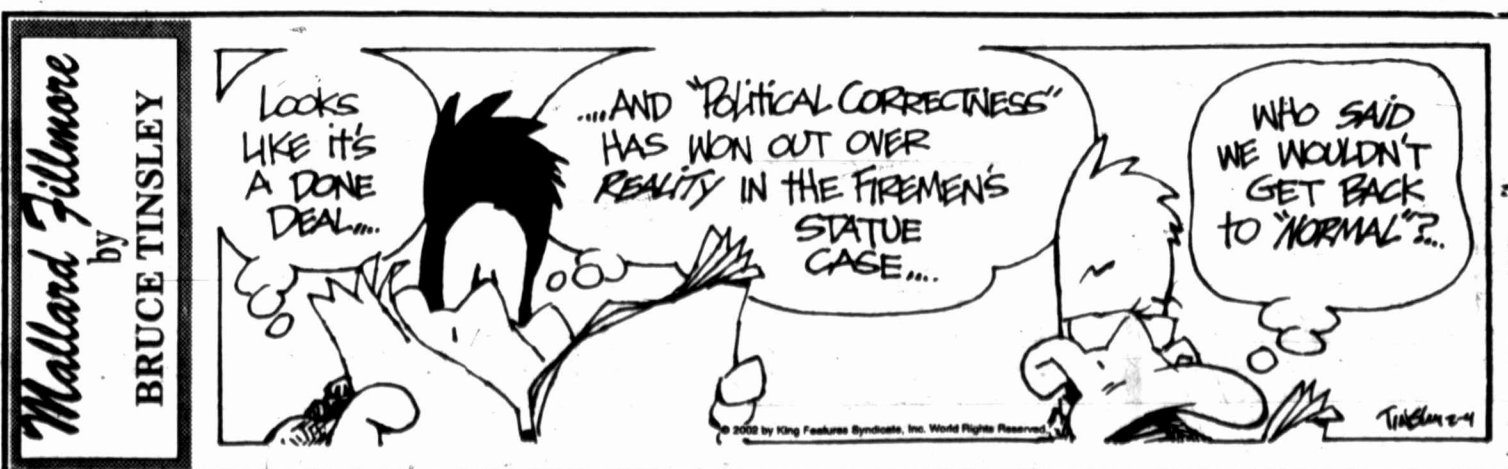
Cheney saw taking a stand over his energy papers as a way to assert the power of the presidency. Whatever the merits of Cheney's position, whether it is principled or not, he has created a political problem for Bush. A recent New York Times/CBS poll found that a majority of Americans think the Bush administration is hiding something having to do with Enron, and Cheney's insistence on keeping the names of his advisors secret feeds into that perception.

Bush argues that no administration can make policy without people being able to express their views in a climate of confidentiality. But U.S. comptroller Dave Walker, who heads the General Accounting Office (GAO), the agency seeking the information from Cheney, says he only wants to know whom he met with, when, and about what. He is not asking to know what they specifically advised.

Bush and Cheney show no signs of backing down, perhaps gambling that the public's attention to a standoff with the GAO will wane, and that the legal maneuverings could take years to wind their way through the court system.

The administration's hasty decision to deny the prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the protection of the Geneva Convention reflects a similar arrogance of power: that they're right, and the international community is wrong. At Secretary of State Colin Powell's urging, Bush appears to be backing down from his all-or-nothing position, and may be willing to put legal machinery in place to evaluate each prisoner's situation. Clearly, the al Qaeda terrorists are not prisoners of war. But, even criminals have rights, and the Geneva Convention could be a guide. Such a step would be welcome, if long overdue, and would restore U.S. standing in the eyes of the world.

Upholding the rule of law is a principle that conservatives fought hard and loud for during the Clinton administration. It is no less important now that Bush is president.



Gore lashes out at president's economic policy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Former Vice President Al Gore criticized President Bush's handling of the economy in a speech Saturday night that marked what he called a return to "the national debate."

"It is now clear that our nation's economic policy is simply not working, especially for those who most depend on its success," Gore said before about 1,600 people at a Tennessee Democratic Party fundraiser.

"We need a government that lives within its means, invests in the American people and supports tax cuts that are fair and go to those who need them," he said. "What we don't need is a government whose budget is based on inaccurate assumptions, and whose priorities provide special favors for the few over the many."

Gore also called for better protection of the environment and campaign finance reform — indirectly referring to the Enron scandal when he said, "recent events have made it clear this reform is needed more than ever."

Gore did not say whether he'll run for president in 2004 and reiterated his support for President Bush's handling of the war on terrorism. He told a \$25-a-person fund-raiser at a downtown hotel that "it is time

for the American people to look at the state of our country and decide the course we will take."

Jim Otto and his wife Beth traveled from Lincoln, Neb., for the speech. The couple campaigned for Gore in Missouri in 2000.

Otto said it was challenging for Gore to make the right mix — supporting Bush on the war on terrorism, but pointing out what needs to be done.

"It's not un-American to talk about the surplus under Clinton-Gore and the deficit under Bush-Cheney," Otto said. "It's not un-American to say they are not managing the country well."

Gore has been criticized for keeping too low a profile since conceding the presidential election, but said "it was right for me and I would do it again. ... And tonight as a new election season begins, I intend to rejoin the national debate." The crowd responded with thunderous applause.

The former vice president has just created a new political action committee to raise money for Democrats seeking election this year. He is also expected to travel the nation on their behalf, which would allow him to keep in contact with party loyalists and potential donors for a 2004 campaign.

Economic forum takes left turn

NEW YORK (AP) — They came in solidarity with this terror-wounded city.

Since they arrived, speaker after speaker at the World Economic Forum has lambasted America as a smug superpower, too beholden to Israel at the expense of the Muslim world, and inattentive to the needs of poor countries or the advice of allies.

With the forum wrapping up its five-day session Monday, some of the criticism has been simple scolding by non-Western leaders. But a large measure has come in public soul-searching by U.S. politicians and business leaders.

U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., cited a global poll that characterized Americans as selfish and bent on arranging the global economy for their own benefit.

"We've not done our fair share to take on some of the global challenges" like poverty, disease and women's rights, Clinton said Sunday. "We need to convince the U.S. public that this is a role that we have to play."

Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates warned that the terms of international trade were too favorable to the rich world, a disparity that feeds resentment.

"People who feel the world is tilted against them will spawn the kind of hatred that is very dangerous for all of us," Gates said. "I think it's a healthy sign that there are demonstrators in the streets. They are raising the question of 'is the rich world giving back enough?'"

Held in the Swiss ski resort of Davos in its first 31 years, sponsors decided to move this year's forum to New York to show support for the city after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

About 2,700 corporate and political leaders, clergy and celebrities came to discuss the world's problems, and have spent much time dissecting U.S. foreign policy, its possible role in breeding terrorism and the potential harms of globalization.

Few protesters turned up Sunday near the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, site of the forum, on the fourth day of the conference. But mostly peaceful demonstrations

miles from the hotel generated 159 arrests — the largest in a single day since the conference started — and one case of vandalism was reported.

The total arrested so far during the meeting grew to over 200, mostly for disorderly conduct.

In a curious convergence, the titans of business and politics at the meeting have seized on many of the same socially liberal issues that they have been accused of ignoring at past gatherings.

The forum's agenda may have taken some of the steam out of street protests, which were sparse except for Saturday's turnout of about 7,000 demonstrators, and has even paralleled issues under discussion at the World Social Forum, an anti-globalization conference under way in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

In Brazil, speakers on Saturday condemned the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, with one comparing the practice to apartheid-era South Africa's creation of "bantustans," which were economically poor areas designated as

homelands for blacks.

In New York, guests heard a similar message Sunday.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, former U.S. national security adviser, warned that Palestinian violence risked evolving into large-scale urban terror, while Israel's response "will slide into a pattern of behavior that resembles the South Africans."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he saw "a ray of hope" for Mideast peace. New talks with the Palestinians could lead to a cease-fire, and mutual recognition of a Palestinian state and Israel's right to exist, he said.

Jordan's King Abdullah II called for "international intervention to help steer the parties from the brink," arguing that the "burning injustice of Palestine" had "fed extremism around the world."

Brzezinski called for Washington to create a parallel social campaign to temper the anger against its military campaign against terrorism, to "appeal to a better future" in poor countries.

Andersen hiring former Fed chairman Volker

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP, the auditor under fire for its handling of Enron Corp.'s financial books, says it has brought in former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to help it make fundamental changes in the way it does business.

Volcker will chair an independent oversight board that will have wide authority in revamping the accounting company's business practices, said Joseph F. Berardino, chief executive of Andersen Worldwide SC.

"We've had a major let-down in our whole process," Berardino told reporters Sunday.

"There are fundamental questions in terms of the principles being used. It's obvious the public has been let down, and the question is what should their expectations be."

Volcker, who is not being paid for his services, told reporters he was satisfied that he would have enough authority to get Andersen to adopt whatever reforms his panel favors. He declined to give a specific time frame, but said he hoped the work would be complete within 18 months.

"There's no chance I would be here unless I thought we'd have unprecedented authority" in reform-

ing the firm, Volcker said. "Accounting and auditing in this country is in a state of crisis. It's important that this be cleaned up and changed."

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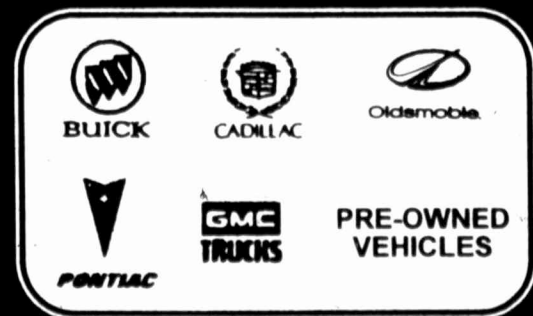
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IN BRIEF

Hawks split twinbill with Ranger Saturday

Howard College's Hawks split a doubleheader with Ranger Junior College on Saturday, posting a 13-2 win in the opener before suffering a 12-2 loss in the nightcap.

The split leaves Howard with a 2-0 record going into Thursday's opening round of the Tyler Junior College Tournament where the Hawks will face Grayson County at 4 p.m.

Lady Hawks open season with losses

Plagued by injuries, Howard College's Lady Hawks opened the 2002 softball season with weekend losses to Incarnate Word University and Temple Junior College's Lady Leopards.

In Friday's doubleheader with Incarnate Word, the Lady Hawks dropped 3-2 and 12-6 losses, despite a sterling pitching performance by Jennifer Reed and impressive offense by Veronica Owens and Breanna Bohls.

The Lady Hawks return to action Friday when they travel to Ranger for a doubleheader, and then take on Abilene Christian University in a twinbill on Saturday.

Scout recognition slated at Howard

Scouts, both girls and boys, will be honored during tonight's Howard College-New Mexico Military Institute basketball game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Every scout who attends in uniform will get into the game free of charge, as will their families.

The game begins with an 8 p.m. tip.

Baseball boosters to meet tonight

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 tonight in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Members have scheduled a workday for 2 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Lady Steers boosters will meet tonight

The Lady Steer Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight in the BSHS Athletic Training Center green room.

All parents of female athletes, athletic trainers and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538 or Penny Phillips at 263-4847.

Volunteers needed for Coahoma LL

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Coahoma Little League board of directors.

Anyone interested in serving is asked to attend a meeting at 7 tonight at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

BSHS netters take dual match wins over Dumas, Palo Duro

By CONNIE EDGEMON

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers took part in a dual tennis meet Saturday, taking on netters from Dumas and Amarillo Palo Duro at Lubbock Coronado High School.

During dual matches, each singles player and each doubles team typically plays both the No. 1 and No. 2 players or teams, respectively.

Dumas was the first challenger and Big Spring met the Demons head-on, winning 9-5. Megan Roffers and April Ward split their doubles

matches, winning their first and losing their second. Mindy Partee and Lauren Chesworth won both their matches.

Veronica Villarreal won her singles match easily, while Heather Parnell lost in a three set match 3-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Jake Smiley, playing No. 1, lost his first match but returned to win his second match easily 6-0, 6-1. Vishal Shroff lost both of his singles matches.

Derek DeHoyos teamed up with Michael Roffers to win two boys doubles matches, as did Michael

Williamson and Ryan Vela.

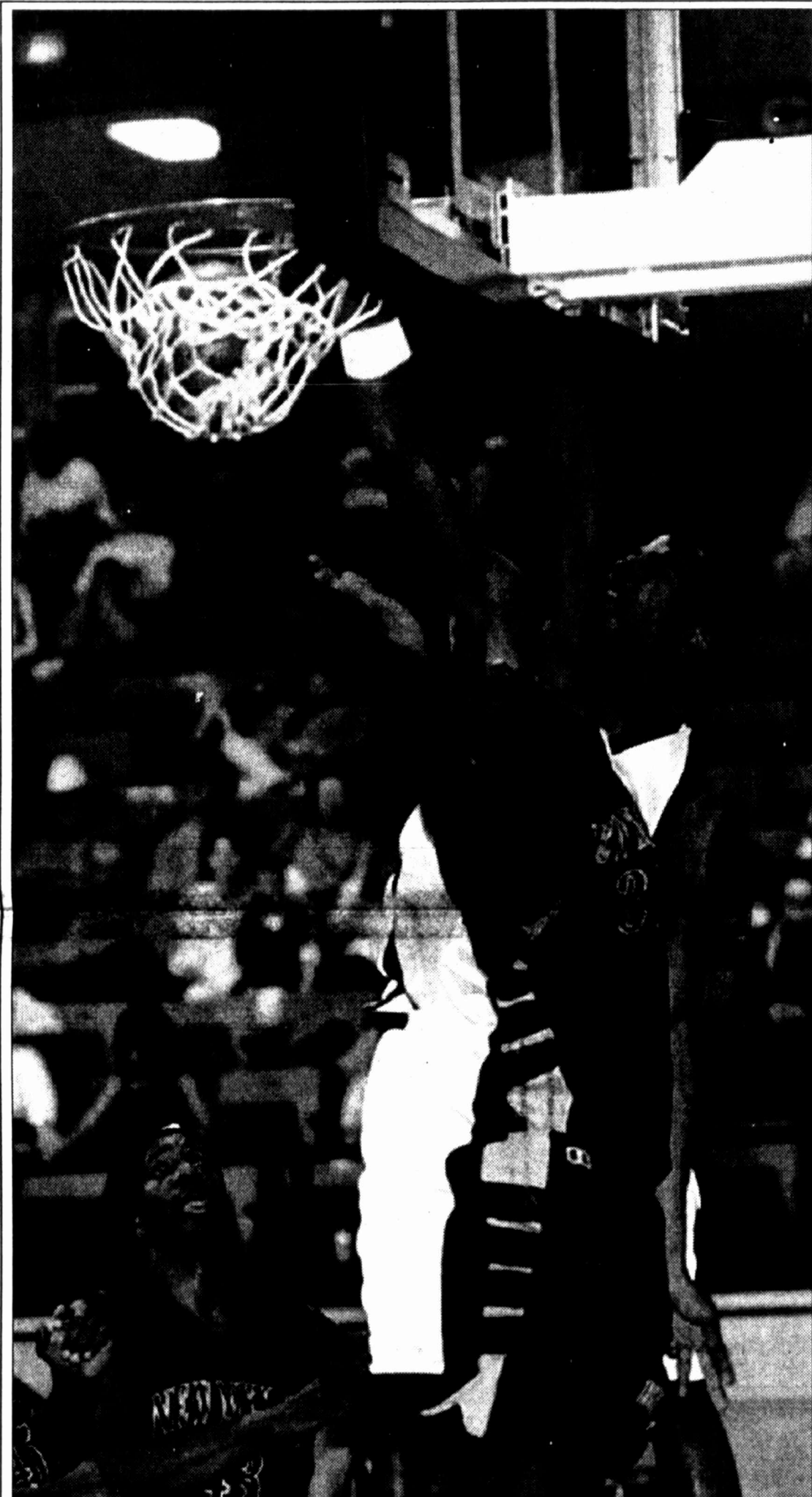
In the afternoon, Big Spring met Amarillo Palo Duro, winning that match 11-5.

Roffers and Ward won both their matches. Chesworth and Partee lost both matches but took both to three sets. Veronica Villarreal won both of her singles matches and Heather Parnell won and then lost in a tie breaker 7-5. Jake Smiley split in boys' singles, losing his first match in three sets and returning to win his second match easily. Vishal Shroff won his first match and then lost his second match.

DeHoyos and Alex Edgemon won both of their doubles matches taking each to three sets. Brian Wingert and Michael Roffers easily defeated their opponents in quick two-set matches.

Steers coach Sarah Corse said that she was satisfied with the day's efforts and that the team is really coming together, working toward being serious contenders at the District 4-4A tournament in April.

The team will travel to Odessa this weekend to compete in the Permian High Invitational Tournament.



Howard College's Zach Moss slams a dunk over a New Mexico Junior College defender during last week's game against the Thunderbirds. The Hawks will play host to New Mexico Military Institute's Bronchos tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 with the pre-game show starting at 7:35 p.m.

Super Pats

Charmed season couldn't close any other way for NFL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — They came through in the blustery snow of New England and in perfect conditions inside the Superdome. They went from being a 5-5 also-ran to nine straight victories and their first Super Bowl title.

On a day designed for heroes, in a site that resembled a military fortress as much as a stadium, the Patriots' charmed season brought them to the top of pro football with a 20-17 upset of the St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

"This is something to relish, sit back and soak in," said Adam Vinatieri, whose 48-yard field goal on the final play set off wild celebrations by the 14-point underdogs.

Vinatieri has never missed inside a dome — he also had a 37-yarder Sunday — but, far more impressively, he made two critical field goals at home in the snow two weeks ago against Oakland to keep New England alive.

"I think that about every close game we had a chance to win, we won," he said. "I think when we were 0-2, everybody wrote us off except for the members of this team. We got on a streak and we just kept going."

The game was as much a victory for America as for the red-white-and-blue clad New Englanders. On a day filled with patriotic themes inside the Superdome and high security outside, everything went off without a hitch.

Fans were urged to show up five hours before kickoff to get through a perimeter filled with soldiers on the ground and sharpshooters on the roof. For their cooperation, they were treated to one of the great endings in NFL history.

League MVP Kurt Warner woke up to rally the Rams, who had the NFL's best record (14-2) and most powerful offense this season, from a 17-3 hole. He sneaked for a 2-yard touchdown, his first rushing score all season, two plays after a holding penalty on New England's Willie McGinest negated Tebucky Jones' 98-yard romp with Warner's fumble that would have clinched the win.

Then Warner needed only three plays and 21 seconds to take the Rams 55 yards, with Ricky Proehl's 26-yard TD reception tying it with 1:30 remaining.

"We had a lot of new life," said Warner, who was harried all game and threw two interceptions that resulted in 10 points. "We figured we'd hold them and have overtime."

Instead, second-year quarterback Tom Brady, who sprained his ankle in the AFC championship game, but was healthy enough to start the Super Bowl, earned game MVP honors with a poised 53-yard drive. It included a 23-yard completion to Troy Brown that got the Patriots in range for Vinatieri.

"I was planning to go out there and win the game," said Brady, who was so calm he took a nap in the locker room before the game. "Adam wasn't going to miss that kick."

Vinatieri, who nailed a 45-yarder in the snow to tie Oakland and then a 23-yarder to win it in overtime, wouldn't have been in such a position without the only three takeaways of the game.

Ty Law ran back an interception 47 yards for the Patriots' first points. Terrell Buckley went 15 yards with

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Kansas rolls on; OU escapes while Oklahoma State tumbles

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the Big 12's Top 10 teams had little trouble dismissing its opponent. Another barely escaped, needing overtime to win by a point.

The third won't be a Top 10 team when the next rankings by The Associated Press come out Monday.

Despite promises from Colorado freshman David Harrison that "Kansas will get theirs," the second-ranked Jayhawks had little problem beating the Buffaloes 100-73 on Saturday.

No. 6 Oklahoma also put down an opponent's boasts, but had a tougher time doing it. The Sooners, stung by Texas' accusations of cockiness, defeated the Longhorns 85-84 in overtime — Texas' second one-point loss in four days.

Ninth-ranked Oklahoma State, however, never recovered from early offensive struggles and lost 70-61 to Kansas State — the Wildcats' biggest upset victory in eight years and a momentum-builder heading into Monday night's matchup against Kansas.

Another of the Big 12's ranked teams also won on Saturday when No. 20 Texas Tech beat Iowa State 69-43.

On Sunday, Baylor beat Texas A&M 97-45 and No. 22 Missouri defeated No. 8 Virginia 81-77 at

Columbia, Mo., in the weekend's only nonconference game.

Kareem Rush scored 26 points for Missouri (16-6), which handed Virginia its third straight loss and broke the Cavaliers' string of 27 consecutive nonconference regular-season victories.

Arthur Johnson scored 16 for the Tigers, who were playing a Top 10 team for the third time in four games.

Chris Williams led Virginia (14-5) with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

On Saturday at Lawrence, Kan., the Jayhawks won their 26th straight over Colorado as Drew Gooden, Nick Collison and Jeff Boschee scored 20 points each. The Jayhawks (19-2, 8-0 Big 12) led 100-58 before Colorado (12-7, 3-5) ended the game with a 15-0 run against Kansas' reserves.

"We only beat them by 27? Man, I wanted to get them worse," said Gooden, who also had 11 rebounds for his 17th double-double of the season.

Harrison, who issued his boast after Kansas' 97-85 win over Colorado on Jan. 5, was not permitted to talk to reporters after Saturday's game. He drew a technical foul late in the game, apparently for a comment to an official, but there were no other incidents.

"They beat us pretty good," said

senior D.J. Harrison, David's brother. "David said it. That's the way he is. He still feels the same way and I still feel the same way. I am definitely not a Kansas fan. I don't take anything away from them being a great team."

David Harrison led Colorado with 17 points.

At Austin, Texas, Hollis Price's pull-up jumper in the lane with 19 seconds left in overtime put the Sooners ahead for good at 83-82. Jason Detrick then hit two free throws that gave Oklahoma a three-point lead.

"I knew I would have to make a big play because I hadn't scored in a long time," said Price, who led the Sooners (17-3, 6-2) with 25 points. "We're finding our groove back. We probably needed a game like this to find out where our toughness is. We didn't expect those guys to play as hard as they did."

Texas (14-7, 5-3) rallied from a 17-point deficit with just over six minutes left to tie it at 74 on Brandon Mouton's catch-and-shoot 3-pointer on an inbounds pass with under a second left in regulation.

Mouton led Texas with a career-high 26 points.

Larry Reid led Kansas State's Wildcats with 18 points and seven assists in their upset victory at Manhattan, Kan.

"It's a marquee win for these kids," said Kansas State coach Jim Woodriddle, whose team hadn't beaten a Top 10 opponent since an upset of then-No. 1 Kansas in 1994. "We beat a great team."

The Cowboys (17-5, 4-5) didn't play like a great team, though. They went 1-for-10 from the field in the first seven minutes, and 9-for-28 (32 percent) for the half. Kansas State (9-10, 3-5) led by 15 at the break and never saw its lead go below nine points in the second half.

"It's a mystery to me," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton. "We've tried everything. We started with special plays and didn't make them, and Kansas State did an excellent job of scoring at the start."

Maurice Baker hit four 3-pointers and led OSU with 16 points.

At Lubbock, Texas, Texas Tech also struggled offensively (9-for-27) in the first half, but held Iowa State to its lowest point total since a 54-38 loss to Oklahoma State 40 years ago.

"We just got whupped for sure," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "That was the best defense we've seen all year."

The Red Raiders (16-4, 5-3) hit 11 of their first 12 shots over the opening nine minutes of the second half. The Cyclones (9-14, 1-8) shot just 24.2 percent from the field (15-of-62) against Tech.

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Sacramento hands Minnesota rare home loss

The Associated Press

The Sacramento Kings didn't celebrate after beating the Timberwolves in Minnesota. They were more concerned with their place in the Pacific Division standings.

"I'm happier about staying in first place," Chris Webber said. "That's not to say it doesn't mean a lot to win here. It does. But this team is focused on bigger things."

Webber had 31 points and 14 rebounds, and Mike Bibby had 24 points and five assists as the Kings defeated Minnesota 112-107 for their 17th victory in 18 games.

"This is the type of game that shows us just how good we can be," Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "They're one of the best teams in the West, and they will be all year long. They really came at us."

Sacramento, which has the league's best record at 36-10 and leads the Los Angeles Lakers by 2 1/2 games in the division, won in Minneapolis for the first time since Jan. 28, 1997 — a span of nine games.

The Kings are 25-1 in Sacramento, while the Timberwolves are the NBA's second-best home team at 19-3.

"Any road win is a good win," Bibby said. "We took our time and let things come to us."

In other NBA games on Sunday, it was the Los Angeles Lakers 101, Dallas 94; Washington 109, Indiana 89; Miami 94, New York 83; San Antonio 105, Orlando 98 in overtime; Boston 104, the Los Angeles Clippers 91; Charlotte 97, Memphis 79; Phoenix 98, Golden State 97; and Portland 101, Chicago 96.

Kevin Garnett had 32 points and 12 rebounds, and Joe Smith added 22 points and nine rebounds for the Timberwolves,

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who have lost five of eight.

"We've got to get that defensive flow back," Garnett said. "When you lose, everyone and their mama comes in the huddle and puts the microphone in and asks what's going wrong. We know we're capable of playing solid basketball."

Bibby sealed it by flipping up a high, arching shot over Garnett that made it 110-105 with 10.1 seconds left.

Lakers 101, Mavericks 94

Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points, including two dunks that ended Dallas rallies, and visiting Los Angeles beat the Mavericks for the 40th time in 43 meetings.

With O'Neal out of the game, Dallas used an 11-0 run capped by Wang Zhizhi's two free throws to tie it at 76 with 9:45 left.

O'Neal came back in during that stop in play, and less than 20 seconds later produced a one-handed slam over 7-foot-6 Shawn Bradley. The Lakers led the rest of the way.

Kobe Bryant added 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who have won four straight.

Wizards 109, Pacers 89

Michael Jordan scored 23 points, and Richard Hamilton had 21 in his first start in six weeks as Washington beat Indiana.

The Wizards had lost six straight and 15 of 16 to the visiting Pacers, including a 108-

81 loss on Dec. 27, when Jordan scored a career-low six points. The victory was a big one in early playoff maneuvering, with both teams entering two games over .500 and riding two-game winning streaks.

Heat 94, Knicks 83

Alonzo Mourning scored 21 points, Eddie Jones had 18 and Jim Jackson 15 as Miami won at New York and moved within a half-game of the Knicks in the Atlantic Division.

Allan Houston scored 28, and Kurt Thomas had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Knicks, who will be without Marcus Camby for at least three weeks because of a bruised hip.

Spurs 105, Magic 98, OT

Tim Duncan had 29 points, including a crucial three-point play in overtime, and 15 rebounds as San Antonio stopped a three-game losing streak by winning at Orlando.

David Robinson added a season-high 27 points, 14 coming in the fourth quarter and overtime, and seven blocked shots as the Spurs rallied from a four-point deficit in the final 45 seconds of regulation.

Tracy McGrady had 26 points on 12-of-36 shooting and a career-high 17 rebounds. Darrell Armstrong scored 25 points, 12 in the fourth quarter.

Celtics 104, Clippers 91

Antoine Walker scored 27 points and Paul Pierce 24 as Boston ended a three-game losing streak.

Boston beat the Clippers for the fifth straight time at home and avoided matching its season-high four-game losing streak. Los Angeles dropped its second straight game and hasn't won in Boston since the 1996-97 season.

Hornets 97, Grizzlies 79

Baron Davis had 18 points and 10 assists, leading Charlotte past Memphis for its third straight victory.

Elden Campbell led the visiting Hornets with 19 points. Stromile Swift led Memphis with 13.

Suns 98, Warriors 97

Penny Hardaway scored with 2 seconds left as Phoenix snapped a three-game road losing streak.

Shawn Marion scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and grabbed 13 rebounds as the Suns overcame a 21-point deficit to sweep the season series.

Antawn Jamison scored 27 points and had 10 rebounds for the Warriors, who have lost four straight and 14 of 16.

Trail Blazers 101, Bulls 96

Bonzi Wells scored 19 points as Portland beat Chicago.

Damon Stoudamire added 14 points and six assists, and Dale Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds as seven Blazers scored in double figures.

Brad Miller led the visiting Bulls with 21 points.

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a fumble recovery to set up another touchdown, an 8-yard leaping reception by David Patten. And Otis Smith ran another interception 30 yards, leading to Vinatieri's first field goal.

The Rams led the NFL with 44 giveaways this year. Their biggest giveaway — the Super Bowl — came Sunday.

"I think we didn't help the cause," said Ricky Proehl, whose fumble was forced by Antwan Harris' helmet, leading to Patten's score. "They have capitalized on turnovers all year, and that's how they won the game."

New England got physical from the start, giving Warner a bloody lip and slamming Rams receivers to the turf with regularity. The Patriots also didn't let Offensive Player of the Year Marshall Faulk damage them much.

Credit coach Bill Belichick, who reinforced his image as a defensive mastermind. While the Rams got their yards and did make their comeback,

they never were in control.

"Coach Belichick definitely had a vision," safety Lawyer Milloy said. "This organization had a vision. We all came together. That's what is so sweet about this."

The Patriots, 50-1 shots to start the season, are the first from the New England region to win a pro football title since the 1928 Providence Steamrollers. It was an improbable ride after going 5-11 in 2000 and then losing starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe to a chest injury in Game 2.

But after their 0-2 start, the Patriots found their way with Brady, an aggressive defense — and some good fortune.

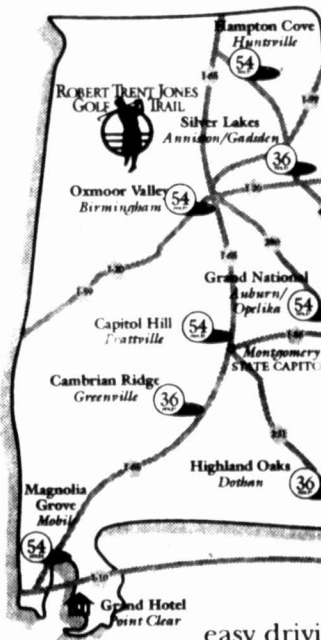
A replay reversal in the playoff game with the Raiders was as pivotal as anything in getting the Patriots to their third Super Bowl — all in New Orleans, the previous two ending in defeat.

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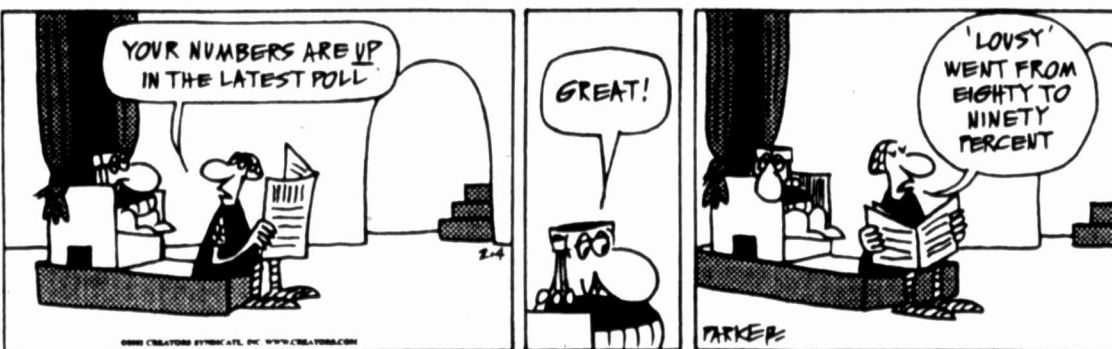
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2002. There are 330 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 4, 1789, electors unanimously chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States. On this date: In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America. In 1801, John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States. In 1861, delegates from six Southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America. In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid. In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta. In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army. In 1976, more than 22,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala and Honduras. In 1977, 11 people were killed when two cars of a Chicago Transit Authority train fell off elevated tracks after a collision with another train. In 1982, President Reagan announced a plan to eliminate all medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. Ten years ago: President George H.W. Bush defended his economic recovery plan before a National Grocers Association meeting in Orlando, Fla. (During his visit, Bush appeared intrigued by an electronic checkout machine, leaving reporters wondering if he'd ever seen such a device before.)

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is 89. Feminist author Betty Friedan is 81. Actor Conrad Bain is 79. Actor Gary Conway is 66. Movie director George Romero is 62. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 58. Comedian David Brenner is 57. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 55. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 54. Actor Michael Beck is 53. Actress Pamela Franklin is 52. Actress Lisa Eichorn is 50. Rock singer Tim Booth is 42. Rock musician Henry Bogdan (Helmet) is 41. Country singer Clint Black is 40. Country musician Dave Buchanan (Yankee Grey) is 36. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 32. Singer David Garza is 31.



Newsday Crossword

SQUARE DEAL by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS 1 Postage item 6 Good friends 10 Kindergarten basics 14 Actress Shire 15 Hurler Hersher 16 Like a pancake 17 Do not exist 18 Margarine 19 Sound quality 20 Briefs alternative 23 Lowa college 24 Fish eggs 25 Something sensational 27 Something sensational 31 Light punishment 32 Loathsome 33 Dutch cheese 35 Sake into law 38 Sphere 39 Art-shop workers 41 Actor Stephen 42 "Silly" birds 44 "A __ plan, a canal..." 45 Halt 46 Tennis-match units 48 A month of (long time) 50 Cotton fabrics 53 Coffee brewer 54 Citrus drink 55 Certain salad ingredient 61 Calf meat 63 Former Kansas senator

Down clues and crossword grid for Newsday Crossword. Down clues include: 9 Lazy beasts, 10 To the rear, at sea, 11 Neighborhood event, 12 Lake craft, 13 Navigate, 21 Passover feast, 22 Shoe bottoms, 26 Soda holder, 27 Achy, 28 Tenderized cuts of beef, 29 Cain's dad, 30 Tibetan priests, 32 Visibility problem, 34 Caf  card, 36 Company heads: Abbr., 37 Faucet. The grid shows numbers 1-68 in various positions.