TUESDAY

March 12, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 45°-46° 80°-85°

Patients sought for dental clinic

Howard College dental hygiene students are seeking patients in need of teeth cleaning or X-rays for the dental hygiene clinic.

The cost for teeth cleaning is \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. A full set of X-rays costs \$15. Second year dental hygiene students perform all services.

The dental hygiene clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 264-5075.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

☐ Big Spring **Bowntown Lions Club** meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus

Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

☐ Fraternal order of **Eagles Aerie Ladies** Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY Gideons

International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club,t 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe. ☐ Kiwanis Club meets

at noon in the Howard

College Cactus Room. Friends of the Library meets at noon at the Howard County

Library. ☐ Big Spring Main Street Inc., meets at noon at the Railroad Museum, Second and Main.

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Trash talkin'? City leaders seek help for clean-up effort

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor It's time to start thinking about trash. Serious trash.

The annual "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash-Off is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, and local organiz- SIMMONS ers are beginning to line groups up to

ever, the Trash-Off is about community pride," said Pat Simmons, event coordinator. "With us working together striving to be a community of hope and pride both spiritually and physically, this can be accomplished."

Simmons is looking for groups and individuals who are willing to "adopt a spot" in and around Big Spring to clean up during the 17th

annual statewide event. In "This year, more than the past, these have included church and civic groups, businesses and neighborhood residents who have agreed to take an area and pick up all the debris on that day.

Trash bags will be made. available for participants and Dumpster's will be placed in strategic locations.

"Research shows us that today's trash is being tossed by males and females under

age 24. Also, that cigarette butts and tobacco trash made 19 percent of little, fast food trash equals about 20 percent and personal and household paper accounts for another 19 percent. I found this to be very interesting," said Simmons.

Some groups participate year round by being part of the Texas Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program.

"We need more local participation for this program, whether it be adopt a highway or adopt a spot, said Simmons. "Our neighborhoods and community reflect our sense of hope and pride were we live. We don't want it to be trashed with litter."

Those who participate in the event, hosted by TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful, will be treated to a free meal at Scenic Mountain Medical Center that day.

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Voters' choice could make history

First Hispanic major-party gubernatorial nominee sought **HERALD Staff Report**

Howard Countians join voters across Texas today in going to the polls to elect Democratic and Republican nominees for November's general election.

Polls opened at 7 this morning and will remain open until 7 tonight at various locations throughout Howard County.

Regardless of the outcome of today's election, it is likely to be a historic event. That's because Democrats are poised to elect the firstever Hispanic major-party nominee for governor.

The key candidates are Tony Sanchez, a multimillionaire banker, and former state Attorney General Dan Morales, and they have clashed heatedly over affirmative action and their Mexican-American itage. Two other gubernatorial candidates, Bill Lyon and John WorldPeace, also are in the Democratic race.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Election clerk Melba Camp, left, and precinct election judge Deina Harvell prepare some paperwork this morning at 11th and Birdwell Fire Station as voters straggle in to cast their ballots in the Democratic primary. Voting in the Republican and Democratic pri-

Recent polls conducted by newspapers among likely voters have shown Sanchez with the lead and Morales

maries continues until 7 this evening.

in second with large percentages of voters undecid-

While Sanchez and Dan See VOTE, Page 2

Morales top a field of four

HOWARD COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS

Citizens should check their orange voter registration card for the precinct number, then match it up with the list below to see where they need to go to vote today. Polls close at 7 p.m.

Democratic Party

Precinct Nos. 101-103, 106-115, North Side Fire Station, Station, corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. 100 NE Eighth. Precinct Nos. 104-105, Knott Fire Station, 7310 W. FM

Precinct Nos. 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.

Precinct Nos. 207, 405, 407-409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Ave., Coahoma.

Precinct Nos. 302-303, 305, Goliad Middle School, 2000

Precinct Nos. 208, 304, Elbow School, CR 818 and Nichols Road.

Precinct Nos. 401-404, 406, 410, 11th and Birdwell Fire

Republican Party

Precinct Nos. 101-115, 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.

Precinct Nos. 207-409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Ave., Coahoma.

Precinct Nos. 208, Forsan School, Forsan. Precinct Nos. 302-305, Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson Road.

Precinct Nos. 401-408, 410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, corner of Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane.

County OKs pact, radar equipment for local DPS

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners Court Monday approved measures

which help out the local highway patrol. The court approved a

contract to lease hangar space at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark for CROOKER Texas



Department of Public Safety to conduct truck safety inspections, Commissioner Bill Crooker.

"Back several years ago we had made arrangements to lease this particular building for the Texas Department of Public Safety to use for their Truck Roundup," Crooker said. "They send in troopers from the general West Texas area, and they work for about three days, maybe four, bringing trucks in off the Interstate and U.S. 87 for safety inspections."

Crooker said the hangar is ideal for the purpose.

"They can raise the doors on both ends and they can drive those big trucks in and inspect them and drive them on out the other side," he said. "If the truck is detained or if it has to have repairs made immediately before it can go back out on the interstate, there's room there for them to park. It's absolutely ideal." The truck roundups are

good for Howard County in several ways, Crooker said. "One, of course, it's for

the improvement of truck safety, traffic safety, in the

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Ball field fees, tennis pro shop among items on city agenda tonight

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council meets tonight at in the Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.

The meeting's agenda includes continued discussion of amended fees for use of the city's baseball and softball facilities, a proposal for a new tennis pro shop near the tennis courts in Comanche Trail Park and further consideration of sewer service for the 2500 block of Seminole Road, which currently uses residential septic systems.

The new baseball and softball fee schedules raised some heated discussion at the council's last meeting. While some ball players spoke out in support of the new fees, which will be used to improve and maintain facilities, others voiced fears that the proposed \$25

per player annual fee will drive players away from the Big Spring area.

The proposed changes, which were approved on first reading last meeting, include a \$150 annual fee per team for use of the city's ballfield recreation areas in addition to the \$25 per player annual fee for use of the Roy Anderson Baseball and Softball Complex.

Mayor Russ McEwen said at the last meeting that the fees would probably be used to hire a part-time professional maintenance person for the ballparks.

The Seminole sewer issue has been on the agenda twice before and was tabled each time for more study.

The council seemed split issue, the with Chuck Councilman Cawthon in favor and Mayor Russ McEwen opposed to spending more

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Elaine and 2-year-old Olivia Sepeda share part of their breakfast with the ducks and geese at Comanche Trail Park Lake this morning. Not many area youths who are out of school for spring break took advantage of the breezy, warm weather to spend some time at the park.

PICK 3: 6,7,3

CASH 5: 6,15,19,21,26

the 2000 block of Johnson

Street. Someone reportedly

broke a side window of a

white 1993 Nissan Maxima,

BURGLARY OF A

BUILDING and two cases

of UNAUTHORIZED USE

OF A VEHICLE were

reported in the 400 block of

West Fourth Street.

Someone reportedly broke a

window of the building

causing \$350 damage and

also destroyed a drill pipe

worth \$500 and a fax

machine worth \$350. Two

automobiles, a black 2000

Lincoln LS worth \$21,500

and a silver 1997 Honda

Paseo worth \$11,500, were

reported stolen but later

THEFT was reported at

the 7-Eleven convenience

store in the 1200 block of

East 11th Place. Alcoholic

beverages worth \$55.96 was

MINOR ACCIDENT

MAJOR ACCIDENT

was reported in the 1500

VEHICLE RECOV-

ERED — On Wednesday, a

white 1999 Pontiac Firebird

was reported stolen from

the Bob Brock used car lot

in the 600 block of West

Fourth Street. The vehicle

was spotted in the Dallas

area over the weekend.

Monday, the police depart-

ment in Montgomery, Ala.,

called the Big Spring Police

Department to say that the

car was in their custody.

The Montgomery Police

also caught a suspect in the

car theft after a protracted

• SCAM ALERT — The

Big Spring Police have

issued a warning to people

in Big Spring and Howard

County about a scam

involving two white male

subjects driving a small

black sport utility vehicle.

These men have reportedly

approached local residents

and businesses telling trag-

ic stories and asking for

money to visit an injured

relative or attend a funeral.

According to the police, the

stories told by the men

have been checked and

found to be false. Anyone

approached with similar

requests for money should

contact the Big Spring

Police Department at 264-

foot chase Monday.

was reported in the 1900

block of South Nolan.

block of East FM 700.

recovered.

reported stolen.

causing \$250 damage.

Roy Wendal Parks

Roy Wendal Parks was born Feb. 26, 1920, in Big Spring. He died peacefully on March 10,

2002. Mr. Parks is survived by his loving wife of 56 y e a r s Doraine Parks

Kingsland; daughters, Laura McEwen and husband, Russ of Big Spring, Lana Parks of ·Arlington; his grandchildren, Torbin McEwen of Austin, Kisa Stevens and husband, Josh of Lamesa, Drew McEwen and wife, Melisa Ware-McEwen of Austin; and one greatgrandson, River Stevens of Lamesa. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Oberia

Parks; nephew's, Roger

White and Jim Parks; and a

niece, Shirley Mims.

Wendal was born and raised in Big Spring. He attended Texas Tech University. In February 1942 he joined the Air Force. While stationed in Boise, Idaho he met the love of his life and best friend, Doraine, they married Sept. 12, 1945. After the service they returned to Big Spring where Wendal began a successful career in the insurance business. He joined Tate, Bristow and Parks which later became Parks Agency Inc. and still continues today as the oldest agency in Big Spring. Wendal retired form the insurance business in 1983. In 1985 Wendal and Doraine moved to Kingsland where

Wendal loved his church and community. He was a long time member of First Christian Church in Big Spring where he served as an Elder, Wendal also was an active member of Kingsland Community Church in Kingsland. His community service includes past president of Big Spring Independent School District, past president of the Kiwanis Club and County Howard Tuberculosis Association.

they loved square dancing.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home in Kingsland.

Service for Mr. Parks will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, at Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Chapel in Kingsland with the Rev. Tommy Beck officiating. Graveside service

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ida Mae (Mickey) King, died Monday. Services are 1:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Marita Wade, 98, died Saturday. Graveside services are 10:30 AM Friday at Restlawn Memorial Park in El Paso.

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will follow at 4:30 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Kingsland Community Church, P.O. Box 627, Kingsland 78639 or to the

charity of your choice. "There are times when the best part of love is letting go.'

Arrangements are under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes Inc., in Kingsland. Paid obituary

Ida Mae King

Funeral service for Ida Mae (Mickey) King, 71, of Big Spring will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. King died Monday, March 11, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born Feb. 25, 1931, in Bowser. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1992 when she moved here from Abilene. She was a certified nurses

Survivors include three daughters, Candace Hatfield and Sonya Scott, both of Big Spring, and Camella Crisp of Abilene; one brother, Clarence King Comanche; one sister, Doris Parrish of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Marita Wade

Marita Wade, 98, of Big Spring died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Graveside service will be 10:30 a.m. (MDT) Friday, March 15, 2002, at Restlawn Mausoleum Chapel, El Paso with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park in El Paso.

She was born May 27, 1904, in Roscoe. She was the daughter of Amelia and McCormick Allgood and Ernest Allgood. She married Ernest Wade in 1927 in Roscoe. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1965. She lived in the Pecos-Barstow area until 1950 when she moved to El Paso. In 1991 she moved from El Paso to Big Spring. She was

a Baptist. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Franklin of Big Spring; one son, Tommy Wade of El Paso; one sister, Arlie Wright of Henrietta; two brothers, Bill Allgood and Bob Allgood, both of Barstow; 13 grandchildren; and 12 greatgrandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one son, Johnny and two grandchildren, Scott and Kim.

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

F. Preston **Adams**

Funeral service for F. Preston Adams, 74, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Adams died Monday, March 11,

2002, at a Lubbock hospital. TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

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Groups and individuals who would like to participate are encouraged to contact Simmons at 263-4607 or Todd Darden, city public works director, at 264-2500 on or Continued from Page 1 before March 27.

COUNTY

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West Texas area," he said. "Number two, and this is a reality, it bring some additional income into Howard County for the fines that are imposed. Number three, it also brings in in the neighborhood of 20 or 30 troopers from outside this general area, so it brings in a little for motels and restaurants. So it has a beneficial effect in that way. But primarily it's the truck safety factor."

Crooker said the court also approved the lease of four new radar units for the local highway patrol.

"Traditionally, we have purchased radar units for the highway patrolmen working in Howard County," he said. "These are replacement units. The units they have now, some of them are as much as 10 years old, and they're getting difficult to repair.'

Crooker said the county has not purchased new units for several years.

"We're going to rent the units this time," he said. "The rate is something like \$120 a month per unit on the three-year contract. We're doing this because they will replace them after a certain time of usage, and we don't have the worry of maintenance and upkeep.'

The units will be rented from Stalker Inc. in Plano, Crooker said.

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than \$50,000 to correct the problem, possibly opening the door to requests from other citizens in similar An unused sewer line put

in place by Big Spring developer Bobby McDonald would make up about 100 feet of the project, said Director of Public Works Todd Darden, but the savings from the existing line won't drop the project's cost below \$50,000.

In other business, the

council will: • Hear a presentation on a proposed tennis pro shop for

Comanche Trail Park. an ordinance allowing the Society for Creative Anachronism of Big Spring to hold a camping event in Comanche Trail Park near Dora Roberts Community Center March

BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

VOTE

Democratic primary, Gov. Rick Perry is running unopposed in the Republican primary. He's seeking his first full four-year term after being elevated from lieutenant governor following George W. Bush's election to the presidency.

The Democratic race for the U.S. Senate nomination, meanwhile, is so close that it's expected to take a runoff to decide among former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston, and teacher Victor Morales.

Kirk is trying to clear the initial hurdle to become the first black U.S. senator from Texas. Victor Morales is looking to become the state's first Hispanic U.S. senator. Bentsen is the nephew of former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

The Democrats hope to get the nod to try and replace retiring GOP Sen. Phil Gramm. Attorney General John Cornyn has only token opposition for the GOP nomination for U.S. Senate. Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison is Texas' other senator.

The lack of a county-wide race is cited for a low earlyvote turnout in Howard County. Only 1,095 total ballots were cast during the early period, which ended Friday. There are only three locally-contested races, none of which involve all of the county's 18, 682 registered voters.

In the race for Precinct 2 commissioner, county Republican incumbent Jerry Kilgore is facing challenger Perry W. Gamble. The winner will face Democrat Jerry Crawford in November. Republicans Roy Don Beauchamp and Walter Brumley Jr. have squared off in the Precinct 4 commissioner race; the victor will face Democratic incumbent Gary Simer in November. And for Precinct 1, Place 2, justice of the peace, David Mohn and Kathryn Wiseman are running on the Republican ballot. There is no Democrat seeking that office.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

BRIEFS

AMERICAN LEGION • Hear the final reading of POST 506, 3203 W. Hwy 80, will have a fish fry Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3

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TEXAS LOTTERY

THE BIG SPRING ART Association will have a miniature auction at their next regular meeting on March 19.

The auction will be held at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library in the basement. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call Bonita Lyght at 267-9773.

HOWARD COUNTY **HUMANE SOCIETY** is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of \$9, which includes shots and vaccinations. These dogs are neutered. The normal fee is \$18. This special will run through Easter, March 31. For information, contact the humane society at 267-7832.

MARKETS

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Ridge says nation alert at 'significant' level

Domestic security chief Tom Ridge said Tuesday the nation is at a "significant" level of danger — the third step in a five-stage system of terror alerts that replaces the vague warnings issued for the last six months.

The color-coded system comes partly as a response to public complaints that four broad terror alerts issued by the government since the September terror attacks raised alarm without providing useful guidance. The new system will provide guidance to citizens, the private sector and public agencies on how to

The lowest-status warning is green, followed by blue, yellow, orange and red as

"I think you'll see us maintaining at the national level, at the 'significant' level — the yellow level for the foreseeable future," Ridge said on CBS' "The Early Show." At the same time, some areas could be at a higher stage of alert.

Each color will mean that conditions for that level warning, including credibility of the sources and specificity of the warning, have been met, officials familiar with the plan said. Federal, state and local officials will have authority to issue alerts. In the highest alert situations, the government will try to inform law enforcers first, the public immediately afterward.

Each alert type will be

on how government agencies, private companies and the public should respond. For example, if a federal monument appeared threatened, authorities would reinforce security at the site. If a state monument were threatened, the state government would consult federal recommendations on how to react.

The public would in some instances be given guidance as well. An example would be to urge fans to arrive at a sports event early if security had been heightened.

The alert system will be in force immediately for federal agencies, and Ridge is urging state and local governments to adopt it, too. It will be subject to a 45-day comment period, after the perceived dangers inten- accompanied by guidelines which it probably will be

Ridge said Monday the multistage alert system will provide "a common vocabulary" of danger to help communities respond to threats.

Ridge, speaking to the National League of Cities, sought to bring local officials on board with the proposal, designed to provide more specific guidance when the government determines there is a new threat of terrorism.

"I think this model has built-in flexibility that states were looking forward to," said George Vinson, the special adviser on state terrorism to California Gov. Gray Davis. California was one of a handful of states that contributed to Ridge's effort to assemble a new

Lawyer for alleged victims of pedophile priest says church has agreed to settle

BOSTON (AP) - The rape charges against him Archdiocese of Boston has reached a financial settlement with dozens of people who claimed they were sexually molested by nowdefrocked priest John J. Geoghan, according to the plaintiffs' lawyer.

"We've resolved all issues," attorney Mitchell Garabedian said Tuesday morning.

Garabedian, who represents 70 alleged victims and 16 family members of alleged victims, would not say how much the settlement totaled, but it has been reported to be between \$15 million and \$30 million. Garabedian said the details of the settlement would be to announced later in the day. The two sides wrapped

up 11 months of negotiations late Monday night after an intense five-hour session involving Garabedian, mediator Paul Finn and Wilson Rogers Jr., the attorney for the archdiocese and Cardinal Bernard Garabedian said.

Geoghan was accused by 130 people of molesting them during his decades as a priest. He is serving a 9to 10-year prison sentence for groping a 10-year-old boy and faces another criminal trial. Two child

were dropped last week after a judge ruled the statute of limitations had expired.

The lead attorney for the archdiocese and a spokeswoman for the archdiocese did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

Garabedian said he was expecting the final document Tuesday morning All 86 clients have agreed to the settlement, he said.

"I'm feeling like some weight has come off my shoulders," said Ralph DelVecchio, 45, accused Geoghan of molested him when he was 10. "This has been a long, drawn-out thing for everybody, (including) my family. Whatever amount they settled, I'm kind of relieved it's finally over.'

The archdiocese months ago agreed not to require the 86 plaintiffs to sign confidentiality agreements, Garabedian said. In recent negotiations, the church also agreed to drop a request that Garabedian not handle any future abuse cases against the archdiocese.

Under the settlement, each plaintiff would get an average of \$232,000 to \$348,000, with an arbitrator deciding the amount in each case.

O'Neill expected to shift federal retirement funds, buying time prior to key showdown over debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) -Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill is expected to buy time in a looming political dispute over the federal debt ceiling by maneuvering some funds the government for federal retirees, congressional officials say.

The move is legal and was used by Robert Rubin, Clinton's Treasury secretary, to avoid an unprecedented federal default during a 1995 budget fight with Congress. Even so, there could be a political price with many lawmakers focused on Enron Corp. and the demise of its employees' retirement funds.

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asked Congress to boost the current \$5.95 trillion debt limit by \$750 billion by late March or risk a default. But with Democrats and many Republican conservatives opposed, GOP leaders don't have the votes yet to push the measure through the

Delaying the debt limit vote could give Republican leaders time to win votes for it by attaching it to popular legislation paying for the in Afghanistan. Congress is not expected to

Senate Majority Leader O'Neill have repeatedly bill passed unattached to takes to avoid a default ments.

least April or May.

other legislation.

Many Republicans criticized Rubin when he shifted the retirement funds during a budget showdown with the GOP Congress nearly seven years ago. Democrats then defended the moves as necessary to avoid a default.

Treasury spokeswoman Michele Davis would not provide specifics when asked about plans to manage the government's borrowing needs. The plans were described on Monday by several congressional be ready to pass the bill sources who spoke on condifinancing the war until at tion of anonymity.

"We are working with Congress to pass an Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has increase in the debt ceiling President Bush and said he wants the debt limit and we will do whatever it

should we not get" a higher borrowing limit from Congress, Davis said.

If Congress fails to raise the debt ceiling, O'Neill can legally shift money in retirement funds the Treasury Department invests for federal retirees into non-interest bearing accounts.

By shifting that money, it is no longer considered to count against the federal borrowing limit. That frees up room for Treasury to borrow more money to keep the government running and paying its bills.

Eventually, the money along with all lost interest would be put back into interest-bearing

Anti-smoking groups want movie ratings to factor in tobacco

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Citing a new study that examines the ties between Hollywood and cigarette makers, health advocates are calling for the film industry to incorporate tobac-

The study, published Tuesday in the health journal Tobacco Control, said cigarette companies aggressively pursued product placement in films in the 1980s and "undertook an extensive campaign to hook Hollywood on tobacco by providing free cigarettes to

"What it confirms is what we have suspected for quite some time that when stars light up in films ... that can have a powerful influence on people." co-author Curtis said study Mekemson, a health and environmental consultant who specializes in tobacco content in movies.

The study reviewed more than 1,500 previously secret, internal tobacco industry documents made public through the 1998 tobacco settlement.

Under the agreement, the four co as a factor in determining movie largest manufacturers. — Philip ratings. Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson and Lorillard — pledged to make payments for 25 years to reimburse public costs of treating sick smokers.

Before that, under public and government pressure, the film industry adopted a voluntary ban on direct tobacco placement payments in 1989.

Still, tobacco use was featured in nearly 85 percent of the top 25 highestgrossing movies released each year from 1988 through 1997, according to a study released in 2001 by Dartmouth Medical School.

The current film ratings system is administered by the Motion Picture

Association of America. The system is designed to offer warning for parents about the content of films, according to the MPAA's Web site. A Los Angeles-based ratings board takes into account theme, violence, nudity, language, sensuality, drug abuse and other elements when assigning a rating, the Web site states.

"We need to institutionalize change, and the best way to do that is through the ratings system," said Kori Titus, a spokeswoman for the Sacramento-area chapter of the American Lung Association.

The two-year study largely was paid for with a grant to the American Lung Association from the California Department of Health Services. Mekemson co-wrote the study with University of California, San Francisco, professor Stanton Glantz.

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Andrea Yates case

Closing arguments begin

three weeks of testimony from police, medical experts and family members, attorneys were set to make their final arguments on whether a Houston woman was in November were a retroinsane when she drowned spective look on her her five children in the family's bathtub in June.

Jurors in Andrea Yates' capital murder trial could get the case by midday

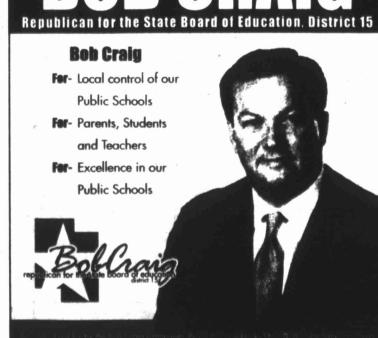
Before the defense rested, the jury saw a taped interview in which Yates told a psychiatrist that drowning her children "was a bad choice" and didn't make sense five months later.

HOUSTON (AP) — After Yates told Dr. Park Dietz, a forensic psychiatrist hired by the state to evaluate her.

> Dr. Lucy Puryear, called as a rebuttal witness, testified that Yates' comments actions, which she did not know were wrong until after she called police to her home June 20.

> Yates, 37, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, faces life in prison or the death penalty if convicted in the drownings of 7year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. Charges later could be filed in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

"I shouldn't have done it." **Bob Craig**



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OUR VIEWS

Take time to cast your ballot today

oday is Election Day across our great state and if you haven't already cast your vote, we encourage you to do so. Polls will be open until 7 p.m. throughout Howard County. That's plenty of time to work in a trip to your neighborhood ballot box and make your voice heard.

For folks residing in commissioner Precincts 2 and 4, and peace justice Precinct 1, there are locally-contested races on the Republican ballot. For everyone else, there are still a number of key races that warrant our attention.

For starters, there is the four-way race for governor on the Democratic ballot. Politics aside, the race is historically significant because it will probably produce the first Hispanic major-party nominee for governor — either Dan Morales or Tony Sanchez. Bill Lyon and John Worldpeace are the other two candidates.

Another possible "first" could come conothe Democratic ticket for U.S. senator. The candidates are Ed Cunningham, Ken Bentsen, Victor Morales, Ron Kirk and Gene Kelly. If elected today and in the general election in November, Kirk would be the state's first black U.S. senator. Likewise, Victor Morales, if elected, would become Texas' first Hispanic U.S. senator.

On the Republican ticket for U.S. senator are Douglas G. Deffenbaugh, Dudley F. Mooney, John Cornyn, Bruce Rusty Lang and Lawrence Cranberg.

The early vote turnout has not been encouraging. Only a small percentage of the county's 18,000-plus registered voters cast a ballot. We hope that if you have not voted, you will take the time to do so.

Please, go vote!

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR: I do not take our Big Spring Herald for granted. Reading the *Herald* is a vital part of my activities Three things which are linked together in my mind are the subjects of this let-

ter. The Feb. 28 Mini Page was titled "Learning to settle differences-kids as peacemakers." Presented were ideas for resolving conflict that were dynamic and certainly applicable to adult behavior. Furthermore, conflicts between nations could be resolved using such practical ways.

The second thought I would like to express is that I agree with columnist Charlie Reese on the subject of the futility of war. My father was a World War I veteran. I have personally lived through five major wars in which the United States was involved. We are now hoping to see an end to the current conflict in Afghanistan and its ram-

ifications. As a young person I was involved in hatred toward the Japanese, Germans and Italians. Maturity has taught me that today's enemies may become tomorrow's friends. Conversely, today's friends may become tomorrow's enemies. Jesus and other spiritual leaders have taught that we are to love our enemies and pray for them. That's a tall order and a worthy goal.

I also want to thank the Herald for allowing our Big Spring ministers and churches space in the Friday newspaper to share ideas. Specifically, an article by Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church, which appeared in the March 8 edition. I takes courage and honesty to come forward with a presentation making us take an honest look at our traditional views of God.

From one of my beloved denominations I learned to run religious thinking through four gates — scripture, reason, experience and tradition. Traditionally, the forward thrust of true Christianity has been led by men and women more dedicated to being honest to God than being accepted by the religious establishment.

Since Christianity's founder walked the earth teaching, healing and loving, the concept of who God is has had to expand. I thank Jesus for sharing the Loving Father concept which certainly has replaced the violent, punitive, tyrant concept of God for me.

It was good of Dr. Watson to offer dialogue about the ideas he presented and other issues of interest. I, for one, plan to take him up on his offer.

> NANCY PATRICK **BIG SPRING**

President Bush moves left for votes

President Bush, as a free-trader, defend his decision to impose tariffs on steel imports, an act of protectionism

that President Clinton, a Democrat, managed to resist for eight years? And how does he rationalize his open encouragement of a

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pro-choice candidate for governor in the California Republican primary while he continues to nominate pro-life judges for the federal courts?

The answer is that Bush rarely does anything without calibrating the political consequences for his reelection in 2004. You would think with poll ratings hovering in the mid-70s that Bush wouldn't be so worried about his political standing. But he is haunted by his father's loss after one term, and he doesn't want to join him as a leader who lost the confidence of the nation.

Bush's steel decision should secure West Virginia, a blue-collar state that traditionally voted Democratic until it defected to Bush in 2000, arguably winning the elect; on for him. Another inducial stronghold Bush would like in his electoral column is Pennsylvania, where preserving America's steel industry is an article of faith, and Republicans and Democrats alike cheered Bush's decision. But even Bush supporters are hardpressed to describe Bush's turnabout on tariffs as anything other than political exploitation.

The Wall Street Journal stated it as fact: "President Bush, putting domestic political concerns ahead of free-trade economics, extended life support for the beleaguered U.S. steel industry for a few more

Bush says he is upholding free-trade principles and providing only temporary assistance until the steel industry, beset by cheap foreign imports and overwhelmed by health and pension obligations, can regain competitive stand-

California's Republican

Party also needed rehabilitation. The GOP hasn't been able to muster a majority in the state for a president, senator or governor since 1994. If the party could come up with a candidate more suited to the state's progressive profile, the most vote-rich state in the union might be more amenable to a Bush candidacy in 2004, or so the theory went. But having Bush promote

the candidacy of former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan for governor looked like political opportunism. Riordan actually gave money to Bill Clinton and to San Francisco Mayor Willy Brown, which disqualifies him in the eyes of most conservatives. He was trounced in last week's GOP primary by financier Bill Simon Jr., a political novice who passes all the right-wing litmus tests. Moderates cheered Bush's

willingness to back Riordan, but there were too few of them to make a difference. The ill-fated endorsement doesn't signal a move to the center on Bush's part, while Simon's win reinforces what conservative Republicans care about.

Bush doesn't want to go into 2004 having to write off California, the biggest electoral prize in the country. His support of Riordan said that any Republican is better than no Republican. The problem for Bush is that the right wing is not as pragmatic as he'd like. They'd rather stick to their principles than adopt his definition of how to achieve what they want.

Most analysts predict Simon will be defeated in November by Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, perhaps the least colorful and most canny politician in the country.

His \$10-million ad campaign targeting Riordan as wishy-washy on abortion rights cost Riordan suburban soccer moms and reminded social conservatives he wasn't one of them, either.

The White House promises to put its full resources behind Simon. If he falls short at the ballot box, moderates will say, "I told you so." But Bush will have learned a different lesson, that it's often easier to achieve conservative principles through court appointments than elec-

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Where media is concerned, trivia reigns

So we finally

killed some of the

infidel Americans

on the battlefield...

So is this when they

give up, oh wise one?

Huh? Now? Please?

ot long ago, the TV folks interrupted their coverage of the war to make a big to-do over the possibility that David Letterman might switch to the ABC net-

work, and ABC might drop the latenight news show "Nightline," hosted by Ted Koppel



besides Letterman and Koppel? Our war on

terrorism seems to be losing its ability to captivate the TV talkers, so they have resumed their fascination with trivia, such as the "Killer Mom" trial in Texas and the "Killer Dogs" trial in California, not to mention Academy Awards, escapades of entertainers, drunken sports figures, the homosexual adoption argument and 40-year-

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old pet turtles. Gosh, I hate to sound like an old fogy, but changes in television lineups are not that important. For that matter, neither is television. Neither are murder trials. People are always committing bizarre crimes.

In the meantime, the American people — 98 percent of whom claim they depend on television for their news — are growing necessarily more and more ignorant of a world that is getting to be more and more dangerous and uncertain. One of the cable talk shows went to its "correspondent on the ground" in Afghanistan, and all he did was read a news story by Reuters. Often, the correspondents simply repeat what the Pentagon folks said at the morning briefing, and in one case, they showed video that had been shown in Washington. You don't need to send people 10,000 miles to do that. Meanwhile, what do we

really know about what's going on in Afghanistan? Nothing, except for the Pentagon briefings. One of Fox News' military experts the other night said Apache helicopters had been used to transport a few troops. I'd like to see that. The last and only time I rode in an Apache, it was two-seater attack helicopter. Maybe they tied the passengers to the Hellfire missiles.

Being from the Vietnam War era, I have to marvel at the television people acting like cheerleaders and repeating verbatim the words of the Pentagon. I

don't recall any television reporters who yakked on and on about how dangerous the jungle was and how fierce the Viet Cong were and what a terrible job "our guys" had to do. God knows, better this cheerleading than the critical carping and often dishonest reporting that was done in Vietnam, but hasn't anybody these days ever heard of or read Ernie Pyle, the great World War-II correspondent? In the meantime, of

course, Europe, South America and the rest of Asia don't seem to exist. Except for the bloodshed in Palestine and the daily ration of Let's-Go-to-War-With-Iraq propaganda, the rest of the Middle East doesn't seem to exist.

The fact is that since corporate bean counters have bought up the newspapers, television networks and cable companies, they've cut back on news. There are practically no foreign correspondents permanently stationed overseas anymore, and trust me, if you fly in for a few days and then fly out, you won't learn any more than an ordinary tourist.

I wish the government would get off Microsoft's back and bust up the shared monopolies that

have put so much of America's communications into a very few corporate hands. Whether one uses this or that Internet browser doesn't matter, but if the whole country is getting the same corporate, politically correct message from all the nev 3 outlets, then we're in trouble as a free society.

We shouldn't allow any corporation to own more than three or four newspapers, and then we should bar it from owning television, radio and cable. We shouldn't allow any corporation to own more than one network, and then we should bar it from owning cable channels and production companies and magazines and book publishers.

One day, historians will look back and see the death of the independent, locally owned newspapers and television stations, the death of independent book publishers and even independent bookstores as the beginning of the end of a free society. Pretty soon, everything we read or hear or see will be controlled by a group of men who can have dinner at a small table.

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IN BRIEF

Bulldog golfers sixth at Merkel Invitational

Coahoma's Bulldogs combined for a 341 total Monday to finish sixth in a field of 11 teams entered the Merkel Invitational Tournament.

Merkel's host Badgers took the team title, posting a 299 total on their home Merkel Country Club course, finishing 10 strokes ahead of the runners-up, Abilene High's junior varsity.

Stephen Binion led the way for the Bulldogs with a round of 80, while Travis Hipp finished with an 82 and Chase Ward posted an 85.

Cory Hill added a 94 to the team total, while Kelby Kemper posted a 103. Rickey Richters, playing for medalist honors only, finished at 101.

Sporting clay tourney scheduled for MDA

The third annual "Break Clay for MDA" sporting clay tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 22-23, March Windwalker Farms in Stanton.

The deadline for entries is Saturday. For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Midland by calling 570-4970.

Little League umpires needed

Umpires are needed to call Little League baseball games in the Big Spring area this season.

Anyone interested in umpiring is asked to contact David Roman at 263-1631, or at home, 263-4688, after 6 p.m.

Cowboys meet with free agent Glover

IRVING (AP) — Free agent La'Roi Glover has met with the Dallas Cowboys, who are looking for a boost at defensive tackle.

But team officials say signing the 6-2, 285pound Glover won't be easy since passing-rushing tackles are hard to come by.

Glover, formerly with the New Orleans Saints, was positive after a tour of the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters and a multiple-hour meeting

with owner Jerry Jones. "I'm looking for a place that's going to be the best fit for me," Glover said. "To me, winning is the highest priority. And to win, you've got to have

Glover, who turns 28 in July, earlier visited Cleveland and Arizona.

good chemistry.'

Glover totaled 25 sacks in the past two seasons, including 17 in 2000, one of the highest single-season sack totals by a defensive tackle in league history.

ON THE AIR

Television **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

6 p.m. - NCAA Tournament play-in game, Alcorn State vs. Siena, ESPN.

8 p.m. — NIT, Princeton at Louisville, ESPN. 10 p.m. — NIT, Arizona State at UNLV, ESPN2.

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Toronto Raptors at New Jersey Nets, TBS.

HOCKEY

6:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at Toronto Maple Leafs, ESPN2.

TENNIS

Midnight — Masters Series, Pacific Life Open. early round coverage (delayed tape), ESPN2.

Lady Steers thinclads win title at Canyon Reef Relays

HERALD Staff Report

SNYDER — Field events strength and solid relays finishes provided just enough points for Big Spring's Lady Steers to claim the team championship at the Canyon Reef Relays on Saturday.

Big Spring finished the meet with 128 points, giving the Lady Steers a five-point margin over Levelland's Lady Loboes. Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogs were a distant third with 53 points, while Canyon was fourth with 42.

The Lady Steers got off to a good

events and taking second place in the other two.

Cierra Butler provided a win in the discus, Ka'Rissa Magers won the triple jump, Brittany Rainey finish first in the high jumps and Cycelye Tuitt claimed a win in the long jump.

Tuitt added sixth place in the high jump behind Rainey, while Amisha Vanderbilt added fifth-place points in the discus and Rachelle Guinn was third in the triple jump behind Magers.

Krystal Deleon finished second, third and fourth, respectively and Chelsea Churchwell rounded out Big Spring's strong field events showing with a second-place finish in the pole vault.

The Lady Steers' only points in individual running events came from Sara Acevedo, who posted a time of 63:5 seconds in the 400 meters; and Tuitt's fourth-place finish in the 200 meters.

Magers, Guinn, Tuitt and Airianne Brown provided Big In the shot put, Lady Steers Spring's only other first-place finish

start by winning four of the six field Ashley Smith, Vanderbilt and when they combined for a time of 1:46.8 in the 800-meter relay.

Tuitt, Brown, Tosha Banks and Magers combined to finish second in the 400-meter relay, crossing the finish line with a 51.1-second clock-

The Lady Steers' 1,600-meter relay entry consisting of April Salazar, Guinn, Acevedo and Brown finished fourth with a time of 4:18.0.

The Lady Steers now take a weekend off for spring break before returning to action March 22-23 at Abilene Christian University's All-

Duke the final No. 1 a fourth straight year

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke moved back into the No. 1 spot in the AP college basketball poll Monday, a record fourth straight year the Blue Devils were on top of the final rankings of the season.

Duke (29-3), which won Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Sunday with a 91-61 victory over North Carolina State, had been tied with UCLA for the most consecutive years as the final No. 1. The Bruins' run was 1971-73.

This is the sixth final No. 1 ranking for Duke, leaving it one behind UCLA and Kentucky for the most ever.

The No. 1 ranking is Duke's 14th in 18 polls this season and the Blue Devils were a unanimous choice for nine of those weeks, never dropping below third.

The Blue Devils received 58 first-place votes and 1.759 dpoints carono the national hmedia panelito easily outdistance runner-up Kansas (29-3), which had been No. 1 the last three weeks.

The Jayhawks were No. 1 on 10 ballots and had 1,667 points, 37 more than Oklahoma (27-4), which knocked them from the No. 1 spot by beating them 64-55 in the Big 12 championship game on Sunday.

The Sooners, who didn't receive a No. 1 seed for the NCAA tournament, received two first-place votes in moving up one spot to their highest ranking of the season.

Maryland, which received the only other first-place vote, dropped two places to fourth after losing to North Carolina State in the ACC semifinals.

Cincinnati, the only team to reach 30 wins this season and, like Maryland, a firsttime No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament, remained fifth in the poll.

Arizona, Gonzaga, Alabama, Pittsburgh and Connecticut rounded out the Top Ten.

Oregon was 11th, followed by Marquette, Illinois, Ohio Kentucky and Oklahoma State.

The last five ranked teams were Miami, Georgia, Stanford, Xavier Hawaii.

Mississippi State (26-7), which beat Alabama in the Southeastern Conference championship game, and Hawaii (27-5), which beat Tulsa for the Western Athletic Conference title, were the only newcomers in the final poll, replacing Indiana and California.

Mississippi State was ranked earlier in the season for one week at No. 22, but fell out in the next voting after losing road games to Arkansas and Mississippi.

Hawaii, which is in the rankings for the first time since a three-week stint in the 1997-98 season, has won 12 of its last 14 games.

Indiana (20-11) dropped out from 23rd after losing to Iowa in the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament, while California (22-8) fell from 25th after losing to Arizona in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 tournament.

Duke and Kansas were the only No. 1 teams in a season in which 46 teams made the Top 25.

Eight teams were ranked in every poll — Duke, Maryland, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Florida, Stanford and Oklahoma State — with Duke, Maryland and Kansas the only ones in the Top Ten the whole season.

Seven schools — UCLA, Missouri, Iowa, Saint Joseph's, Virginia, Boston College and Syracuse were ranked in the Top Ten at some point this season but weren't in the final poll.

In addition to Hawaii, which came in for the final poll, North Carolina and North Carolina State were the only other one-week wonders, falling out of the Top 25 the week after they entered.

Four conferences each had six teams ranked at some point during the season — ACC, Pac-10, Big 12 and Big East — while the Big 10 and SEC each had

team went all season at No. The Huskies started the Arizona State in the finals State, Florida, Kentucky, 1 and the second time for season by winning the of the Pac-10 tournament. Mississippi State, Southern the Huskies (33-0). They A night of technical fouls gets three NBA coaches tossed

HERALD photo/Bruce Schoole

ing Tennessee on Jan. 5.

Tennessee had received a

handful of first-place votes

Oklahoma, fourth last

week, jumped past Duke

into the No. 2 spot, its high-

est ranking ever. The

Sooners (27-3) are the No. 1

seed in the West Regional

after winning the Big 12 reg-

ular-season and conference

tournament championships.

They had 1,031 points in the

Duke held at No. 3 with

1,020 points, Vanderbilt

moved up one spot to fourth

and Stanford fell from sec-

ond to fifth after losing to

before then.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flip Saunders, Jerry Sloan and Nate McMillan all had short nights. At least they didn't have to stick around

4-4A opener for both teams.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

From the preseason WNIT

to the eve of the NCAA tour-

nament, it was Connecticut

The unbeaten Huskies

completed a season-long run

at No. 1 in the AP women's

basketball poll Monday, the

third straight year they

Only Texas has had a

longer run of consecutive

No. 1 finishes in the poll,

which started in the 1976-77

season. The Longhorns

topped the final poll four

straight years, from 1984

It was the sixth time a

have finished on top.

all the way.

through 1987.

to see their teams lose. All three were ejected with two technical fouls Monday night. Saunders was tossed in Minnesota's 108-99 home loss to the Los Angeles Clippers. Sloan left early when Utah lost 79-78 at Memphis. McMillan was expelled in Seattle's 119-108 defeat at Dallas.

Saunders was thrown out in the third period after receiving back-to-back technical fouls from referee Jack Nies, but that didn't do much to motivate his team.

"He's definitely got a quick trigger," Saunders said of Nies.

Sloan had nothing to say after he was ejected. Utah's Andrei Kirilenko collided with Tony Massenburg midway through the second points as the Clippers crept period and went down hard. No foul was called, and Sloan drew two technicals less than a minute later.

Big Spring pitcher Eric Chavez follows through on a pitch in a relief appearance during

the Steers' home opener against Monahans last week. The Steers were scheduled to

return to Steer Park today, playing host to Lubbock Estacado's Matadors in the District

UConn completes season-long

stay on top of AP women's poll

their second national cham-

"I think it's a consistency

proud

Connecticut coach Geno

Auriemma said. "I think

people around the country

are starting to notice, if

"It's not easy to get to that

point and stay there, year

after year. It makes me feel

pretty good about what

Connecticut, the No. 1

seed in the NCAA Midwest

Regional, received all 44

first-place votes from a

national media panel and

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first did it in 1999-2000, a WNIT and have been a

season they capped with unanimous No. 1 since beat-

of."

McMillan was feeling victimized, getting his second tech with 42 seconds left.

"We haven't had a fair game since I've been around," said McMillan. "We're not getting a fair game and we don't stand to survive. When I tried to get ejected, I didn't. Then when Gary Payton got held for the fourth or fifth time, I had to say something and that's when it happened."

Elsewhere, Sacramento 107, Chicago 103; Boston 104, Washington 99; San Antonio 93, Denver 78; and Atlanta 121, Golden State 96.

Clippers 108.

Timberwolves 99 Darius Miles had three soaring dunks among his 20

within 1 1/2 games of Utah for the final Western Conference playoff berth.

Sean Rooks had 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter as the Clippers won their third straight on the road and their sixth in seven games.

"We have a young team, and every night I think we learn something new," said guard Jeff McInnis, who had 17 points and 14 assists. Kevin Garnett, coming off

a four-point performance in Phoenix, scored 26 points for Minnesota, whose reserves was outscored 54-15. Joe Smith added 25 for the Timberwolves.

Grizzlies 79, Jazz 78

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 20 points, including a dunk for the last field goal of the game with 1:06 to play.

Gasol added a free throw with 30.1 seconds left to make the score 79-77. Utah's Jarron Collins hit one free throw for the final margin.

Mavericks 119, SuperSonics 108

The Mavericks scored a season-best 71 points in the first half, then Seattle got back into the game, going from 18 down to within five.

Dallas has the most victories in the NBA, but will play 12 of its last 19 on the road after winning eight of its last 10, nine of those games at home. Steve Nash had 23 points

and nine assists, and Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Mavericks. Seattle's Desmond Mason tied his career high with 25 points.

Kings 107.

Peja Stojakovic scored 29

points, including a pair of free throws to seal the game. Chris Webber finished with 26 points and 11 rebounds, and Vlade Divac added 14 points and 14 rebounds. It was the third straight victory Sacramento, which has the NBA's best record, and its sixth in a row over the Bulls.

Chicago lost despite a gutty effort from Jalen Rose, who had 35 points and a season-high 13 assists.

Spurs 93, Nuggets 78

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 13:

Delve into your creativity to find answers. You might not be sure of yourself in different situations. Make decisions that ultimately suit you. Your birthday occurs on a New Moon. announcing new beginnings in whatever realm you choose. Pressure at work increases. Often, you could find yourself in the midst of a power play. Choose new directions. You will often have a problem deciding how much to give and establishing boundaries. If you are single, romance could serve as a muse this year. This person could be a forever candidate. Your creativity soars. If you are attached, develop more empathy for your partner or a loved one. Closeness develops to a new level. PISCES sees eye to eye with you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Slow down when dealing with someone. Pressure builds around communication. You might feel as if another pushes way too hard. A new beginning becomes more than a possibility in the next few weeks. It could be personal, rather than something that involves others. Tonight: Take a break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Meetings prove to be significant and important right now. You might gain a totally different perspective of someone. You have a hard time convincing an important associate of the wisdom of your ways. However, others will back you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** You're in the limelight, whether you like it or not. A partner or friend could simply be having a bad-hair day, as he or she expresses his or her cantankerousness. Stay in charge of your work Don't let go of control before you need to. Remain empowered. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Listen to feedback surrounding an idea. Some of your cohorts could think you've gone way off the deep end. In truth, you're able to absorb a more avant-garde approach than many. Make a resolution about seeking out facts and figures on your own. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Let others lead, even if you have strong feelings. A child could become unusually rebellious. You want to make it clear who is doing what to whom. Your best bet is to kick back and let what needs to happen, happen. One-on-one relating

brings positive results.

Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Another pushes you hard and for a long time. Pressure builds within your immediate circle or in your personal life. You might have to let another know that you have had enough. Sound the alert system if necessary. A relationship will heat up if given the chance. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Recommit to getting the job done, rather than getting intertwined in a conversation where a misunderstanding or power play seems inevitable. An offer comes your way that could be unusually exciting. Think in terms of gains. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov 21) **** Think about your expectations carefully Another has an unusual way of expressing his or her caring. Be careful as far as expectations; you could go down the wrong path. Don't think that money or a gift could make a big difference. Tonight: Let another lure you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** You could definitely be out of sorts and causing yourself a major problem. Carefully listen to someone who might be trying to clear the airwaves, despite your interference! Lighten up and be more easygoing with others, especially those close to your heart. Tonight: Put up your

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Review a situation carefully. You might be making more of a problem than need be. How you see someone could change substantially as a result of an important discussion. You see a personal matter far differently. Tonight: Talk and share.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Take your time making a choice. A loved one indulges you in an unprecedented way. You could change your mind about what you want and where you are heading. New beginnings surround your finances. Think in terms of gains. Tonight: Treat someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Another might pressure you inordinately. In the long run, you make decisions for yourself. You don't need to announce your plans; rather, make a resolution to yourself to change direction. New beginnings mark your life. Tonight: Keep smiling.

BORN TODAY Baseball player Will Clark (1964), actress Dana Delany (1956), singer Neil Sedaka

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Insecure behavior may lead to problems in marriage

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Dear Ann Landers: My husband owns business W i t h "Martin." Last w e e k Martin's wife,

"Nancy, called to say she is certain the company's

19-year-old * secretary is trying to seduce her husband. This secretary has been working for the men for six months. I have not met her, but Nancy says the girl dresses like a tramp and behaves in a flirty manner.

Neither my husband nor Martin has any intention of firing this girl simply because Nancy doesn't like her. Nancy believes she can get the secretary to quit by being rude to her on the phone. She also shows up unexpectedly at the office "just in case" something is going on. She belittles the secretary to her face and constantly reminds her that she is the owner's wife. Nancy wants to enlist my help in this harassment. She warned me that if the

she will surely go after my

I feel uncomfortable behaving this way, and I don't know if it would be effective in any case. If the secretary is in fact trying to seduce Martin, it seems to me that Nancy's behavior will only make her more determined to "save" him from his nasty wife. Should I go along with Nancy's plan? The situation is getting out of control, and I'm not sure what to do. — The Partner's Wife in Florida

Dear Wife: Do NOT go along with Nancy's plan. If her husband is planning to have an affair with the secretary, Nancy's harassment will turn the girl into a figure of sympathy who needs her boss' support.

Unless you have reason to believe this girl is behaving in a destructive manner, please allow your husband to decide who works for him. Nancy is making a fool of herself, and if she isn't careful, she will have a whole new set of problems.

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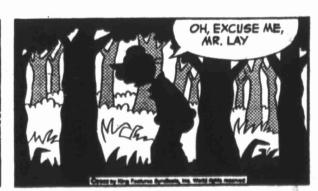


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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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Today is Tuesday, March 12, the 71st day of 2002. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1933, President Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis. On this date:

In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York

In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America. In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen

In 1930, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt. In 1938, the "Anschluss"

took place as German troops entered Austria. In 1939, Pope Pius XII was formally crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece Turkey and resist Communism.

In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

married Linda Eastman in Actor Titus Welliver is 41. London. In 1999, Hungary, Poland

and the Czech Republic joined NATO. Ten years ago: The U.N.

Security Council stood firm in its demand that Iraq comply totally with Gulf War cease-fire resolutions, rebuffing an appeal for leniency from Saddam Hussein's special envoy, deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Wally Schirra is 79. Playwright Edward Albee is 74. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 70. Broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 66. Singer Al Jarreau is 62. Actresssinger Liza Minnelli is 56. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 54. Rock singermusician Bill Payne (Little Feat) is 53. Actor Jon Provost ("Lassie") is 52. Author Carl Hiaasen is 49. Actor Jerry Levine is 45. Rock musician Steve Harris (Iron Maiden) is 45. Singer Marlon Jackson (The Jackson Five) is 45. Actor In 1969, Paul McCartney Courtney B. Vance is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

Newsday Crossword

COMPLETE COLLECTIONS by Bob Frank

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