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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Letters to the Editor for Wednesday, March 2, 2005

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### Remembering an icon

I watched "Beyond the Sea" with special interest. All through the 121 minutes of Kevin Spacey's reincarnation of Bobby Darin, I couldn't help but to keep thinking of one afternoon in 1972 when I stopped off in Las Vegas to see Steve and Edie perform at the peak of their career at Caesar's Palace. After deplaning at McCaran Airport, and as I was walking to the terminal - there was not a moving walkway then - I noticed a man sitting slumped against the wall. I walked over and asked if I could help. I'll never forget the look on his face as he said, "Oh, would you, please." I carried his suitcase to the terminal until he found a taxi cab.

I didn't realize that this was to be a precursor of the death of this man a year later, Bobby Darin. And, watching the credits at the end of the movie, there was a poignant reminder on the screen that his former wife, Sandra Dee, was living in Los Angeles, and still in love with Bobby Darin. There were audible gasps from the audience, with everyone knowing that she had died just two days ago.

**Bill Smith**

### Schools need discipline

The Feb. 20 headline article, "School dilemma: Improve or else" was both very informative and disturbing. In reading it, I think that once again, we're missing the point.

We seem to have this belief that, if schools and districts are "failing" it must mean we have to throw more money at academics. But, truthfully, that's the equivalent of throwing rocks in the Grand Canyon.

We're overlooking the single biggest factor in our kids' education: behavior management and discipline. Our kids need to have the kinds of social skills that prepare them to succeed in the classroom and in life. Regrettably, many don't, and even one or two disruptive kids can ruin it for a whole class.

This is what we do at The PoliteChild: develop strong social skills and character. Districts such as Desert Sands, where our programs are part of schools' core curriculum (like Dr. Carreon and Hoover) are seeing major changes in their students' behavior, overall morale - and even improved academic test scores.

Remember: kids have to be ready to learn. You can't teach them if you don't have their attention. And if they don't take their jobs as students seriously nothing you try to put into them will stick.

**Corinne Gregory**

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