



## County to nip at heels of rollback tax rate

*But commissioners decide not to take chance on going over*

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners agreed Monday to adopt a 48.787-cent tax rate for fiscal 2006-2007, translating into a 5.7-cent drop compared to last

year's rate and a \$500,000 boost to the county's coffers over the effective rate.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said the 48.787-cent rate will allow the county to avoid a rollback election — which could



Olson

force the county to use the effective rate of 45.002 cents per \$100 valuation — and still bring in more than last year.

"The effective tax rate has been calculated at 45.002 cents per \$100 valuation," Olson told commissioners. "That's quite a bit lower than last year's tax rate,

which was 54.546 cents per \$100 valuation. The reason the effective rate is so much lower this year is because values are up. That means taxpayers who didn't see an increase in their property values will actually be paying less this year.

"The highest the court can go on the tax rate without risking a rollback election — commonly called the rollback rate — is 48.787 cents per \$100 valuation,"

Olson added. "That would amount to a \$500,000 increase (in revenues) over the effective rate."

Commissioners voted unanimously to pursue the 48.787-cent tax rate by placing the matter on the agenda for their Aug. 28 meeting.

The additional \$500,000 in taxes comes as good news for

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## Grand jury

*33 indictments handed down*

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 33 indictments Friday, including several for possession and delivery of a controlled substance.

Among those indicted were:

- David Wayne Bledsoe, 25, of 111 Marvin Road, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Jimmy Wayne Bledsoe, 52, of 100 Lockhart, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Gonzalo M. Hernandez, 49, of 1002 Nolan, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Marcelo Tomas Hernandez, 24, of 1108 Austin, delivery of a controlled substance - two counts (both second-degree felonies).

- Stephen Lee Hoyt, 36, of Pittsburgh, Pa., possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Brandon Jones, 22, of 1109 Ridgeroad, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony - enhanced).

- Margie Gonzales, 39, of 112 Cedar Road, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- Reynaldo Juarez, 38, of 407 Lancaster, burglary of a habitation (first-degree felony - enhanced).

- Gilbert Garcia Luna Jr., 19, of 1611 State Street, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- Howard Martin McCormick, 26, of 904 E. 14th Street, evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Betty Jean Muniz, 40, of 406 S. Lancaster, deliv-

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## SERVING OTHERS



The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club handed out ice cream treats at the local Texas Department of Health Immunization clinic waiting room the last two weeks to participants and their families. More than one hundred treats were given out as club members wanted to serve others while making the children at ease. Pictured from left are Debbie Wegman holding Skyler Stoaks, Debbye Valverde, Michael Stoaks and James Smith.

## Furqueron: \$10 million for new jail

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A new Howard County jail will cost in excess of \$10 million.

That's the price local architect Phil Furqueron delivered to county commissioners Monday morning, including equipment, bond service and other peripheral costs.

"The square footage comes out to 35,000 square feet," said Furqueron. "If you do a line item take off, you get the most accurate cost statement possible. We've also added in a 5 percent addition to take into account the six months of inflation you can expect to see.

"Using the industry standard price per square foot, you come up with an initial cost of \$8.97 million. Once you add all of your other costs on top of that — including approximately \$150,000 for the bond services and the



Furqueron

cost of furniture, equipment and testing — you're looking at approximately \$9.9 million."

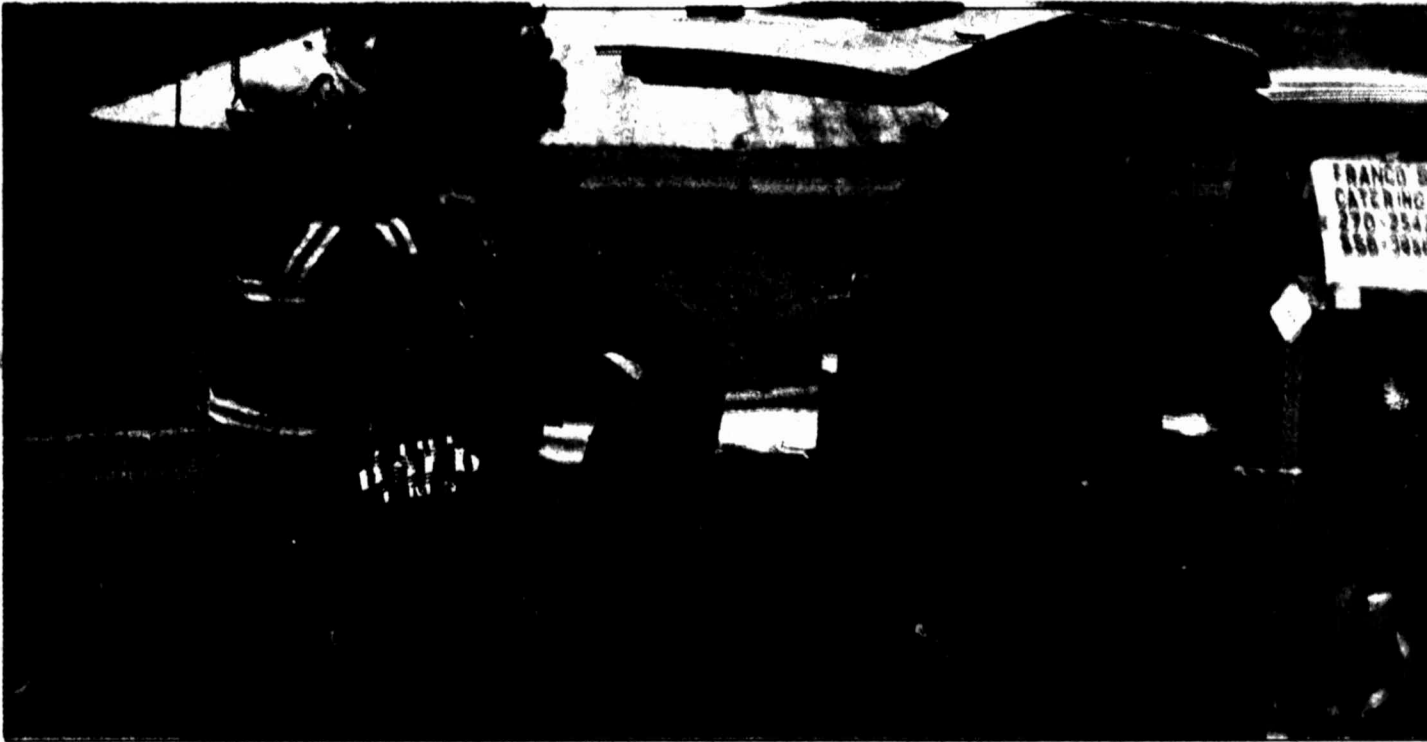
Furqueron said the price includes recent changes to the proposed jail's floor plans which will make it easier to expand the facility in the future.

"We took the building and set it from north to south, which puts the main entry on the north side of the building," said Furqueron. "That also puts the sally port on the west side off San Antonio Street. I feel like it's a better layout and it will allow us to expand with a pod out to the east part of the building. All of the rooms are the same, they're just slightly different than the plan we looked at in Austin."

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The driver of a Ford mini van is prepared to be transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a traffic accident at the intersection of Tulane and Fourth Street early Tuesday morning. According to officials at the scene, the van was traveling east on Fourth Street — attempting to get on Interstate Highway 20 — when it was hit by a Mercury traveling north on Tulane. The driver of the Mercury, who was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way, was not injured in the crash.

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## ISRAEL BEGINS EXIT

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israel began slowly pulling out forces from southern Lebanon and made plans to hand over territory Tuesday on the first full day of a tense cease-fire that already has been tested by skirmishes and rocket fire.

But Israeli and Hezbollah forces avoided any escalation, raising hopes that the U.N.-imposed pact could stick, as governments rushed to assemble international troops to deploy in southern Lebanon and firm up the peace.

Hezbollah's two patrons, Syria and Iran, proclaimed Tuesday that the guerrillas had won the fight with Israel and thwarted America's plan for a "new Middle East."

## MCWEIRD MOMENT

ATHENS, Ga. — Police are looking for an angry McDonald's customer who ran into two other customers with her car after a dispute over who was next in line.

Melinda Ann Thomas, 34, and Linda Ann Thomas, 51, were standing in line as they waited to order breakfast. A cashier opened a new line and they stepped to the front — a move that angered another customer. That woman left the restaurant before the Thomases and went to her Jeep, witnesses said. As the Thomases made their way to their car, the woman pulled out of her parking space and sped toward the women, striking them both. Neither woman was badly injured.

## AFTER HOURS COMING

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Reflections Unit, 1601 W. 11th Pl., will host a Business After Hours from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17.

Business After Hours is a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce program designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Everyone is invited to exchange business cards and bring a guest.

There is no admission charge. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

The Reflections Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, located on the fourth floor at Scenic Mountain, has been recently redecorated.



## Obituaries

### Velma Louise Forbes



Velma Louise Forbes, 83, of Ackerly died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 8, 1923, in Abilene to Bessie M. and J.C. Patton. She attended school in Hamlin. She married Ray Forbes on April 16, 1944, in McCaully. They spent the next 63 years in the Methodist ministry, including the Ackerly United Methodist Church from 1973 until 1976. At the time of her death she lived with her son and daughter-in-law at Ackerly.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Forbes of Ackerly; one son, Tom Forbes and his wife Wanda of Ackerly; one brother, Norman Patton and his wife Carolyn of Clyde; one sister, Dorothy Miller of Rapid City, S.D.; three grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Lonnie R. Forbes; one brother, James Milton Patton; and one grandson.

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

### Gary Dean Ringener

Gary Dean Ringener, 53, of Lamesa, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, in New Mexico. Services will be held at Sunset Baptist Church with Gerald Parson officiating. Date and time of service is pending. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mr. Ringener was born April 19, 1953, in Big Spring. He married Letha Carroll on Dec. 22, 1972, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Letha, of Lamesa; his father, J.C. Ringener, of Big Spring; two sons, Gary Shane and Larry Wayne Ringener, both of Lubbock; a sister, Clarice Birrell, of Big Spring; and one brother, Larry Ringener, of Breckenridge.

Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

### Lois R. Newbold

Lois R. Newbold, 86, of Midland, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland. Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, at Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Newbold was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Grapeland to Hugh and Annie Belle Laseter Richards. She married Thomas A. Newbold on Jan. 2, 1943, in Washington, D.C. They moved to Midland in 1947. She was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Women, and was a co-founder of the Midland chapter of the Celiac Sprue Association of America.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; daughters Janet Ellis of Lubbock and Pamela Johansen of Vernon; sons Richard Newbold of El Paso and David Newbold of Midland; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Morris Richards and Joe Richards; and sisters Ruth Appleton and Mary Green.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

### W. E. Shank

W. E. Shank, Jr., 91, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Susan P. Young

Susan P. Young, 82, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support Groups

#### MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

#### TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane.

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## Police blotter

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

- **ANDY OLIVARES**, 23, of 614 Linda Lane, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RACHEL RODRIGUEZ**, 27, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on three local warrants and two local citations.
- **JOE VALENCIA JR.**, 23, of 3605 Dixon, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **JERRY CABELL**, 55, of California, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 42, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ZABRINA FREEMAN**, 20, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **BRYAN PEARSON**, 20, of 4211 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 200 block of Scurry.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 300 block of Main Street.
  - in the 400 block of Eighth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Eighth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
  - in the 1100 block of Sycamore.
  - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
  - in the 2100 block of Monticello.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **DAVID LYNN WHITE**, 44, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance and expired driver's license.
- **KIMBERLY MATTHEWS STILLMAN**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ALFRED RAY MIEARS**, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for tampering with government records.
- **ALEX SANCHEZ**, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
- **ANTONIO MARGARITO PEREZ**, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **RUSSELL MAX COLLINS**, 54, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a violation of parole for burglary of a building.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of Circle. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wason. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of East Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the high school band hall. If your student is a band member, you are a band booster. See you there.

• **KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL WILL BE GIVING AWAY FREE POCKET ASH TRAYS** Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Main Street between Third and Sixth Streets. This is one part of a pilot study sponsored by Keep America Beautiful.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

## Bulletin Board

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

#### TODAY

- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

#### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

#### 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.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

#### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; eat in or carry out, noon to 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Call 263-2084.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

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Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-15-22-23-35.  
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-23-24. Bonus Ball: 27.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-8

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### ROLLBACK

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commissioners, who have been struggling with a budget that includes a \$150 per month across the board pay increase for county employees and sky-

rocketing utility costs.

And while the court was adamant about the employee raises, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the county is still "playing catch-up" because of needs that have been pushed aside in the past.

"There have been a lot of

requirements, whether they are mandates from the state or elsewhere," said Kilgore. "Especially with the jail situation. I see us as having a larger budget in the coming year than we had anticipated. It's just like everyday living. Inflation and gasoline prices play a large

role. "It's just like the situation where we got in trouble with the county vehicles three or four years ago," he continued. "It's costing us more now to make these things up, and if we don't take care of it now, we're going to pass it right along to

someone next year or further down the road. It looks like we're just going to have to make some major adjustments."

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### JAIL

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It will take approximately \$170,000 to purchase the property — located near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and U.S. Highway 87 — according to County Attorney Mike Thomas.

"We've been dealing with the land owner through Home Realty," said Thomas. "The property was appraised for \$170,000. We have a contract here to buy the property for that price, and the purchase would be contingent upon the completion of an environmental study and a successful bond election. If either of those items fail, the deal is off. If they do

come back satisfactory, this contract would obligate us to purchase the property.

"As part of the contract, they want us to pay the brokerage fees to Home Realty if they are going to sell it to us at \$170,000. That's the proposed contract for the court's consideration."

Thomas said there's little possibility of haggling the price down, but still gave the contract his stamp of approval.

"We can certainly talk to Home Realty (about the price)," said Thomas. "However, they have already told us \$170,000 is their bottom line option. We also have the option to go through the courts if we can't negotiate a price. My recommendation is to go ahead with

the contract as it is."

And while commissioners spent a great deal of time arguing over the size of the facility — a 144-bed jail versus a 96-bed facility — Furqueron said the final numbers support what he told the court months ago, that the price difference would be nominal when compared to the overall cost of the project.

"Just so the court would know, we took one of the earlier drawings from the FM 700 site that included a 96-bed jail facility, along with space for the sheriff's office, and did a cost analysis on it, too," said Furqueron. "It was a \$250,000 difference to go from a 96-bed facility to a 144-bed facility."

While Furqueron was

able to give commissioners a firm price for the proposed jail, details concerning the ongoing effort to correct problems at the existing facility weren't readily available.

"That ball is in (mechanical engineer) Bobby Bradshaw's court," said Furqueron. "I've been so busy getting these figures together over the last two weeks I really haven't had a chance to check with him and see what kind of progress he's made."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he was very eager to see some progress in correcting the problem Bradshaw has been contracted to evaluate.

"We need to find out how long it's going to be before we can do some-

thing about the smoke evacuation system in the jail," said Kilgore. "That's something we're going to have to take care of as quickly as possible."

According to Commissioner Bill Crooker, that concern is well justified.

"The smoke evacuation system is the most important aspect of this whole effort," said Crooker. "TAC (Texas Association of Counties), which we have our insurance through, has told us they will void our liability coverage on the jail Oct. 1 unless we've made concrete advancements in that area."

Consideration of a new jail began more than two years ago when commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-

compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

Earlier this year, commissioners voted 4-1 in favor of building a new 144-bed jail, with Commissioner Gary Simer voting against the measure, citing size and location as reasons.

In an informal vote taken late last month, commissioners agreed 4-1 to finance the new facility through a fall bond election. The court is expected to call for the election during its Aug. 28 meeting.

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### JURY

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ery of a controlled substance - two counts (both state jail felonies).

• Ernesto M. Muniz, 20, of 406 S. Lancaster, delivery of a controlled substance - two counts (both state jail felonies).

• Gabriel Ortiz, 18, of 2507 Carleton, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

• Rodney Rayford, 34, of 711 Washington, delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony enhanced).

• Jeffrey Rodolfo Robles, 23, of 806 Douglas, delivery of a controlled substance - two counts (both second-degree felonies).

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Rodriguez, 48, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Stephanie Serrato, 21, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Leonard Talavera Jr., 47, of 404 W. Sixth Street, delivery of a controlled substance - two counts (both state jail felonies).

• Marcus Joe Anderson, 25, of 1510 Robin, delivery of a controlled substance - two counts (state jail felony and a second-degree felony).

• David Andrew Belew, 30, of 705 S. Lancaster, violation of a protective order by assault (second-degree felony).

• Javier Francisco Casillas, 41, of 206 Northwest Second Street, evading arrest (second-degree felony - enhanced).

• Weldon Bryant Daniels, 42, of 507 Ayleford, credit card abuse (state jail felony).

• Maurice Edward Franks, 26, of 1425 E. Sixth Street Apt. 138, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

• Edward Lee Hurrington, 52, of 4100 Dixon, possession of a controlled substance - two counts (first-degree felony enhanced and second-degree felony enhanced).

• Angel Larez, 25, of 507 N. Main Street, evading arrest (state jail felony).

• Michael Lopez, 18, of 411 N. Scurry, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Israel Miramontes, 22, of 411 N. Scurry, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Chester McKinney, 36, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 158, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).

• Dusty Nalley, 28, of 538 Westover Road, criminal mischief (state jail felony).

• Jonathon Michael Paul, 26, of 1805 Settles, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Patricia Ann Primiano, 43, of 1211 Harding, evading arrest (state jail felony).

• Ronald Lee Simonck, 51, of 3611 Hamilton, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Jerrick D. Straughter, 34, of 3403 Airport, burglary of a habitation with commission of an assault (second-degree felony).

State jail felonies can carry between 180 days to

two years in state jail and a possible fine not to exceed \$10,000. Third-degree felonies are punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a similar fine.

Second-degree felony charges can carry two to 20 years in prison, while first-degree felony charges are punishable by five to 99 years to life in prison, both with a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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Japan's Kyodo news service said the spill — which would be about 4,500 tons — may have been the largest ever involving a Japanese tanker.

The Bright Artemis tanker spilled the oil following a collision Monday with the Amar, a smaller cargo ship, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines said in a statement. It said the accident took place when the tanker maneuvered near the Amar, which was in distress about 300 miles west of India's Nicobar islands.

The exact amount of the spill was not clear.

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## OUR VIEWS

# We should all be proud of our schools' ratings

It's called making the grade. Big time! Big Spring Independent School District officials were admittedly ecstatic last month when campus ratings were released by the Texas Education Agency. Yet the ratings received by all of Howard County's public schools are cause for us to collectively celebrate.

While we are no where close to changing our minds concerning our belief that state law has put public schools in the business of teaching children to take a standardized test rather than truly educating them, we must be pleased that at least by state standards all of our schools pass muster.

Accolades are certainly deserved at Kentwood Elementary, which received a rating of "Exemplary," the highest possible rating handed down by TEA.

And three other campuses — Bauer, Marcy and Washington elementaries — received "Recognized" ratings, one step down, from Kentwood's status, but still considered superior.

Coahoma Elementary School and Elbow Elementary School were also "Recognized" schools.

All other Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan campuses were rated "Academically Acceptable" by the TEA.

Those rankings, were based on student performance on the TAKS test during the 2005-06 school year.

As Howard Countians, we should all be exceedingly proud of the teachers, staff and students at our public schools. Collectively, they have clearly worked hard to live up to the requirements that BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes noted have increased in difficulty over the past few years.

In other words, they've all done very well and we encourage them to keep up the good work.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, we have energy beyond our normal energy.

Amen

# Was it a failure of procedure?

There is a scandal now brewing in the Duke lacrosse case. I'm not even sure whether to call it a rape case anymore. You're about to see why.

Consistent with the procedure in North Carolina and elsewhere, the prosecution has to turn over its evidence to the defense to prepare for trial. There's still more to come, but the bulk of what has been turned over is troubling enough. It suggests a failure to follow standard procedure that is rather mind-boggling.

Consider: The District Attorney went to the grand jury for an indictment before he even performed DNA tests (it turns out there was no match). One of the investigators was still collecting prices for DNA tests while the DA was giving interviews.

He announced to the press that he was certain that a rape had taken place before excluding the possibility that the woman's physical symptoms were the result of sex with another man (turns out she'd had sex with her boyfriend within the preceding 24 hours). They were still investigating the woman's whereabouts during the 24 hours leading up to the party, and they had already been to the grand jury.

The prosecutor relied on a photographic identification procedure that reportedly violated the standards of his own department. If the discovery is any indication,

his case is sitting on quicksand.

None of this means the woman is lying. But at the very least, standard procedure should have been to await the results of tests, and then, given the results, the inconsistencies in the woman's statements, the fact that at least one of the boys seems to have an airtight alibi, investigate further before indicting anyone.

Instead, the train had already left the station.

It doesn't matter anymore why the DA was so determined to indict. His critics will say it was just because he was thinking about his political career. His supporters will say he really believed her, and that a District Attorney has every right to be responsive to the community that elects him. My guess is he really did believe her, but it certainly didn't hurt that he needed to.

And one thing is clear: He's not going to change his mind now.

That means this case is going to trial, unless a judge steps in to stop it, which is something that rarely happens.

And of this you can be sure: No good will come of it.

Trials do not tend to be healing experiences. Sides dig in. Things get more contentious, not less. Tempers are bound to flare.

Reliving the evening in living color is not likely to be pretty. Hearing the racial epithets again, rereading the e-mails, all of that will not improve race relations, even if it has nothing to do with whether a rape happened or not.

Even before that, there will be the questions of who serves on the jury and what counts as a jury of

their peers. Shall we start counting how many minorities there are, how many "Duke" people, how many of "us" and how many of "them"?

If she takes the stand, she'll be slaughtered on cross.

If she doesn't, the prosecution doesn't have a chance.

No one will be convinced that the case was handled fairly.

If even one of the boys is convicted, there will be outrage in the Duke community.

If they're all acquitted, there will be outrage in the black community that three white boys got away with rape.

Conservatives will be outraged that three boys' lives were ruined because an ambitious prosecutor believed a lying "slut" (as in the nuts and sluts defense), which will be played to a fare-thee-well.

Victims rights advocates like me will be depressed because we will worry, rightly, about all the messages being sent to legitimate victims.

And what would have happened if the District Attorney had waited to go to the grand jury, followed the identification procedure, let the test results come in, found out about the boyfriend and investigated enough to learn that one of the suspects had an airtight alibi?

He might have decided not to file charges at all, or not to file them against these three young men.

There are reasons you follow procedures.

In general, they are there to spare outrage.

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# An unappeasable global jihad

We are fighting a global war against international terrorists because the terrorists are engaged in a global jihad against infidels. The scariest thing about it is that a good many people in this country believe we actually have the luxury of opting out.

Isn't the operative assumption that we are dealing with a reasonable enemy that doesn't want war any more than we do?

Why else would Democratic Congressman Martin Frost tell Fox News — approvingly — that "a majority of the American people has now decided that it was a mistake for us to go into Iraq?" Why else would certain media elites treat the ranting, spooky 18-page letter of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to President Bush as a thoughtful, serious piece warranting the president's good faith consideration? Ahmadinejad, by the way, said on Aug. 3 that the solution to the Middle East crisis is to destroy Israel.

Why else would the Left be so quick to declare moral equivalence between the actions of the Hezbollah terrorist aggressors and those of Israeli defenders? Why else would the liberal media downplay Hezbollah's raining of over 200 rockets on potentially civilian targets in one day while ignoring the possibility that the report of civilian deaths in Qana from Israeli airstrikes was part of a terrorist-staged propaganda event? Doesn't the fact that terrorists traffic in lies as well as murder

warrant skepticism at least?

Why else would "more than a third of the American public suspect that federal officials assisted in the 9/11 terrorist attacks or took no action to stop them so the United States could go to war in the Middle East" (according to a new Scripps Howard/Ohio University poll)?

Why else would former U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Ed Peck (and others) refuse to call Hezbollah a terrorist organization? "A terrorist organization," said the diplomat, "is in the eye of the beholder." When asked, point blank, whether Hezbollah was a terrorist organization, Peck said, "No, I think it has objectives to which we object very strongly, and some of them are bloody. But other people are doing things quite similar to that and they're not called terrorists because they're on our side."

Yes, many in this country stubbornly believe the United States, let alone Israel, is not an entirely innocent party in this war. They believe, variously, that terrorists have legitimate grievances that can be mollified through negotiation, that we can rectify those grievances by altering our "imperialistic" policies and that Muslim terrorists have a right to be outraged that we attacked Iraq and had the audacity to help the Iraqis establish a political system where they could choose their own leaders instead of submitting to an unelected dictator.

They believe the terrorists have a right to be outraged at our consistent support of the Israelis, which are no different from the terrorists and allegedly have no greater claim to the Holy Land than the Palestinians. They believe the Palestinians are victims who are willing to live in

peace with Israel if it will just cede a little more land, and a little more land, and a little more land, and that the United States has no moral authority in demanding the cessation of Iran's nuclear weapons program since we have the world's most formidable nuclear arsenal ourselves. They believe that if we hadn't attacked Iraq, the terrorists wouldn't be so mad at us and might not be at war against us.

So what if they finally badger our policy makers into withdrawing from Iraq before the Iraqi security forces are capable of assuming the job themselves? Will this withdrawal make us less of a target for the terrorists? Or will we have to withdraw our support for Israel as well? Perhaps join the terrorists in attacking Israel? How about our presence in Saudi Arabia?

The uncomplicated answer is that no matter what we do, policy-wise, we will remain infidels with gigantic bull's-eyes on our backs unless we renounce our capitalistic ways, destroy our churches and synagogues, outlaw our pluralistic religious society, convert to a radical Islamic theocracy and join the global jihad en route to a worldwide caliphate.

We are in this war for the long haul whether we like it or not. The only question is whether we intend to fight it or roll over in shameful appeasement until we are in a much weaker position to fight at such time as even the appeasers realize we have no other choice.

To find out more about David Limbaugh, please visit his Web site at [www.davidlimbaugh.com](http://www.davidlimbaugh.com).

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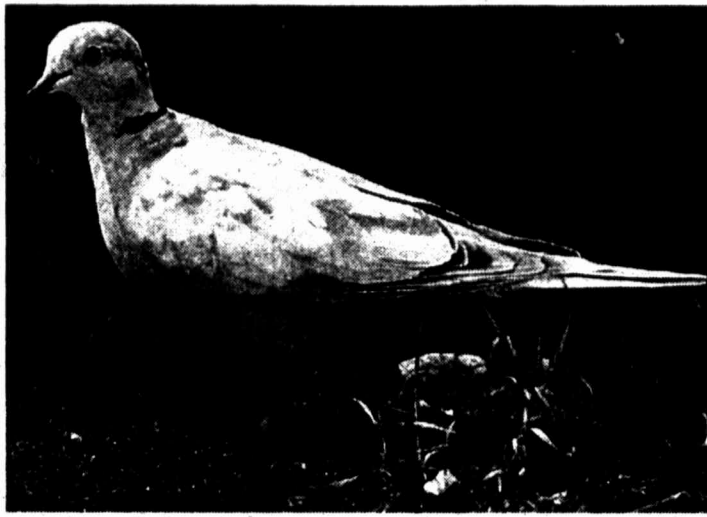
The bird's beak was a pitiful mess. The lady had tried to describe its condition over the phone. The dove had become entangled in chicken wire and, in its struggle for freedom, had sliced nearly a quarter-inch off the end of its top mandible.



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As I held the ringed turtle-dove with its thin black band on the back and sides of the neck, I noticed that the injured beak was cracked and out of alignment with the lower mandible. Not only had this bird damaged the tip. It might have flown into something to cause the crack.

To survive, the bird would have to learn a different way of feeding itself. Normally, turtle-doves peck at seeds on the ground or from a



Courtesy photo

The ringed turtle-dove is not indigenous to North America. Often these birds escape captivity or may be released to the wild.

Feeder. Unable to pick up seeds because of no tip on its upper beak, the bird would starve to death.

Placed in a cage, the dove exhibited typical behavior. It took advantage of the roosts, and its droppings indicated that it was well fed.

Worth trying was a deep dish for both food

and water. Sticking its beak into the seeds, and opening it, the dove would naturally have some of the food find its way into its beak. Closing its mouth, the bird would have seeds ready for swallowing.

The impossible part was telling the turtle-dove how to do this. It would be nature's task

through hunger and thirst that would perhaps enable this bird to discover a different way of obtaining its food. We waited.

Several hours later, I checked on the dove. Seeds had been scattered and some had landed in the water dish. At least the bird had been attracted to the food.

We changed the papers frequently under its cage. The next day we realized by its droppings that the dove had been successful in learning a new way of eating and drinking.

Although we felt certain that the crack would mend, we were concerned about whether the dove could grow a new tip on its beak.

From our kitchen one morning I heard what sounded like laughter. "Hoo-hrrooo, hoo-hrrooo," greeted me as I opened

the door. The turtle-dove's call was certainly different from the other doves we had handled.

Inca doves had the monotonous and endless "whoo-oo-whoohoo." Their sound was as diminutive as their size. The constant cooing of a mourning dove sounded like "oo-ah! cooo-cooo-coo."

The distinctive and repetitive "who-cooks-for-you" could only be the voice of a white-winged dove. As for the invading Eurasian collared-dove, it

sounded like a bad case of laryngitis.

After taking the turtle-dove to the wildlife center, we waited for news. The founder of the center, Carol Lee, would be working with the bird. Three weeks later good news arrived: The dove's beak had grown back. Capable of picking up seeds from the ground, the bird was released.

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

## What's in a name?

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Christopher Garnett has reclaimed his old name.

Garnett, an animal rights activist who gave up his given name to become "Kentucky fried cruelty.com," was one of three workers at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who changed their names to PETA Web sites.

Two have now returned to their given names.

"I think maybe its time had come and gone," said Karin Robertson, formerly known as "Goveg.com" until last month.

Robertson led the way, changing her name in March 2003 to get people focused on animal rights and vegetarianism.

Back then, she remembered thinking, "It will be just weird and quirky enough. It will be a light-hearted way to get the message out."

She got a driver's license with her new name on it and tucked her court papers in her wallet just in case.

It worked: Web traffic to the site shot up.

Her success inspired others. Last fall, Garnett and Brandi Valladolid went to the courthouse and, with the stroke of a judge's pen, became "Kentucky fried cruelty.com" and "Ringling beats animals.com."

"The name said it all," Valladolid said. "It gave all the information people needed to know."

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The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2006 at 5:30 pm at the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

<b>FOR:</b>	Manuel Ramirez, Jr., Russ McEwen Joann Knox	Jo Ann Staulcup Gloria McDonald Greg Biddison
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Stephanie Horton	
<b>PRESENT and voting:</b>	N/A	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	N/A	

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditures categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.02% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase)	or	4.80% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.82% (increase)	or	% (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$469,674,211.00	\$609,143,028.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,613,098.00	\$5,618,247.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$416,702,369.00	\$444,521,405.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,550,385.00	\$4,349,636.00

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$665,000.00

### Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.7163 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.7163 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$(0.00) per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

0% Increase  
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These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$30,370.00	\$32,351.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$6,074.00	\$6,470.20
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$24,296.00	\$25,880.80

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$174.04. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$185.38. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$11.34 in taxes.

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(6), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(16), Tax Code.



## Texas briefs

### Ambassador praise, criticizes policy

EL PASO (AP) — U.S. immigration and border security reform that doesn't take people into account won't be effective, Mexico's ambassador to the United States said Monday.

"Security, it's linked to the economy and has a human perspective," Carlos de Icaza said at the opening of the third annual Border Security Conference at the University of Texas at El Paso.

He praised growing cooperation that has allowed increased trade and security efforts between Mexico and the United States while encouraging U.S. lawmakers to approve reforms that allow "legal, safe and orderly human migration."

The ambassador, who said the decisions on immigration policy lie in Washington and with the American people, also acknowledged that his country was to blame for not creating economic conditions that encourage Mexican citizens to stay in Mexico.

### City bans "Jello-O shots" on rivers

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — The New Braunfels City Council on Monday approved an anti-littering rule that targets "Jello-O shots" on local rivers despite some residents' complaints that the ordinance will be ineffective.

The ordinance does not specifically address the small cups of alcoholic gelatin but was crafted to focus on containers of 5 fluid ounces or less.

Concerns about rowdy tubers downing shots and tossing the cups into the Guadalupe and Comal rivers spurred the ordinance. Already this year, floating parties provoked the City Council to increase fines for noise-ordinance violations and to ban "volume drinking devices" — better known as beer bong.

But some residents said the ban on small fluid

containers will be easily circumvented. They also argued that the ordinance will restrict common items such as small tubes of sunscreen or small bottles of juice.

### Dell to recall 4 million laptop batteries

DALLAS (AP) — Dell Inc. said it will issue free replacement batteries to the owners of 4.1 million notebook computers with batteries made by Sony Corp. that were determined to be at risk of overheating and catching fire.

Round Rock-based Dell negotiated conditions of the recall with the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, which called it the largest electronics-related recall ever involving the agency.

A Dell spokesman said Monday that the Sony

batteries were placed in notebooks that were shipped between April 1, 2004, and July 18 of this year.

### Soldier remembered as protective brother

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Relatives remembered Army Spc. Rogelio R. Garza Jr. as someone who enjoyed practical jokes but took his responsibility for his family seriously.

The Corpus Christi 26-year-old, who went by Roger, was one of three soldiers killed last week when their outfit came under fire during combat operations in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense said.

"He was the best brother that four sisters could have," said Jessica Garza, his sister.

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Consider this case from a recent regional team event. Both Souths wound up in three notrump after East had pre-empted in spades, and both Wests led a diamond. Both Easts won with the king and returned a diamond to South's queen.

A low club was then led toward dummy, both Wests rising with the ace and returning a third diamond to establish their suit. It was here that the paths diverged.

At the first table, declarer was certain that West had the king of clubs, since it would have made no sense for him to take the ace on the first club lead rather than allow East the opportunity to win and return a third diamond. Afraid — correctly as it turned out — that West could win the next club lead and cash two diamonds to defeat the contract, South saw no choice but to play the A-K-Q of hearts and hope for a 3-3 split.

After the suit failed to divide evenly, declarer led a spade to the king, took the marked spade finesse, cashed the spade ace and finished down one, losing the last three tricks — a club, a diamond and a heart — to West.

At the second table, South also concluded from West's ace-of-clubs play that leading another club would be fatal. But this declarer saw no advantage in testing the hearts at this point. Instead, he took his three spade tricks first.

Superficially, this might seem to make no difference, but in fact it made all the difference in the world. West had to find three discards on the spades, and after letting go two low clubs, he was without recourse when the third spade was played. In practice, he pitched a heart, handing declarer four heart tricks and the contract. But had he decided to discard a diamond instead, South could then safely have conceded a club without trying the hearts, and the contract would still have been made.

Tomorrow: Isolating a menace.  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Glasscock County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 28th, 2006, in the Board Rm., Administration Bldg. 308 W. Chambers, Garden City, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.339636/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Tax	\$0.1000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	15% increase or _____% (decrease).
Debt service	100% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	15% increase or _____% (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Total appraised value* of all property	\$687,638,950.	\$811,547,830.
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$606,460.	\$540,010.
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$547,048,230.	\$670,898,690.
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$525,410.	\$445,210.

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$4,000,000.

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.4660	\$0.000	\$1.4660	\$11,556.00	\$327.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.2999	\$0.1000	\$1.3999	\$12,356.00	\$329.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.3396	\$0.1000*	\$1.4396	\$11,173.00	\$329.00

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$39,179.	\$39,572.
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$24,607.	\$25,516.
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.465700	\$1.439636
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$360.67	\$367.33
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$+6.66

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence home- stead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65 regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.439636. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.439636.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,026,864.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$4,000,00.00-

### Glasscock County ISD Budget Summary Report 2005-2006/2006-2007

Function:	Description:	2005-2006	2006-2007
11	Instruction	\$2,069,739.00	\$2,133,446.00
12	Media Services	\$33,007.00	\$31,734.00
13	Staff Development	\$500.00	\$500.00
23	School Leadership	\$172,268.00	\$151,362.00
31	Counseling	\$53,528.00	\$58,803.00
33	Health Services	\$600.00	\$600.00
36	Extra-Curricular	\$171,997.00	\$167,186.00
41	General Admin	\$281,227.00	\$292,900.00
51	Maintenance	\$514,492	\$522,539.00
52	Security	\$900.00	\$900.00
53	Data Processing	\$12,153.00	\$12,632.00
34	Transportation	\$233,335.00	\$218,996.00
35	Food Service	\$160,170.00	\$161,650.00
71	Debt Service	\$117,800.00	\$117,800.00
81	Construction	\$70,000.00	\$2,000.00
91	WADA	\$4,500,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
93	87-20 COOP	\$50,171.00	\$55,889.00



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## IN BRIEF

### Registration starts for youth football

Sign-ups for the Crossroads Youth Football Association will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Big Spring Mall.

Registration for the league, which is open to players and cheerleaders in grades K through 6, will also be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall on Saturday.

For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4688.

### Annual skateboard contest scheduled

Registration has begun for the third annual Big Spring Skateboard Contest set for 6 p.m. Friday at the YMCA.

Registration is \$7 per entrant. Contestants will be divided into two age groups — 15 and younger, and 16 and older. Prizes will be awarded to the top three skateboarders in each age group.

The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. the day of the event.

All contestants will be required to wear helmets.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### Soccer sign-ups now under way

Youth Soccer League registration for players between the ages of 4 and 13 will continue through Saturday at the Big Spring Mall next to Serendipity.

Registration will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

### Over 80 Scramble slated at BSCC

An Over 80 Scramble benefiting the Big Spring Shrine Club has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The combined ages of each two-person team must be 80 or more.

Entry fees are \$60 per player plus golf cart rental.

Play will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days.

For more information, call 267-5354.

### Youth volleyball sign-ups under way

Registration for Youth Volleyball League play has started at the YMCA.

Families with children in Grades 3-6 are eligible to play.

The registration fee is \$45 per player and the deadline to register is Saturday, Aug. 26.

Players will be divided into two age groups — third- and fourth-graders in one division and fifth- and sixth-graders in the other.

Teams will be formed Aug. 31 at a coaches meeting and clinic and league play begins Sept. 18.

For more information, call 267-8234.

## Parcells giving Owens benefit of doubt

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Bill Parcells has been known to badger his nicked-up players to get them back on the field. He hasn't done that yet to Terrell Owens.

Owens missed his 12th straight practice Monday when the Dallas Cowboys began their final week of workouts in California. He came out a few minutes before the session, carrying cleats and a long-sleeve shirt, and took what has become his customary position on a stationary bike.

"I don't know the player very well. I just have to give him the benefit of the doubt right now,"

Parcells said when asked earlier Monday, before he knew Owens would miss practice. "I don't want to jeopardize him for the season. So right now I am erring on the side of caution."

Still, Parcells made it clear he wants Owens back on the field to work with quarterback Drew Bledsoe and the rest of the offense.

"We need to see something here pretty soon. That is the truth," Parcells said. "We need to get him into the offense. Right now, he has missed a lot of work."

With Terry Glenn and Patrick Crayton also out Monday, the Cowboys were without their top

three receivers in their first practice since a 13-3 victory at Seattle in their preseason opener Saturday night.

Crayton wore a boot on his right foot because of a sprained ankle sustained in the game. Glenn, who played Saturday night, missed practice for a second time because of blisters.

When Glenn came out without pads Monday, Parcells appeared agitated with the receiver during an animated conversation.

There haven't been any similar talks between Parcells and Owens.

"I think each player has to know his own body well enough," Parcells said. "I haven't

been around this player, so I don't know him that well. I can just look over at Terry Glenn and I can tell what he's feeling like."

Parcells made those comments before he knew Glenn wouldn't practice.

Owens hasn't practiced since Aug. 2 because of a hamstring problem that didn't show up on an MRI but continues to nag him.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said over the weekend that Owens knows only "one way of practicing, and that's 100 percent."

He said the receiver needs to learn how to go at 75 or 80 percent.

## Raiders win second in preseason

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Randy Moss isn't used to struggling in the Metrodome.

For seven years with the Minnesota Vikings, the Dome was his personal playground. He dominated the way few receivers have before him, striking fear into opposing defenses even before the first snap.

His first game back in Minnesota since he was unceremoniously traded to Oakland before last season was decidedly un-Moss-like. He had one catch for 16 yards in the Raiders' 16-13 preseason victory over the Vikings on Monday night.

"What I did here is something that I will take to my grave, as far as (former owner) Red McCombs and giving me an opportunity to be come in here and be coached by a guy like Denny Green," Moss said. "And the Metrodome, with wonderful fans. So right now it's just a memory."

Most, but not all, of those memories are fond ones. He racked up more yards and scored more touchdowns in the first six years of his career than any receiver in NFL history. He was embraced by the hometown fans despite a history of trouble in college.

But it wasn't all fun and games.

Moss also tormented his

teammates with his actions on and off the field. He left the field one game early; got in a minor scrape with a traffic enforcement officer in 2002; and verbally abused corporate sponsors on a team bus in 2001.

Not to mention his infamous "I play when I want to play" comment.

All of that, and more, prompted McCombs to ship him to Oakland before last season. And Moss still wonders why.

"I kept asking the question of why it happened, but I never got an answer," Moss said. "I've let that go. I know that this is a business. Football doesn't last forever. Like I said, one thing that I can really appreciate is the opportunity that I got to play here."

And the fans appreciated him right back. Many donned his purple No. 84 jersey or his black No. 18 and cheered him loudly when he was introduced to start the game.

That was when the fairy tale ended.

Moss was frustrated in just more than a quarter of work, stomping his feet after not getting the ball when he was wide open in the end zone and expressing displeasure when coach Art Shell pulled him in the middle of a series in the second quarter.

After Moss made his lone catch of the evening, Shell beckoned him to the bench.



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Tavaris Jackson (7) leaps over Oakland Raiders linebacker Danny Clark (55) in the second quarter of their game Monday night. The Raiders defeated the Vikings, 16-13, in preseason action at the Metrodome.

## Leinart in camp for Cardinals; Seau calling it quits

By The Associated Press

Matt Leinart is officially a member of the Arizona Cardinals — finally.

The 10th overall pick in this year's draft became the last first-rounder to sign a contract. The 2004 Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California got a six-year contract Monday night that can bring the rookie up to \$51 million. Leinart will be guaranteed \$14 million. Earlier Monday,

Cardinals coach Dennis Green criticized Leinart and his representatives for rejecting "a more than generous" offer.

Leinart's news capped a busy day in the NFL. Linebacker Junior Seau retired, running back Clinton Portis learned he'll be sidelined for the rest of the preseason, perennial Pro Bowl tackle Orlando Pace was sidelined, and there were two trades.

In those deals, the Jets acquired running back

Lee Suggs from Cleveland for defensive back Derrick Strait, and the 49ers acquired receiver Taylor Jacobs from the Redskins for cornerback Mike Rumph, a swap of oft-injured former high draft picks.

Leinart was the second quarterback chosen in the draft, behind Vince Young of Texas, who went to Tennessee with the No. 3 pick overall, and one spot ahead of Jay Cutler of Vanderbilt, who went to Denver.

Young signed a six-year contract worth up to \$58 million, with \$25.7 million guaranteed. Cutler signed a six-year deal worth as much as \$48 million, with \$11 million guaranteed.

Seau was the intense, non-stop energizer of his hometown San Diego Chargers from 1990 until being unceremoniously jettisoned in the spring of 2003. He played three less-productive years with the Dolphins.

One of the NFL's great-

est linebackers and a 12-time Pro Bowler, he helped the Chargers reach their only Super Bowl.

"I'm healthy. I can play and there are teams out there that had interest, but they just didn't need," the 37-year-old Seau said. "They wanted me, but they didn't need me. I'm not a player that can play by just wanting to play the game. I'm a guy that needs to win, and they go hand in hand."

## Zambrano dominates Astros again in 3-0 Cubs win

By CHRIS DUNCAN  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Despite pitching out of jams most of the game, Carlos Zambrano still handled the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Zambrano dominated Houston for the third time this season and Phil Nevin homered and drove in all three runs to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 3-0 victory over the Astros.

Zambrano (13-5) allowed four hits and struck out five in eight innings to improve to 6-1 at Minute Maid Park.

"I felt strong the whole game,"

said Zambrano, who threw 121 pitches.

Astros starter Roy Oswalt was hit in the right wrist by Ronny Cedeno's line drive in the seventh. Oswalt retired two batters to finish the inning, then left the game and was listed as day-to-day.

"He's going to be a little sore," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "But right now, we're thinking he's going to be able to make his next start."

In other NL games, it was: Atlanta 10, Washington 4; Los Angeles 4, Florida 2; San Francisco 1, San Diego 0;

Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 2; Philadelphia 13, New York 0; and Colorado 4, Arizona 3.

In the only AL games, it was: New York 7, Los Angeles 2; Detroit 7, Boston 4; Chicago 12, Kansas City 2; and Oakland 5, Seattle 4.

Zambrano, who had a one-hit shutout in Houston on June 5, spent most of this night avoiding trouble. His outing also included seven walks, a wild pitch and a hit batter. However, the flustered Astros — with an NL-worst 258 batting average — stranded nine runners and dropped their third straight game.

"If you walk somebody, you just have to get the next hitter out," Zambrano said. "You can't be frustrated about walks or who is on base. If you've got good stuff that night, you're good enough to get the next hitter out."

Cubs manager Dusty Baker didn't hesitate to send Zambrano out for the eighth. After walking Aubrey Huff, Zambrano retired the next three in order.

"He was still dealing, he was still throwing the ball good," Baker said. "It's hard to take a guy out when he's throwing like that."



Wacky Facts

- The lightness or darkness of a color is its "value."
- "Tints" are light values made by mixing a color with white. For example, pink is a tint of red.
- "Shades" are dark values made by mixing a color with black. For example, maroon is a shade of red.

— World Almanac for Kids

# KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"I've said that if I wasn't singing, I would want to be an art teacher — I would love to do something creative with kids."

— Beyoncé,  
about a possible alternate career,  
in J-14 magazine.

In The News

## Comic books come to life

Comic books lie on shelves, tables, chairs and whatever other space is available. Action figures are scattered around the room. Huge movie theater seats with cup holders line the wall. This isn't comic heaven. It's the offices of Platinum Studios, home to the largest independent library of comic-book characters.

Chairman Scott Rosenberg started his own comic-book empire when he was 13.

Platinum Studios adapts comic books for film, television and other outlets, including mobile phones and soon (they hope) iPods. "Men in Black," the highest grossing film inspired by a comic book, came out of Platinum. It earned more than \$580 million worldwide. Time For Kids kid reporter Sam Rubinroit spoke with Rosenberg about how it all came to be.

TFK: What first drew you to comics?

S.R.: I read them as a kid at 7, 8 and 9, and I started to collect them. When I was about 13, I realized that if I wanted to keep buying comics, I'd have to start selling them. So, I took out tables at a convention and started making mail-order ads and started building up a business. I never thought I'd be doing it professionally. It never even crossed my mind. I just did it because it was fun, I could make money and I could collect (comic books).

TFK: Who helped you most to get you where you are today?

S.R.: My parents were always very supportive. Beyond that, I've always been fortunate to be able to find people smarter than me in all different areas that I work in.

TFK: Why do you think comics make such popular movies?

S.R.: The press, everywhere in the world, talk more about something if it's from a comic. They all think it's cool, and it gives them something to talk about. ... Also, video-game makers love comics partly because the programmers are into them and partly because they know they'll get more press.

TFK: "Men In Black" is your biggest comic-turned-movie success. It was passed on by 70 other publishers before you got it. How did you know it would be a hit?

S.R.: I have no answer other than gut feeling. I don't care if other people pass on it. I happened to like it, and it was my company.

TFK: When someone pitches you a comic book, do you look more at the pictures or the actual dialogue and writing?

S.R.: We almost never look at the pictures. What we believe is that writers tell stories, and artists may help with that, but we care about the idea.

TFK: What is your favorite comic book?

S.R.: I honestly don't have one. I just love comics in general. It's kind of like asking a parent which is their favorite child. If they had one, they'd never tell.

— Sam Rubinroit, 13

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# Electronic overload

Think twice before caving to the craving for that new gadget

BY EMILIE LE'BEAU  
Chicago Tribune

That laptop that would make your life so much easier? It might not be as easy as you think.

While laptops can cost thousands of dollars, a \$30 memory stick card can give a kid a lot of portable power. Marshall Brain, founder of **HowStuffWorks.com**, says memory cards can be much more convenient than a laptop.

"You go to friend's house and you want to show them some pictures, and they have a computer right there," Brain says. "You don't want to lug your laptop over. The memory sticks are no larger than a quarter."

Like the laptops, there are a lot of other technologies that kids think they need but really don't. Brain says kids should think about whether they would use a gadget daily.

"Would it make your life easier?" Brain asks. "Would it save you a ton of time? You should also ask if you can afford it. A lot of gadgets are fairly expensive, and there might be other ways to spend that money."

So instead of dashing to the store to buy the latest gizmo, read on:

**THE PRODUCT:** PDA gadgets such as the T-Mobile Sidekick II (\$349) at t-mobile.com.

**THE PITCH:** Send e-mails, browse the Internet, take pictures and talk on the phone — using just one device.

**THE PROBLEM:** For business people, Brain says PDAs can be worth the cost. Besides the price of the gadget, users also have to pay for a service plan that can range from \$29 to \$129 a month for T-Mobile.

But for kids who just want to talk on the phone and send text messages, a regular phone may be a better bet. "Lots of cell phones will even let you e-mail out with a text message," Brain says.

**THE PRODUCT:** Mosquito Ring Tone, \$2.99 at Web sites such as Fork.com.

**THE PITCH:** The concept is pretty cool. The Mosquito Ring Tone is a high-pitched tone that supposedly only kids — not grown-ups — can hear.

**THE PROBLEM:** Many adults actually can hear the ring tone. "I am 45, and I can hear it while my wife cannot," Brain says. "It is not true that all adults cannot hear it."

And the sound is obnoxious, so kids will want to pick up the call quickly. Instead of spending \$2.99, why not just put the call on vibrate? "The vibrate mode is far more private, and it serves the same purpose," Brain says.

**THE PRODUCT:** Video MP3 players, such as the video iPod for \$299 at Apple.com.

**THE PITCH:** Keep music and 150 hours of video on a portable player.

**THE PROBLEM:** While music is really important to kids, the TV part isn't as necessary. Brain says kids might not even use the video part if their favorite television show isn't available. "We're still pretty early in the full portable video thing," he says.

Instead of splurging for a video iPod, a regular MP3 player gives kids what they really want — hundreds of songs. Brain also recommends downloading audio books. "It's amazing how much reading you can do if you're just listening to audio books in your spare time," he says.

**THE PRODUCT:** Printz, do-it-yourself cell phone skins, \$14.99 at Best Buy.

**THE PITCH:** Use the Printz Web site, CustomPrintz.com, to design a cell-phone skin and print it on your home computer.

**THE PROBLEM:** KidNews sampled Printz and spent way too much time trying to print a picture of a little lamb. It was hard to line up the sticker page on the printer, and the printed result was no better than a sticker. The verdict? Save your money and use stickers to trick out your phone.



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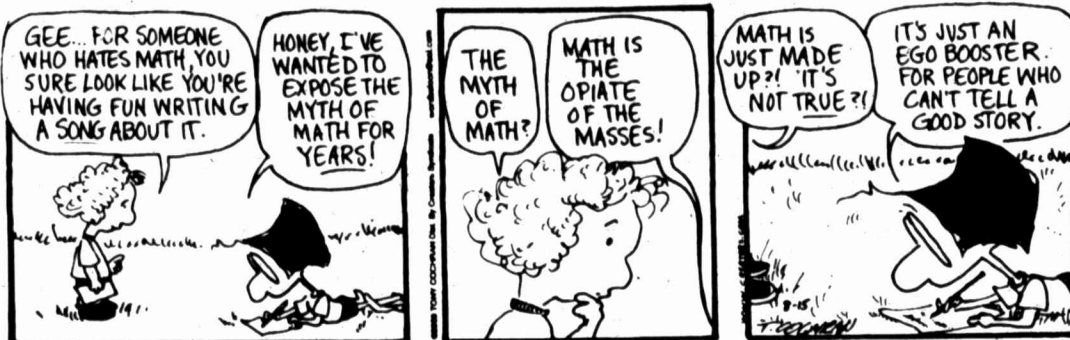
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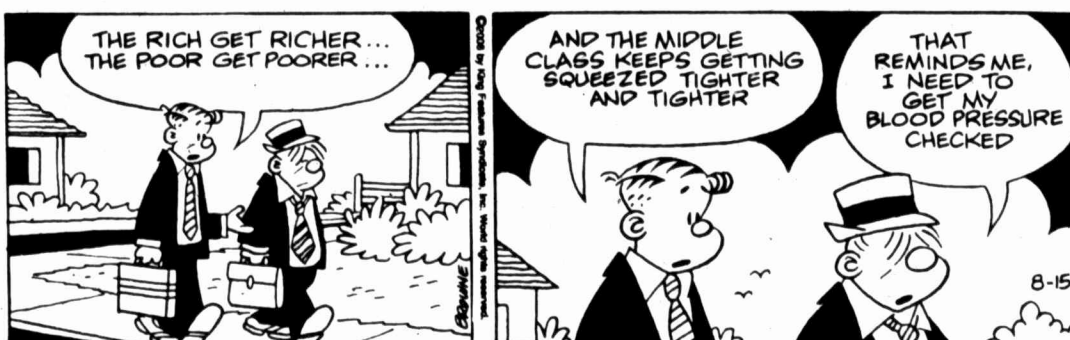
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2006. There are 138 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed V-J Day by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.  
On this date:  
In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.  
In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.  
In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.  
In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.  
In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.  
In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.  
In 1961, East German workers began building the Berlin Wall.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.  
In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.  
In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.  
Five years ago: A Texas appeals court halted the execution of Napoleon Beazley just hours before he was scheduled to die for a murder he'd committed as a teenager. (Beazley was executed in May 2002.)  
One year ago: Iraqi leaders failed to meet a key deadline for finishing a new constitution.

(Spencer Davis Group) is 64. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 62. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 60. Britain's Princess Anne is 56. Actress Tess Harper is 56. Actor Larry Mathews is 51. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 49. Actress Debi Mazar is 42. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 40. Actress Debra Messing is 38. Actor Anthony Anderson is 36. Actor Ben Affleck is 34. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 34. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 32.  
Thought for Today: "Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom." — Hannah Arendt, American author and philosopher (1906-1975).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

AT THE BARBER by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Notions
  - 6 Singer Home
  - 10 Vampire writer Rice
  - 14 "I cannot lie"
  - 15 Wide-eyed
  - 16 Place to swim at a motel
  - 17 Grocery money-saving strategy
  - 20 Corned-beef concoction
  - 21 Three-piece suit part
  - 22 Orange tea
  - 23 Monkey relatives
  - 25 Major (Big Dipper)
  - 27 Makes a deep-sea dive
  - 30 Anger
  - 31 Not as much
  - 35 Enjoyed lunch
  - 36 sanctum
  - 38 Genetic material
  - 39 On a diet, perhaps
  - 42 Mao-tung
  - 43 Venice waterway
  - 44 Walks back and forth
  - 45 Eastern European
  - 47 Distress signal
  - 48 Military guard
  - 49 Actor Sharif
  - 51 Mexican abode
  - 52 Sneeze sound
  - 55 French friends
  - 57 Young deer
  - 61 Yuletide decoration ritual
- DOWN**
- 1 Scratch target
  - 2 Designer Oscar
  - 3 Yale students
  - 4 Kindergarten lesson
  - 5 Tree fluid
  - 6 Bowling alleys
  - 7 "Over easy" order
  - 8 Up at night, as owls
  - 9 In the past
  - 11 Sheltered spot
  - 12 Something taboo
  - 13 Alternatively
  - 18 Currier's partner
  - 19 Increases
  - 24 Sudden fright
  - 26 Projectionist's spool
  - 27 Religious groups
  - 28 Bring about
  - 29 Speak
  - 30 Ancient South Americans
  - 32 Royal order
  - 33 Villainous look
  - 34 Smart-mouthed
  - 36 Lack of knowledge
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  - 40 Cape Canaveral org.
  - 41 Chased
  - 46 Made a loud sound
  - 48 Wide belt
  - 50 Dad's partner
  - 51 Gives as an example
  - 52 S&L cash sources
  - 53 Corn or soybeans
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**BY HOLIDAY MATHS** As Mars and Uranus each pull from opposite sides of the cosmic tug-of-war rope, explosive events happen on the sidelines. How they affect you is up to you, really — we always have a choice of how involved we want to get with our emotions and our efforts.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're no shrinking violet, though you may have been playing this role in order to avoid dealing with a certain fact of your past. Let it go. Forgiveness is divine.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're lucky in matters having to do with inheritance, property and sales. Even if you aren't making tons of money, you feel successful, and this breeds more of the same.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). While it may be noble to take one for the team, taking two, three and four for the team is just pathetic. If you feel like you've been beaten up on the playground of life, it's an excellent day to stand up to the bully.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're fresh, real and solution-oriented — so what's not to like? More importantly for many of you today, what's not to hire? Career opportunities abound. Circulate that resume and winning handshake.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you aspire to nobility, philanthropy

and high holiness, the fact is, sometimes you just want the cash. Before you condemn yourself, consider that there may be some noble purpose behind your need.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't be seduced into believing that going somewhere new will give you a clean start. The real truth is you don't have to go anywhere! All you need is within arm's reach right now.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The excitement of reaching out to someone new is in your stars. Mind you, the thrill comes from not knowing how this person will respond to you. Without risk, there is no reward.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's no need to be upset about the software glitch on the screen, the company blunder or the cat that got let out of the bag. It's all part of the grand plan. You know, the one you won't be able to see except in hindsight.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One of your most beautiful qualities is that you rush forward, unafraid, in the very situations that others usually run from. Such a thrilling danger is available to you now — like chasing a storm or falling in love.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The things you want and the things you don't want both have an electromagnetic field that draws you near to them.

Today's challenge is to focus on the wants and ignore the rest.

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**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March

20). Today, you're a fighter! The game has many rounds, and the scoring happens long after the final bell rings. Give yourself a rating as you go. Your self-assessment will be more important than anything others could tell you.

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**L**ittle Lucile Ladybug was a lady. She was a lady at all times. She never shouted. She was a s never mean. She was a dignified ladybug and every other ladybug loved her. Have you ever seen a ladybug? They really are good bugs, aren't they? They are also cute. They help you and me lots of times by getting rid of some pests that try to eat our vegetables while they are still growing in our gardens. I like ladybugs, don't you?  
The big ladybug yearly harvest night dance was coming soon. It was the dance that all the ladybugs had each year to celebrate the success of

the vegetable crops. Lucile loved to dance. But no one had asked her to the dance yet and she was getting really worried that she might have to go alone. She would not want to go alone because it was just not proper and ladylike. The bug that took Lucile to last year's dance had moved away and could not take her this year. Oh, Lucile had such a good time dancing with that bug! I think they danced the jitterbug which is a dance that was very popular many years ago. Bugs love to dance the jitterbug. I do, too. Have you ever heard of it? Ask your mom or dad if they have ever danced the jitterbug.  
The time was getting shorter and shorter for Lucile to find someone to take her to the dance. And she was such a

lady that she would never ask a man to take her. The proper thing would be for the man to ask her. Then she saw him!  
When Lucile first saw this beetle, she never thought that he would be the one to take her to the dance. For he was filthy. He had not had a bath in days. His hair was not combed. His fingernails were dirty. Wait! Do beetles even have fingernails? If they do, and I am not sure if they do or don't, then this beetle's fingernails were dirty. His beetle clothes were dirty and his beetle bug shoes were scuffed and even his shoelaces were

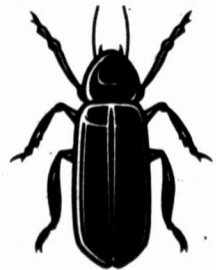
untied. What a sight to see!  
Lucile did not shout at the dirty beetle to go take a bath or clean up. She was too much of a lady. What she said was, "If you were cleaned up a bit and your clothes were washed and pressed, and if your hair was combed, and if your shoes were shined, and if your shoelaces were tied, then you would be the most handsome beetle I have ever seen. I would even let you take me to the harvest dance next Saturday night!"  
Lucile Ladybug was a very pretty bug and every bug in the neighborhood had wanted to

ask her for a date at one time or another. And they loved her most because she was a real lady.  
Dirty Dan Beetle thought about it for a little while. Then he thought about the dance and how much fun it would be to dance with Lucile. After all, it would not hurt to clean up just a bit. So, he brushed his beetle teeth, took a beetle bath, combed his beetle hair, washed and pressed his beetle clothes, shined his beetle shoes and even tied his beetle shoe shoelaces. Then, he was off to pick up Lucile for the big dance.  
When Lucile saw Dan coming around the cor-

ner, she could not believe her eyes. He was the handsomest beetle in the whole world. And he was coming to pick her up! And, they were going dancing!  
And dancing they did. They both had a very good time at the harvest dance that night. Lucile wanted Dan to take her to every dance from then on. Dan wanted to dance every dance with Lucile. They both were very happy.  
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