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Ms. Reyes participates in a lot of school activities.

Jessica Womack, Bauer fourth-grade student

**TEACHER**

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grade class, there was something at the end that made it worthwhile and I try to do that with my classroom.

"To me, if they are not having fun, they're not going to learn," she said

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months, Howard College, along with other schools across the state, has carefully followed the legislature at it has attempted to untangle the state's budget woes.

At this point, Sparks said community colleges are expecting a 10.2 percent to 12.5 percent reduction in state funding. In addition, both the House and Senate packages for community colleges exclude picking up state employee insurance.

As a result, Howard College is expecting to pick up an estimated \$80,000 for employee insurance cost and another \$30,000 at SWCID. As employees see a decrease in insurance cost beginning in the summer, Sparks said, the decrease is a result from a reduction in their insurance coverage.

On a positive note,

**TRIAL**

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her testimony against the defendant.

Patton's body was discovered in a field off Rock House Road July 30. An autopsy ordered by Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson indicated that the cause of death was asphyxiation by strangulation.

Rodriguez was certified to stand trial as an adult Sept. 18, 2002, and indicted for the murder on Nov. 7, 2002

**COUNTY**

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Monday morning.

Commissioners approved hiring the new personnel at the request of Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson. The truck drivers will earn \$11.93 per hour, while the part-time mower will earn \$10 hourly — compared to \$13.11 an hour for a full-time mower.

Commissioners also approved a purchase request from Jameson for a new welding machine. The tool will cost the

If found guilty, Rodriguez will be automatically sentenced to life in prison, said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who will prosecute the case; possible punishments in a capital case are death and life in prison, and Wilkerson is forbidden to seek the death penalty because Rodriguez was a juvenile at the time the crime was committed.

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county \$1,450.

In other business, the county approved the hiring of Victoria Cevallos, a new court reporter for the 118th District Court.

Cevallos, a Coahoma native, has been working in Midland until recently, when she moved back to Howard County to be near family.

Cevallos started her tenure in the 118th District Court Monday during jury selection in the Tommy Rodriguez capital murder trial.

Commissioners also approved invoices and scheduled a budget workshop for May 19.

mates based on industry standards.

The removal of the old building, a remodeled Air Force barrack, will help clear the way for the building of a multi-million-dollar, privately-funded performing arts center.

Trustees also:

- Approved contracts for district faculty employment.
- Named retired Howard College instructor June Stone, former director of the college's licensed vocational nursing program, as professor emeritus for 2003. The honor entities Stone to lead the graduation professional.

- Authorized the administration to finalize bids for community network infrastructure.
- Approved a \$27,148 bid by Tangent Computer for 16 computer units.

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**Big Spring man leads officers on vehicle chase**

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

A man led Big Spring police on a chase to Westbrook on Monday before being taken into custody.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said Jeffery Cox, 23, of Big Spring was arrested near Westbrook on charges of fleeing to elude.

"We received a call about 3:15 a.m. to a residence in the 2500 block of Hunter. It was in reference to a fight," Sweatt said. "Upon the officers' arrival, one person was

still at the scene. He was taken into custody and he was brought to the police department. When he got down here, he claimed injuries and was taken to the hospital."

Sweatt said charges against the man were dropped because of his medical condition, although they may be refiled at a later time.

"(Cox) was in a vehicle out in front of the house and when officers got in the area he left," Sweatt said. "Officers were in pursuit with him and he ended up going east on Interstate 20 to approxi-

mately mile marker 202 where he pulled over, stopped and got out. He was threatening to do harm to himself and everyone else, and he was finally taken into custody."

Cox was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was treated for minor injuries. After being released into police custody the was booked into the city jail, Sweatt said.

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**Garden City sets Head Start signups**

Registration for the Garden City Head Start program will be held from Monday, May 5 through Thursday, May 8, for children who are 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2003.

Applications will be taken in the Garden City Head Start Classroom from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Parents should bring proof of income, their child's birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security number for all members of the household.

The program is primarily for 4 year olds however if enrollment is low some 3 year olds will be taken.

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Charles Speer received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Methodist University in 1970. From there he went directly to Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. After graduating from there in 1972, Charles went to work with the Northside congregation in Dallas for five years. In 1977 Charles and Cara were married and moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, where he preached for eight years. Their two children, Bryn and Jamin, were born in Weatherford. In 1985 the Speer family attended six months of mission training at Sunset School of Preaching before leaving for New Zealand where they worked for three and a half years with and training preachers for New Zealand, New Guinea, and other points in the south pacific at South Pacific Bible College. Since 1989, Charles has been working full time with Sunset International Bible Institute. (Formerly Sunset School of Preaching.) Charles has a passion for the word of God and believes deeply that we need to have more respect and love for the word of God. He emphasizes the need for a strong family life and the need to take the gospel to the lost. This study will convince you of man's need to study the Bible to know God and His word.

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# House allows for privatization of state school, hospital

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House on Monday gave final passage to a large, complex bill that would make sweeping changes to the state's health and human services system — but not before some Republicans joined with Democrats in toughening up a provision that would allow for the privatization of a state school for mentally retarded children and a state hospital for the mentally ill.

The legislation by Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth, R-Burleson, would save an estimated \$1.1 billion by consolidating 12 departments into three under a new Health and Human Services Commission and restructuring several programs, including the

Children's Health Insurance Program. It is a priority of the GOP House leadership dealing with a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall.

Among other things, the bill caps enrollment in the children's insurance program, tightens fraud and abuse enforcement, establishes preferred medicine lists for Medicaid and CHIP, broadens abortion licensing laws and allows for the privatization of a state school for mentally retarded children and a state hospital for the mentally ill.

That provision was added Friday by Rep. John Davis, R-Houston, who tried to push a similar idea in House budget hearings but was repeat-

edly overruled by the Appropriations Committee.

His amendment would allow a state school and a state hospital to be privatized if the company that would run them could save at least 10 percent from what Texas is paying now.

On Monday, Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, offered an amendment to push that threshold up to 25 percent, making it more difficult for privatization. His measure was adopted without objection — but only after Davis' motion to kill the McReynolds amendment failed, 102-38.

Davis said his privatization effort "is to give it a trial run, to see if it can work or not."

He argued that allowing a private company to run the facilities would likely save the state money that could be spent on serving more people with mental needs. Wohlgenuth was among those who supported the idea.

"What is your problem with being more efficient?" he asked critics during the Monday debate.

"Because you're doing it with those who can't defend themselves," said Rep. Carlos Uresti, D-Corpus Christi.

Texas operates institutions for the mentally retarded in Abilene, Austin, Brenham, Corpus Christi, Denton, El Paso, Harlingen, Lubbock, Lufkin, Mexia, Richmond, San Angelo

and San Antonio. Hospitals for the mentally ill are operated by the state in Austin, Big Spring, El Paso, Vernon, Kerrville, Rusk, San Antonio, Terrell and Waco.

Wohlgenuth's measure, which now moves to the Senate, also would change the Texas law that requires medical clinics that perform 300 or more abortions a year to register with the state. Now, physicians who do 50 or

more to get licensed, which costs \$2,500 annually.

The license requires documentation of a Department of Health abortion information hotline, staff training and compliance with annual state inspections.

Supporters say it ensures women's safety, while opponents argue it aims to limit the number of abortions and stigmatize doctors who perform them.

## Abortion bill debated

AUSTIN (AP) — Women seeking an abortion would have to wait 24 hours before a doctor could terminate the pregnancy under legislation debated by the Texas House.

The bill also would require doctors to offer patients state-produced literature and color photos of fetal development at two-week increments before the mandated "reflection period."

Bill sponsor Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, said he authored the legislation in an attempt to empower women by making as much information as possible available to them.

The House adjourned early Monday evening, without voting on the legislation.

Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, tried to amend the bill to exempt victims of rape and incest from the requirement to view the materials, but members rejected the measure.

The legislation also would require written proof, signed by the abortion patient, that she has been offered standard information regarding risks and options available should she decide to carry her pregnancy to term.

The bill also requires that abortions performed after the 15th week of pregnancy can only be performed at an ambulatory surgical center or hospital licensed to perform the procedure.

sionate conservatism" and restore funding for services for the disabled and elderly in the next state budget, in part by forcing more businesses to pay taxes.

The AARP, the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition, ADAPT and other groups said they would present 5,000 signatures to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick supporting the groups' call to fund services at the current level over the next two years.

The spending plans in the House and Senate would "balance the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable," said Gus Cardenas, state president of AARP Texas, which has more than 2 million members.

Tightening the state's business taxes to force more companies to pay would find much of the money needed to fund the threatened programs, the groups said. Business groups have vigorously opposed tightening the so-called "franchise tax" and a bill to get more companies to pay the tax has not moved in the House.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he thinks the state should fund those services for the frail and elderly but that it has a limited amount of money. Tax bills must come from the House and he said he doesn't expect to see one this session.

the form of a Senate bill Monday.

The bill was in rough draft form and was being looked at by potential co-sponsors, Dewhurst spokesman Dave Beckwith said.

"I expect a super majority will sign on as co-sponsors" to the legislation, Beckwith said.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, will sponsor the legislation, which would replace the current school funding structure by cutting property taxes in half, expanding the state sales tax and getting rid of the state's wealth-sharing school formula.

The bill was expected to get introduced in the Senate Wednesday. Such a bill typically would be sent to the Senate Education Committee, but Senate leaders are looking at putting it on a fast track by putting it before a full meeting of all the senators.

In response to Dewhurst's plan last week, Gov. Rick Perry said more time was needed to study school funding alternatives. With five weeks left in the legislative session, Perry said he would be willing to call the Legislature into a special session at a later date.

## Disabled and elderly

Advocacy groups for senior and disabled Texans called on lawmakers Monday to practice "com-

## School funding issue

A proposal by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst that would change the way public schools are funded took

## Early graduation scholars

High school students would be required to take the middle or upper curriculum level to be eligible for a \$1,000 Early High School Graduation Scholarship under legislation by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, approved in the Senate Monday.

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By LYNDEL MOORE Staff Writer

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# Howard College approves nursing degree qualification requirements for next year

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees approved changes Monday in the qualification requirements for the associate of nursing degree.

"The rigor of the program will not change," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president. "We are one of the very few colleges in the state that maintains a 100 percent passing rate (on the state board examina-



**CHERYL SPARKS**

tion). Students who pass the four prerequisite classes — Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Nutrition and Life Span Development — with a C average or higher will be accepted into the program, said Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president of academic affairs.

Prior to the change, the college used a point system to evaluate students applying for admission to the program. Points were based on student performance in the four prerequisite classes.

In addition, students were evaluated on a profile exam meant to deter-

mine if the person applying was best suited for the nursing profession. The profile exam is no longer a requirement, Burchett said.

Licensed vocational nurses transitioning into the program are still required to take an exam to evaluate their level of nursing skills.

The college has already seen a 400 percent increase in applications to the program by students anticipating the change, Burchett said, and the number of students accepted into the program next year may quadruple.

A point system will be

reinstated if the number of qualified applicants starts to exceed the capacity of instructors, Burchett added.

The changes are prompted by a need to fill the continuing nursing shortage in the area.

"One of the things we want to do is serve our students in our area and some of them have to leave to go to school in other communities because of our standards," noted Trustee Harold Davis.

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# Fire department investigates suspicious blaze at apartment

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A fire at Northcrest Apartments Saturday night caused minor damage to a vacant room and no reported injuries.

"When units arrived they found smoke coming from the foundation and roof vents," said Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray. "The room had been broken into and vandalized. The fire has

been listed as suspicious."

Apparently someone had gained entry to the room by pushing in the front door, Condray said.

Fire department officials believe the fire started on the floor where two holes about one-foot in diameter were burned into the floor.

Two engines, a medical unit and a deputy chief responded.

# Parents Who Care after prom

Parents Who Care is seeking community donations to help fund the after prom party being planned for Big Spring High School juniors and seniors on May 17.

To help, contact Myrna Russell at 267-6891 or 466-3725 or Tish Torres at 263-3648. Donations can be mailed to Russell at P.O. Box 1462 or Torres at 2513 Ann Dr.

# A man, a boat and an island

A little more than 100 years ago, a German immigrant named Paul Kroegel began his quest to create a safe place for the wildlife that inhabited Pelican Island, Florida. His efforts spawned a century of wildlife preservation in our country. This year as we celebrate



**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

the centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the 17 sites in Texas that are part of the system, the tale of a man, a boat and an island is still relevant.

Paul Kroegel was known for his keen interest in boating and his love of the birds and wildlife that called the coastal area home. He frequently played his accordion while riding through the marshes and over the years became alarmed by the diminishing number of birds, brown pelicans in particular, which roosted in the area. His concern was heightened when he discovered there were no laws protecting the pelicans or other wildlife.

Paul passionately protected the birds, teaming up with naturalists who visited the island to find a way to preserve the birds. Soon, the naturalists brought the case of the pelicans before President Theodore Roosevelt. It was not long before the conservationist president established Pelican Island as a federal bird reservation, the first in a network of fifty-five. Saying, "Wild beasts

and birds are by right not the property merely of the people who are alive today, but the property of unknown generations, whose belongings we have no right to squander," President Roosevelt signed an executive order on March 14, 1903, creating America's National Wildlife Refuge System. Paul Kroegel was hired as the first wildlife warden for a meager \$1 per month.

Today, 100 years later, it is clear that one man and his boat saved not only the birds of Pelican Island, but our nation's rich legacy of wildlife. In Texas, 17 such refuges dot our state's landscape. From the Laguna Atascosa Refuge in south Texas to the Buffalo Lake Refuge in the panhandle, Texas carries on Kroegel's legacy, as home to a diversity of wildlife that flourish and thrive.

The Muleshoe Refuge, our state's oldest, is located on nearly 6,000 acres on the high plains of west Texas. It was established as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl and sandhill cranes, and the 600 acres of water on the refuge provide a welcome sanctuary for 282 species of migrating birds.

At the 34,000-acre Anahuac Refuge in the upper Texas Coast along Galveston Bay, a broad variety of plant and animal life call the region home. The coastal wetlands provide a nursery habitat for marine species such as blue crab and spotted sea trout, and the refuge also attracts migratory ducks and geese. American alligators, endangered in the 1960s, now thrive in the wetlands.

Each year, with the

help of more than 30,000 volunteers, wildlife refuges in Texas and every state of the union host some 35,000,000 visitors. They are part animal sanctuary, part research facility, and part recreational area all rolled into one, but their primary focus is defined by their motto: "Where wildlife comes first."

It is important for Texans and all Americans to recognize and appreciate the efforts of our nation's refuges in preserving the natural habitats of endangered species. In Washington, Congress is doing its part to support the noble mission of the system. In fact, this March we passed a resolution commemorating the refuge centennial and reaffirming our commitment to fund the efforts to preserve wildlife for future generations.

As we launch into a second century of conservation and the competition for land and water increases, we must strike a balance between progress and nature. The National Wildlife Refuge System is indeed the "cornerstone of conservationism" in our country and serves as the perfect vehicle to ensure peaceful cohabitation continues.

The story of a man, a boat and an island is more than an American folk tale. It's the story of a quest to save a species that became a legacy for a nation to enjoy.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Meet a Remarkable Mother and Wife

# Martha Washington

The Mini Page celebrates Mother's Day with a story about the busy life of a mother and wife, Martha Washington.



Martha was born in 1731. This is a painting of her in 1751 when she was 26 years old. This was three years before she married her second husband, George Washington.

**Her background**

Growing up, Martha Dandridge was taught the skills that it would take to be a good wife. These included housekeeping, religion, music and dancing.

Her father was a planter and county official. She was the oldest of eight children.

When she was 18, she married the richest man in the colony of Virginia, Daniel Custis. He was 20 years older than she. They were married seven years before he died. They had four children, but two of them died. Her husband's death left her a very rich woman.



This is a painting about the courtship of George Washington and Martha Custis. Notice the children, Jacky and Patsy.

Martha Custis met George Washington after her husband died. Washington was already famous as a hero in the French and Indian War. They were married on Jan. 6, 1759, at Martha's plantation, White House.

**The children**

While she and George never had children of their own, they did raise the two surviving children she had before she married him.



John Parke (Jacky) Custis was only 4 and and Martha Parke (Patsy) Custis was only 2 when their mother remarried. They moved to Mount Vernon.

Her family was the most important part of Martha's life. She was always very protective of her children. She spoiled them greatly.

Jacky Custis (1754-1781) later married and had four children. He died at the age of 27 when he was serving with Washington in the Revolutionary Army.



Patsy Custis (1756-1773) died at an early age. The Washingtons were always concerned about her health. Martha was very sad when Patsy died of epilepsy at the age of 17.

Go dot to dot and color Martha Washington.



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**Rookie Cookie's Recipe Washington's Favorite Breakfast**

- You'll need:
- 8 3/4 cups white cornmeal
  - 1 1/4 teaspoons dry yeast
  - 1 egg
  - warm water
  - salt (optional to add to batter)
  - shortening or cooking oil
  - honey (buckwheat honey is really good with hoecakes)
  - butter



- What to do:**
1. In a large container, mix together 4 cups white cornmeal, 1 1/4 teaspoons dry yeast, and enough warm water to give the mixture the consistency of pancake batter (about 3 to 4 cups). Cover and set on the stove or counter overnight.
  2. In the morning, gradually add remaining cornmeal, egg, and enough warm water to give the mixture the consistency of pancake batter (about 3 to 4 cups). Cover and set aside for 15 to 20 minutes.
  3. Add cooking grease to a griddle or skillet and heat until water sprinkled into it will bead up.
  4. Pour batter, by the spoonful, onto the hot griddle. (Note: Since the batter has a tendency to separate, you will need to stir it well before pouring each batch.) When the hoecake is brown on one side, turn it over and brown the other side. Serve warm with butter and honey.
- Yields enough to easily feed a classroom of students!  
Note: This recipe is based on one from Nelly Custis, who could have learned it from her grandmother, Martha Washington.

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**Meet Martina McBride**

Country singer Martina McBride has real country roots. She grew up on a dairy farm near Medicine Lodge, Kan. Martina, 36, was born on July 29, 1966. She was only 7 years old when she started singing in her father's band. She has an older brother and sister and a younger brother. The younger brother, Martin, plays guitar in her band.

While trying to make it big in music, she worked as a waitress in Nashville, Tenn. She even sold T-shirts and hats on a Garth Brooks tour. She got her first recording contract in 1992 and has become a popular country music star.

Martina met her husband when she called to rent a rehearsal hall. Her two daughters always travel with her to her shows. She is left-handed and 5 feet 4 inches tall.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Wanda:** Why do we call those big storms "hurricanes"?

**William:** Whoever heard of his-a-canes?

**Sally:** When is a hurricane over?

**Stuart:** Mon-sooner or later!

**Daniel:** Why don't weather forecasters tell each other jokes?

**Donna:** They don't want to laugh up a storm!

**Martha Washington TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of Martha Washington are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward, both up and down, and diagonally. Some letters are used twice. See if you can find: MARTHA, GEORGE, WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT, JACKY, MOUNT, VERNON, PATSY, WASHY, NELLY, CHILDREN, MEALS, WARM, CUSTIS, TEA, FRIENDLY, DOGS, HOUSEKEEPER, WIFE, SEW, HOSTESS, VIRGINIA.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Mount Vernon. See if you can find: • exclamation mark • question mark

- horseshoe
- pencil
- whale
- letter D
- word MINI
- yardstick
- cat
- funny face
- sea horse
- number 8

**Martha as Mother and Wife**

**As grandparents**  
Both of the Washingtons liked having young children around. They also raised two of their grandchildren. Their father was Martha's son, Jacky, who died. George Washington (Washy) Parke Custis was only 8 and Eleanor (Nelly) Parke Custis was only 10 when George Washington was sworn in as president.

**Washy (1781-1857)** became a planter, writer and painter. He often spoke and wrote about his step-grandfather. He built Arlington House, a mansion overlooking Washington, D.C. It still stands today. His daughter married Robert E. Lee, the famous Confederate general.

**Nelly (1779-1852)** married Washington's nephew, Lawrence Lewis. They had several children. Nelly enjoyed music, poetry and needlework.

**As a housewife**  
Martha Washington was very friendly and loved meeting new people. This was important because so many people came to visit, and George was not as outgoing as she. In one year, in 1798, they had more than 600 guests. Some people stayed for weeks. Martha had a very busy day. While there were slaves to help, she had to supervise them. She was up at 4:30 or 5:00 in the morning and in bed by 9:00 or 10:00 at night. She had lots to do. For example, the meal schedule was:  
Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.  
Dinner: 3:00 p.m.  
Tea: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.  
Light supper: perhaps at 9:00 p.m.

**As the general's wife**  
Martha did not like to travel, but for eight years she went to visit and give support to her husband at his winter quarters during the Revolutionary War. She also raised money for the cause.

**As the first lady**  
While Martha did not like public life, she was warm and gracious and a great help to the president. Martha died at Mount Vernon in 1802, more than two years after her husband.

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6 PM	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	7th Heaven	News Wheel	News Wheel	News Wheel	Seinfeld	Gata Salvaje	Blind Date	Movie: Two	15 Movie: Legally	Medical Detectives	Stupid (CC)	Update With John Hagee	American Justice	FBI Files	Law & Order	Sister, Sister		
7 PM	8 Simple Rules	American Idol	Nova (CC)	Movie: Au Pair	JAG (CC)	8 Simple Rules	Just Shoot Me	MLB Baseball	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next	Ninas (CC)	(CC)	What Were You	Movie: Scooby-Doo	Booker N. McBride	Biography: Patrick	New Detectives	NBA Basketball	Movie: Blank Check (CC)		
8 PM	According-Jim	24 (CC)	Manor House (CC)		Guardian (CC)	According-Jim	Frasier (CC)	at Houston Astros (CC)	Entre el Amor	Movie: Rocky V	Movie: Bio-Dome (CC)	Domestic Disturbance	Prophets: Seers	Movie: Good Advice (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	New Detectives	Playoffs: First Round			
9 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	70s Show	Whose Line? Whose Line?		Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Dateline (CC)		Ver Para Creer		America's	Movie News	Journal of the	Advice (CC)			FBI Files (CC)	Teams TBA NBA	Sister, Sister		
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show	NewsHour With	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show (CC)	News (CC)	News Nightline	Movie: Most Wanted (CC)	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC)	Psycho 2	Queer as Folk	What Were You	Six Feet Under	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	New Detectives	Basketball Playoffs	Even Stevens		
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	National Geographic	Caroline Rhea	Ent. Tonight Late Show (CC)	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night (CC)		En las Mejores	Blind Date	05 Movie: Mulholland	Movie: The Silence of the	Prophets: Seers	Real Time Richman	Cameo Davis Patrick	Biography: Patrick	New Detectives	First Round	Boy World Smart Guy		
12 AM	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date Beyond	Independent Lens (CC)	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah	(CC) Frasier (CC)	12:05 Movie: Spawn (CC)	Mentira	Highlander (CC)	Falls (CC)	Lambs (CC)	Journal of the	Movie: Dead Presidents	Update With John Hagee	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	Inside the NBA	Sister, Sister		

### DENNIS THE MENACE

4-29

"MY MOM SAID THAT ONCE I WAS SO DIRTY, I HAD TO WASH UP BEFORE SHE COULD GIVE ME A BATH."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

4-29

"Mommy, your goodnight hug wore off. Could I have another one?"

### HAGAR

4-29

COULDN'T WE JUST RING THE DOORBELL?

### BLONDIE

4-29

ROUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE?

DOES IT SHOW?

### WIZARD OF ID

4-29

I JOINED A SUPPORT GROUP FOR "THOSE WHO LACK SPEED" TODAY.

MAN, YOUR MEETINGS MUST LAST FOREVER.

### BLONDIE

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### AGNES

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DID YOU KNOW THAT SOME PIG ORGANS AND PEASANT ORGANS ARE COMPATIBLE?

REALLY?

HOW MANY PIGS DO THEY SAVE A YEAR?

### AGNES

4-29

BESIDES, IF HE TALKED, I WOULD HAVE TO DO A LOT OF SPELL-CHECKING AND PUT MYSELF AT RISK FOR GRAMMAR ERRORS AND IMPROPER TENSES.

THEN HOW DO YOU KNOW HE IS NAUSEATED?

SEE? I LEARNED HOW TO DRAW LUMPY PUDDLES TODAY.

### People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Alan Cumming says he took the part of a blue-skinned mutant called Nightcrawler in "X2: X-Men United" for a number of reasons.

For one, the gay Scottish actor says he likes the movie's message.

"I really liked the message in the film that we need to be more tolerant and understanding of other cultures different than ours and not to think because they are different they are bad," said Cumming, 38.

He also takes roles in major studio films such as "X2" and "Spy Kids," Cumming said, so he can finance his more offbeat projects. They include writing an adaptation of his novel, "Tommy's Tale," and producing plays for his theater company, the Art Party.

"I have this thing I call the Hollywood bank," Cumming said. "You have to make deposits sometimes so you can make withdrawals so I can do little films or write a play."

Besides his own projects, Cumming is starring in a television show he hopes will make the ABC midseason lineup next year. He described "Mr. and Mr. Nash," about a crime-fighting couple, as a gay "Hart to Hart."

"It's two interior designers and there are corpses everywhere," he said. "It's funny and witty and kind of groundbreaking because it will be the first program on American network TV that has gay characters and their gayness is secondary to what the show is about."

NEW YORK (AP) — Hip-hop pioneers Public Enemy are still fighting the powers that be.

The group, known for anthems including "Don't Believe the Hype" and "Fight The Power," will take on President Bush with their new CD-DVD, "Son of a Bush," scheduled for May 6 release.

The title track, which first appeared on last year's "Revolverlution," criticizes both the current president and his father.

Among the lyrics: "Have ou forgotten/I been through the first term of rotten/The father, the son/and the holy Bush... I told y'all when the first Bush was tappin' my phone... Can't truss 'em."

The group joins other artists including the Dixie Chicks and the Beastie Boys who have spoken out against the president.

### HI AND LOIS

4-29

THE REAL PROBLEM IN THIS WORLD IS TOO MANY PEOPLE. WE NEED FEWER PEOPLE!

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? ELIMINATE PEOPLE? WHERE WOULD YOU START?

I NEVER CARED MUCH FOR FENSTER IN ACCOUNTING.

### MR. HOUSEWIFE

4-29

REMEMBER YOUR COUSIN'S A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN YOU

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND SHADING AS WELL AS YOU DO!

JUST WAIT UNTIL HE'S DONE WITH THE TOY, THEN YOU CAN USE IT.

HE'S DONE.

### Newsday Crossword

HIT THE DECK by Daniel R. Stark  
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

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50 More tender

52 Lucy's costar

53 Italian monk

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69 Old-time anesthetic

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3 Actress Dunne

4 Baserunner's coup

5 Olympic swimmer Biondi

6 Full-grown sheep

7 Non-volunteer

8 Skirt panels

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10 Bland expression

11 Rotate rapidly

12 Impatient

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18 Queen of Mount Olympus

22 More difficult

25 Earth tone

27 Pea case

28 Theater sign

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### MR. HOUSEWIFE

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### SNUFFY SMITH

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I LOST TH' SALES SLIP, SILAS--CAN I STILL RETURN THIS?

GEE, I DUNNO, LOWEEZY...

### MR. HOUSEWIFE

4-29

### BETLE BAILEY

4-29

I WONDER IF A DOG COULD LOOK AS STUPID AS SOME PEOPLE?

I'D BETTER NOT DO THIS TOO LONG

BAD HABITS, LIKE BAD DEBTS, ARE HARD TO GET OUT OF

### SNUFFY SMITH

4-29

### BETLE BAILEY

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