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## Elections

*Municipalities to contract with county for balloting as filing period nears*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Monday will be the first day for candidates to file to run in the upcoming municipal elections, as several area cities prepare to hold their balloting in a unique manner.

The city of Big Spring, along with municipalities in Coahoma and Forsan, are expected to contract with the Howard County Elections Administration for elections set to be held in May for the first time since the county office was created.

"Things are going fairly well at this point," said Sandra Bloom, Howard County's election administrator. "We're currently working on contracts with Coahoma and Forsan. We're also looking at the idea of holding joint elections."

Early voting in the municipal and school district elections will begin May 1, with election day

### KEY DATES

**Filing begins:** Monday, Feb. 11.

**Early voting begins:** May 1.

**Election day:** May 13.

set for May 13.

"Early voting for the Big Spring elections — the city of Big Spring, Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College — will take place at the Howard County Courthouse," said Bloom. "Early voting for the entities in Coahoma and Forsan will most likely be held at their respective city halls."

In Big Spring, city council seats currently held by Woody Jumper (District 2), Gloria McDonald (District 4) and Greg Biddison (District 6) will be up for grabs.

Biddison said he plans

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## WE LOVE THE 80s



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Nick Ross, left and Julian Garcia bust out with some "Footloose" break-dancing moves during dress rehearsal for the Big Spring High School Theatre Winter Revue "We Love the 80s." The performance, featuring 60 to 75 students from all six theatre classes, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

## Officials hope to put out wildfire threat via education

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Jim Apodaca, a fire prevention specialist with Gila National Forest located in southwest New Mexico, is just one of many out-of-state officials helping the Texas Forest Service put the squelch on fires this season.

Apodaca said he and others are helping the state's forest service warn Texans in hopes

of avoiding fires similar to those that swept through Cross Plains, leaving hundreds of people homeless.

"We want to spread the message to be careful with ignition sources," said Apodaca. "We need everyone to pay close attention to the burn bans and what restrictions they place on what you can and can't do."

"There are a lot of burn bans going on right now across the Texas counties. In the history

*"About 90 percent of the fires we see are caused by humans. It ranges from people riding the rim of their car on a flat tire to people pitching their cigarette butts out the window."*

Jim Apodaca,  
fire prevention specialist

of the state of Texas, there have never been as many counties in burn bans as there are right

now. That kind of puts it into perspective how severe this fire season is already shaping up to

be." According to Apodaca, one of the easiest things Howard County residents can do to help protect their homes from fires is simply clear out an area around the structure.

"One of the main problems I see in this community is the urban interface, which is the areas around their homes," said Apodaca. "Fire prevention

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## Renovations nearly complete for Forsan ISD

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Bond-financed renovation at Forsan Independent School District campuses is entering the home stretch.

Construction authorized by district voters in November 2004 is nearing completion, Superintendent Randy Johnson said, noting that the overall cost of the projects will be less than the \$4.9 million approved in the election.

The two major projects still not completed — the new practice

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## Four presidents, thousands line up for King funeral

By **ERRIN HAINES**  
Associated Press Writer

LITHONIA, Ga. (AP) — Shivering in near-freezing temperatures, hundreds of people waited

The King children, from left, Dexter, Bernice, Martin III and Yolanda attend a musical tribute to Coretta Scott King at Ebenezer Baptist Church's Horizon Sanctuary in Atlanta, Ga., Monday.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution/KRT photo/Rich Adicksa

hours in line this morning for one last chance to say goodbye to Coretta Scott King before her funeral.

"There's one word to describe going to go see Coretta — historic. It's good to finally see her at peace," said Robert Jackson, a 34-year-old financial consultant from Atlanta whose 10-year-old daughter, Ebony, persuaded him to

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### SPEECH FUND-RAISERS

Big Spring High School speech and debate team will be holding a silent auction beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday in the high school library to raise travel funds for University Interscholastic League competition in Pharr San Juan ISD.

The competition is scheduled March 2-5.

Also, the students are also sponsoring A Mile of Pennies to raise funds for the trip and will be at Wal-Mart at 9 a.m. Saturday, collecting change for the project.

All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 264-3641, ext. 151.

### PUBLIC MEETING TODAY

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting today to gather input from the public on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring from U.S. Highway 87 North to U.S. Highway 87 South.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Input gathered at tonight's public meeting will be used along with TxDOT design and environmental criteria to develop an alignment which will be presented at a future meeting.

### BLOOD DRIVE SLATED

Mountain View Lodge is having a blood drive through United Blood Services from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Bloodmobile at the nursing home, 2009 Virginia Ave.

Blood donor requirements are that the donor be at least 17 years old, be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, know names of all medications currently being taken and have valid identification, such as driver's or donor ID.

Call UBS at 561-5539 for qualifications. To sign up for the blood drive, call Jessica Paredes, director of marketing and admissions for Mountain View Lodge, at 263-1271.

Obituaries

David Harold King

David Harold King, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at his home after a long illness.

David was born in Corpus Christi Feb. 28, 1931. He was the youngest of eight children. He was educated in Catholic schools and finished high school at the Corpus Christi College Academy.

After high school, he was drafted and served in the U.S. Army in Europe. He attended college on the G.I. Bill, supplemented by his own hard work. He began his education at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi in 1953, receiving an associate of arts degree, and then went to Texas Arts and Industries University for his bachelor's degree in 1956 and master's degree in 1958.

He married Susan Craven, a classmate from Del Mar, in the Corpus Christi Cathedral in August of 1958.

David taught in the public schools of Corpus Christi and Driscoll as well as summer courses at Del Mar, until he and his wife came to teach at Howard College in Big Spring in 1966.

David taught History and Government at Howard College for 30 years, until he retired after teaching thousands of students. He was named Professor Emeritus after his retirement.

David was always very active in his church, serving as member of the school board and later principal of the Catholic school at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Big Spring. He was especially active in religious education.

When the Roman Catholic Church began ordaining a few married men as permanent deacons, he was the first man in the San Angelo Diocese to appeal to the bishop to be considered for the diaconate, and was appointed to a committee to set up a suggested course of study.

He and his wife and some other lay people, as well as a group of nuns and priests, developed such a curriculum. Bishop Steven Levin started the program with a group of more than 30 men as candidates.

David and Wayne Rock of Big Spring were ordained two years later at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. David and his wife taught a few classes in the second group of deacon candidates.

After his son, William became a member of the Big Spring Police Department, David received permission to attend the Big Spring Police Academy. At the time, he was 57 and was the oldest person to go through a police academy in Texas.

As expected, he excelled in the academic part. He worked as a non-paid volunteer reserve officer for the BSPD for years, often working full time in the summers when he was not teaching.

David continued his education in criminal justice by receiving yet another college degree, one in criminal justice from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He eventually received a Master's Certificate in Criminal Justice from the state of Texas.

After his retirement from Howard College, he was a reserve officer for the Howard County Sheriff's Department as long as he was in good enough health to do so.

David is survived by his wife, Susan; his daughter Elizabeth Treece and her husband, William Treece; his son, William King and his wife, Wanda; and four grandchildren, Sterling King, Kristin King, Geoffrey Treece and Judith Treece, all of Big Spring.

He is survived by one brother, Roy King and his wife, Rose of South Texas; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

David will be remembered by his family, friends and his many students for his kindness, his generous spirit, his dedication to education, his love of jokes, his gift of making friends, his passion for justice and fair play, his courage and the strength and dignity and jokes with which he faced his final illness.

His family suggests memorial gifts to the David and Susan King Endowment Fund, in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720, or to the donor's favorite charity.

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, will preside at the 7 p.m. Wake Service at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring tonight. The Funeral Mass will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Barry McLean, friend of the family, will officiate. Since David wished to be cremated, there will be no graveside service.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

Paid obituary

Take Note

• BSHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE 2006 WINTER REVUE "WE LOVE THE 80s" at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. For more information, call the theatre department at 264-3641, ext. 165.

• BSHS SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM SILENT AUCTION beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday in the high school library to raise funds for State UIL competition in Pharr San Juan ISD March 2-5. Also, the students are also sponsoring A Mile of Pennies to raise funds for the trip and will be at Wal-Mart at 9 a.m. Saturday, collecting change for the project. For more information, call 264-3641, ext. 151.

• A BLOOD DRIVE IS SCHEDULED AT MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Feb. 17 at 2009 Virginia Ave. To sign up for the blood drive,

Lucille Procter



Lucille Procter, 86, of Coahoma died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, in the Mitchell County Hospital. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Russ Mullins, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends today from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 24, 1920, in Hamilton and married Tommy Procter Sept. 18, 1937, in Haskell. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 1983. She moved to Coahoma in January of 1954 from Dublin. She was a homemaker and had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital in the canteen for 11 years until she retired. She was a member of Coahoma Church of Christ since 1954.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, James and Billie Procter of Big Spring; two daughters, Delores Dodson of Colorado City and Diana Hewett of Midland; four granddaughters; two grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Coahoma Church of Christ, P.O. Box 120, Coahoma 79511 or Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Highway 16, N. Medina 78055.

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

Bobbie McCracken

Bobbie McCracken, 53, of Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, in Amarillo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- DARREN LEE HEFFINGTON, 36, of 2600 Crestline, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of a controlled substance.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1300 block of Lancaster.
- FORGERY was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 2300 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 4400 block of Wasson Road.
- Note: An arrest log for Monday was not available at press time.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Roemer. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Pettus Road. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

call Jessica Paredez, director of marketing and admissions for Mountain View Lodge, at 263-1271.

• VALENTINE'S DAY CAKES available from the Relay For Life Yellow Dog Dare Devils team. Delivery available. Eight-inch cakes are \$5 and 5-inch cakes are \$3.50. Call Angel Sosa at 264-4108 or Georgia Torres at 267-1312.

• FOURTH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ applications being accepted through Feb. 13. The event is 10 a.m. Feb. 18 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Big Spring Symphony Association Board of Directors meeting is at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry.

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.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the lower 30s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 16-18-19-23-29.

Number matching five of five: none.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-16-20-25. Bonus Ball: 4.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-6

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**Man killed in parasailing accident**

ROBINSON (AP) — An Austin man was killed in a parasailing accident when gusty winds snapped the towrope of his parasail and he was thrown into a tree.

James Greene, 24, was parasailing behind a tractor driven by his father, Don Greene, Sunday afternoon when the accident occurred, said Rob Sellers, a friend of the Greene family. The accident occurred in Robinson, about nine miles southeast of Waco.

"It was just an unfortunate accident," Robinson police Lt. Tracy O'Connor said. "I've never heard of anyone parasailing behind a tractor, but it's not against the law."

Parasailing involves a vehicle or boat pulling a rider that is hitched to a parachute-like canopy known as a parasail. With speed, the parasail rises and hoists the rider into the air.

Aquatic parasailing involves boats and takes place over water. In terrestrial parasailing, a motor vehicle pulls the rider over land.

**Judge sets execution date for serial killer**

DEL RIO (AP) — A judge set a May 17 execution date Monday for death row inmate Tommy Lynn Sells in the 1999 rape and murder of a 13-year-old Del Rio girl.

Sells, a drifter who worked as a barber, mechanic, laborer and carnival roustabout, has confessed to more than a dozen murders. He is suspected in dozens more across the country.

He was convicted of the Dec. 31, 1999, death of Kaylene Harris. Sells admitted killing her after breaking into her family's mobile home in Del Rio. Sells also cut the neck of an 11-year-old girl who was spending the night with Harris. The girl walked about a quarter mile to a neighbor's house to get help and later identified Sells.

Senior Judge George M. Thurmond set the execution date during an afternoon court hearing.

**State warns parents about dangers of unregulated child care**

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services launched a campaign Monday to educate parents about the dangers of unregulated child care, saying 18 children have died in those arrangements in the past two years.

An increasing number of child care operations are skirting rules requiring them to obtain certificates or licenses from the state, said Diana Spiser, the agency's assistant commissioner for child care licensing.

The agency has no way of knowing how many people are illegally offering child care, spokesman Patrick Crimmins said.

But the number of registered and licensed home-based child care operations fell from about 12,800 to about 12,300 between 2000 and 2004, he said. State officials suspect many of them went underground.

Parents may be attracted to underground centers because they may be smaller or less expensive, Spiser said. But they could be more dangerous because no one is overseeing their operations and training their staff members have passed background checks and undergone appropriate training.

The agency is distributing information on child care safety to doctors, libraries and community groups, asking parents to check an online database at <http://www.txchildcaresearch.org> to make sure their day care center is legal. Parents also can call 1-866-TX-CHILD (892-4453).

**Suspect's escape attempt scatters marijuana along stretch of I-35**

WAXAHACHIE, (AP) — Wildflowers may not be the only thing sprouting up along a 15-mile stretch of Interstate 35 in Ellis County this spring.

Seeds of an illegal plant were inadvertently sown after a Milford police officer stopped a car with no license plate light early Friday morning and smelled a strong odor of marijuana. When the officer returned to his car and called for backup, the driver drove away, Milford Police Chief Carlos Phoenix said.

As several law enforcement agencies joined the chase, the fleeing driver tore open and threw 17 to 19 bags out of his window.

"There was marijuana flying everywhere," Phoenix told the Waxahachie Daily Light.

After driving over a second set of spikes set out by authorities, the suspect finally stopped and was taken into custody, and he was "literally covered in marijuana," Phoenix said.

Officers picked up two duffel bags, a backpack and three or four gallon-size freezer bags from the interstate, but the wind blew much of the substance and seeds, Phoenix said.

Also, some people with police scanners heard that a man was throwing marijuana out of his car window and drove to the scene to try to retrieve it, Phoenix said.

**Woman hit with \$10 million judgment**

AUSTIN (AP) — A Pasadena woman has been ordered to pay nearly \$10 million in fines and restitution for charging for unauthorized legal advice and illegally preparing immigration documents, state Attorney General Greg Abbott said Monday.

Abbott's office sued Yolanda Perez in February 2005, accusing her of violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. A Harris County judge ordered Perez to pay the fines and restitution.

According to Abbott's office, she falsely told clients she was a former employee of the then-Immigration and Naturalization Service and falsely represented herself as an attorney.

Perez operated under several names, including New Anointing/Nueva Uncion, Perez Immigration and Tax Service, and Greater Houston Family Outreach. She charged initial fees of \$300-\$400 per person for help with immigration visas, permanent residency, and work or travel permits for themselves or their relatives.

Victims later found they were subject to removal from the United States due to errors in the submission of the forms or because they were ineligible for permanent residence. Many also lost hundreds of dollars in immigration filing fees.

**ELECTION**

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to run for re-election, while incumbent Jumper will be unable to seek a second term, having recently opted to run for Howard County judge. McDonald was not available for comment at press time.

Three seats will be up for election in Coahoma. At-large council members Warren Wallace, Ronnie Dodson and Paulette Lindsey will either have to run for re-election or give up their respective seats.

In Stanton, four seats will be up for election. They are currently held by Ronnie Christian (District 1), Jim Smith (District 2), James Jenkins (District 3) and Mayor Lester Baker. Residents interested in running for one of the offices mentioned should contact their city officials for more information.

"We're not handling any of the filing for these elections," said Bloom. "All of that will be handled by the entity holding the election."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

**FIRE**

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is more of a proactive thing than a reactive thing, because once a fire starts it's too late. I see a lot of homes with trees and brush around them, and one thing they can do to help protect their home is make fire breaks — simply mowing around the structure — so the volunteer firefighters will have a more-defendable space if something happens."

The most common causes of fires area also the easiest to prevent, according to Apodaca.

"About 90 percent of the fires we see are caused by humans," said Apodaca. "It ranges from people riding the rim of their car on a flat tire to people pitching their cigarette butts out the window. Fireworks is another major cause of fires, along with exhaust pipes

and catalytic converters on vehicles driving over the brush and grass.

"If you have to pull off the road, be sure to look for a gravel area and stay away from areas where the grass is tall enough to come into contact with your vehicle's exhaust system. It only takes a few minutes of being parked there to start a small fire that can grow quickly. We see it pretty often on ranches and farms."

"Leftovers" from vegetation growth seen in 2005 are fueling the fires, according to Apodaca, creating a dire situation for West Texas areas with large amounts of grass and underbrush.

"What's making this year worse than other, beyond the dry weather, is a serious increase in the fuel load from years past," said Apodaca. "Since we had so much moisture last year, we have so much grass drying out now this is

really the most dangerous part of it. Now that all of that fuel is cured, there's a high level of fuel waiting to burn."

In the end, however, area residents not observing the burn ban is what puts everyone at risk, according to Apodaca.

"That's really what causes most of the fires, especially in Texas," said Apodaca. "All it takes is one spark. A lot of people may think they've put their fire out, but until they go through and touch the ashes by hand there's no way to be sure. If you just put water on it, the heat can dry that out and re-ignite pretty easily. If it's a windy day, which is when we really want to warn people to observe the burn bans, it can get out of hand a lot faster than anyone can react."

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**KING**

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take her to the visitation.

The lines had already started forming by 3 a.m. By the time the doors opened at 6:30 a.m., people toward the end were warned that if they stayed they likely wouldn't get into the funeral because of long lines expected there.

An estimated 10,000 people, including four U.S. presidents, were expected to attend the midday funeral at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, where King's daughter Bernice is a minister.

President Bush ordered flags flown at half-staff in memory of the woman known as the "first lady of the civil rights movement."

King, who carried on her husband's dream of

equality for nearly 40 years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, died Jan. 30 at the age of 78 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke.

The president and first lady Laura Bush planned to attend the funeral, along with former presidents Bush, Clinton and Carter and 14 U.S. senators. Maya Angelou, a personal friend of King, was scheduled to speak, and Stevie Wonder and gospel singer Bebe Winans planned to perform.

Delivering the eulogy will be the Kings' youngest child, Bernice, who was 5 when her father was assassinated in 1968 and is perhaps best remembered for the photographs of her lying in her black-veiled mother's lap during her father's funeral.

There have been long lines for all three public

viewings in the past three days. More than 157,000 mourners have filed past King's casket, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where her husband preached, at New Missionary Baptist on Tuesday morning, or at the Georgia Capitol, where King became the first woman and the first black person to lie in honor there.

"I'm here to pay my respects for a woman who has gotten me to the place I am today," said Theresa Wade, of Mapleton. "I believe everyone should pay tribute because the King family has done so much for us."

The funeral followed a day at Martin Luther King Jr.'s old church where Gladys Knight and other performers sang musical tributes to King's widow and where television talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, former Atlanta mayor and King lieutenant Andrew Young

and others shared memories of the "first lady of the civil rights movement."

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gym and renovated band hall — are beginning to round into shape, Johnson said.

The practice gym is now completely enclosed and should be finished by early April. Work on the band hall, which has been delayed while engineers reposition some microwave tower guide wires, is scheduled for completion by June 1, he said.

Other than that, however, everything is done except for final detail work on a few projects.

"It's involved a lot of time and energy," Johnson said of the overall project. "It's like remodeling your home — there's a lot of aggravation ... but in the end, it's worth it."

Among the remaining construction projects:

- Work in the high school/junior high auditorium is complete, pending the arrival of a new lighting system. Johnson said the facility has been in use for several weeks now.



• New high school/junior high science labs are completed.

• Renovation of the high school home economics classrooms is finished.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Don't you be all red-faced Valentine's Day

What's going to be red Feb. 14? Hopefully it will be a box of chocolates you hand to your sweetheart and not your face when you realize...oh my goodness, it's Valentine's Day! There's still plenty of time, of course, but we all know that days go by in bunches when something important is coming up. We invite you to visit your favorite local florist or gift shop — they do a wonderful job — but if you're the type who never seems to find the time, we have another solution.

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# Sheehan: Selective outrage on free speech

I feel sorry for Cindy Sheehan. She lost her beloved son, Casey, in the Iraq war, and for that she has my sympathy.

But losing your son in a war doesn't give you license to violate House decorum, as she did by wearing a t-shirt (reading: "2,245 Dead. How many more?") before President Bush's State of the Union speech last Tuesday night. It also doesn't grant you special wisdom on foreign relations in South America. If it did, Sheehan would not have let herself be embraced by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

While supporters say Sheehan's loss gives her credibility, I don't see antiwar types changing their tune after listening to parents of slain vets who support the war. So her words don't change my mind, not when she talks like a little girl.

Worse, Sheehan feeds the conceit of many Bay Area war protesters — that they are brave warriors risking their safety and the wrath of the Bushies as they protest the war.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., obviously buys into that conceit. Woolsey, who invited Sheehan to the address, issued a statement Wednesday that asked, "Since when is free speech conditional on whether you agree with the president?"



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Ditto Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., who told *The San Francisco Chronicle*, "I'm still trying to find out why the president's Gestapo had to arrest Cindy Sheehan in the gallery."

I expect members of the House to show more political sophistication than a novice blogger. They must know that the Capitol Police report to Congress — not the Bushies. But Stark, who introduced a resolution calling for a probe into the police action, is happy to mislead.

It is clear that the Capitol Police were not acting as pro-war censors, as they also invited Beverly Young, wife of Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., to leave because she was wearing a t-shirt that read, "Support the Troops — Defending Our Freedom."

(Sheehan asks why she was the only one arrested. Duh. She's not married to a congressman. And rightly, the charges against Sheehan were dropped Wednesday. The Capitol Police have apologized.)

If Sheehan wants to fight for First Amendment rights, she might want to stand up for The Respect Life Ministry of the Oakland Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. The group paid to put up billboards on BART that ask the question, "Abortion: Have we gone too far?" Abortion-rights activists defaced and tore down billboards — squelching the message of a dissenting voice in the Bay Area. Suzanne "Sam" Joi, a member of Code Pink, which has hosted many Sheehan events, told *The Chronicle*: "I couldn't believe BART would allow something like

this. Why are they doing this?"

Free speech? Sheehan should take a look at how her buddy Chavez treats dissidents. As Jackson Diehl reported in *The Washington Post* last year, the Chavez-controlled legislature passed new media laws that included this choice provision: "Anyone who offends with his words or in writing or in any other way disrespects the president of the republic or whomever is fulfilling his duties will be punished with prison of six to 30 months if the offense is serious, and half of that if it is light."

Dissidents who stand up to Chavez are courageous. They risk time in a Venezuelan prison. Californians who bash Bush on the war risk being hailed as local heroes and appearing on cable news.

Personally, I wish the Capitol Police had allowed Sheehan to stay for the speech in her t-shirt. I think she would have chased a few moderate voters into the pro-Bush column. But that could happen anyway. Americans have to notice when a friend of Hugo Chavez bemoans that she was denied free speech — when she never seems to stop talking.

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# Pro-choice movement takes a blow

Now that Sam Alito has been confirmed, the pro-choice movement in America needs to take stock. The effort to stop Alito was a colossal failure. The opportunity to educate the public about the tenuous state of abortion rights in America was utterly lost in a confusing Senate strategy that at one moment focused on Alito's club memberships, at another on his investments and hardly ever on the likely future for women in this country.

But the senators alone cannot be blamed. The pro-choice movement was in many respects no more effective than the senators in reaching women — despite repeated claims that Roe was at risk, most women remained unmoved. There was no outrage, little pressure and nothing resembling an effective grass-roots movement to stop Alito.

Part of the reason, no doubt, is because the women with the most political clout in this country do not feel vulnerable to Sam Alito. To a very large extent, they are right. But that is not a good enough reason for their apathy.

Even if Roe were to be overruled, women in blue states along the two coasts would be unlikely to see any major changes in their rights, or in access to abortion. The decision as to abortion rights would shift back to each of the states — in states with pro-choice majorities or supermajorities in the legislatures and/or pro-choice governors, protection of abortion rights would be afforded by state law, or even by the state Constitution.

Moreover, the core ruling of Roe affording protection of the right to choose is not necessarily in jeopardy as a result of Alito's confirmation. In *Planned Parenthood v.*

*Casey*, decided in 1992, Justice O'Connor, who is being replaced, wrote the eloquent plurality opinion that rejected the government's effort to overrule Roe. While most people remember Justice O'Connor's decisive role, they forget that her opinion was also joined by the court's least famous justice, Anthony Kennedy.

Justice Kennedy has been far more sympathetic to regulation of abortion rights than Justice O'Connor, most notably disagreeing with her eight years later in the landmark decision striking down Nebraska's prohibition of "partial birth abortion." But if you're counting, so long as he stays with his position in Casey, which he has done to date, there would still be five votes in favor of the core principle of Roe (Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer and Kennedy) and still only four to overrule it, even assuming both Roberts and Alito join Justices Scalia and Thomas in declining to follow precedent.

That is cold comfort to the most vulnerable women in society. Already, in many states, and for many women, Roe offers only the illusion of protection. In certain states, like Nebraska itself, it is virtually impossible to find a doctor or a clinic willing to perform abortions.

Gynecologists should not have to be heroes, but according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, in 43 percent of the counties in America, there are no doctors and no hospitals willing to perform abortions. Military hospitals will only perform abortions in cases of rape or incest — yet for women

serving this country overseas, or for the dependents of servicemen, there are often no safe alternatives but military hospitals.

The approach advanced by Justice O'Connor in Casey and followed by courts since, especially as construed by Justice Kennedy, allows for broad regulation of abortion rights so long as those rights are not "unduly burdened." According to Kennedy's dissent in the partial birth abortion case, states should be allowed to take sides in the abortion decision, and taking sides means not only discouraging abortion, but limiting options and increasing costs for those least able to pay them.

When I tell my students about the bad old days, when we used to collect money along the hallway of the dorm and bundle someone off on the bus to New York, hoping she wouldn't start hemorrhaging on the way home, they look at me as if I were from another time zone, another country.

I can't convince them that those days are likely to return, and they're right. But the days are already here when women less fortunate than they are being denied access, and those days are likely to get worse.

The Alito nomination was an opportunity to focus attention on the real threats many women already face, and will continue to face. Because that opportunity was squandered, it was too easy to ignore the whole confirmation process, which is very simply what happened.

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SUSAN ESTRICH

# Bird Poop

In the seemingly endless plowed fields, the solitary crane walked slowly across the mounds while looking for insects and mice.

Occasionally it probed its strong beak into the ground for earthworms. Having alerted us about an injured sandhill crane, a farmer added that a family of cranes came each morning and stayed with the bird until late afternoon.

Then the flock would fly to a safer place to spend the night. It was only a matter of time before coyotes found the bird.

To catch a crane in open fields seemed impossible, but six volunteers joined me in the attempt.

Bob and Mike Parker and Jerry Parnell from the Brandin' Iron were given a 32-foot net and assigned to the south.

If the bird headed their way, they would become a human fence line, trying to slow the crane until we could catch it.

The Erskines from the Midland Wildlife Sanctuary and John Petty, an energetic young man who had been involved in other rescues, were with me.

As we approached the crane, it headed north. With its long legs, the bird easily walked on the mounds and was gaining distance from us while we stepped over the mounds rather than sink into them.

Running, then walking, the crane finally came to an unplowed field with a fenced enclosure. The bird effortlessly stepped

through the four-strand barbed wire fence, walked across a grassy

**'Midge Erskine and I were neck and neck as we approached the crane.**

**When she suddenly disappeared, I turned to see that she had tripped over a mound and was lying face down in the dirt.'**

area, and through another fence.

To go around this enclosed pasture would take too much time and allow the crane to get farther away.

So into the area we went. Only when we were inside did we notice the bull and realize we were in a bull pen.

Looking up from eating, the animal glared at us, swished its tail, but seemed content to allow us to walk slowly toward the opposite fence.

Just climbing through the barbed wire had slowed our progress in getting closer to the bird. John volunteered to run ahead of the crane and make it turn back towards us.

That ploy worked, and the bird headed back to the south and us.

As it approached, however, it veered, outmaneuvered us, and crossed back into the bull pen again.

The Erskines chose to

go around the pen this time, but John and I were so close to the bird we did not want to lose our advantage.

He held the wire as we reentered the bull's domain.

With humans interfering with his realm, the bull snorted and started to paw the ground.

Running across the field might have caused the bull to attack. Instead, we walked and hoped we could get to the other side without causing this beast to take drastic measures.

As John went through the fence and I climbed over it, the bull charged.

Fortunately, we were on the other side and running again.

By this time, the sandhill had decided to move west, with the four of us in pursuit.

Suddenly, it decided to head east, toward the bull pen and coyote fencing, which we had not noticed previously.

If we could run it into that, we had a chance at capturing it.

The crane seemed confused by a fence that offered no opening.

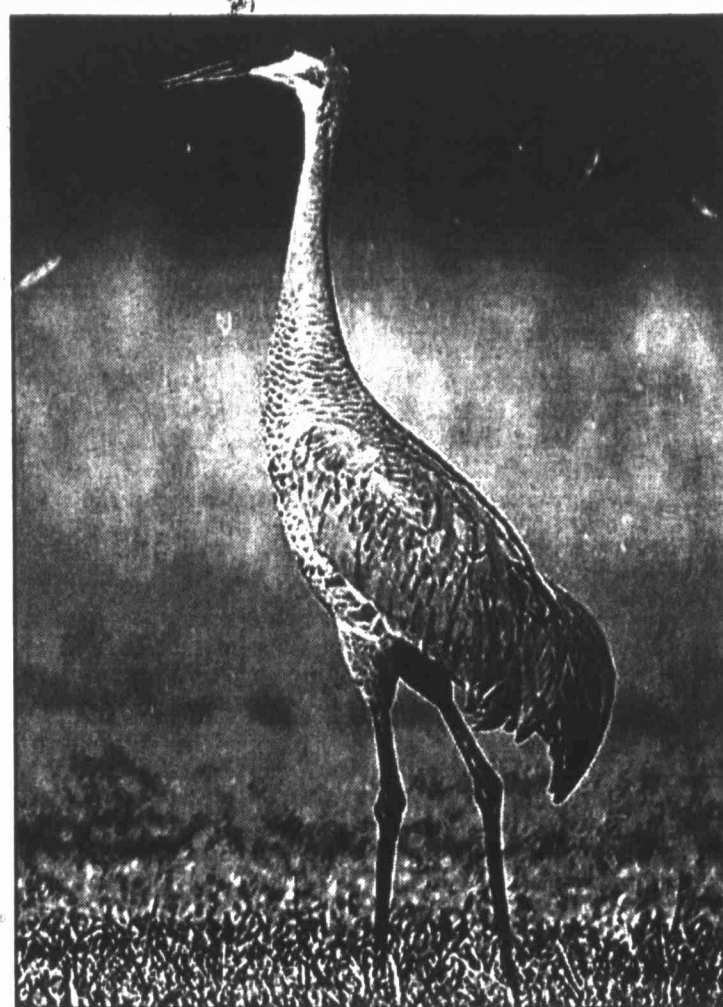
This was the break we needed.

The four of us ran toward the bird, with John to the north and Woody Erskine to the south.

Midge Erskine and I were neck and neck as we approached the crane.

When she suddenly disappeared, I turned to see that she had tripped over a mound and was lying face down in the dirt.

With only 10 feet to go, and with my last amount



Courtesy photo

**A migrating sandhill crane watches for predators as well as members of its flock.**

of energy, I reached the crane and grabbed its beak as it still tried to go through the fence.

Behind me, Midge was yelling, "Watch the beak!"

I had the beak in my right hand, and my left arm was wrapped around the angry bird's wings and body.

What I did not expect were its sharp-clawed toes trying to run up my leg.

John quickly grabbed the flailing feet, and we had "the impossible."

The four of us stood in the field for several min-

utes as we caught our breath and felt our hearts resume their normal beat.

We figured we had run and walked over a mile and a half of plowed land.

The Erskines took the crane; the prognosis was good.

The wing could be set, and the last time we saw the crane, it was enjoying the company of two other sandhills in the backyard of their sanctuary.

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## Bush budget includes immigration, border spending

By SUZANNE GAMBOA  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants Congress to spend \$247 million to support his proposed guest worker program for immigrants, fund 1,500 new Border Patrol agents and pay for a system to help states check immigration status.

The measures were included in the \$2.77 trillion budget Bush sent to Congress on Monday for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 2007. The budget is only a request for Congress, which decides actual spending levels.

"The administration's plan is to catch all migrants attempting to enter the country illegally, decrease crime rates along the border, allow employers to hire legal foreign workers when no American is willing to take the job, and restore public confidence in the federal government's ability to enforce immigration laws," a summary of the proposals on border security states.

Bush asked for \$111 million on a system that employers would be required to use to verify that job applicants are legally eligible to work in the country.

"We cannot get control over our borders, or regulate the flow of legal workers, until the federal government has an electronic verification system that works," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said in a statement.

The budget seeks about \$24 million so the system can be used to help states comply with the REAL ID Act, which seeks to keep illegal immigrants from getting drivers licenses they could use to board airplanes or enter federally protected buildings and facilities.

The proposal asks Congress to

spend more than \$3 billion more for the Border Patrol, which includes money for the new agents and \$100 million for new technology.

The 2004 Intelligence law signed by Bush calls for 2,000 new agents a year for five years, a mandate that so far has not been met.

"While still short of the 2,000 new border agents approved by Congress in the Intelligence Reform Bill, the increased funding for 1,500 new Border Patrol agents is a significant increase over last year's numbers," Chris Paulitz, a spokesman for Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said in a statement. "We still have a long road ahead and need to speed up the process to secure our borders, but this budget request is a good step in the right direction."

Bush's budget provides \$2.1 billion for help with detention and removal of immigrants, with the goal of ending a policy of releasing into the United States non-Mexican immigrants after they've been apprehended so they can await a detention hearing. That money also will provide more than 6,700 detention beds, bringing the national total to 27,500.

Meanwhile, Bush proposed once again to end the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, which was funded at \$405 million last year and is supposed to compensate state and local governments for housing apprehended immigrants who have committed local crimes. The administration said the money does not reduce crime and there is no way to verify the immigration status of the suspected illegal immigrants for which state and local governments are being reimbursed.

The administration said the program is more about revenue shar-

ing than improving federal immigration enforcement. The administration said the program does not require the money be used to address local crime or correctional issues.

Other items of interest in Texas include a slight increase in NASA's budget and a reduction in farm commodities spending. Sugar Land Republican Rep. Tom DeLay, whose district includes Johnson Space Center, called the increase an "excellent investment."

Bush's emphasis on military spending adds up to some calls for increases in spending on several defense contractors working on weaponry. His budget proposes spending \$5.2 billion to buy Joint Strike Fighter jets for the Air Force and Marine Corps, and \$446 million for High Mobility Artillery Rocket System manufactured in Dallas.

The budget also requests \$2.2 billion for building 16 V-22 Osprey, the tilt rotor aircraft that is designed to take off and land like a helicopter and fly like a plane and is manufactured, in part, in Fort Worth and Amarillo.

About \$194.2 million is requested for military base construction in Texas, includes \$49 million on housing at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and \$47 million for barracks complex at Fort Hood in Killeen.

But those boosts could be offset by reductions in other programs. Staff of Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, said Bush proposes to reduce Community Block Grant funding by about \$736 million and provides no increase for Pell Grants for college students when tuition is increasing.

On the Net: President Bush's 2007 budget proposal: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

## Odds and Ends

By The Associated Press  
SASABE, Ariz. (AP) — It's green, leafy and in a can. But it's not spinach.

Federal authorities seized 34 pounds of marijuana that had been stuffed inside cans of jalapenos and tomatoes bound for America from Mexico.

Customs and Border Protection officers said they decided to open one of the cans because it looked and felt unusual.

They found a package of marijuana inside and began to open the other cans.

"For a while, that can is going to take the cake," said Brian Levin, an agency spokesman. "This was one of the more elaborate attempts — it required creativity."

The 18-year-old driver of the haul was arrested.

Smugglers have come up with many tricks to hide their drugs over the years, Levin said. Officers have found marijuana mixed in with cucumbers, drugs hidden in baby diapers and hidden in car tires, gas tanks or inside dashboards.

BALTIMORE (AP) — An elementary school worksheet that tells the story of four people who get away with robbing a house has drawn criticism from a mother who sees it as promoting criminal activity.

The worksheet, called "The Four Robbers," is part of a booklet designed to prepare children for Maryland's standardized tests in March.

It is intended to teach fourth-graders about sequence of events.

Kenya J. Moore's 9-year-old son, Mustapha Muhammad, told her: "I don't wanna rob a house, Mommy." Moore said the underlying message of

the worksheet to inner-city children is, "This is all you'll be able to do anyway."

The lesson on the robbers makes no mention of race, but Moore said that it could have a damaging effect on the self-esteem of children in majority-black city schools.

On Monday, Jeffery N. Grotzky, Area Academic Officer, told principals at 27 elementary schools he oversees to stop using the worksheet about the robbers, a Baltimore schools spokeswoman said.

MOSCOW (AP) — This is one Russian traffic cop who will never issue a ticket or take a bribe: he's made of plastic.

A life-size mock-up of a traffic police officer is prompting more drivers to obey the speed limit on a highway in western Russia, real-life officers say.

The fake human figure comes complete with a nearly two-dimensional patrol car, a speed gun and a black-and-white baton — held up to signal travelers to be cautious.

But Alexei Zakharov, the officer who served as the model for the mock-up, said that the sight of his plastic double prompts some drivers to do more than slow down.

"Some drivers stop and come up to him to show their documents, others sit in their cars and wait for the inspector to approach them."

"They sit there for five minutes and they drive away," he said.

The fakes are being used on a stretch of busy highway in the Belgorod region near the Ukrainian border. Regional authorities plan to use more of the mock-ups if the experiment proves successful.

## Norwegian troops fire on Afghans during protest against prophet cartoons

By DANIEL COONEY  
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — NATO peacekeepers exchanged fire with protesters who attacked their base Tuesday in the second straight day of violent demonstrations in Afghanistan over the publication of caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad, Afghan officials said. One demonstrator was killed and dozens wounded.

In neighboring Pakistan, 5,000 people chanting "Hang the man who insulted the prophet" burned effigies of one cartoonist and Denmark's prime minister. And a prominent Iranian newspaper said it was going to hold a competition for cartoons on the Holocaust in reaction to European newspapers publishing the prophet drawings.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said the West's publication of the Prophet Muhammad cartoons was an Israeli conspiracy motivated by anger over the victory of the militant Hamas group in the Palestinian elections last month. "The West condemns any denial of the Jewish holocaust, but it permits the insult of Islamic sanctities," Khamenei said.

The NATO troops, most of them Norwegian, fired on hundreds of protesters outside the base in Maymana after the demonstrators shot at them and threw grenades, said provincial Gov. Mohammed Latif. The protesters also burned an armored vehicle, a U.N. car and guard posts, prompting NATO peacekeepers to rush British reinforcements to the city.

Maymana Hospital said one protester was shot dead and six were wounded, while some 50 others were hurt by tear gas the peacekeepers used to disperse the demonstrators.

One Norwegian soldier was injured by a splinter from a grenade, while another was hurt by a flying rock. Two Finnish soldiers were also hurt, Sverre Diesen, the Norwegian military commander, told reporters in Oslo.

Diesen said two American A-10 attack aircraft were on their way to the city and that a German C-130 transport plane was on standby in case some troops needed to be evacuated.

U.N. spokesman Adrian Edwards said the world body's nonessential staff in Maymana were being driven from the city to an

undisclosed location for security reasons.

The cartoons were first published by a Danish newspaper in September, then reprinted by a Norwegian newspaper last month, setting off violent protests against the two countries across the Muslim world. The cartoons have subsequently been reprinted in other media, mostly in Europe.

The drawings — including one depicting the prophet wearing a turban shaped as a bomb — have touched a raw nerve in part because Islam is interpreted to forbid any illustrations of the Prophet Muhammad for fear they could lead to idolatry.

In the Afghan capital of Kabul, police used batons to beat stone-throwing protesters outside the Danish diplomatic mission office and near the offices of the World Bank on Tuesday. An Associated Press reporter saw police arrest several people, many of whom were injured.

Security had already been tightened in Kabul, home to some 3,000 foreign diplomats, aid workers and others. Police have set up barricades and peacekeepers have been on constant patrol.

More than 3,000 protesters threw stones at government buildings and an Italian peacekeeping base in the western city of Herat, but no one was injured, said a witness, Faridoun Pooyaa. Provincial administrator Asiluddin Jami said police fired warning shots to prevent the demonstrators from entering the buildings and the base.

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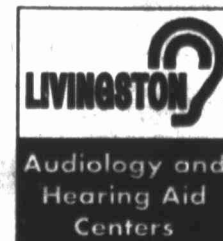
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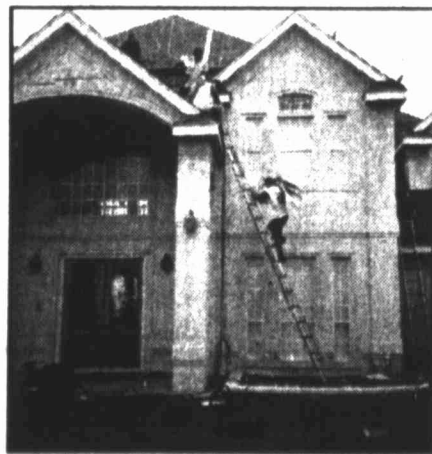
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## IN BRIEF

### Big Spring Softball Association sets date for signups

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming season and they will be held each Saturday from Feb. 18 through March 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is for girls and women ages four and up. The registration fee is \$30 and there is a \$5 discount for a second child.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

### HC to host regional cheer competition

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference Regional Cheer Competition will be hosted by Howard College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Howard College cheerleaders will perform in the co-ed category against Midland College. There will also be an all-girl category. The competition is free to the public.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

### B.S. Country Club sets golf scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has announced a four-person golf scramble will take place Feb. 25-26.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus golf cart, but private carts are welcome. The scramble will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. The entry fee includes BBQ on the course both days and practice rounds are available Friday.

For more information, contact the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

### Goliad is next Howard school

Students from Goliad Intermediate School can attend Thursday's Howard men's game against NMMI free of charge as a part of the "school of the week."

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Hawks are currently 23-0 and No. 1 ranked nationally.

### Super Bowl does well with viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers' victory over the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl was watched in an average of 45.85 million homes, the second-highest total in television history behind the final episode of 'M.A.S.H.' in 1983.

Pittsburgh's 21-10 victory Sunday got a 41.6 preliminary national rating, Nielsen Media Service said, up slightly from the 41.1 rating last year.

The game was watched by an estimated 141.4 million people in the United States, ABC said, the second-highest total to view a program.



Howard's Herve Banogle scores two points against Clarendon Monday during the Hawks' conference win against Clarendon College. Howard is now 23-0 on the season and 7-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

## Hawk men push school record win streak to 23

### Valentine, Burgess lead five Hawks in double figures

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The No. 1 ranked Howard College men's basketball team extended its school-record winning streak to 23 games Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Five players scored in double figures as the Hawks scored its highest point total of the conference season in a 116-87 victory over rival Clarendon.

The win pushed Howard to 23-0 overall and 7-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

"This was just a preview of the next game," said Howard head coach Mark Adams. "We know that Clarendon is a very tough team at home."

The Bulldogs played close with Howard early on. The Hawks only led 21-20 with just a little more than 11 minutes to go in the first half before blowing the game open

with a 25-5 run.

Freshman guard Benny Valentine hit four 3-pointers in a span of less than three minutes during the run and sophomore Richard Forbes added four free throws. Two free throws from freshman Bougari Konate with 5:22 to go before halftime gave the Hawks a 46-25 lead and Howard went into the locker room at halftime up by that same 21-point margin.

"It was a pretty ugly game really," said Adams. "We got into foul trouble and had to go to a zone on defense and we don't like to play that way. Even though we were up 20 I didn't feel like we were in good position."

Forbes and Valentine hit 3-pointers to start the second half to put Howard up 25 points. The Hawks led by 25 for much of the second half. Clarendon got to within 16 late in the game, but Howard pushed it back to 20 with four straight

points. The Bulldogs again closed to within 16 moments later, but the Hawks closed out the game with a 17-4 run.

"It was a pretty even second half," said Adams.

Two technical fouls were called on Clarendon during the run. Sophomore Charles Burgess hit all four technical free throws and Valentine and freshman Benson Akpan added six and four points, respectively, during the run.

Valentine was in a zone for most of the game as he finished with seven 3-pointers and a game-high 33 points and also added six assists and three steals. The only thing that stopped him was fouls as he sat down with 6:05 to go in the first half after picking up his third personal.

"I was more impressed with the way Benny handled the ball and broke the pressure defense," said Adams. "He knew we were going to need his offense because (Burgess) was hurt."

Burgess, who also battled foul trouble, played with a hurt chest mus-

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## Tucker, Aldridge lead Longhorns past Tech

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer  
LUBBOCK — Even after P.J. Tucker pulled down a career-high 17 rebounds as part of No. 6 Texas' record rebound margin, he wasn't entirely satisfied.

"We still missed a cou-

ple we should have had," the junior guard said after scoring 18 points to lead the Longhorns to a 65-44 victory over Texas Tech on Monday night.

Texas Tech had just two field goals over the final 9 minutes and was outrebounded 50-22. The rebound margin is the

highest ever for Texas in the Big 12.

The win was the 12th in 13 games for the Longhorns and it gave them a school-record seven straight 20-win seasons.

It was Tucker's third straight double-double and his ninth this season.

## Pena free throws send Howard to first league win

### Fairley dominates in second half as Hawks get victory at home

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Sophomore Latoya Fairley scored 16 second half points and sophomore Jennifer Pena drained two free throws with 11 seconds to go in the game Monday as the Hawk women won their first Western Junior College Athletic Conference game, 64-63, against Clarendon, a team which they have defeated twice this season.

Clarendon's Alisha Sladek was fouled .09 seconds to go in the game, but made just one of two shots from the line and the Hawks escaped with the much-needed victory.

"It was a pretty good win against a pretty good team," said Howard head

coach Earl Diddle. "Clarendon came in with some confidence, but we were able to get the victory."

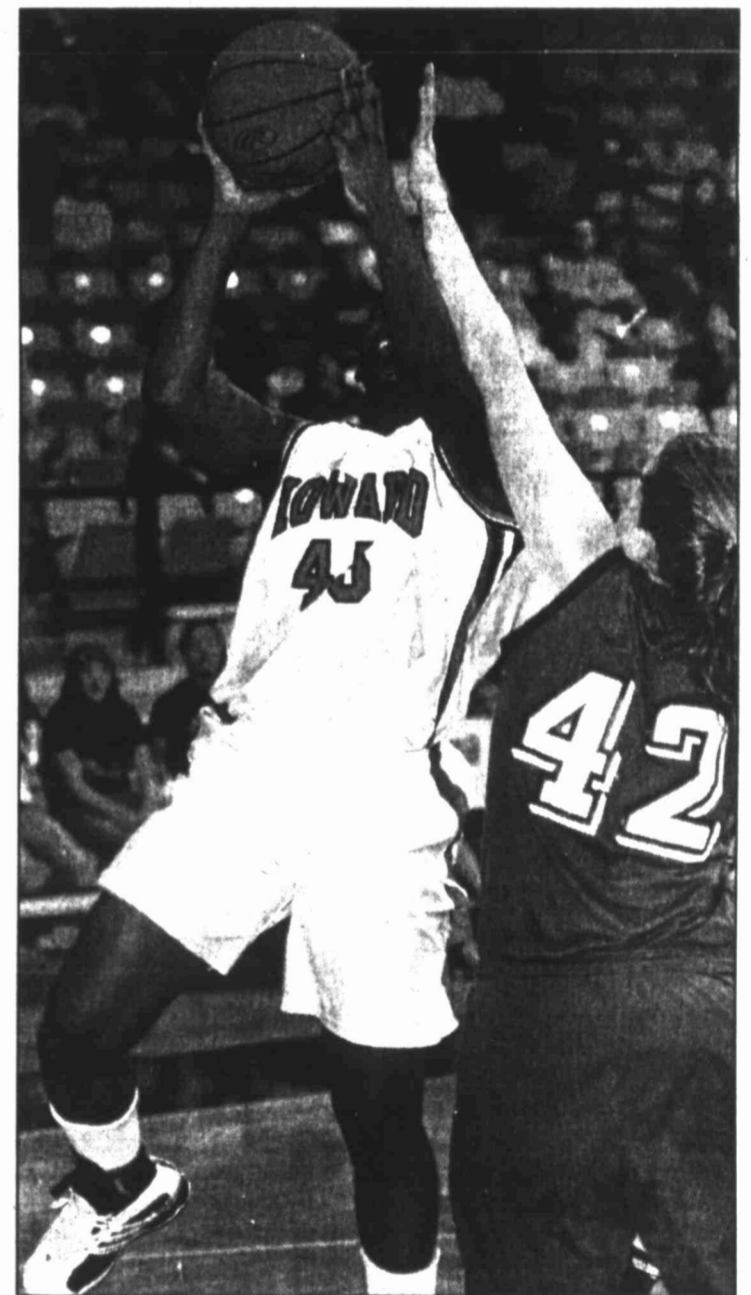
Howard trailed by one at halftime and fell behind even more early in the second half. Clarendon got up by as many as seven before the Hawks came storming back. Freshman Tomisha Martin, who played in her second game since being suspended indefinitely, hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to four and then back-to-back 3-pointers from Pena and freshman Chanel Jones-Delas gave Howard a one-point advantage. Martin added two free throws with 14:20 to go in the game and the lead was up to three.

The game remained close, however. The two teams were tied at 45 and again at 49 before the Hawks went on a run to grab control. Howard scored 10 straight points — six by Fairley — and grabbed a 10-point advantage with just under six minutes to play. Two

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PENA



Howard freshman Tomisha Martin puts up a shot in the lane against Clarendon College Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawk women won the game — their first victory in league play — on two free throws by Jennifer Pena with 11 seconds to go.

## Cain takes third for Steers in Monahans

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring boy's and girl's golf teams made their season debuts this weekend. The Steers traveled to Monahans and finished 11th overall, while the Lady Steers hit the road and competed at San Angelo.

The boys were led by senior Chance Cain, who took third overall with a two-round score of 156. He hit 76 in the opening round and finished the tournament with an 80.

Brian Hale scored a 175 after a 90 and an 85, while Josh Rodriguez, Jared Wilkerson and Heath Wilkerson all rounded out the top five with scores of 216, 219 and 227, respectively.

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cle, but hardly showed it on the court. He finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for yet another triple-double. He was eight-for-nine from the free throw line.

Besides Burgess, sophomores Louis Rodgers and Dezmon Harris are also hurt. Rodgers played Monday with a hurt shoulder, while Harris left the game after spraining an ankle. Reserve Marques Loftis separated his shoulder against Frank Phillips last Thursday and did not play against Clarendon.

"(Harris) will have X-Rays (Tuesday) and we'll go from there," said Adams. "It looks like a bad sprain, but it could be broken."

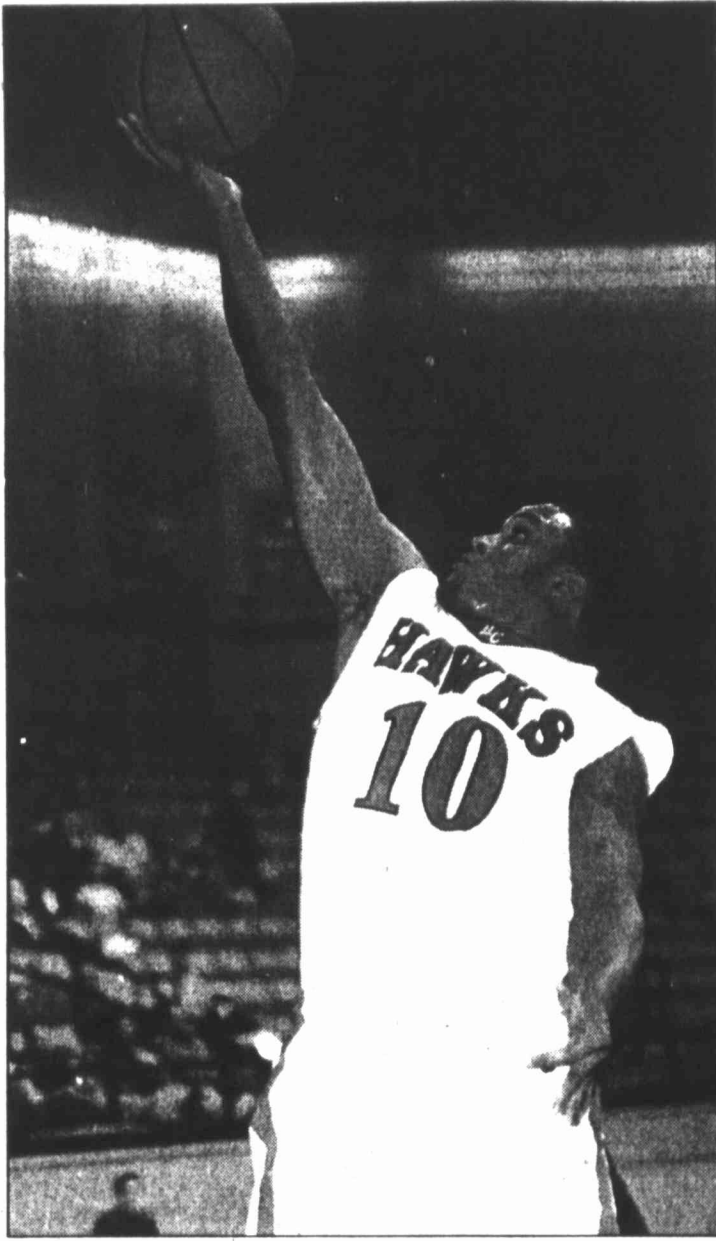
Rodgers also showed no effects of his injury as he finished with 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks. Akpan also recorded a double-double as he finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds.

Forbes scored 17 points and had three steals. He was seven-for-seven from the foul line. Konate was two points shy of being the sixth Hawk in double figures. The Hawks went 35-for-46 from the charity stripe.

"We knew we had to rebound tonight and limit them to one shot because they are a really good offensive rebounding team," said Adams. "I thought we were consistent on the boards."

Duran Brownlow led Clarendon with 20 points, while Rick Hamilton added 19.

The Hawks host the New Mexico Military Institute Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Benny Valentine scores two of his season-high 33 points Monday against Clarendon at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Valentine hit seven 3-pointers and led five Hawks in double-figures. Howard won the game, 116-87.

**WJCAC Standings  
as of Monday night's games**

Women			Men		
Odessa	6-0	21-0	Howard	7-0	23-0
South Plains	4-2	17-4	Midland	6-1	20-3
Midland	3-3	18-6	South Plains	5-2	18-5
Clarendon	3-3	11-13	Clarendon	4-3	13-9
Frank Phillips	2-4	14-8	Odessa	3-4	15-8
New Mexico	2-4	11-10	New Mexico	2-5	12-11
Howard	1-5	7-17	Frank Phillips	1-6	12-11
			NMMI	0-7	4-17

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The Lady Steers, who finished 13th overall, were led by Cassie Guinn's 188 as she shot a 102 and an

86. Amber Miller was in third place on the Big Spring squad through one round, but scored an 87 in Round 2 to finish with a 193. Megan McCormick shot a 198, including a second-round 95, while Porsha Knowlton shot a

first-round 126 and Hallis Bancroft added a 274. Both Big Spring golf teams will play in their host tournament this weekend at the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course.

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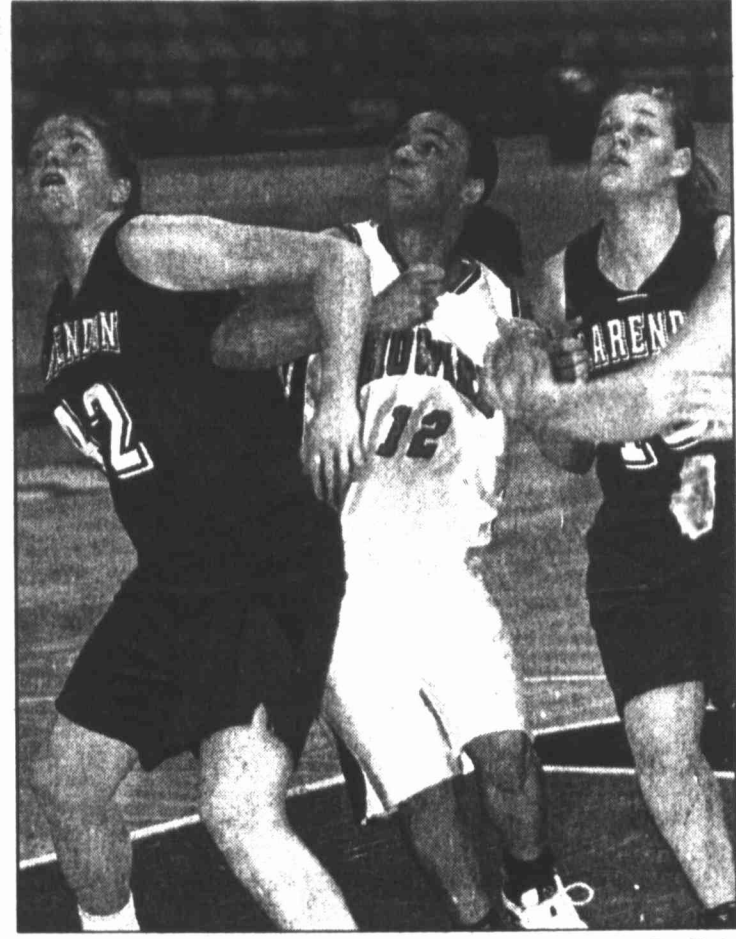
straight turnovers, however, by Howard allowed the Lady Bulldogs to stay in the game as they got back to within two with 1:37 to go.

"If you let their shooters shoot they can hurt you," said Diddle. "We did a good job of building a 10-point lead and it was quickly gone. I was pleased with how we played down the stretch. I would have liked to have finished a little better, but when you're 0-5 in the league it's OK to win by one and go home."



Jones-Delas came up with a big-time 3-point play on the next drive, but Clarendon answered right back with a 3-point play of its own. The Lady Bulldogs eventually tied the game at 62 and then Pena got fouled and hit the game-winning free throws.

The first half was a back-and-forth affair as neither grabbed a big advantage. Jones-Delas started the game off with five straight points and that was Howard's biggest lead. The Hawks led by four after two free throws by freshman Valerie Burnam, but Clarendon finished the first half on a



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Kim Garcia, center, fights for position inside Monday against two rebounders from Clarendon. The Hawk women defeated the Lady Bulldogs, 64-63.

9-4 run to take a one-point lead into the locker room.

Fairley finished with a game-high 24 points and Pena scored 18, while Jones-Delas added 13.

"We started moving the ball better in the second half and that was the key because it freed everyone up to get some easier shots," said Diddle.

Karina Sproal had 22 points to lead Clarendon, while Sladek added 18 and Sedra Watkins scored 10. Howard went 14-for-18

from the foul line. "That is huge," said Diddle. "Everything is big for us because we are not a high-octane offensive team."

Howard improved to 7-17 overall and 1-5 in the WJCAC, while Clarendon dropped to 11-13 overall and 4-3 in league play. The Hawk women will not play Thursday, but host New Mexico Junior College next Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 5:50 p.m.

**Stars stay among West leaders**

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — After going 18 games without a goal, Bill Guerin scored just in time for the Dallas Stars.

Guerin scored with less than a second remaining in the second period, finally converting a power play for the Stars in a 4-2 victory over Nashville Monday night in their last home game until March.

The puck went in as the horn was sounding and

the clock read 0.00. So after waiting since Dec. 29 to finally score again, Guerin had to wait a couple of more minutes while officials reviewed the goal that came on the Stars' 10th power play.

Dallas led 2-1 when officials awarded the goal and reset the clock to 0.9 seconds.

The Stars were scrambling to get a late shot off when Janne Niinimaa got the puck at the point, and sent it toward the front of

the net. Guerin gathered the pass just outside the post and swiped it in.

Dallas (37-15-3) matched Detroit at the top of the Western Conference with 77 points.

Guerin, the Stars' highest-paid player at \$6.7 million this season and their top goal scorer in 2003-04, threw his hands in the air when he finally converted. His third goal in 35 games, and ninth of the season, put the Stars up 2-1.



**DEWEY DINGHY AND THE BIG HARBOR BOATS**

Little Dewey Dinghy was a very happy boat. He was a very small boat, but he was a very happy boat, until that day! But I am getting ahead of myself in this story, so let's go back for a few minutes. Then, I will tell you what happened to little Dewey that day.

First of all, do you know what a dinghy looks like? Do you know what a dinghy is? I thought you did! But, for all the children who are not as big as you and having this story read to them tonight, I will tell them so they will know, too! Then, we can get on with this story about little Dewey. I gave you a big hint in the first part of this story. Read the first part again, and then tell me what a dinghy looks like and what they are. You are right! A dinghy is a very small boat! Have you ever seen a big boat? Have you ever seen a little boat tied to the sides of the big boat? That is a dinghy!

Little Dewey Dinghy was floating across the big harbor the day, enjoying the soft breezes the warm ocean seemed to be blowing his way, just for him. Mr. Sun was shining brightly

on the water, making it seem to sparkle for Dewey, and the waves danced for him. The old seagulls were singing songs that Dewey loved to hear. Then, that big mean old Ocean Vessel came into the harbor! Do you know what an ocean vessel might be? You are right again. An ocean vessel is always big enough to go way out into the oceans, and be completely safe. They can even go to different countries. They can go across the smallest oceans. They can go across the biggest oceans. They can even go all the way around the whole world! Little Dewey can't do that. But there are a lot of things little Dewey can do!

As that big, mean, Ocean Vessel was coming into the harbor, he told Dewey Dinghy to move out of the way, for he was king of the harbor and king of the ocean, too! Little Dewey surely did not want that big, ugly thing running over him, so with all his strength, he quickly moved to the side of the harbor, leaving all the room in the harbor for the big vessel.

The Ocean Vessel slowly, very slowly, very, very, slowly, crept into the harbor, and then, it hap-

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pened! He was so big and he was so heavy that he hit the harbor floor.. he was resting on the bottom of the harbor. He could not move! He tried going forward! He could not budge. He tried going backward! He did not move that way, either! All of the other Ocean Vessels started laughing at him. But Little Dewey did not laugh! He did not like to see anyone in trouble. He even felt sorry for that big boat! Even after the big boat laughed at him and was mean to him earlier that morning. Little Dewey is a nice little dinghy, isn't he?

"What am I going to do?" cried the big boat, "I must get all these people that are riding on me safely to the shore!" Have you ever seen a big Ocean Vessel cry? He almost did that

day! He did not know what he was going to do!

Little Dewey Dinghy had known all along what to do. What do you think Dewey did that day? Do you think he helped that big, mean boat? Of course he did! For, if he had not helped, wouldn't that make him just as mean as the big boat? And Dewey is not mean!

Dewey used Mr. Wind to push himself close to the big boat. Mr. Wind was glad to help, too! "What do you want?" the big boat asked Dewey, still sounding very mean. "I can help you," Little Dewey said to the big boat. "How can a little runt like you help a big ocean and harbor king like me?" said the big boat. "Go away, this is work for big boats like me."

Did Dewey give up? Never! Dewey could help the ocean king, if he would only let him try! And, he would, soon! Nighttime came! The big boat's lights came on. It looked like a big city, sitting there, helplessly

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in the harbor. Dewey stayed there by the big boat all night long. He knew that the big boat would get tired of sitting there, and ask him in the morning how he could help!

Morning came! Mr. Sun yawned a few times, then made the sky bright again, as he became awake, too "Okay, little dinghy, how can you help me?" said the big, tired, mean, stuck, big boat. "I will help you by taking a few people off you each time," said Dewey. "In a few hours, I will have enough weight off of you that you will start floating again." "Do you think that would work?" said the big boat. "Of course it will," said Little Dewey, "I will begin now."

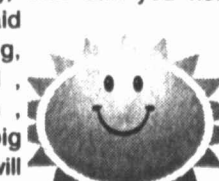
Little Dewey worked and worked that day, moving the people from the big boat all the way to the docks, where they would be safe. Then, the big boat said to Dewey, "I think I

just moved." And, he did! Dewey had taken enough weight off the big boat to make him raise up in the water, and off the bottom! He was free, again!

"What is your name?" asked the big boat. "My name is Dewey," said the little dinghy.

"How would you like to come ride with me forever?" asked the big boat. "I would like to do that, but I must stay here," said Dewey. "You are not the first big, mean, Ocean Vessel that I have saved, and I am sure, there will be more after you!"

"I must go now," said the big boat, "And, I promise I will never be mean again!" Little Dewey had done it again! Each week, a very sad, mean unhappy Ocean Vessel would come into his harbor. And each week, a very happy humble Ocean Vessel would leave his little harbor! Good Night!



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Gemini moon and Aquarius sun are like 7-year-olds at a sleepover — playing, chatting, eating too much sugar and staying up too late, all in the name of friendship. You'll feel like expressing yourself in silly and daring ways and probably be met with an equally delightfully immature response from everyone you meet!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars yield an idea that will enhance your creativity. With enhanced creativity comes a gleeful heart and a more attractive face — no creams or surgery necessary! Listen to the stillness, and a gem is revealed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Tried-and-true methods will always be there to employ. Today, however, is a good time to trust new ways of doing things. Begin by communing with nature in your own earthy way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Belief dictates your future. So, believe you're lucky. Just around the corner, you could find some money on the ground. Pay attention to detail — keep your eyes peeled and your palm outstretched.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Use your powers of persuasion to a positive end by complimenting a co-worker or boss. You have ideas that will help things run smoothly. Letting others take some credit will bring you something lucky on the back end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Faith is something you don't lack. Just watch what you put your faith in. Events, expectations

and worry won't yield what you need. Put your faith in a loved one, yourself or life in general, and you won't be disappointed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As we learned from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," believing impossible things takes practice. The Queen of Hearts claimed she could believe six impossible things by breakfast. Try it. The benefits are astounding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're alone — and you will be today — be excellent company to yourself. Be cheerful. Cook for yourself, and then eat it properly — not standing over the sink. Laugh at your own jokes. You could even fall in self-love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anything boring kills your motivation, so focus on situations in which you can find endless fascination. If you don't know what you're fascinated by, then this is the perfect time to find out. Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Acknowledge when someone makes a

sacrifice on your behalf, and in the future, it will happen whenever you really need it. Members of the opposite sex are especially attentive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Use your will to break a tiny but irritating habit. This small victory enables you to prove that you can conquer even bigger things. Conquer you will, with newfound confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Contrary to popular belief, you do have the ability to change the way you feel. Simple acts of giving and even smiling will alter your mood. The response to your (even slightly) improved mood is overwhelmingly positive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The stars shine on sales, purchases or trading. You do well when applying yourself to pleasing customers. Keep your ear to the vine; rumors carry some truth. Family has wonderful intentions but may fall short. To forgive is divine.

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Dear Annie: I am the mother of a 19-year-old son who is being abused by his girlfriend of one year.

"Neal" is a freshman in college, and his girlfriend is a senior in high school. During the past six months, she has beaten him quite a few times. He will call me crying, asking for advice, but whatever I say, he responds, "But I love her."

I want to give her a piece of my mind, but Neal thinks that will make things worse. I know he is a man now, but I still want to protect him. He often calls me after one of their fights, while he's walking home from her house in the middle of the night on back roads. What if there is a snowstorm? He could get hit by a car or freeze to death.

When Neal was younger, he saw me being abused. It wouldn't have surprised me to see one of my daughters in an abusive relationship, but I never thought it would happen to my son. What can I do? — Scared Mom in New York

Dear Scared: Abusers come in both genders, and your son needs to recognize that nothing he does will change his girlfriend's behavior. She must want to change and be willing to get professional help. We wouldn't count on it.

As an abuse victim, you know that abuse is about controlling someone else, but your son never got this message. Mention your own experience to explain this to Neal, and urge him to get help through The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men at 1-888-THELPLINE (1-888-743-5754), or Stop Abuse for Everyone at safe4all.org.

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Vicki," is an accomplished professional in her 40s. She has many fine qualities, but one behavior has driven me to the breaking point.

We live on opposite coasts, so most gifts I give her are through the mail. The only way I have of knowing they arrived in good condition is for her to tell me. She never does. I have told Vicki countless times that this is inconsiderate and iritates me no end, but she doesn't care. Often, when I ask her if she received a gift, she will say, "I think maybe a package arrived a while ago."

Vicki says if she didn't

ask for the present, she has no need to thank me or tell me if it arrived. She says if I handed it to her in person, she would thank me promptly. When I told her that from now on, gifts would stop if she didn't change her inconsiderate behavior, she said I was being dictatorial.

I'm tired of being treated this way by my only child. Ignoring the problem is not an option. Any recommendations? — Camarillo, Calif.

Dear Camarillo: Sure. Stop sending gifts to Vicki. If she asks why, simply say, as sweetly as you can, that you are saving them for when you can hand them to her directly, because you would hate to send something she didn't want or like. Don't let her use emotional blackmail to be both rude and greedy.

Dear Annie: I read your column on a daily basis, but I was insulted by your advice to "Hairy Legs," the young girl who wanted to shave her legs. You recommended speaking with her mother, her aunt or an adult friend, yet you ignored her father.

I have a 12-year-old daughter. While I may not completely understand her point of view, I did have a mother, grew up with a sister and am married to a woman. Surely I can advise my daughter on a good razor to use to shave her legs. — A Caring Father

Dear Dad: You are absolutely right that many fathers are quite capable of helping, but young girls often find it too embarrassing to ask Dad about such private matters and prefer to ask another female. So, all dads out there, please make it clear to your daughters (and sons) that they can talk to you about positively anything.

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Annie's Mailbox



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DENNIS THE MENACE



"DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT CRASH, MOM. A LITTLE GLUE AND IT'LL BE LIKE NEW."

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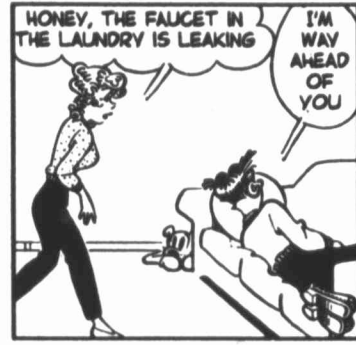


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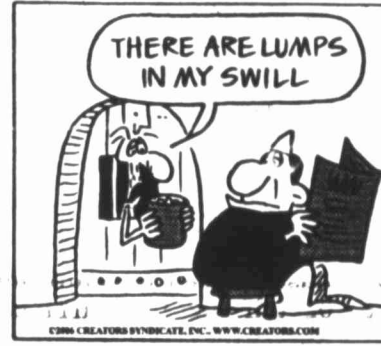
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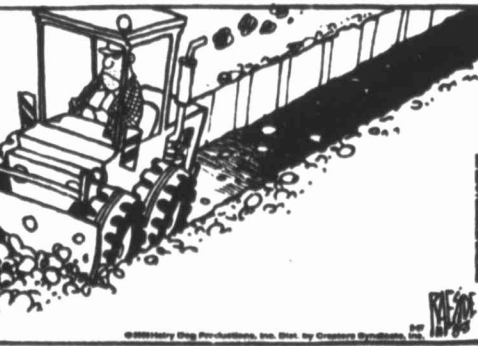
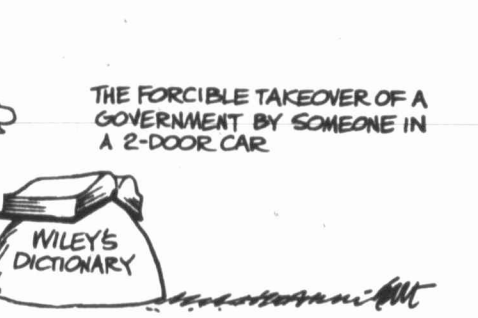
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2006. There are 327 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 7, 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. On this date: In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings. In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president. In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy. In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain. In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk. In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos. In 1986, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule. In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah. One year ago: President Bush proposed a \$2.57 trillion budget that would erase scores of programs but still worsen federal deficits by \$42 billion over the next five years. Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, the most notorious figure in the sex scandal that rocked the Boston Archdiocese, was convicted of repeatedly raping and fondling a boy at his church during the 1980s. (Shanley was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in prison.) Ellen MacArthur, a 28-year-old Englishwoman, broke the solo around-the-world sailing record, completing the 26,000-mile circumnavigation after 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds at sea.

Birthdays: Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 85. Author Gay Talese is 74. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 51. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 47. Actor James Spader is 46. Country singer Garth Brooks is 44. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 44. Comedian Eddie Izzard is 44. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 41. Actor Jason Gedrick is 39. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 28. Actress Tina Majorino is 21. Thought for Today: "Human beings are the only creatures who are able to behave irrationally in the name of reason." - Ashley Montagu, English anthropologist (1905-1999).

Answer to previous puzzle: A grid of words including RAPS, LOFTS, TARP, ABET, ALLOT, OREO, NORA, NEATO, PEEL, IVORY, TOWER, FAKE, SETTEE, MEWL, ARMS, SHIRT, AVOW, MILE, AGAIN, RESOD, CAR, THREE, TAMOE, EPIC, TEST, LADLE, BEAM, PLAN, READUP, SEAL, GOLDENGATE, AURA, LOUIE, RITA, IRAN, ENTER, ELEC, LOBE, SEEDS, EYRE.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Fireplace inserts, 5 Makes an exchange, 10 Wasn't colorfast, 14 Assist in illegality, 15 Actress Berry, 16 Make simpler, 17 Prefix for physics, 18 Madison Avenue worker, 19 Annual sports-award recipients: Abbr., 20 Emphatic assent, 22 Pull sharply, 23 Take the wheel, 24 Arctic navigation hazard, 26 First-place medal, 29 58 Across toppings, 33 Stylish, 37 Chickens' home, 39 Use a loom, 40 Past the deadline, 41 Funny-sounding instrument, 43 Distort, 44 Clock-radio feature, 46 Give lunch to, 47 Change for a \$20 bill, 48 River mouths, 50 Cease, 52 Chimps and gorillas, 54 Consolidate, 58 Tubular pasta, 61 Emphatic assent, 65 Unwrap, 66 Fully grown, 67 Be bold, 68 Playwright, 69 En Coward, 70 At any time, 71 Sea swirl, 72 Computer keyboard key, 73 Cheerios grains, 7 mater, 8 Backup strategy, 9 Sight and touch, 10 Emphatic assent, 11 Volcano outflow, 12 Sports cable network, 13 Cubicle furniture, 21 Turkey part, 25 Uncooked, 27 Bread buy, 28 Takes a snooze, 30 Soap shape, 31 Fifty-fifty, 32 Works with needle and thread, 33 Dressed, 34 and hearty, 35 Slanted typeface: Abbr., 36 Emphatic assent, 38 Verse writer, 42 Dashboard gauge, 45 Page of cartography, 49 Bun-seed source, 51 Pigsty, 53 Nation south of Egypt, 55 Contest for cowboys, 56 Tropical fruit, 57 Marsh bird, 58 Sector, 59 High-tech music player, 60 Prepared to play golf, 62 Iron corrosion, 63 Otherwise, 64 His and

IT'S OK by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

Crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for words.

Wacky Facts

■ Feb. 14 is Ferris Wheel Day.  
■ The oldest Ferris wheel resided at Wonderland in Mississippi. It first opened in 1895 at Palace Amusements in New Jersey but was moved in 1990 to Wonderland.  
— World Almanac for Kids

# KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"When you're in grade school you get them from the masses. ... More than Valentine's Day cards, I looked forward to the candy heart inside."  
— Actress Jenna Elfman, when asked if she remembered her first valentine, in InStyle magazine.



## from the heart

### Fun, easy-to-make valentines

Here are some unique ways to express yourself this Feb. 14 from FamilyFun magazine.

PEEKABOO VALENTINE

This valentine is a wide-eyed favorite for all ages.

MATERIALS

- ♥ Red card stock
- ♥ Pencil
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Ruler
- ♥ Photocopy of a photo of the giver (with eyes the right size to peep through hole-punched holes)
- ♥ Hole punch
- ♥ Glue stick or double-sided tape
- ♥ Marker

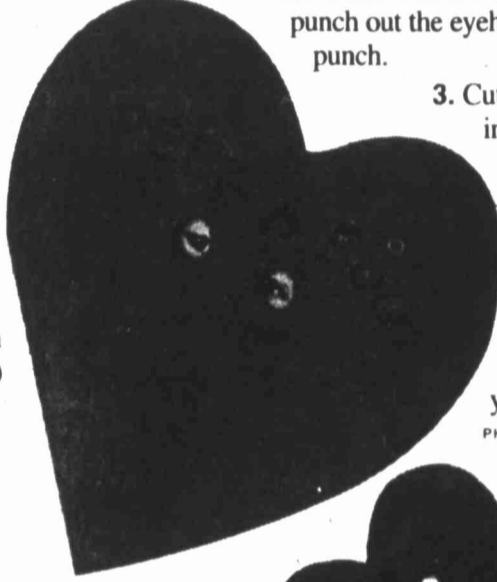
DIRECTIONS

1. Fold the card stock in half and draw a heart shape with one side along the fold to form a hinge. (You can use a heart-shape cookie cutter for a pattern.) Cut out the heart, keeping the hinge intact.

2. Measure the distance between the eyes on your photocopy. Use a pencil to mark that distance on the top heart and punch out the eyeholes with a hole punch.

3. Cut the photocopy to fit inside the card and glue or tape it in place, lining up the eyes with the eyeholes. Write "Peekaboo!" on the front of the card, and inside, write "I love you" and any message you like.

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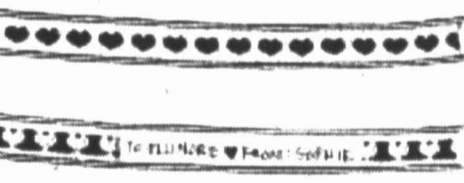


RIBBON BRACELET

This twist on the classic friendship bracelet takes only a few minutes to put together.

MATERIALS

- ♥ Ribbon
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Self-adhesive Velcro (use precut circles or square or strips to cut yourself)
- ♥ Tacky glue (optional)



- ♥ White office label
- ♥ Pen or marker

DIRECTIONS

1. For each bracelet, measure and cut a length of ribbon long enough to go around your wrist plus enough extra to fold under the ends.

2. Fold down one end of the ribbon and adhere one half of a Velcro piece as shown. Then flip over the ribbon, fold down the end, and attach the other half of the Velcro. Add a drop of glue under each piece of Velcro if needed.

3. Cut the label to fit (if necessary) and write a message on it. Then stick it to the inside of the bracelet.

- ♥ Two 7-mm googly eyes, adhesive-backed or not
- ♥ Pen or marker
- ♥ 1/2-inch office dot sticker

DIRECTIONS

1. Create a 3-inch circle of felt by pressing the bottom of the can into the felt and cutting along the impression it leaves. Cut the circle into quarters.

2. To form the hat, run a thin line of glue along a straight edge of one felt quar-

ter and press it to the other straight edge. Use a paper clip to hold the edges in place. When the glue is dry, remove the clip. Save the other quarters to make hats for more gnomes.

3. Glue the hat in place on the kiss, then stick or glue on the eyes. (Tip: You won't need much glue; use a toothpick to apply the eye glue.) Allow the glue to dry. Use a pen or marker to write on a dot sticker and press it to the bottom of the kiss.

CHARMING PENCIL

Here's the write idea for that cool school pal: a bead-dangling pencil that's a real charmer.

MATERIALS

- ♥ About 1 foot of narrow ribbon
- ♥ New pencil
- ♥ Four beads
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Red card stock
- ♥ Tacky glue
- ♥ Marker or pen

DIRECTIONS

1. Tie the ribbon around the top of the pencil and secure it with a tight double knot, leaving two fairly even ends.
2. Thread the beads onto one end of the ribbon. Knot the end at the length you want, and trim.
3. Cut two identical hearts from card stock.
4. Glue the hearts together with the other half of the ribbon sandwiched inside as shown. Knot and trim the ribbon. (Tip: If the ribbon slides down the pencil, glue it in place.)
5. Write a message on the heart.

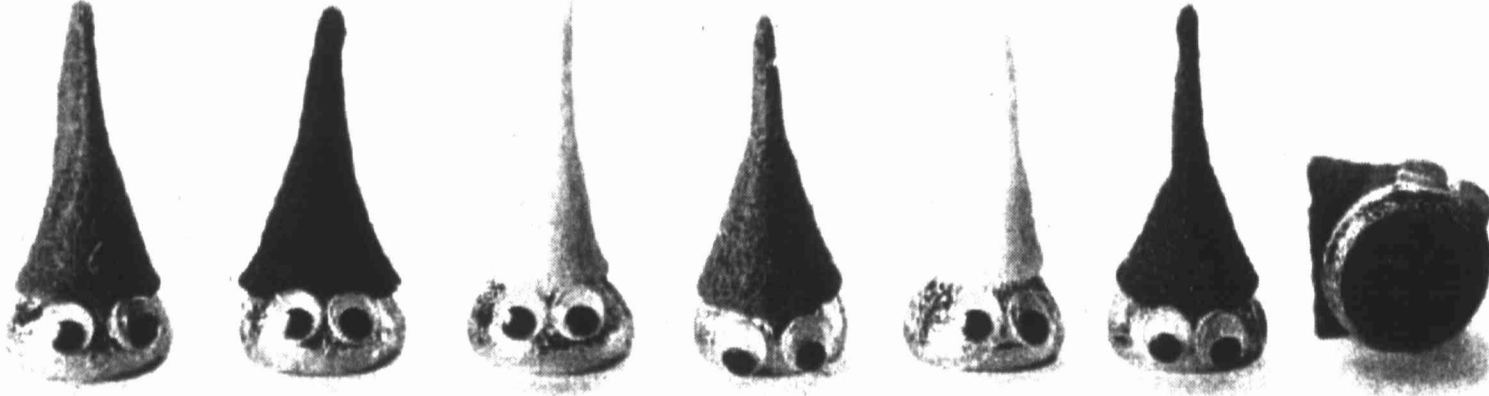


GNOME SWEET GNOME

These cuties are easy to make, and each gnome sweetens the deal with a chocolate kiss under its colorful hat.

MATERIALS FOR ONE

- ♥ 3-inch-diameter can
- ♥ 4-inch square of felt
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Nontoxic glue
- ♥ Paper clip
- ♥ Chocolate kiss



In The News

### Meet Bill Nye, science guy

As the celestial stars twinkled brightly outside California's Santa Anita Park, today's stars of science gathered inside to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Planetary Society.



Founded by the late Carl Sagan and other noted scientists, the Planetary Society promotes and teaches about space exploration. The Planetary Society held a dinner to honor movie director James Cameron, science-fiction legend Ray Bradbury and others. The master of ceremonies for the dinner was Bill Nye, who has won many Emmys and served as host of such shows as "The 100 Greatest Discoveries," "The Eye of Nye" and "Bill Nye the Science Guy."

At the dinner, Time For Kids kid reporter Sam Rubinroit had the opportunity to explore some of the wonders of science with Nye.

TFK: What do you think is the most exciting part of science?

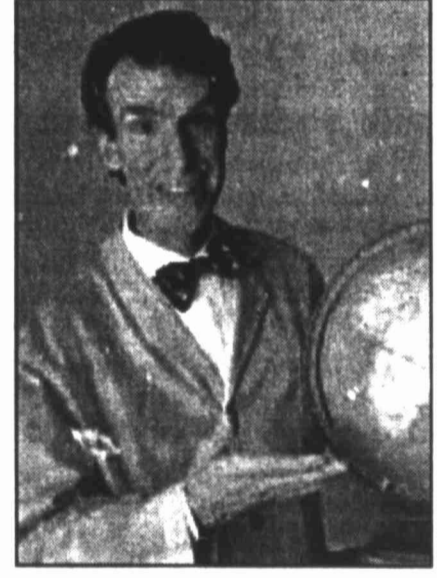
NYE: The most exciting part of science is the process, the way you go about discovering something. The joy of discovery is pretty worthy also. The process, that is to say, how you go about learning about the world is so compelling to me.

TFK: How do you think schools can bring back a passion for science?

NYE: I think the key of bringing science to school is with the teachers. When I look back at what I learned in school, it was the people presenting it that were the key.

TFK: Through your shows, you mix comedy and science. How does comedy help children appreciate science?

NYE: Comedy helps everybody pay attention, that's all. Comedy is fun, and you have to go into it. The old show, which I take it you watched, was primarily entertainment. Science was the reason we were doing it, but it has to be entertainment first or no one will sit through it. And comedy, what's more fun than comedy?



COURTESY OF BILL NYE

TFK: How did you first get interested in science?

NYE: I don't remember. It was before I was 3, and I used to watch bumblebees. I was fascinated, and I'd watch them, many times for hours.

TFK: Why do you think space exploration is important for kids?

NYE: It gives us a sense of how small our planet is in a way that nothing else does. They say that the most recognizable image to anyone on Earth is the image taken from Apollo 17 of the full Earth. The Earth is that blue ball, you see the clouds, you see Africa. They say that anywhere in the world people recognize that image. You wouldn't have that image without space exploration. And that image gives you an understanding of your place ... — Sam Rubinroit, 13

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