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## Testing, aging facilities on list for BSISD in 2007

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

A new session of the state legislature and old school buildings will likely be the hot topics of discussion for Big Spring public school officials in 2007. As school officials look forward to the next 12 months, changes to the way students are tested in Texas and what to do



Downes

about aging facilities top the list of issues. A push is on among state legislators to replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test with "end of course" exams, an effort that received at least partial

support in local circles. "I support the creation of an end of course test ... but I'm going to hold off on complete support until I see the final legislation," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said. Downes voiced two concerns about end of course tests: That they not be the sole determining factor whether the students

passes a course; and that the administration of those test mesh with federal education requirements. "In principle, end of course tests make much more sense," he said, "because they are based on information students learned that school year." How student performance is graded is important to school officials, but just as important

is how to house those students. An increasing elementary population, coupled with aging facilities, will be a major topic of concern during 2007, Downes said. Dr. Paul Trautmann, a facilities consultant with the Texas Association of School Boards, recently completed a study

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## SAYING A FINAL GOODBYE



Betty Ford views the casket of her late husband, former President Gerald Ford, in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

## Bush, other dignitaries to pay their final respects to Gerald Ford

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerald R. Ford leaves his beloved U.S. Capitol for the last time today as the period set aside for ordinary Americans to say goodbye gives way to an elaborate invitation-only funeral at the awe-inspiring Washington National Cathedral. As the first order of business today, Ford's remains were being removed from the Rotunda to lie in repose briefly outside the Senate before leaving the Capitol where Ford served as a congressman for 25 years.

As vice president, Ford also had the constitutional title of president of the Senate. A bell at the Washington National Cathedral was to toll 38 times for the 38th president as the cortege moved through Washington streets for the funeral service at the stone church that stretches nearly the length of two football fields. The much-visited Washington religious landmark has soaring towers, 215 stained glass windows and a great organ with 10,650

pipes. Funeral services were held in the cathedral for former presidents Eisenhower in 1969 and Reagan in 2004, and ex-President Wilson is buried there. At the service, Ford was to receive tributes from President Bush, who designated Tuesday as a national day of mourning, along with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the first President Bush and NBC newsman Tom Brokaw.

## Democrats to inherit war agenda

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Now the majority party, Democrats will inherit an agenda dominated by the war in Iraq when the new Congress convenes Thursday, increasing their exposure to what has mostly been a politically damaging issue for Republicans. In the weeks ahead, the new Democratic Congress will be confronted with President Bush's new plan for Iraq and a White House request that lawmakers authorize an estimated additional \$100 billion to pay for the war. Democrats also may be asked to support a plan lifting restrictions on reserve deployments to ease the strain on active-duty troops.

While Democrats may try to deflect as much attention as they can toward Bush — citing the president's ownership of the war and congressional limitations on foreign policy — they no doubt will find themselves playing a starring role in a debate that cost Republicans votes in the midterm elections last fall. "They'll have to show they can govern and govern in a way that will help the executive branch resolve this," said James Thurber, director of

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—Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo.



American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. But resolving Iraq won't be easy, and Democrats run the risk of going too far in criticizing the president. Recent polls show Americans remain frustrated with Bush's handling of the war, but don't think Democrats have offered much of an alternative. "They will be in the majority, and they will be blamed if they try to block the president from

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## Chamber banquet tickets go on sale today

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Lights! Camera! Big Spring! Action! With such a catchy theme backing them up, officials with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are say preparations for the organization's annual banquet are moving

along smoothly, with tickets to go on sale today. Debbye ValVerde, executive director for the local Chamber, said her office is lining things up for a fun-filled night Jan. 18. "Things are going very well at this point," said ValVerde. "Right now we're needing our member businesses to sign up



Valverde

to decorate tables. It's a great way for businesses to promote themselves. "The idea behind the tables is for businesses to decorate them with all kinds of goodies and try to entice the banquet-

goers to sit at their table. Competition between the businesses gets pretty fierce each year. They want people to sit at their tables so they can show them what their business has to offer." ValVerde said the doors at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum are expected to open at 6:30 p.m.,

with dinner and ceremonies set to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets for the annual event are \$22, and according to ValVerde, if you don't get them in advance, you may be left out in the cold. "The deadline to purchase

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### CHILLY FOR CHARITY

NEW YORK (AP) — A few hundred people splashed into the cold Atlantic waters to start the new year Monday, though foul weather apparently kept the numbers of brave bathers down. About 200 people joined 90 members of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club to take the plunge into the 48-degree waters, club spokesman Louie Scarcella said. The annual event raised \$25,000 for Camp Sunshine, a retreat providing relief to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The club had hoped to raise \$50,000, although its take was well in excess of the \$6,000 or so raised last year.

### JUST SIGHTSEEING

WASHINGTON (AP) — A small plane twice strayed into restricted airspace over President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, authorities said. The violation was inadvertent, FAA spokeswoman Diane Stittaliere said. The propeller plane, a Maule M-7, wandered into restricted airspace above the ranch around 11:30 p.m. local time Sunday, prompting the scrambling of F-16 fighter jets, said Air Force Maj. April Cunningham. The jets used flares to get the attention of the pilot, who landed and was interviewed by authorities before being sent on his way, according to NORAD.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 6, Fifth Annual Chili Cookoff benefiting West Texas Centers for MMR Children in Need Fund, to be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188.
- Jan. 11, RSVP Travel Showcase, Dora Roberts Community Center.
- Jan. 17-20, Howard County Junior Livestock Show.
- Jan. 18, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.
- Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 20, 18th Annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff, Harley Davidson Shop.
- Jan. 25, Hangar 25 Air Museum annual membership meeting.

Obituaries

Doris Wilkerson



Doris Wilkerson, 78, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, in Hot Springs, Ark. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. R. T. Havener and Everett Bender, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 8, 1928, in Ardmore, Okla. and married Ed Wilkerson June 15, 1946, in Big Spring.

Doris came to Big Spring as a small child with her parents, Price and Ola Stroud and her family. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Forsan High School in 1946. Doris worked as an interior decorator for many years. She lived in Liberty for 23 years and returned to Big Spring in 1995. She was a member of First Assembly of God where she was always involved in whatever needed to be done at the church. She will be missed very much.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Wilkerson of Big Spring; one son, James E. "Bo" Wilkerson of Norman, Ark.; grandchildren, Allen Cureton and wife, Sara of Black Springs, Ark. and Tara White and husband, David of Story, Ark.; great-grandchildren, Drew and M. J. Cureton of Black Springs, Ark. and Caleb White of Story, Ark.; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Janie Stroud of Midland and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents. The family suggests memorials to First Assembly of God, 310 W. 4th Street, Big Spring, 79720 or to Arkansas Hospice, 1307 Central, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

Theda Kyle



Theda Kyle, 86, of Lubbock, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at a local hospital.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home. Celebration of life services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Jessie Theda Kyle was born March 18, 1920, to the late Archie E. and Fannie (McGruiert) Ford in Knott. She was raised in the Cauble Community of Big Spring. Theda graduated from Big Spring High School. She was a homemaker for many years before her career as a bookkeeper. Theda married James "Buck" Kyle on May 20, 1972, and together they lived in California and Texas, following James in his military career. After James retired, they settled in Roswell, N.M. Theda was a student and teacher of the Bible. She also was a published poet, a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Roswell and the Poetry Society of Roswell. Due to illness, she moved to Lubbock in 2005.

Theda is also preceded in death by two brothers, Archie F. Ford and Jerry Ford; three sisters, Alpha Reid, Lois Murphree and Elsie Woods.

Theda is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 34 years, James "Buck" Kyle, of Roswell N.M.; children, Skipper Neill of Lafayette, La., Joanne Neill, of Lubbock; sister, Wanda Ford, of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Shelley Roten and husband, Robert, Shantelle Broom and husband, Joe Reyes, Nicole Isbell and husband, James; four great-grandchildren, Shiané and Sheridan Roten and Melanie and Michael Isbell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

Samuel Sanders

Samuel Sanders, 69, of Coahoma, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Zelma Hechler

Zelma Hechler, 98, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, in a local care facility. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

HERITAGE MUSEUM IS WORKING with Tumbleweed Smith to produce a video documentary on the life of Pat McCormick, the famous woman bull-fighter from Big Spring.

If you have information to share about her, you are invited to come to the museum between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. Comments will be videotaped for use in the documentary.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- JEANIE NIX, 47, of 5010 Dawson Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ, 17, of 810 Anna, was arrested Monday on charges of theft, minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and criminal trespass.
- GILBERT HERNANDEZ, 45, of 1511 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of evading arrest.
- JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ, 23, of 408 N. Scurry, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication.
- ZYON GONZALES, 29, of 3605 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on charges of resisting arrest and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- KCAJ JUSTIN GARTMAN, 22, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 100 block of Washington.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Alabama.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 200 block of Circle.
  - in the 3900 block of Hamilton.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Father Delaney. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of West 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Val Verde. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of 25th Street and Lynn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Lynn. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Barnes. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of West 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Dow. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4300 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Northeast Ninth Street. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of East 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY  
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

- TUESDAY**
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
  - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.
  - Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
  - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
  - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
  - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
  - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
  - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
  - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
  - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
  - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds.  
Wednesday—Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s. South winds around 10 mph.  
Wednesday night—Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers in the evening then a slight chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds around 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.  
Thursday—Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.  
Friday—Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.  
Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Saturday—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Much colder. Highs in the upper 40s.  
Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Sunday—Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.  
Sunday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.  
Monday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-25-30-33.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$28,109.  
Winning tickets sold in: Houston.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 14-19-21-26. Bonus Ball: 29.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-8

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# Crews work to restore power, bring hay, groceries to stranded residents

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Utility crews struggled to restore electrical service to tens of thousands of homes as grocery store shelves went bare and ranchers tried to reach hungry cattle isolated after a blizzard dumped nearly 3 feet of snow on the Plains and Colorado.

National Guard and state workers were preparing Tuesday to bring groceries into snowbound areas with Humvees and drop hay bales into farm fields.

Overhead, planes have been searching snow-covered highways and fields for stranded travelers and using heat-sensing equipment to locate farm animals in need of food. Hay could be dropped by military planes or helicopters or delivered by snowmobile. Colorado National Guard Gen. Mason Whitney said Tuesday that Oklahoma sent helicopters to help.

What no one wants is a repeat of 1997, when a blizzard killed up to 30,000 farm animals and cost farmers and ranchers an estimated \$28 million, said Polly White of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management.

Ice and heavy snow also bent over electrical towers and downed hundreds of miles of power lines. At least 60,000 homes and businesses in western Kansas and 15,000 in Nebraska were without electricity, and some utility officials warned it could more than a week to restore.

"We know that customers are getting frustrated," said Beth Boesh, spokeswoman for the Nebraska

Public Power District, which lost 600 miles of power lines. "We just ask people to be patient. The damage is very widespread, and it's going to take some time to put it back together."

In the snowbound Kansas town of Sharon Springs, there was still no way into or out of town for its 835 residents Monday, but at least they didn't lose power, said Bill Hassett, manager of the town's power plant.

"We're snowed under," Hassett said. "We're just in the process of digging out. We had total 36 inches of snow. Thank God we kept the lights on."

Two stranded vehicles were spotted Sunday by the Kansas Highway Patrol's airplane crew near the Colorado border, and their occupants were rescued by sheriff's deputies.

Slightly warmer temperatures on Monday helped workers trying to reopen the roads, said Kansas Department of Transportation spokesman Ron Kaufman.

In southeastern Colorado, the roof of an assisted living center in Walsh collapsed, but there were no reports of injuries, White said. The center is attached to a nursing home and residents were moved there. She said about 3,000 people were without power in the towns of Lamar and Walsh.

The Colorado National Guard, which the governor activated twice in the span of a week because of the back-to-back blizzards, helped carry emergency sup-

plies such as medicine and baby formula to isolated homes, said Col. Hans Kallam.

At the Wooten family's ranch in canyon land along the Purgatorie River near the southeastern Colorado town of Kim, Steve Wooten and his uncle spent Monday checking on their cattle. They had moved most of the animals closer to the house but had some that had not been fed since the latest storm hit.

## Irving considers memorializing house Oswald visited

IRVING (AP) — City officials are studying whether to commemorate the house where Lee Harvey Oswald's wife once lived and where he stored the rifle he apparently used to assassinate John F. Kennedy.

The house in south Irving once belonged to Ruth Paine, who hosted Oswald's wife, Marina, in the month's leading up to President Kennedy's slaying in November 1963. Unbeknownst to Paine, Lee Harvey Oswald also stored a gun in the home's garage and picked it up the night before the assassination.

Paine also helped Lee Harvey Oswald find a job at the Texas School Book Depository, the building from where the fatal shots were fired.

"We feel this is definitely a very historical, significant structure that needs to be preserved," said George Edwin, chairman of the Irving Museum Board.

## AGENDA

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implementing an exit strategy," Thurber said.

The president is thought to be considering a plan to increase the number of forces in Iraq. But the specifics of how many troops will be added to the existing 140,000 force and for how long are not known.

Bush said last week he planned to engage lawmakers before making his announcement later this month. Congressional leaders planned to attend a White House reception expected at midweek.

Foreshadowing the debate to come, Democrats swiftly rallied against the notion of sending more troops, saying Iraqis must take a stronger role in security matters.

"The Iraqis need to understand that the responsibility for the

future of that country is theirs," Rep.-elect Jerry McNerney, D-Calif., said Saturday in the Democrats' weekly radio address.

"I have not heard from our military, clamoring for additional soldiers," Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Ga., said upon returning from a trip to Iraq with Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff.

Marshall and Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., who also visited Iraq during the Christmas holiday, reported that some progress was being made in Anbar province where Iraqi security forces and local leaders were collaborating to push out al-Qaida fighters. But, Skelton said, violence in Baghdad has accelerated and additional U.S. troops might not help.

"I will look carefully and with an open mind at any proposal the president may make, but my view remains that removing some number of

American troops — however small — would send a more powerful message to our Iraqi partners than raising force levels," Skelton said.

The debate will play out in hearing rooms next month. Skelton and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who will head the Senate Armed Services Committee, have invited Defense Secretary Robert Gates to testify.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has promised to testify before his committee after Bush makes his announcement.

Democrats say they also want to hear from independent military experts and members of the Iraq Study Group.

The debate also will play out in Congress's review of the president's spending requests for the war. The Pentagon says it needs an additional \$99.7

billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan until the end of the current fiscal year in September. That request is expected to arrive on Capitol Hill in February.

Democrats are eyeing ways to attach conditions to war funds that won't hurt troops and may even attract Republican support.

John Podesta, former President Clinton's chief of staff and now president of the liberal Center for American Progress, recommends lawmakers demand in that spending bill that the president seek lawmakers' approval if troop levels exceed 150,000 in Iraq.

Democrats in 2007 may be confronted with another politically sensitive Iraq issue regarding whether to support increased involuntary call-ups of Guard and Reserve troops.

In December, Schoomaker warned that the Army will break without adding

more active-duty soldiers to the ranks and changing current mobilization policies backed by Pentagon civilians

The issue of allowing lengthy involuntary deployments is a tricky one for lawmakers who want to reduce the pressure on active-duty forces but also hear from reservists that they too are facing serious hardships.

Biden and other Democrats agree that Iraq will dominate much of their work next year, but contend they must not be blamed for a war run ultimately by the president. "This is President Bush's war," Biden said.

But political experts say the public might not agree.

"When you're in the minority, you don't have to do much more than criticize the status quo that wasn't working,"

said Norman Ornstein, a scholar with the American Enterprise Institute. "When you're in the majority, people will look to you for leadership."

## BSISD

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which blasted BSISD buildings.

The study found that almost all the district's facilities were in need of some form of renovation, and two campuses — Washington Elementary and Bauer Magnet — were obsolete and should be closed.

As district officials eye these problems, all they

know at this early stage is that any solution is not going to be inexpensive.

"The difficulty comes out of the amount of money required to solve the issue," Downes said. "But the fact remains we have a growing student population and we're required to provide them adequate facilities ... and

we do not have the option of placing those additional students in classrooms that already exist."

Downes said officials hope to develop a long-range master plan that will address district facility needs for the next 50 years sometime in 2007.

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tickets is Jan. 15. There will not be any tickets available at the door of the event," said ValVerde. "Tickets can only be purchased at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street.

"We have a lot of presentations to make this year. We'll be presenting our annual Man and Woman of the Year awards, and outgoing Chamber President Virginia Belew will pass the gavel to incoming president Lee George. Our guest speaker will be Tumbleweed Smith."

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## OUR VIEWS

## Is Iran a paper tiger?

One of the premises of the debates over how to handle Iran — a premise shared by the administration and its critics alike — is that the Islamic republic is a power in ascension. The Iraq war has eliminated its major regional rival. Shiite co-religionists with Iranian backing are vying for power in Iraq and Lebanon. Oil prices are high, the United States is distracted, the Russians are helpful, and the Europeans are pushovers. This, everyone seems to agree, is Iran's moment. But what if the notion that Iran is operating from a position of strength turned out to be a false premise?

That's the question posed by a fascinating and provocative new study of the Iranian oil industry published by a scholar named Roger Stern. An economic geographer at Johns Hopkins University, Stern contends that the Iranian oil industry is actually in something of a death spiral. Iran has been missing its OPEC quota of late, and while high oil prices have masked the decline by keeping revenue up, production has been declining.

Higher domestic energy demand in Iran combined with difficulty in attracting foreign investment and other economic problems, he argues, make a rapid decline in oil exports likely — ending in the "extinction" of Iranian oil exports in 2014-15. If anything such as this is true, a huge component of the Iranian puzzle is being systematically overlooked.

Stern, writing recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, believes that the Iranian infatuation with nuclear energy may have its roots in this crisis, as well as in its desire for nuclear weapons. Increasing domestic use of nuclear energy would free up oil and gas, currently being used to satisfy Iran's electricity needs, for export, he argues. The major implication of his analysis, however, may be that Iran's regional power is being overestimated, that even without American or international intervention, Iran faces a reckoning soon as its major source of international money collapses.

We don't know whether Stern is right. The paper assumes that the country's leadership will be unable to meet the challenge of modernizing and expanding production facilities and that Chinese investment won't be available to ensure that exports continue at the rate China's own increasingly voracious appetite for oil requires. What's more, even if Iran faces major problems, it's not clear that would make it less dangerous or more pliant to international will. It could do the opposite.

But Stern's paper represents a refreshing examination of the suppositions that lie beneath current discussions of the Islamic republic. One of the intellectual failures in the run-up to the Iraq war was the absence of such examinations both within the intelligence community and in the political culture at large. Stern's challenge is valuable and worthy of serious response.

—The Washington Post

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## The long life of 'Dynamite' James Brown

There were many wondrous things about James Brown, who just died at 73. One is that he died at 73, and not at 55 or 37 or some age more appropriate for someone who drank, took drugs and amassed wives. Nothing in the Godfather of Soul's bio suggests that he followed many of the



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surgeon general's recommendations. In his case, the grim reaper had chosen leniency. We read of people his age who attend to their health as a full-time job. They do Sudoku puzzles to stay mentally sharp. They puff on stationary bicycles to build stamina. Yet how many of them could, like James Brown, do leg splits in the air while screaming "I Feel Good" into a mike.

What was Brown's secret? How is it that he didn't die of a drug overdose at 27 like Jimi Hendrix, or at 21 like Sid Vicious? Brown was arrested in 1988 after a high-speed interstate car chase, but he evaded death by auto accident — unlike the Byrds' Clarence White, who perished at 29, or Keith Godchaux of the Grateful Dead at 32. He was treated for prostate cancer, but cancer did not get him, as it had felled Frank Zappa at 52 and Nat "King" Cole at 48. Heart failure finally did him in, but at the ripe age of 73, not at 27, like Jim Morrison, or 53, like Jerry Garcia.

"A miracle," is how Rich Lupo, a Providence rock club owner who twice booked James Brown, characterized the man's longevity. Lupo recalls a day in the late '70s when Providence Mayor Buddy Cianci tried to give Brown the key to the city at Wes's Rib House. As

word spread that Brown was at Wes's, hundreds of fans gathered to see him. The police, unaware that Brown was there, thought a riot was in progress and charged into the restaurant with German shepherds. The mayor, Lupo and Brown ran out the back door to get away.

Yes, Brown led an eventful life. He spent his early years in crushing poverty. Born in a shack in Barnwell, S.C., he moved into his aunt's brothel at age four. His early contact with medicine must have been minimal. He married three times — four if you count the last union, which may not have been a legal marriage because his bride already had a husband at the time of their nuptials.

Eat right. Sleep eight hours. Take vacations. The man who called himself "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business" — or "Dynamite," for short — did none of these things.

He did, however, exercise. Jumping on stage, fast footwork dancing, breathing in and yelling out — he did the equivalent of a step class at every performance, and he kept a full schedule. Brown must have been aerobically superb.

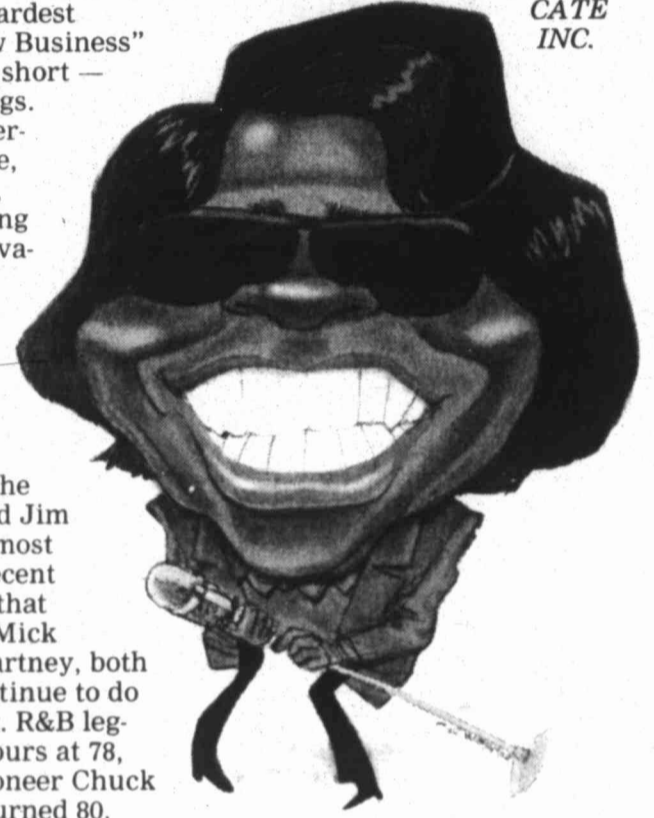
Perhaps also, black artists who survived the stresses of poverty and Jim Crow developed an almost superhuman vigor. Recent commentary marvels that white rock stars like Mick Jagger and Paul McCartney, both in their early 60s, continue to do shows. That's nothing. R&B legend Bo Diddley still tours at 78, as does rock & roll pioneer Chuck Berry, who recently turned 80. James Brown's demise on

Christmas morning seemed a bit untimely in that he had plans for New Year's Eve. However, he did pack a house a couple of days after dying, this time at Harlem's Apollo Theater. Several visitors said they half expected the body — dressed in a rhinestone tux, pompadour in place — to jump out of the gold coffin and start dancing to "Sex Machine." Not this time. The reaper had finally put his foot down.

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## Ring out the old bromides

There are certain arguments that partisans repeat as if they are holy and certain — until the arguments are no longer convenient. Here are some bromides and political arguments that were broadly used in the last few years, but now have outlived their usefulness, so you probably won't hear them much in 2007:

## The Pottery Barn Rule: You broke it, you own it.

There was a time you couldn't go a day without hearing an Iraq war opponent invoke former Secretary of State Colin Powell's famous warning about sending U.S. troops into Iraq. Apparently, these folks never really believed in the rule, because they now want America to disown an Iraq mired in chaos.

Impeachment is an attempt to overturn a popular election. The left used that argument repeatedly when the GOP House impeached President Bill Clinton. Funny, you don't hear the left making that argument when Democrats call for the House to start impeachment proceedings against President Bush.

Presidential wannabes should have military experience. Bush's National Guard duty as a pilot was not enough for Democrats, who cited Sen. John Kerry's com-

bat medals as a reason to elect him president. Alas, combat experience didn't cinch the election for Kerry in 2004. Now, with Democratic Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama likely to run in 2008 and former Sen. John Edwards' hat already in the ring — not to mention the strong potential that a Vietnam War hero, Sen. John McCain, will head the 2008 GOP ticket — the military experience and hero status that was supposed to put Kerry in the Oval Office won't be so vital for presidential candidates any more.

The president should be more skeptical of U.S. intelligence on Iraq. Forget former CIA chief George Tenet's assurance that it was a "slam dunk" Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Bush was supposed to not believe that finding of U.S. intelligence on Iraq. But now, when U.S. intelligence estimates suggest that Iraq is unwinnable, editorial boards across the country assume the intelligence must be accurate.

Washington's deficit spending is unconscionable. This year, Republicans will want to maintain the Bush tax cuts and Democrats will be enjoying their return to power. In 2007, many 2006 deficit hawks from both parties will go wobbly.

Americans need to sacrifice and cut back on their energy use to fight global warming. Global warming remains an article of faith, but you can say bye-

bye to the notion that fighting global warming will require good citizens to cut back. GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger sees no problem with owning four Hummers and tooling around in a private jet — while he orders the state to reduce its output of greenhouse gases.

Former veep Al Gore, who once wrote that fighting global warming would require "sacrifice, struggle and a wrenching transformation of society," now tells gullible moviegoers that fighting global warming will be good for the economy and create jobs.

Bush hasn't asked Americans to sacrifice because of the war in Iraq. Most of the folks I see making this argument aren't sacrificing anything to further the war effort, either — they're just using the war to bolster their support for higher taxes on the rich. And they want the need for sacrifice to turn Americans against the war. Now that polls show that Americans don't support the war, the pro-sacrifice crowd will ditch the phony sacrifice argument.

Happy New Year.

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# Sharp-shinned hawk survives winter dip

## Bird Poop

As the homeowner watched from her den window, the winter hawk slowly and carefully worked its way among the branches of the live oak in her backyard. Having learned the stealth needed to approach its prey, the bird was motionless for long periods of time. Then it would move again. Finally, when the birds at the backyard feeder sensed no immediate danger, the hawk propelled itself downward.

Turning abruptly, the predator, barely missing a finch, dropped to the ground. Doves, sparrows and small songbirds flew in every direction to avoid being caught. As they dispersed, the sharp-shinned hawk took chase, but the closest dove managed to escape to a nearby mulberry. "It'll be back," the woman thought, after seeing the bird's attempt at catching a meal.

Early that afternoon, she saw the accipiter again. Perched on a mesquite branch, the hawk was methodically plucking every feather from a sparrow it had managed to catch. Only after the little bird was presentable for dining would the hawk enjoy a major part of its diet.

A few days later the woman was watching moths and butterflies flitting above her swimming pool. With unseasonably warm weather, a new hatch of insects was exer-

cising its wings. Suddenly, a gray streak entered the yard. With ease it maneuvered through and under branches. Once in the clear, it was obvious that the swift, agile bullet would try to grab the yellow butterflies just above the water. As it extended one of its slender legs with taloned feet, the tip of the opposite wing dipped below the surface. Suddenly, the sharp-shinned hawk was afloat with no means of becoming airborne again.

Rushing outside, the lady ran for the long handled net used to remove leaves from her pool. Gently, she lowered it under the hawk and raised the bird out of the pool and on to the lawn. Standing, then ruffling its feathers to shake off the offending moisture, the hawk spread its broad wings and flew into the neighbor's tree.

Walking through the den the next morning, the woman was horrified to see the same type of hawk floating in her pool. Not knowing how long it had been there, she hurried to retrieve it. Its extended wings had kept it from drowning. Wondering if it were the same hawk she had rescued the day before, she noticed that the bird was completely

soaked. Not a feather had escaped the watery escapade.

"Can I bring it to you? I don't know if it is the same hawk that wound up in the water yesterday or not!" explained the woman. "If it is, it's a slow learner." She arrived in less than fifteen minutes.

Cold and damp, the bedraggled hawk seemed tall for its short length. Its long, slender body of some 14 inches had been as deceptive as its 27 inch wingspread. Perhaps because of its bold, fierce attitude it had appeared larger than it really was.

The next day, the woman came to visit her rescued friend. Warm, dry and having dined on mice and crickets, the hawk was wary of people. Accepting food was the limit of its social graces. Otherwise, it remained at the rear of its carrier and dared anyone to trespass.

Striking was its blue gray upper color in contrast to its white underparts. The bird was often called a blue darter because of the slate colored streak it presented in flight. Heavily barred with rusty brown, its chest feathers were puffed to give the appearance of being larger. Its red eye was an indication that it was at least three years

old. Across its white tipped tail were narrow bands of black.

Thoroughly capable of catching small birds in flight, the sharp-shinned hawk, through its hunting prowess, has long been appreciated for helping to thin bird populations such as sparrows and doves. This particular hawk, however, had suffered for its inaccurate judgement.

Having checked the weather reports for the coming week, we released the bird on a cold, clear

morning. As it soared above our neighborhood, my departing wish was for it to avoid any more December dips in someone's swimming pool.

*Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*



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For a sharp-shinned hawk to reach maturity, it must avoid many hardships, including starvation and window strikes. As an accipiter, with its long tail and short wings, the small hawk is a superb hunter.



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Operating revenues	
Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$1,830,125 and \$1,699,007)	\$2,467,921
Federal grants and contracts	4,401,431
State grants and contracts	582,843
Local grants and contracts	9,980
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	427,622
Sales and services of educational activities	272,841
Auxiliary enterprises	514,452
Other operating revenues	168,576
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>8,845,666</b>
EXPENSES	
Opening expenses	
Instruction	\$9,682,825
Public service	938,896
Academic support	1,331,917
Student services	2,465,422
Institutional support	4,063,938
Operation and maintenance of plant	3,087,585
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Auxiliary enterprises	1,610,432
Depreciation	809,232
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>25,801,557</b>
Operating loss	(\$16,955,891)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
State appropriations	12,788,190
Property taxes for operations	3,416,356
Investment income (net of investment expenses)	499,035
Interest on capital related debt	(64,125)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(16,511)
Other non-operating revenues	359,367
<b>Net non-operating revenues</b>	<b>16,982,312</b>
Income before other revenue	26,421
Other revenue	
Capital contributions	1,400,000
Increase in net assets	1,426,421
Net assets - beginning of year	25,021,692
<b>Net assets - end of year</b>	<b>\$26,448,113</b>

► News in brief

**Indonesian jetliner crashes into mountains during a storm, killing 90 people, officials say**

POLEWALI MANDAR, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's transportation minister said Tuesday that rescuers had not found the wreckage of a missing passenger jetliner, despite earlier statements from aviation and police officials that it had been located.

The Adam Air Boeing 737 carrying 102 people sent out two distress signals Monday, halfway through its two-hour flight from Indonesia's main island of Java to Sulawesi, in the northeast of the sprawling archipelago.

"The search and rescue team is still looking for the location," Transport Minister Hatta Radjasa told El-Shinta radio, insisting that earlier statements that the plane's wreckage had been located were based on rumors from villagers that were passed on to local officials. "It has not yet been found."

Police Chief Col. Genot Hariyanto had earlier said that search and rescue teams arrived at the crash site on Sulawesi's western coast early Tuesday and found the charred remains of Adam Air Flight KI-574 and scores of bodies.

**Sunni anger over the execution of Saddam Hussein spills into the streets**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Sunni Muslims, angered by the execution of Saddam Hussein and the way his hanging was carried out, have taken to the streets in recent days in mainly peaceful demonstrations in Sunni enclaves across the country.

On Monday, a crowd of Sunni mourners in Samarra marched to a bomb-damaged Shiite shrine and were allowed by guards and police to enter the holy place carrying a mock coffin and photos of the former dictator.

The protest took place at the Golden Dome, which was shattered in a bombing by Sunni extremists 10 months ago. That attack triggered the current cycle of retaliatory attacks between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, in the form of daily bombings, kidnappings and murders.

Meanwhile, the military on Tuesday announced the death of a U.S. soldier by a roadside bomb southwest of Baghdad. The blast Monday wounded three others, including an interpreter, as they talked with local residents about sectarian violence, the military said.

A roadside bomb also killed three Iraqi civilians and wounded seven others in eastern Baghdad on Tuesday, police said.

**Florida State University study finds nearly two of five bosses don't keep their word**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — For most people, it's back to work Tuesday after a holiday weekend with family and friends. And for many, a new study shows, it will be under a bad boss. Nearly two of five bosses don't keep their word and more than a fourth bad mouth those they supervise to co-workers, the Florida State University study shows.

And those all-too-common poor managers create plenty of problems for companies as well, leading to poor morale, less production and higher turnover.

"They say that employees don't leave their job or company, they leave their boss," said Wayne Hochwarter, an associate professor of management in the College of Business at Florida State University, who joined with two doctoral students at the school to survey more than 700 people working in a variety of jobs about how their bosses treat them.

"No abuse should be taken lightly, especially in situations where it becomes a criminal act," said Hochwarter.

Employees stuck in an abusive relationship experienced more exhaustion, job tension, nervousness, depressed moods and mistrust, the researchers found. They found that a good working environment is often more important than pay, and that it's no coincidence that poor morale leads to lower production.

**Oprah Winfrey opens school in South Africa**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Oprah Winfrey opened a school Tuesday for disadvantaged girls, fulfilling a promise she made to former President Nelson Mandela six years ago and giving more than 150 students a chance for a better future. "I wanted to give this opportunity to girls who had a light so bright that not even poverty could dim that light," Winfrey said at a news conference.

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Opening lead — jack of diamonds.  
Whenever declarer is playing in a suit contract, he invariably has to decide whether it is better to draw any, all or only some of the opponents' trumps. Unfortunately, there is no magic answer to this question. In the final analysis, the best way of deciding whether or not to draw trumps is to count either losers or winners.  
For example, consider this deal from a small duplicate game where all three declarers got to four hearts.

At the first table, declarer ruffed the third round of diamonds and drew three rounds of trumps. He then played the A-K and another spade, hoping the suit divided 3-3. But when East won the third spade with the ten and cashed the jack, South found himself down one.  
At the second table, declarer saw what might happen if the spades did not divide evenly, and he attempted to protect himself. After ruffing the third diamond, he drew only two rounds of trumps with the A-K, then played the A-K and another spade.  
He was hoping to ruff his fourth spade with dummy's queen of hearts if the spades did not break 3-3, but East won with the ten and returned a trump. South now could not avoid losing another spade, and he too finished down one.  
At the third table, South found by far the best approach to the play. After ruffing the third diamond, he cashed only one trump — the ace — and then played three rounds of spades. If the spades turned out to be divided 3-3, he would be home free, but even if they broke 4-2, the defense would be helpless.  
In practice, East returned a trump, but South won in his hand, ruffed the spade seven with the heart queen and easily scored the rest of the tricks to bring home the contract.

Tomorrow: The striptease coup.  
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#### NFL first round playoff schedules

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 Kansas City at Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)  
 Dallas at Seattle, 8 p.m. (NBC)

**Sunday, Jan. 7**  
 New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m. (CBS)  
 New York Giants at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

#### NFL news around the league

**ATLANTA** — The Falcons fired coach Jim Mora, just two years after he led them to the NFC championship game.

The decision to dump the fiery coach followed two straight disappointing seasons. The Falcons lost six of their final eight games in 2005 to miss the playoffs, and they finished 7-9 this season by losing seven of the last nine contests.

Mora, the 45-year-old son of longtime NFL coach Jim Mora, went 26-22 in three seasons, but Blank decided a change was necessary.

**ARIZONA** — Dennis Green has joined a long list of failed coaches for the Arizona Cardinals.

Green was fired, one day after the Cardinals concluded a 5-11 season with a 27-20 loss at San Diego. He finished with a 16-32 record at Arizona. The Cardinals will pay \$2.5 million to buy out the final year of his contract.

He was the seventh coach the Cardinals have had since the franchise moved to Arizona in 1988. The team has had one winning season since 1984, and Green was optimistic he was the man to turn things around. But his three teams in Arizona went 6-10, 5-11 and 5-11.

#### Capital One Bowl update

No. 6 Wisconsin 17,  
 No. 12 Arkansas 14

At Orlando, Fla., John Stocco threw two first-half touchdown passes and Wisconsin held on through a tense second half to beat Arkansas.

Wisconsin won 12 games in a season for the first time and finished with a nine-game winning streak. Arkansas (10-4) lost three straight after winning 10 in a row.

#### Gator Bowl recap

No. 13 W. Virginia 38,  
 Georgia Tech 35

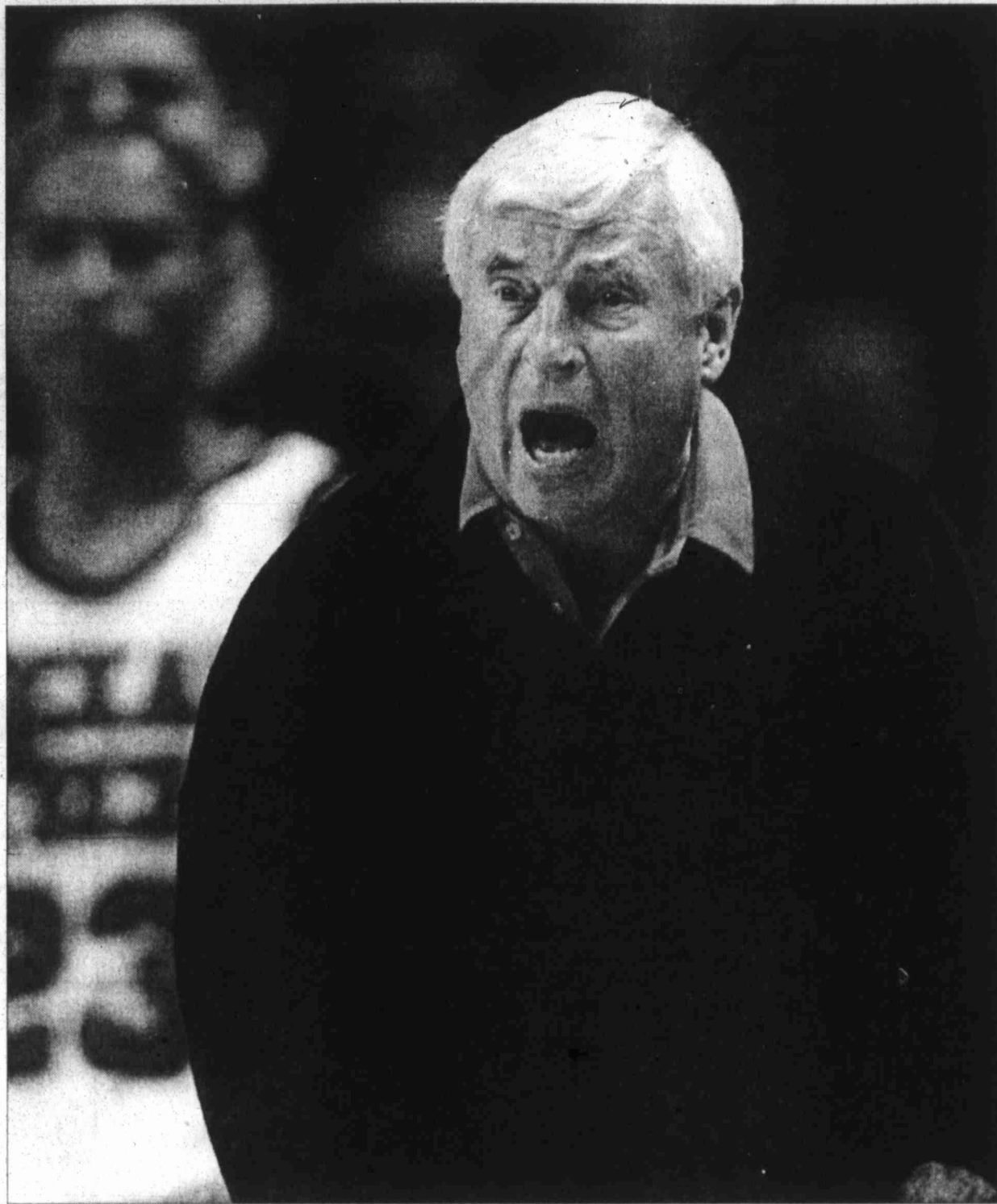
At Jacksonville, Fla., Patrick White led West Virginia back from an 18-point deficit in the second half in the highest scoring Gator Bowl.

Tailback Steve Slaton, the country's third-leading rusher at 144 yards a game, played only the first half for the Mountaineers (11-2) because of a bruised left thigh.

White was 9-of-15 for 131 yards and two touchdowns and rushed 22 times for 145 yards and a touchdown.

Taylor Bennett was 19-of-29 for 326 yards and Calvin Johnson finished with 186 yards receiving and two TDs for Tech.

## Knight has record with win No. 880



Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight reacts during the first period of a game played in Lubbock earlier this year. Knight has now won 880 games while coaching at Army, Indiana and Texas Tech.

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

**LUBBOCK** — With the record in his name alone, Bob Knight can return to the mission he prizes more than being the winningest men's Division I basketball coach — molding his players' talents and characters.

"I never really did think it was special," Knight told The Associated Press after earning victory No. 880 as Texas Tech defeated New Mexico 70-68 Monday. "I thought it was great for the players and everybody."

The longtime coach extended his streak of never needing more than two tries for any of his milestone victories after losing to UNLV last Thursday in his first attempt to best Dean Smith's 879 wins.

For someone who couldn't care less about that benchmark, Knight sure reveled in the New Year's Day party thrown for him. It was music to his ears, in fact.

"I've always thought that if there's ever an occasion for a song to be played on my behalf, I wanted it to be Frank Sinatra singing 'My Way,'" said Knight, whose usually glaring facade showed hints of cracking during the outpouring of emotions. "I think I've put myself out on a limb at times, knowingly, simply because I thought what I was going to do or say was the best way to get this kid to be the best player or the best student."

Now, Knight and his team can focus on Big 12 conference play. Tech (11-4) will try to get Knight win No. 881 on Saturday when Oklahoma visits Lubbock.

"These last two weeks have been nerve-racking for him. Same for the team," son Pat Knight said. "Now that we've got it over with, it's a great accomplishment, and we can get back to playing basketball."

Throughout his 41-year coaching career, Knight's complexity has sculpted a conflicted image. He hit a police officer, threw a chair across the court and was accused of wrapping his hands

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## Broncos bust Sooners; USC ready for next season

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**

AP Sports Writer

— Boise State and Oklahoma played a classic, Southern California made a case for next season's No. 1 ranking and Joe Paterno had a bird's-eye view of his 22nd bowl victory.

The usual wall-to-wall New Year's Day football featured six bowl games — all but one decided by 10 points or less — and ended with one of the wildest finishes college football has ever seen.

No. 9 Boise State (13-0) proved it belonged in the Bowl Championship Series and completed a perfect completed season with a thrilling 43-42 overtime victory against No. 7 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday night.

On the same field where top-ranked Ohio State and No. 2 Florida will play for the national championship next week, the Western Athletic Conference champs made their case for No. 1.

"We went 13-0 and beat every-

one on our schedule," said Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky, who threw three touchdown passes and one costly interception. "We deserve a chance at the national title."

In one of the more dramatic finishes in BCS history, the Sooners and the Broncos combined for 22 points in the final 86 seconds of regulation.

Boise State sent the game into overtime with 7 seconds left by scoring a touchdown on a hook-and-lateral play and beat the Sooners when Ian Johnson ran in a 2-point conversion after another trick play.

"I think we went out and proved the nation wrong," said Boise State safety Marty Tadman, who had two interceptions, one of which he returned 27 yards for a touchdown. "I'm tired of people doubting us."

Nobody doubts USC will be on the shortlist of the teams to beat next season after the Trojans beat Michigan 32-18 in the Rose Bowl.

All-American Dwayne Jarrett



Boise State wide receiver Drisan James crosses the goal line chased by Oklahoma's Marcus Walker for the first score of the Fiesta Bowl.

was unstoppable, catching 11 passes for 205 yards and two touchdowns. John David Booty played the best game of his first season as USC's starting quarter-

See **USC**, Page 2b

## Fake punt and fourth-down decisions prove costly for Callahan

By **ERIC OLSON**

AP Sports Writer

**DALLAS** — Nebraska fans surely were wondering after Monday's 17-14 Cotton Bowl loss to Auburn why coach Bill Callahan called a fake punt inside his own 30-yard line early in the game and why he didn't call for a potential tying field goal when the Cornhuskers were on the Tigers' 30 late.

Callahan didn't second-guess either move.

The botched fake set up a 14-yard touchdown drive that gave Auburn a 14-7 lead, and the decision to go for it on fourth-and-

11 with about two minutes left resulted in a Zac Taylor incompleteness. Given the way his offense was playing at the time, Callahan said, a blown fake punt at that point in the game shouldn't have been insurmountable.

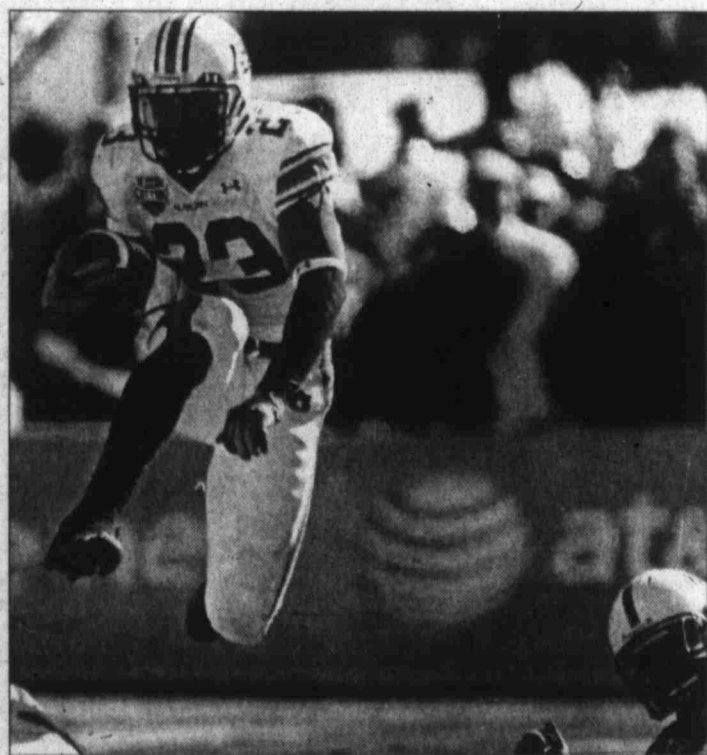
"It was still early enough in the ball game where if it didn't work, we were still in a good position, we felt, to come back," Callahan said. "Things got discombobulated. We fumbled the exchange, lost critical yardage, and that hurt us. We got behind the eight-ball on the short field."

Dane Todd took the snap and then, as he was running to his left, was supposed to pitch to Andrew Shanle, who was coming around on a reverse. But Todd, a full-back, couldn't keep hold of the ball, and Tristan Davis recovered for Auburn.

Todd said Auburn's penetration up the middle caused the problems on the play.

"It just muddied up the pitch," Todd explained after the game.

"You get disrupted on something like that, and it can really throw a play for a loop."



Auburn's Kenny Irons leaps over players during the Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas.

**KNIGHT**

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around a player's neck. He's also never been in trouble for breaking NCAA rules, has always had a high graduation rate and gave back his Tech salary a few years ago because he didn't think he'd earned it.

All facets of Knight's personality were on display during a half-hour postgame ceremony and

the nearly 20-minute soliloquy he gave instead of a news conference.

At a postgame news conference with reporters, Knight wasn't interested in answering questions. Instead, he went on a trip down memory lane filled with anecdotes and name-dropping, from the famous such as Red Auerbach, Pete Newell and Clair Bee to the obscure, such as Jake Pryne, the bus driver at Army when Knight was a 24 year old head coach.

He seemed near tears at times. Though none fell, Knight backed away from the microphone a couple of times while on the court, seemingly unable to speak.

In the coaches' locker room later, Knight was asked whether his emotions got the best of him. Gently rocking his head side to side, with his hands clasped over his white hair, he paused and said, "Well, I don't know. Maybe."

Later, Knight sum-

moned an Associated Press reporter because he was upset that he'd forgotten to thank Dean Smith, the former North Carolina coach whose record he broke. He also had a parting piece of advice.

"You make damn sure you put Frank Sinatra's song in your article," Knight said.

When the game ended red and black confetti fell, and Sinatra's song blared. There were speeches by Knight and administra-

tors, plus videotaped tributes from Smith, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Texas' Rick Barnes. Knight also received two trophies and the game ball; a banner was unfurled marking this achievement.

Knight, whose career record is 880-354, won't say how much longer he'll coach, but he recently agreed to a contract extension through the 2010-11 season. That doesn't bode well for anyone hoping to break his

record. Consider this: Krzyzewski has 765 wins and is 59; he'll be 64 in 2011 and might still be 100 wins behind.

"I've simply tried to do what I think is best," Knight said. "Regrets? Sure. Just like the song. I have regrets. I wish I could do things better at times. I wish I would have had a better answer, a better way, at times. But just like he said, I did it my way, and when I look back on it, I don't think my way was all that bad."

**USC**

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Trophy.

And with many familiar faces returning to the Trojans along with Booty, USC appears to be heading toward its third No. 1 preseason ranking in The Associated Press poll the past four years — even if Jarrett leaves early for the NFL.

"We're really excited about the team," coach Pete Carroll said. "We're so young. We've got so many guys coming back. There's a feeling there's some special stuff in this locker room."

Adrian Peterson ran 25 yards for a touchdown on the first play of overtime to give the Sooners (11-3) a 42-35 lead. It may turn out to be the junior's final college play if he decides to head to the NFL.

The Broncos responded with receiver Vinny Perretta throwing a fourth-down touchdown pass to Derek Schouman to make it 42-41, and Boise State Chris Petersen decided to go for the win.

Zabransky looked at three wide receivers to his right, pump faked, then handed the ball behind his back to Johnson, who raced untouched into the end zone.

That play was almost as amazing as the one that tied

the game.

After falling behind 35-28 on Marcus Walker's 33 interception return TD with 1:02 left, the Broncos tied it with a stunning 50-yard touchdown play on fourth-and-18 with 7 seconds to play. Zabransky hit Drisan James at Oklahoma's 35, and James pitched the ball to Jerard Rabb, who raced into the end zone.

"It would have been easy to give up on us with a minute left, but we had a lot of magic left," Zabransky said.

USC was a win away from playing Ohio State in next week's BCS championship game.

but was upset 13-9 by UCLA on the last day of the regular season.

"It's a little disappointing because we can play with

anybody and we knew that," USC coach Carroll said. "But to have this opportunity and to have a night like this for our fans, it's awesome."

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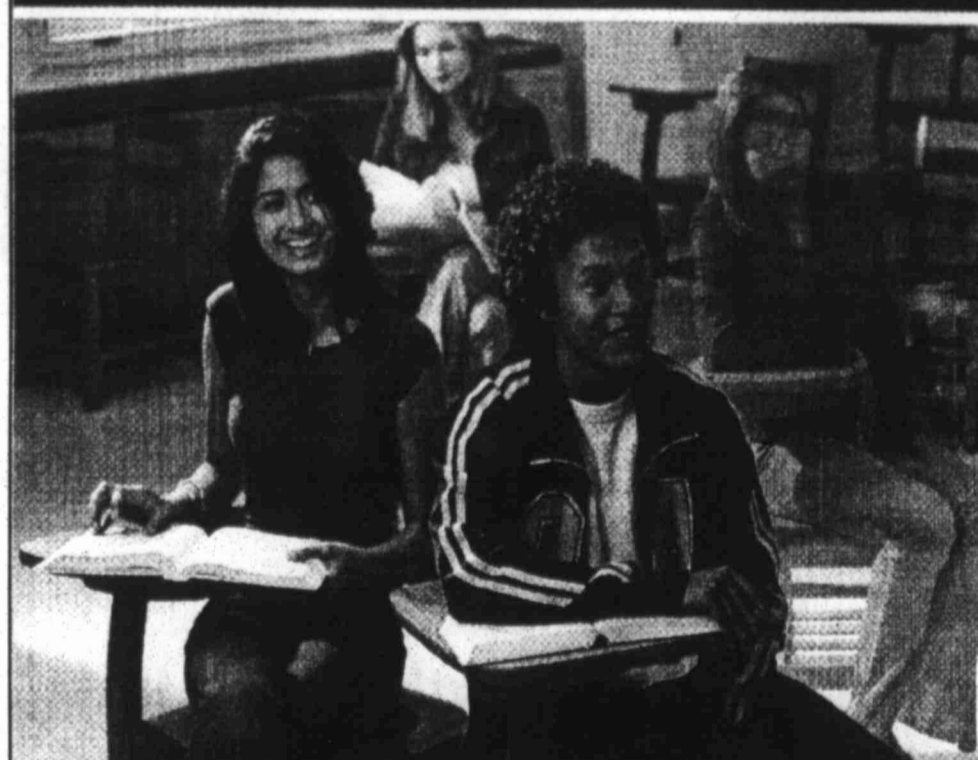
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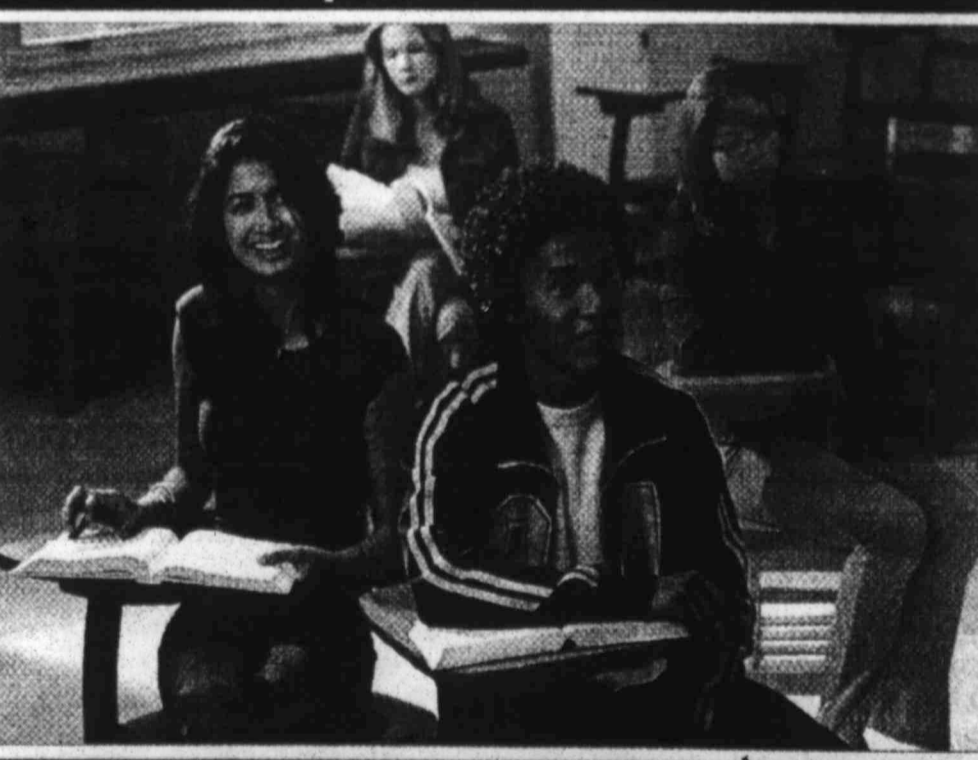


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Wacky Facts

■ After leaving a cup of powdered fruit-flavored soda and water on the porch overnight, 11-year-old Frank Epperson discovered that the sweet mix was solid ice. That's when the "Ep-sicle" (later popsicle) was born — in 1905.  
— World Almanac for Kids

# KID NEWS

Chatter Box

"If I saw someone from 'Heroes,' I would freak out. I would be like, 'Oh, my God, you're a superhero. You're not supposed to be here!' I'm the biggest dork when it comes to that."  
— America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty"), on who makes her starstruck, in TV Guide.



By CZERNE M. REID  
McClatchy Newspapers

Squisine. The word just popped into Malcolm Kushner's head one day in 2005 ... or rather, the words "squeeze" and "cuisine" rattled around in his brain when "cuisine" rear-ended "squeeze."

"Squisine ... I wonder what that is?" thought Kushner, a humor consultant who lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., with his family. Kushner had landed on a fun word to describe a fun way for children to prepare food that is good for them.

What followed was Kushner's book, "California Squisine: Healthy Food That's Fast, Fun and Squeezable For Kids" (\$11.95, Robert D. Reed Publishers). With just a blender, some squishable containers such as squeeze bottles and pastry bags, and different types of foods, kids can make fun of meal and snack times with the 100 recipes in the book.

"You can just whip something up," said 10-year-old Elizabeth "The Woodge" Stover, who was Kushner's taster for the recipes. "(Squisine) is a way to make food that kids will eat, that's healthy, without making a really big meal."

Kushner turned his home into a test kitchen where he and then-9-year-old Elizabeth squirted up edible potions last spring. A pediatrician consultant tossed out some of the recipes because of nutritional value — or lack thereof. Elizabeth tossed out many others for the sake of good taste. The duo went through more than 100 recipes before they settled on the ones featured in the book.

"If it was one that was supposed to taste sweet, if it tasted sweet, but not too sweet, it would be good," Elizabeth said. "But some things that wouldn't be good were either way too sweet or bitter." "An adult would like something that is a little more spicy and has a bit of a more intense flavor, whereas a kid would like something not quite as intense," said the Santa Cruz, Calif., fifth-grader.

Still, children shouldn't say "Ewww" when they see certain ingredients in the book such as low-fat yogurt or avocado, Elizabeth said. Even though some ingredients might not look appealing, she can testify that the final product tastes great.

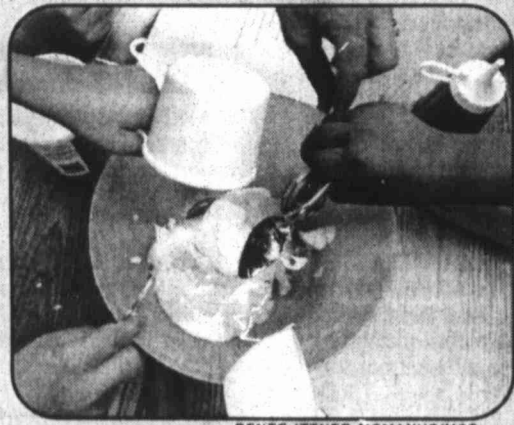
Elizabeth took some of her mother's suggestions for the book, but she usually takes her cooking cues from TV chefs Rachael Ray, Paula Deen and Alton Brown of the Food Network. Elizabeth started watching cooking shows when she was 2. While other kids watched "Sesame Street," she watched Martha Stewart. She plans to become a professional chef and host a television cooking show. For now, her favorite thing to make is

## Kids make their own squeezable cuisine



Columbia, S.C., second-graders Leighton Gay, right, and Adjouray Yed, left, test a "Squisine" recipe.

from scratch" chocolate chip cookies. Elizabeth's favorite recipe: Pineapple pudding. "It tastes like this cake that my mom makes sometimes. It's really good, yeah!" Malcolm Kushner's favorite recipe: Strawberry ice cream, made from non-fat dry milk, ice water, vanilla extract, honey and frozen strawberries. "It tastes just like ice cream, but it has (almost) — no calories."



RENEE ITTNER-MCMANUS/MCT

## Recipes

Some recipes from "California Squisine: Healthy Food That's Fast, Fun and Squeezable For Kids" (\$11.95, Robert D. Reed Publishers):

### STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM

- 1/4 cup instant non-fat dry milk
  - 1/4 cup ice water
  - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 tablespoon honey
  - 1 cup frozen strawberries
- Put all ingredients into a blender. Blend thoroughly. Transfer mixture into a container such as pastry bag. Serve immediately.

### BBQ DIP

- 1/2 cup ketchup
  - 2 tablespoons honey
  - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
  - Dash nutmeg
- Put all ingredients into a bowl. Mix thoroughly. Transfer mixture into a bottle to squeeze it onto crackers, fruit or whatever you like.

### COCOA DIP

- 1 cup nonfat or low-fat sour cream
  - 3/8 cup honey
  - 1/2 cup cocoa
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Put all ingredients into a bowl. Mix thoroughly. Transfer mixture into a bottle and squeeze it onto crackers, fruit or whatever.

### FRUIT COULIS

- Fruit: strawberries, blueberries, raspberries (your choice)
  - Honey in a squeezable container
- Put a cup of the fruit into a blender. Squeeze in about an ounce of honey. Blend thoroughly. Transfer mixture into a bottle and squeeze it onto crackers, pancakes or French toast. Use it to decorate plates as well.

### SESAME-HONEY-CREAM CHEESE SPREAD

- 4 ounces nonfat or low-fat cream cheese
  - 1/4 cup sesame seeds
  - 1 tablespoon honey
- Put all ingredients into a blender. Blend thoroughly. Transfer mixture into a container such as a pastry bag. Squeeze onto crackers or other treats.
- Warning: Sesame seeds could create a choking hazard for children younger than 4.

**Cocoa Dip:**  
"Squisine is very yummy. I like to squeeze (the bottles). It makes your muscles strong and it's fun."  
— Liam Hoback, 7

**Strawberry Ice Cream:** "It looks like a milkshake. It tastes like real strawberries. It's better than ice cream."  
— Lisa Qi, 7

# SQUEEZE PLAY

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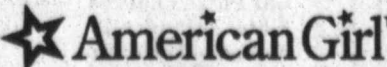
**DEAR AMERICAN GIRL:** I skipped a grade, so I'm younger than everyone in my grade. When we play trivia games in school, I almost always know the answers. I get called "human dictionary." It's not fair. Some of the boys in my class are just as smart as I am, and they don't get teased. — Younger and Smarter (maybe)

■ You're right. It isn't fair. Teasing like this often comes from jealousy. Being good in school is something to be very proud of. The kids who pester you know that — and you do, too! Ask a good friend if there's anything you do in class that makes other kids think you're a show-off. If there is, try to change it. But never play dumb when you're not.

**DEAR AMERICAN GIRL:** When I see or hear about girls my age who can do things better than I can, I feel bad. I'm a good jazz dancer, but I feel like that's nothing. — Disappointed Dancer

■ When another girl is good at something, it doesn't take a thing away from what you're good at. There's plenty of talent to go around! So don't waste your valuable energy feeling bad about other girls' abilities. Throw all that energy into doing what you love. Dance your heart out, and other girls will respect you for it, too!

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Rips & Raves

## Pick-up-and-play games for PSP

If you've played "Zuma," "Puzz Loop," "Ballistic" or "Magnetica," you're already familiar with "Luxor: The Wrath of Set" for PSP (rated E), which apes what has proved to be one of the most enduring puzzle game concepts to come along since "Tetris" made the genre fashionable. In a nutshell: A chain of colored spheres moves toward an exit, and you

need to stop it by shooting spheres at it, matching similar-colored spheres and making them disappear. "Luxor" twists the formula a bit by placing the sphere shooter at the bottom of the playing field instead of the center, which doesn't improve anything but makes for a nice change of pace. "Platypus" (also rated E), on the other hand, has one heck of a cool gimmick: All of the graphics were



created using modeling clay. The game has an insanely cool look, and the animation is equally amusing (ships splat rather than explode, and the larger splats are surprisingly impressive). Novelty aside, the game holds its own, offering multiple difficulty levels and wireless co-op, as well as a survival mode to complement the standard arcade mode. But unless you never tire of these sort of games, you'll blow through all "Platypus" has to offer in relatively short order.

— Billy O'Keefe

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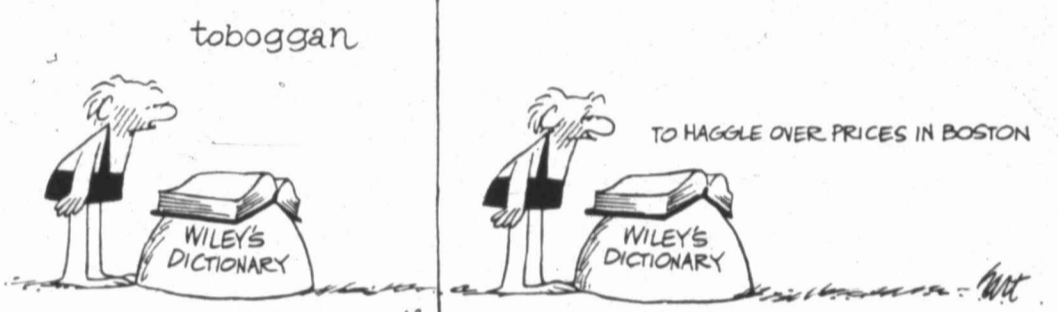
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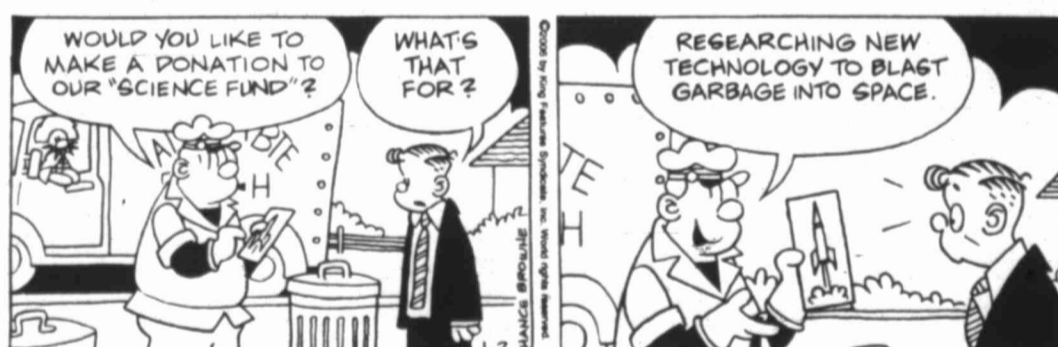
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2007. There are 363 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China. On this date: In 1492, Muhammad XI, the sultan of Granada, the last Arab stronghold in Spain, surrendered to Spanish forces. In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church. In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to pre-

serve Niagara Falls. In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnaping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.) In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II. In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for \$400,000. In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph (however, federal speed limits were abolished in 1995). In 1986, former baseball owner Bill Veck, remembered for his well-publicized stunts and promotional gimmicks, including an exploding scoreboard and a

midget pinch-hitter, died in Chicago at age 71. Today's Birthdays: Country musician Harold Bradley is 81. Former television evangelist Jim Bakker is 68. Actress Wendy Phillips is 55. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is 46. Movie director Todd Haynes is 46. Actress Tia Carrere is 40. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 39. Model Christy Turlington is 38. Actor Taye Diggs is 36. Rock musician Scott Underwood (Train) is 36. Rock singer Doug Robb (Hoobastank) is 32. Actor Dax Shepard is 32. Actress Paz Vega is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words: PROS, PRICE, SHAW, SUMO, HEROES, HIFT, STAMPO, APPROVAL, THREAT, OVERT, SOS TUBE, GFLAT, IPASS, HAT, ALICE, SALE, RODE, FIVELETTERWORDS, FEED VEIN, ASSET, ERR, PEROT, DEEDS, EARS, SAD, SPATS, NLEAST, PUSHY, HENVELOPE, ERIE, MLVII, INON, WEAR, SMELL, SETS

Newsday Crossword

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Talk back to, 5 Eject, as lava, 9 Poisonous snakes, 13 Story lines, 15 "Get out of \_\_\_!", 16 College sports org., 17 Ancient fable teller, 18 Opera solo, 19 Broad smile, 20 Range of view, 21 Hunter's camouflaged shelter, 23 Skeptical, 25 Runs off to marry, 26 Church platforms, 29 Something prohibited, 31 Track event, 32 Turn sharply, 34 Pipsqueak, 39 Catchall category: Abbr., 40 Fabric fold, 42 Choir voice, 43 Solemn pledges, 45 Just sitting around, 46 Words of understanding, 47 Follow orders, 49 Most appropriate, 51 Mountain lion, 55 "Oh gracious!", 56 Evasive treatment, with "the", 59 High-spirited horse, 63 Have a go (try). DOWN 10 Temporary currency, 11 Common Sense author Thomas, 12 Smoothies, as wood, 14 Asparagus unit, 22 Ink smudge, 24 Invitation initials, 26 Bullets, briefly, 27 Star Wars princess, 28 Exam, 29 Down-and-out, 30 Verbal, 33 Author Wiesel, 35 Restaurant servers, 36 "Anything \_\_\_?", 37 Numbered roads: Abbr., 38 Verse writer, 41 Bluish green, 44 Fly like an eagle, 48 Slightly scorches, 50 Rotini or rigatoni, 51 Muscle problem, 52 External, 53 Come together, 54 Fence openings, 55 Word on a ticket, 57 "Now we're in trouble!", 58 Defense org. since 1949, 60 Lake bordering Ohio, 61 Makes a mistake, 62 Salon tints.