

Commissioners mull viability of pushing rollback

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Could a rollback tax rate election be in the future for Howard County taxpayers?

According to county commissioners, a tight budget, coupled with skyrocketing expenses, may force the court to look beyond the rollback rate of 8 percent above the effective tax rate, which has been estimated

at 47.6 cents per \$100 valuation but is expected to drop considerably because of higher-than-expected tax valuations.

"Since the tax rate is going down, I think there's a possibility you could actually do it," said Kilgore. "However, I just don't feel like it would get the kind of support needed. We're just going to have to make some choices and put something out



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Commissioner Bill Crooker

(of the budget). It would certainly be a good time to do it because the tax rate is going

down quite a bit, but we've just had so many expenses we've been hit with at this time."

Certified estimates are expected to be ready by July 26, according to Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said the effective rate could fall as low as 41 cents per \$100 valuation with the release of certified values.

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Pre-trial bonding program has woes

By THOMAS JENKINS

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There may be a chink in the county's new pre-trial bonding program's armor, as a county employee pointed out a problem with the current system during Monday morning's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Mike Barton, county court coordinator, said his office is running into a definite problem with people who have been arrested on a motion to revoke probation.

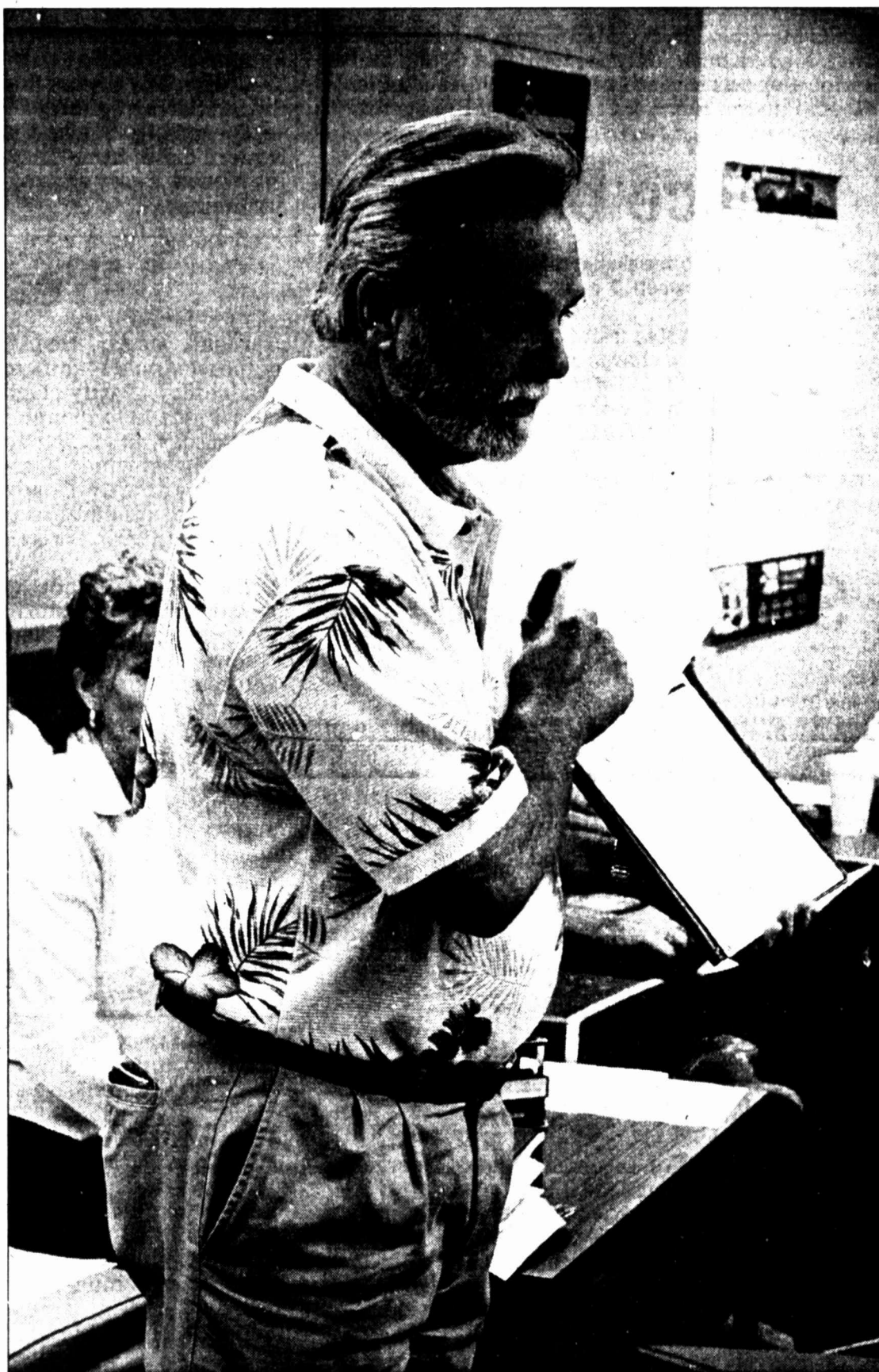
"A lot of these people are getting arrested for violation of probation," said Barton. "We've already given them a chance to make payments on their fines and they haven't paid us. So we issue a warrant to have them picked up and they go to jail. After that, we're giving them a second chance and telling them, 'OK, we're going to let you out on a 3 percent bond because the commercial bondsmen won't get you out because you didn't pay them properly to start with.'

"If they already owe us \$1,000 in fines and court costs, aren't we throwing good money after bad money by letting them out again? Because a month from now we're going to have them right back up here for a hearing, probably revoke their probation because they still haven't paid us, and lock them up in jail."

Commissioner Gary Simer retorted, saying the program, which was adopted by the county several months ago in an effort to relieve overcrowding in the county jail, is saving the county thousands of dollars.

"We save about \$40 a day," said Simer. "Right now, we're saving about \$2,000 a day on everyone

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Local architect Phil Furqueron explains a set of basic space requirements plans for a new county jail during Monday morning's meeting of the Howard County Commissioner's Court. The design — which does not yet include a floor layout — is estimated at 44,000 square feet, more than 33,000 square feet than the joint law enforcement center the county previously considered.

County may get price tag on jail soon

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

An estimated cost for the proposed Howard County Jail may be available in a couple of weeks, project architect Phil Furqueron told county commissioners Monday.

"I feel like everything we have in there is going to be used and is necessary for the operation," Furqueron told commissioners, handing over a basic design that totals approximately 44,000 square feet. "It will be very functional. We feel like everything in this are things that you need or things that are mandated by the jail commission."

Commissioners approved the initial design, which includes only allotted footage for each designated area and no layout as of yet, by a 4-1 vote — with Commissioner Gary Simer voting against the design — allowing Furqueron to move to the next phase.

"We'll be able to begin laying it out," said Furqueron. "Once we have that, it will be easier for us to make any revisions that need to be made. I expect to have the layout completed by the next meeting, as well as an estimated cost."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said he feels that

"We've gotten the size down to what we feel like we need and the next phase will include a detailed plan, including estimates of what it's going to cost. That way we'll have a number we can put on the November ballot."



Commissioner Jerry Kilgore

the project is making encouraging progress.

"I feel like we're doing well. I'm anxious to see what the architects' estimate will be on the cost," said Crooker. "That will tell us what we'll have to look for in a bond election and what our financial needs are going to be for the project. That's the next big hurdle for us to get over."

"It's right on schedule," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "We've had to go through several different phases, including waiting for the city to decide whether or not they want

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Bell named interim director of Big Spring VAMC

Herald Staff Report

Michael Bell, associate director for the El Paso VA Health Care System, has been named interim director at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The announcement was made by Patricia A. McKlem, network director for VISN 18.

Bell will serve as director of the West Texas VA Health Care



Bell

named to a VA post in Ann

Arbor, Mich.

As associate director of the El Paso VA Health Care System, Bell worked closely with the U.S. Army due to a VA/Department of Defense joint venture with William Beaumont Army Hospital at Fort Bliss.

"The unique circumstance of serving veterans in the midst of an active military community provides challenges but also a

day to day demonstration of our common thread of service and commitment," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordinator for the WTVA Health Care System. "As a veteran himself, Mr. Bell realizes the impact of veteran's benefits and health care service for our patients."

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MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will meet at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

Among the items on the agenda are consideration of minutes of the June 28 board meeting, consideration of June financials, consideration of June investment report, consideration of engagement letter for legal services and consideration of investment policy.

The board has also reserved the option to go into executive session to discuss economic development prospects if need be.

BSISD REGISTRATION

Registration for students in grades kindergarten through eighth who are new to Big Spring Independent School District runs Monday through Friday at the individual campuses, BSISD officials said.

Parents of new students who will be attending high school need to call the campus at 264-3641 for an appointment to register.

New students must provide their birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security number when they register, officials said. First day of classes is Aug. 14.

Parents unsure as to the campus their child will attend may call 264-4108 for more information.

GIRL FREED FROM PIPE

FAIR HAVEN, N.Y. (AP) — Doctors had to cut away a drain pipe that a 6-year-old girl got her leg stuck in while playing in the bathroom at a state park near Lake Ontario.

Alexis DeWind stepped into the 4-inch floor drain in a bathroom at Fair Haven Beach State Park and got caught up to her thigh. Firefighters tried to grease the pipe, but finally had to cut the concrete around it to free her.

She was flown by helicopter to a Rochester hospital with her leg still in the cast-iron pipe and doctors, helped again by firefighters, worked overnight to cut it away before discharging her Monday.

Obituaries

Roger Wayne Park



Roger Wayne Park, 62, of Big Spring, departed this life after losing his battle with cancer at 12:35 p.m., Saturday, July 22, 2006, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Following the service, the family will have a private family burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends and family from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at the funeral home.

He was born in Big Spring July 9, 1944 to Henry and Estill Park. He attended and graduated from Forsan High School.

Roger married Linda Smith July 30, 1975. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and wonderful grandfather.

He worked in the oil field for 41 years and at the time of his death, he was employed by Atkins Supply Company.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Roger is survived by his wonderful wife, Linda; one daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Mike Speck, of Big Spring; one son, Kevin Park, of Midland; two grandsons, Brantley Cahoon and Gage Speck; two step-grandsons, Casey and Colt Speck; his in-laws, Jake and Jean Smith, all of Big Spring; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Pepita Park of Beverly Hills, Fla., Fred and Diane Park of Lubbock, and Steve and Judy Park of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Diane and Randy Biggers of Levelland, and Debra and Mike Lowder of Midland; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Jay and Brenda Smith of Levelland, and Randy and Donna Duncan, of Lovington, N.M.; along with several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

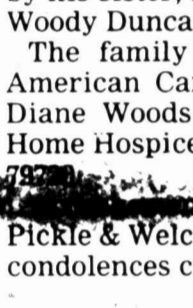
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Eva, and two brothers-in-law, Terry and Woody Duncan.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life in care of Diane Woods, P. O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Funeral services are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Ross J. Callihan



Ross J. Callihan, 86, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 21, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ross was born Dec. 6, 1919, in Howard County, in the Moore Community and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He attended Cauble School until the eighth grade and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1939. Ross served in the U.S. Army during World War II from June 1942 to October 1945. He served in the 98th Signal Service Battalion of the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He is a member of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association. He married Mildred Cauble on July 8, 1945 in Big Spring.

He had worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 35 years as a switchman, retiring Feb. 17, 1981. He was a member of the Pioneer Organization of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

He had served on the Forsan Independent School District board of trustees in the 1960s.

Mr. Callihan's hobbies included fishing, hunting, playing card games, church activities, spending time and having fellowship with family and friends. He loved to teach Sunday school and enjoyed reading his Bible daily. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church, where he also served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mildred Callihan of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry Callihan and Jackie Sullivan of Boulder, Colo., and Alton and Ruth Anne Callihan of Crane; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Bill Wigington of Big Spring; one sister, Geneva Roberts of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Branda Callihan of Crane, Eryn Callihan and Logan Callihan of Boulder, Colo., and Clayton Wigington, Hayley Wigington, Haylea Belew and Faith Belew, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Allison and Sallie Ann Callihan, an infant son, Ross Terrell Callihan, one sister, Lillian Brown and a brother, Leon Callihan.

Mr. Callihan's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers, with Kenneth Orr, W. A. Fitzgerald, Lester Person, Marvin Lamb, Jack Cauble, Jim McCurtin, all other present and retired Southwestern Bell employees and the deacons of Baptist Temple Church, serving as honorary pallbearers. The family suggest memorials to the Troy Hogue Memorial Scholarship Fund, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720 or Baptist Temple Church, 400 E 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

R. Glenn Riley

R. Glenn Riley, 89, of Garden City, died Monday, July 24, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the Garden City Cemetery with the Rev. Jan Reed of First United Methodist Church in Midland, officiating.

He was born June 17, 1917, in Wise County. He married Merle Calverly and she preceded him in death in 1972. He then married Glenyce Conine and she preceded him in death in 2001.

He had been a resident of this area since 1932. He graduated from Garden City High School and attended business college in Abilene. He owned G. C. Abstact Office at one time and he ranched for over 40 years, raising cattle and sheep. He enjoyed water skiing, working with wood and home building and playing bridge. He had lived in Midland for 28 years after retiring.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Garden City.

Survivors include one son, Glenn Joe Riley of Mesa, Ariz.; two grandsons, Terry Riley of Denton and Joe Riley of Grapevine; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and one sister. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Estella Martinez

Estella Martinez, 82, of Grand Saline, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, July 24, 2006, in a Grand Saline hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- REGINA VIASANA, 24, of 2002 S. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SABRINA PEREZ, 31, of 403 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of Ninth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- ABEL ROBERT PESINA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- BILLY JOE ARMENDARIZ, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CALVIN LEWIS HORTON, 31, was arrested Monday on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Settles. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of West 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the intersection of Baylor and Dartmouth.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 200 block of South Bell.

Take Note

• THE ACKERLY WIND ENERGY PROJECT is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. today at Pal's Corner in Ackerly. All landowners are invited and encouraged to attend.

• 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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- 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. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

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Sunday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s.

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Monday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-14-33-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$30,282.

Winning ticket sold in: Sansom Park.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-21-35. Bonus Ball: 16.

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

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$250,000.

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

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ROLLBACK

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Commissioner Bill Crooker said there has been some talk during county budget sessions about going beyond the roll back rate.

"There's been some talk about it, but this is something we really want to try to avoid," said Crooker. "It would be the first time in the history of our county we've gone over the 8 percent. My personal opinion is we need to do everything we can to avoid it."

Should commissioners set a tax rate above 8 percent, the public could call for a rollback election. If residents voted to rollback the tax rate, the county would find itself in a precarious situation budget-wise.

"We still have some pretty high hurdles to get over. At this point in time we're going to try to give a raise to our employees, who have only had one raise in the past five years," said Crooker. "We have a budget that's close, so it's not going to be simple for us to come to conclusions as far as our

tax rate is concerned. So we still have a challenge in front of us, and how we go about it is a really good question."

Kilgore said the county has put off a number of expenses for several years, and many of those items have simply come due.

"You can relate this to the same thing we're all going through as individuals," said Kilgore. "Each family and each budget is facing this same situation. Things have gone up so much and we've had so many things hit us this year, so many big dollar items."

"I feel like, back through the years, we've cut things so close they come due. We're going to have to address them this year. It's going to be close, but we have to take care of them."

With several more hearings and meetings ahead of them — including a budget workshop set for Thursday at 10:30 a.m. — commissioners have until Sept. 25 to adopt a tax rate.

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Prior to this appointment, Bell worked in both supervisory and staff roles, as a health systems specialist in the VISN 15 network office and as a management analyst in the Alaska VA Health Care System director's office.

At the Spokane VA Medical Center, he managed the eligibility, enrollment, prosthetics and volunteer programs.

As a registered respiratory therapist, Bell continued his education by completing a bachelor of arts degree in public administration at Ottawa University and a master's degree in health services administration from Arizona State University. Recently, he completed VHA's executive career field development program as well as graduating from VA's Leadership VA executive program.

No place for pooch?

WACO (AP) — Is the McLennan County Courthouse going to the dogs? Maybe. Maybe not. County Commissioner Lester Gibson, who says he has heard complaints from people about animals in the courthouse, has placed an item on the agenda for Tuesday's commissioners meeting to discuss whether a policy is needed on animals in county facilities.

Gibson didn't mention any names, but District Judge Ralph Strother thinks he's all about Buff, his 13-year-old cocker spaniel and a courthouse regular.

Strother said the dog, which spends most of the day in a chair in his office, has had a calming influence.

"He is especially valuable in putting young people at ease during adoptions and child custody fights," the judge said. "He is just a part of my family."

Gibson said people, particularly those allergic to dogs, have complained about animals being brought into the courthouse.

"This is just a suggestion for discussion," Gibson said. "I just wanted to see what everybody's take is on it and whether there is an order prohibiting them from the courthouse."

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ed to participate in the project. Now we're back on schedule. We've gotten the size down to what we feel like we need and the next phase will include a detailed plan, including estimates of what it's going to cost. That way we'll have a number we can put on the November ballot."

As commissioners deal with the prospect of designing and constructing a new jail facility for Howard County, the court is faced with a second problem — getting the existing facility to meet state standards or face having it closed down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Among the problems being eyed by TCJS are a door that swings in the wrong direction — which commissioners recently gave the go ahead to correct — lack of a stand pipe to provide firefighters with water in the event of an emergency and an ineffective smoke evacuation system.

Commissioners are expected to meet with TCJS Aug. 3 to go over the problems and show the commission the county has made substantial progress in correcting them.

"The Aug. 3 meeting is only for consideration of the items identified during the fire evacuation," said Kilgore. "It has nothing to do with the prior variances they've granted. It concerns the three

items that have to do with the fire code. We've done exactly what we were supposed to do. We've had the fire marshal involved in this, we've addressed the issue of the door and we're having an engineer perform a study for the smoke evacuation system, so we know it will work."

"They realize that it takes time and they said they would work with us on this," he added. "But they were very clear that we'd better make an effort to take care of these things. They know you can't just jump in there and fix it without first studying the problem. I feel comfortable going into the meeting. They realize what we're doing. We'll also be taking the architect with us to the meeting so he can give

them a detailed report on what we've done. We've taken the necessary steps, but things like this just don't happen overnight."

Crooker said TCJS isn't the only agency breathing down the county's neck to get the jail's smoke evacuation system up and running at acceptable levels.

"I would have liked to have seen us make more progress, to be very honest about it," said Crooker. "Hopefully, we have a little time left and will have more concrete information — particularly on the smoke evacuation system — which is the most important aspect of this whole effort. TAC (Texas Association of Counties), which we have our insurance through, has told us they will void our liability coverage on

the jail on Oct. 1 unless we've made concrete advancements in that area."

Commissioners agreed to have Anthony Mechanical, which the court recently signed a contract with to maintain its HVAC system, look at two different options offered by Furqueron.

"We have to do two things first," said Furqueron. "We have to fix the air handler so it can bring in 100 percent outside air, which means the supply duct coming from the air handler pulls from a duct the same size. That way we can circulate any air. That's going to be a fairly complex operation. The alternative to that is a louvre in fresh air louvres and fans in different places

around the building. That's going to be a lot before we do any tests."

"The way it is, if you put a fan on the top of the bottle, you're not going to get any air. You have to draw the air in from the bottom of the bottle. I want to see the other option. I want to see the air handler come up better. I want to look at that air handler," said Furqueron. "They can tell us what the two solutions are and let's

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"We've got out. They're finding people jobs. They're putting them in drug programs. They're doing a lot more than just getting them out of jail and turning them lose."

Barton said in many probation revocation cases, however, the defendant has no intentions of paying fines and simply ends up a jail inmate a month later than they would without the aid of the pre-trial bonding program.

"I know we're trying to get these people out of jail," said Barton. "But what good does it do if a month from now we're just going to put them right back up there (in jail)? We're not saving anything, we're just letting them run free for about a month. A lot of people are coming back in about a month later, and they owe us the exact same amount they did when they got out."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the program has helped lower the jail population, but the message it's sending criminals is mixed, at best.

"The pre-trial bonding program has certainly lowered the population of the jail," said Kilgore. "But you have to remember that this program is costing us money. The money we were spending

on the jail is being spent somewhere else.

"These people have been convicted and have been charged with a fine. They're not paying the fine and we're turning right around and putting them back in jail. And then, as a county, we're letting them out on a cheaper bond than they could have gotten through a commercial bondsman, and they still aren't pay-

ing.

"People know that because we don't want to put them in jail — because of overcrowding — we're not going to do anything about it," he added. "There comes a time when you have realize we're saving money on one hand, but we're losing money on the other. It goes back to a year ago when everyone knew we didn't have any

room in the jail. Everyone in the county knew it, and they felt like they could get away with anything. And we're getting them right back out. It's just silly to me. I really hope we can get something worked out for this kind of situation."

The court ordered Mike Welling, director of the pre-trial bonding program, to look at the problem.

"Bond can't be denied as a form of punishment," said Kilgore. "However, these people have already

been convicted and they're not holding it. We're arresting them on a motion to revoke probation, then we're letting them right back out. It's just silly to me. I really hope we can get something worked out for this kind of situation."

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OUR VIEWS

Sooner or later we must deal with N. Korea

As strange as it might seem, the standoff with North Korea concerning missiles and nuclear weapons production has largely been lost in the shuffle ever since the Middle East went up in flames.

But it's still there, it's still North Korea being North Korea, and it's still refusing to come to the table and talk things over with the United States, Japan, Russia, South Korea and China.

North Korean officials want to conduct everything from negotiations to relations with other countries on their own terms, and in that they've so far been eminently successful. The tattered six-nation talks will begin again when and if the North Koreans so choose.

Missiles will be tested at the pleasure of the North's government and military. And apparently work on nuclear weapons will go on whenever and however the North Koreans want.

The point is that North Korea doesn't respond to finesse moves such as diplomatic pressure. For example, the United Nations recently passed a resolution criticizing the recent missile tests and forbidding U.N. member states from trading in missile-related technology.

North Korea promptly and curtly rejected the resolution and fired back with a warning of possible repercussions. It doesn't appear they were overly impressed or frightened.

At some point it appears likely that the United States, whether in concert with other countries or not, will have to consider some solid sanctions, probably in the economic area, to help persuade North Korea to come to the table and talk some sense for once.

It's not very productive to have North Korea making up the rules as it goes along, conducting talks (or not) on its own terms. Sooner or later the United States and other interested countries are going to have to start getting tough with North Korea.

Just don't wait too long.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we do the right things well for You.

Amen

Convicting the mentor from Hades

She was 10. He was 60. She was a Chinese immigrant. He was a famous professor, the "father of gene therapy," the head of the lab at USC where her mother worked as director of research.

He and his wife had decided not to have children to focus on their careers. She was chief of surgery at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and rarely at home.

He became her mentor. An expert in martial arts, he gave her taekwon do lessons on Saturday mornings and tutored her in English.

He bought her and her sister bicycles for Christmas, let her use his house for a birthday party, took her out for her first fancy dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Pasadena.

He helped her get into a prestigious summer program at Stanford, monitored her academic progress, bought her prom dress.

And he made her lie on a towel in her underwear as he lay naked on top of her "thrusting," while she tried to read comic books or play Game Boy to take her mind off what was happening.

It went on for four years. The worst was the summer between sixth and seventh grades.

He told her if she ever came forward, it would not only ruin his career, but also harm all those who were depending on him to cure their diseases.

In one e-mail he wrote: "My whole career could go down the tubes and thousands of people could be abandoned who could be helped by cures your mother and I are developing." He threatened to kill himself: "A Black talon 9mm bullet is said to be able to blow half your brain out of the other side of your skull. Just in case, I have bought the ammunition."

"It gets worse as I get older," the girl, now 19, says in a tape recording, when she finally confronted him. "When I go to sleepovers, as girls, we talk. I can't. I don't know what to do." He answers: "What can I say, I did a horrible thing that ruined your life. What can I do?" On the tape, she describes the times when he forced her to take off all her clothes at his house so he could do "checkups." He apologizes, acknowledges "it was evil," and offers her a ride home.

The trial was brutal.

While a man was the lead defense attorney, of course it was a woman who was the one to try to destroy her on cross-examination. She was on the stand for three days. Did the abuse take place in the back yard or the garage? Was she reading comics or playing Game Boy? Why hadn't

she mentioned the Game Boy earlier? Maybe it was just that she couldn't take the academic pressure. Maybe she and her mother were just gold diggers out for financial gain. After all, hadn't she consulted her own lawyer? Certainly that proves something.

It took the jury just over one day to convict renowned scientist William French Anderson of one count of continuous sexual abuse with a child under 14 and three counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child.

These days, all we seem to read about are marginal cases of sex abuse, where the woman is painted as a nut or a slut, and reasonable people wonder whether the law has gone too far.

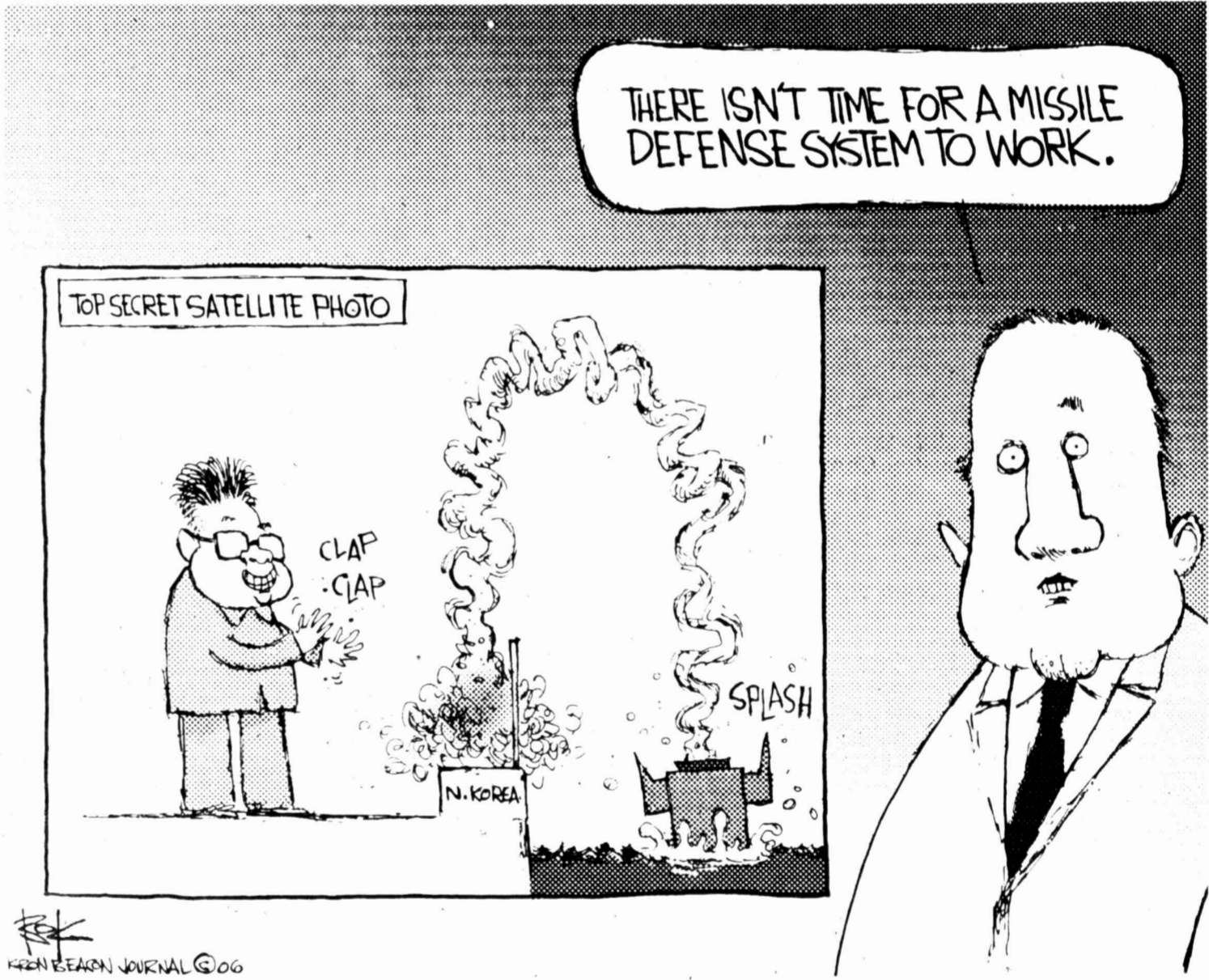
And scolds like me worry that so much attention to such cases may make it more difficult for legitimate victims to come forward, because the much greater problem remains how difficult it is for victims to do so.

How many men depend on such fear?

One man who did is behind bars today, awaiting sentencing. He faces a maximum of 22 years in prison.

For a man who is now 69, that is a life sentence, which is only fair.

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Make peace with your hamburger

I'm beginning to hanker for the days when all we had to worry about when we ate was whether our food was high in cholesterol, heavy on carbs, soaked in sodium, dyed with carcinogens, riddled with nitrates and/or harboring trace amounts of the bovine growth hormone that may or may not turn little boys into little girls by the time they reach puberty.

You know — simpler times.

But eating is starting to get a lot more complicated. After a generation of simply worrying about whether food is good for us, we have started to worry about whether *we* are good for our food. Did our dinner lead a pleasant life? Was this egg born in peace? Is this lettuce local, or did it waste gas to get here? And shouldn't we be switching to yak, anyway?

Those questions, long bubbling up in food circles, are now widening out to, well, me — and all the other folks who used to happily eat a hot dog without considering its trip from farm to bun.

Although this newfound consciousness may eventually make for a cleaner, kinder world, it's also going to make us even more neurotic about eating. Compared with the American dinner table, Freud's couch is going to look like

a yoga mat.

"I feel bad," says Jason, a New York foodie whose eco-consciousness has lately risen to the ozone layer. "I left Al Gore's movie thinking, 'Oh my god, we're all going to be under water!' So, buying local produce became very, very important to me."

Since local food doesn't have to travel too far, said Jason, it burns less gas, thus contributing less to global warming, thus keeping the polar ice caps from melting, thus keeping his city above sea level. See? That's the new way of thinking. "But at the end of the day," he continued, "I still want to have organic strawberries. And they're usually shipped from California."

There you have it in a nut-case: A truly conscientious consumer can no longer eat organic berries without feeling bad.

Eating meat is even harder. Thanks to books like "Fast Food Nation," detailing the horrors of the feedlot, buying a plain-old burger is starting to feel like green-lighting torture. And it's not just the cows we have to consider anymore. It's the grass beneath their feet.

"Yaks have softer hooves," says Jay Weinstein, author of "The Ethical Gourmet," explaining why he recommends eating yak as an ethical alternative to beef. "Cattle tend to trample the prairie, and it takes a lot longer for the natural grasses to come back."

OK. Noted. Add it to my "New

Things To Feel Bad About" list.

Whole Foods is aware of this list, and is ready to address it. Maybe even add to it.

"We want to go beyond organic," says Jeff Turnaff, a vice president at the company. "'Organic' doesn't take into account the way an animal is raised from birth to slaughter." A new line, set to debut in a few months, will be: "Whole Foods Animal Compassionate."

Wonderful! Let's hope some of us can afford it. But, once the "Compassionate" brand hits the market, we'll also know that anything else is less compassionate — Mistreated Animals That First Went Out and Trampled the Prairie-brand beef.

Try getting your teenager to eat that

It's great that the food industry is being taken to task for all its wrongs, from trans-fat to animal mistreatment. Maybe we'll end up with a more humane and nutritious food supply as a result. But before we get there, we're going to find something new to feel guilty about in every bite we eat. And every bit our bite ate, too.

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News briefs

Drunken driver gets 2-years jail term for crash that killed 5

EL PASO (AP) — A jury sentenced a woman to two years in prison after convicting her of drunken driving in a crash that killed her four passengers and an unborn baby.

Abigail DeLeon, 19, was sentenced Monday after the jury convicted her Saturday of five felony counts of intoxication manslaughter. The Fabens resident had faced up to 20 years in prison on each count.

"This was a hell of a victory," said DeLeon's lawyer, Miguel Cervantes.

DeLeon was at the wheel in December 2004 when the sport-utility vehicle she was driving ran off the road and crashed into two trees. Everybody in the car except DeLeon was ejected.

Killed in the crash were Joe Rey Gomez, 19; Christopher Reyes, 19; Marco Antonio Ortiz, 19; Jennifer Chavez, 19; and Chavez's unborn child.

Evidence introduced during the trial showed that DeLeon and her passengers were all legally drunk when the crash occurred.

DeLeon was the first person to be prosecuted and convicted in El Paso County under a state law criminalizing the killing of an unborn child.

The jury also sentenced DeLeon to eight years probation and a \$25,000 fine.

El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza said the sentence was too lenient.

"I don't think it sends a very good message," he said. "It's unfortunate that in this community and in many others drinking and driving is acceptable."

Suspect says drugs and money were involved in multiple slayings

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman accused in the slayings of four young people told police that she and another suspect were seeking drugs and money when the shootings occurred, according to a court document.

Christine Marie Paolilla, 20, made her first court appearance Monday on a capital murder charge stemming from the July 2003 killings in a south Houston home. She was denied bail and was being held in the Harris County Jail.

According to a probable cause affidavit, Paolilla blamed the shootings on Christopher Lee Snider, who has also been charged with capital murder. Police continued to search for Snider, who was thought to be in South Carolina.

The two are accused of killing Tiffany Nichole Rowell, 18; Marcus Ray Precella, 19; Rachel Ann Koloroutis, 18; and Adelbert Nicholas Sanchez, 21. An autopsy report stated the victims were all shot multiple times and died from those wounds or a blow to the head.

Paolilla, who was arrested Wednesday in San Antonio based on a Crime Stoppers tip, attended Clear Lake High School with three of the victims.

In the affidavit, Paolilla said that Snider "just started shooting," the Houston Chronicle reported in its Tuesday edition.

"Paolilla said Snider pointed one of the guns at the victims and was demanding dope and money," the affidavit states.

She told police that Snider made her take one of two guns the pair brought to the house.

"Paolilla said she was told by Snider to keep the gun on Marcus Precella and to walk him around the house to find whatever dope and money that was there," the affidavit says.

Paolilla also said that while holding the gun, "Snider put his hands on hers, and the gun just started going off multiple times," according to the affidavit.

Prosecutors said in court Monday that Paolilla's husband, Stanley Justin Rott, told authorities that she had confessed the crime to him.

Cedar Hill man found dead in burning home

CEDAR HILL (AP) — Authorities are investigating as a homicide the death of a man whose body was found in a burning home early Monday.

The body of the 46-year-old man, whose name was not immediately released, was found in the living room of the house. An autopsy has been ordered.

Willie Clark, an independent contractor for The Dallas Morning News, saw the fire as he was filling a nearby newspaper rack. Clark called 911 and tried to awaken the person in the home. A neighbor alert by Clark told him that a man lived in the house.

Clark said in a story in Tuesday's Focus Daily News that he then kicked down the door of the burning home. But the man was already dead.

Cedar Hill police Lt. Steve Lafferty said the house suffered extensive damage and police were trying to locate the man's relatives to notify them of the death.

Federal government files lawsuit against Fort Worth 'tax preparer'

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Justice Department announced Monday it has filed a lawsuit to stop a Fort Worth man from preparing federal tax returns for others, accusing him of claiming his customers don't have to pay income taxes.

In the civil injunction lawsuit filed Friday, the government claimed Phillip M. Ballard has repeatedly prepared tax returns showing zeros on all lines, claiming his customers aren't subject to federal income taxes because they are citizens of their states, not the United States, according to a news release.

The complaint, which also alleges that Ballard falsely claims to be an attorney, asks that he be stopped from selling "insurance" promising to protect customers from taxes, penalties and interest. He is accused in the lawsuit of charging \$4,500 to \$8,000 for such insurance.

The lawsuit asks the court to order him to stop representing his customers before the Internal Revenue Service. It also asks Ballard, who uses the business name Asset & IRS Shield Inc., to provide a list of the names, contact information and Social Security numbers of his customers.

A phone number for Ballard could not be found.

First Dell store opens Tuesday in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The first Dell Inc. store opens Tuesday in an upscale Dallas mall, but company officials insist they're not abandoning the computer maker's strategy of selling directly to customers over the phone and the Internet.

The Dell Direct Store, and another to open later this year in West Nyack, N.Y., are aimed at consumers rather than Dell's core corporate customers.

There will be no inventory. Rather than walking out with a laptop computer under their arm, shoppers will place orders that will be shipped to their homes.

In that sense, the store opening Tuesday at NorthPark Center in Dallas is an extension of the 160 kiosks that Dell has been opening in shopping malls the past few years.

Mike Maher, a Dell spokesman, said the 3,000-square-foot store will let consumers see how each product performs different tasks, such as playing movies, music or online gaming.

"We know there is a certain amount of people who want to talk to a sales person and see what the product looks like and how it interacts with other products," he said.

Dell will study, among other things, whether the NorthPark store cannibalizes sales from kiosks at nearby malls before deciding on a next move. At that point, no additional stores are planned beyond Dallas and West Nyack, Maher said.

Round Rock-based Dell is not considering abandoning or undercutting its technique of selling directly to consumers over the phone and Internet, Maher said.

Dell's competition has grown tougher as Hewlett-Packard Co. and China's Lenovo Group Ltd. have cut their costs to better compete with Dell on price. Dell's shipments of personal computers gained 11 percent in the second quarter, but rivals grew faster. The research firms International Data Corp. and Gartner Inc.

A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newsweek: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept broken and outdated jewelry, chains, charms, etc. "Everyone has bits of gold around which can be recycled," says Richard Zakroll, CEO of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle kits per month. People can get a free kit at 1-800-283-4700 or

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An apt description of the proper attitude to strive for as a defender might well be expressed by paraphrasing Tennyson: "'Tis better to have defended well and lost than not to have defended at all."
 Consider this deal from a team contest where the North-South pairs at both tables wound up in six notrump. The play at the first table went quickly. Declarer won the opening heart lead in his hand and led a club to the king. East won with the ace and returned a heart to dummy's ace.
 With the ace of clubs having turned up in East's hand, South's only chance lay in scoring four diamond tricks. So at trick four he led a diamond to the jack, and, after this held, he cashed the A-K. When the opposing diamonds proved to be divided 3-3, he claimed the rest of the tricks and his slam.
 Such was not the story at the other table, where East found the way to give declarer a real headache. When South led a club to the king at trick two, East smoothly followed low.
 Declarer now had to decide how to continue. He knew perfectly well that East might hold the ace of clubs and duck it, but there was also the 50-50 chance that West had the ace. If West had started with a doubleton or tripleton ace, the slam could be secured simply by leading another club toward dummy.
 As opposed to this, there was the 18 percent chance that East held precisely the Q-x-x of diamonds. There were some additional considerations, such as South still having a chance to get home safely if he successfully finessed in diamonds and East started with four or more diamonds. In that case, declarer could still lead a club toward dummy and hope West had started with two or three clubs to the ace.
 In the end, South decided to bank on bringing in the club suit, and so went down one after dummy's queen of clubs lost to the ace and East cashed the jack.
 East, of course, had no way of knowing whether his holdup of the ace at trick two would bear fruit, but it was certainly better than taking the ace and pointing South in another direction.
 Tomorrow: Reducing the luck factor.
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Bird Poop: A noisy and unappreciative youngster

From inside the box came the usual noisy voice of one of the most despised and unappreciated of birds. The nestling would be defiant, obnoxious, and unwilling to cooperate as I tried to save its life and prepare it for a return to nature.

Depending upon where they are found in the United States, these birds may be black or highlighted with bronze, purple or green. Their iridescent sheen and sauntering walk warn both urban and rural homeowners that trouble has arrived. My work began.

Several events could have happened to the young, common grackle that I held in my hand. It may have ventured away from the nest before it was capable of flying. The parent may have "thrown it overboard." Whatever the reason, someone had found the bird. Without a parent to feed it, the little grackle was slowly starving to death.

After giving it baby formula, I could see it struggle to survive. Slowly, with regular feedings, the bird gained strength. Every meal was a battle though, because the grackle refused to open its beak. Force-feeding a wriggling bird used an exorbitant amount of patience.

When it finally accepted me as a food source, the grackle would call when hungry and open its mouth willingly. My cache of crickets would be a welcome introduction to the world of insects.

Knowing that young grackles begin flying two to three weeks after hatching, we saw the nestling become a fledgling. When it had learned to recognize grasshoppers, cicadas, grubs, earthworms, and beetles and accept them as a food source, release was not far away.

As people learned of our attempt to raise the grackle, we often were asked

why we would fool with something like that.

"Shoot it," and "drown it" expressed the sentiments of many who had encountered the birds eating the eggs and young of other birds. People didn't appreciate the large numbers of black creatures suddenly taking over their yards, although they had enticed the grackles by leaving dog and cat food on their porches.

The homeowners soon realized what opportunists the common grackles could be.

Knowing that the grackle is in the same family of birds as meadowlarks, cowbirds, black birds, and orioles, we realized their voracious appetites also included boll weevils, flies, ticks and mice. The bird was of benefit in spite of itself.

A park with numerous trees and birds was selected as a release site. Our grackle left immediately and flew in large circles but never out of sight. Tiring because it was not accustomed to sustained flight, the bird landed on



Found in fields, farms, parks and cities, the common grackle announces its spring and fall migration with loud squeaks and squawks.

Art's shoulder. After resting for several minutes, the grackle would leave again, only to return to us rather than a tree limb.

This behavior lasted long enough for us to decide that if we left the bird in the park, it would land on the first person that

offered a willing shoulder.

Our friend was not as ready for freedom as we had thought. Since it

needed more flight time in an environment without us, we took it to a wildlife center. There it could be with other grackles in the large flight cages. When it was finally released at the center, it remained in the trees near the back door. Every time the director came outside to feed the animals, the grackle would land on her shoulder. This behavior lasted for a month.

With the first cool breezes of fall, a large migrating flock of grackles roosted in the elms at the center. Our bird finally had the companionship it needed. The birds rested for days and enjoyed the free food for several weeks. When the group decided to head further south, our fledgling turned juvenile was ready to go.

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CUDDLES AND BUBBLES

This story happened just the other day, and I believe it was in your neighborhood. If you already know the story, then you might as well go on to sleep. Is that a good idea? Why not?

It had started out to be a very nice, quiet day. All had gone well until Bubbles heard the fire engine go by. It was racing so fast. "Someone must be in trouble," Bubbles thought to himself. Someone was in trouble! But before we go any further with this story, let me back up just a bit and tell you who Bubbles is and where he came from. Have you ever seen a poor little stray dog that did not have a home? Did he look like he was hungry? Did he look like he was sad? Did you want to feed him and take him home with you? Do you have a pet? Is it a

dog, like Bubbles? Or, is it like Cuddles? You don't even know what Cuddles looks like yet, do you? I will tell you later.

Bubbles never knew his mommie or daddy. He was just a lonely stray dog that no one loved or wanted, until he saved little Earl's life one day. Earl was a little boy who had gotten lost and was standing in the middle of the street, with a great big truck coming right toward him. Bubbles knew that he had to do something, so what did he do? He ran toward Earl as fast as he could go, little legs racing, heart pounding, and scared. Afraid that he could not make it to little Earl before the truck did. He ran even faster. The truck is getting closer. He tried to run faster. The truck was closer and closer. Bubbles grabbed Earl by his pantsleg and drug him to the safety of the

sidewalk, just as the big truck came rolling by. No one saw Bubbles save little Earl that day, no one but the policeman who just happened to be coming around the corner and saw what happened. The policeman was also little Earl's father!

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So, needless to say, Bubbles had a very nice home from then on. He had lots of food to eat. He could sleep in Earl's bedroom when it was cold outside. He could sleep in Earl's bedroom when it was hot outside. He could sleep in Earl's bed when he wanted to! Earl named him "Bubbles" because he seemed to always be smiling and happy, or CEBubbly. But, back to this story.

Bubbles ran after the fire engine. "Oh, I hope no one is in danger," he thought as he went racing to catch the firetruck. The fire engine stopped just around the corner from where Bubbles lived. He saw the fireman climb out of the huge fire truck. He saw the fireman looking up as if he was looking for an airplane. But it wasn't an airplane. It was a cute little kitten, way up in a tree, on the very top branch, and too afraid to come down.

The fireman knew just what to do for he had done this many times before. Out of the big truck came a ladder. Bubbles had seen a ladder this big before, but the scared little kitten hadn't. Up, up, the ladder went. Closer and closer to the little kitten. Then it was close enough. Up, up the ladder went the fireman. Closer and closer to the

scared little kitten. Then

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he was close enough. "Don't be afraid, little fella", said the fireman in a mellow, soft voice. "I will not let anything happen to you."

The little kitten somehow knew that the big fireman was not going to hurt him, but was willing to risk his own life to help him. Down, down the ladder they went, taking each step very carefully. The little kitten was not scared anymore. The big fireman's smile was helping, too. Soon, they were on the ground again, and both of them were safe. "Say, little fella, you don't have a home, do you?" the fireman asked. "I have a little daughter that

has always wanted a cute little kitten, just like you!" So, the cute little kitten was not only safe, but had a new home. He could play in the big house whenever he wanted, and he always had good food to eat, and he had good friends who loved him very much. They even named him CECuddles, because he was so cuddly and soft.

Cuddles and Bubbles were once two little animals that had no home. Now, they are both happy. They did get to know each other after awhile because they did not live very far from each other.

I will even tell you the story about the time they got into some trouble at Earl's home. But that's another story for another bedtime. Right now, both Bubbles and Cuddles are fast asleep, so I will say, "Good Night!"

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IN BRIEF

Softball 'tournament set for later this month'

The first-ever Ball Busters co-ed softball tournament will take place at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park Friday through Sunday.

The entry fee is \$125 per team. There will be first, second and third place trophies awarded and T-shirts will also be given out as prizes.

For more information, contact Jessica Dunn at 264-0816 or Amador Rios at 325-201-1365.

New volleyball coach sets parent-player meeting

New Big Spring volleyball coach Amanda Whitaker has announced a parent-player meeting with anyone planning on being involved with the high school volleyball program this upcoming season.

The meeting will take place Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center at 7 p.m. There will be an ice cream dinner, as well.

For more information or questions, call coach Whitaker at 325-864-1467.

Big Spring ISD sets dates for buying football tickets

Fans of the Big Spring Steers football team who have had season tickets in the past can begin purchasing tickets for the upcoming season at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

Previous ticket holders have until Aug. 10 to purchase tickets. The general public may purchase tickets starting Aug. 14.

Tickets can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more info, call Cook at 264-3662.

Holt announces Steer football camp

Big Spring head football coach Tim Holt and his staff will conduct a camp for grades kindergarten through ninth this week at the Big Spring practice field.

The camp started yesterday and will run through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon both days. The cost is \$25.

For more information, call 264-3662.

Texans sign third-round draft picks

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans have signed Charles Spencer and Eric Winston, a pair of offensive tackles chosen in the third round of the draft.

The Sunday signings were announced Monday by the Texans, who will open training camp this week with all their draft picks under contract.



Texas Rangers' catcher Gerald Laird reacts after striking out in the bottom of the eighth inning. The Yankees defeated the Rangers, 6-2, at Ameritrust Field in Arlington Monday.

Yankees come from behind to beat Rangers

A-Rod sharp in his return to Arlington

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
ARLINGTON — Alex Rodriguez looked more like himself in his return to Texas.

The slumping two-time AL MVP had two hits, scored the go-ahead run and was error-free in the field in the New York Yankees' 6-2 victory over the Rangers Monday night.

"He had good at-bats, he hit good pitches. He had a good night," manager Joe Torre said. "Now the key is just to put something together. And it doesn't have to be hits. The quality of the at-bats is something he's looking to have right now."

Lustily booed by the fans of his former team, Rodriguez snapped an 0-for-11 streak with a single

in the fourth and then scored the go-ahead run.

"I liked the seventh better," Rodriguez said, referring to his RBI double. "I've been feeling better. I was swinging a little too hard in Toronto, trying to do too much."

Rodriguez finished 2-for-5. He has only six hits his last 32 at-bats, and on Saturday he struck out four times in a game for the first time since 1995.

Randy Johnson (11-8) struck out seven to win the matchup of the last two pitchers to throw no-hitters. Like Kevin Millwood (10-6), Johnson pitched only six innings.

Johnson threw 101 pitches, allowing two runs and seven hits with two walks. The 42-year-old threw 129 pitches in his last start Wednesday, when he struck out a season-high 11 in a loss to Seattle.

There have been more

than 5,700 major league games since Johnson's perfect game for Arizona against Atlanta May 18, 2004. Millwood threw his no-hitter for Philadelphia against San Francisco April 27, 2003.

Millwood allowed five runs, two earned. He struck out two and walked two.

"I'm not very satisfied," Millwood said. "I felt like there were some opportunities if I made one pitch, I get out of the inning."

Rodriguez, the converted Gold Glove shortstop who had five errors in a five-game stretch at third base last week, cleanly fielded the three balls hit his way by the Rangers.

A-Rod played in Texas from 2001-03, winning the AL MVP for a last-place team his final season before being traded to the Yankees just before spring training in 2004. Rodriguez is in the sixth

season of his 10-year contract.

Buck Showalter missed his second consecutive game, a precaution advised by a team doctor after the Texas manager sat out a game in Chicago and spent a night in the hospital for dehydration.

Showalter had said two hours before the game that he planned to be on the bench.

Mark Teixeira led off the Texas second with his 14th home run, a 420-foot line shot that hit the top of a scoreboard in left field. He had an RBI single in the fifth, but made the third out on the same play when he overslid second base.

Melky Cabrera, moved from eighth to leadoff in the Yankees batting order after Johnny Damon was scratched because of a sore back, went 3-for-4 with a triple, double, two runs scored, a walk and a

stolen base.

Derek Jeter had an RBI triple and a double, and Aaron Guiel hit his fifth homer for the Yankees, who had lost four of their previous five games.

Rodriguez started the fourth with a single, and scored on a two-run double by Miguel Cairo that made it 3-1.

Bernie Williams reached on a fielding error by first baseman Teixeira, making both runs unearned.

An inning later, Rodriguez reached on a fielder's choice, a grounder to third. Mark DeRosa threw home trying to prevent a run, but short-hopped the throw for an error. Cabrera, who led off with a double, scored another unearned run to make it 4-1.

The Yankees got their first run in the third after consecutive triples by Cabrera and Jeter.

Baylor looks for success with new spread offense

By STEVE BRISENDINE

AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Guy Morriss has watched Texas Tech flood opposing defenses with wide receivers and fill up the Red Raiders' win column.

Now, the Baylor coach hopes his own version of the spread offense will do the same for the long-downtrodden Bears.

"I think this is something we're going to have to do for the next several years, to level the playing field," Morriss said Monday, on the first of the Big 12 Conference's three football media days.

"The better athletes you

have, the more you can do and the more traditional you can become."

Baylor, 5-6 a year ago in Morriss' third season, has not had a winning record since 1995 and has not been to a bowl since 1994 — making the Bears the only Big 12 team without a bowl appearance since the conference formed in 1996.

The Bears will likely run a two-back set, rather than the one-back set favored by the Red Raiders.

Kansas State, meanwhile, is making its own offensive shift. New coach Ron Prince has given up

Bill Snyder's option game in favor of the West Coast offense, which focuses on high-percentage passes.

And on defense, the Wildcats — who terrorized dropback passers during the team's glory days in the late 1990s and early 2000s — have shifted their focus to containing pass-first offenses.

Eventually, Leach said, the offensive style in the college game will shift again.

"It kind of runs in cycles," he said. "I'm kind of looking forward to seeing the wishbone show up in some other conference."

Red Raiders finally replace AstroTurf with new field turf

By SORAYA NADIA McDONALD

Associated Press Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Texas Tech finally got rid of its AstroTurf, a playing surface most athletes don't miss given its hard

unwelcoming surface. But coach Mike Leach looked on the old surface, on which the Red Raiders had played since 1970, with nostalgia.

"I'll kind of miss it, honestly," Leach said

Monday during the Big 12 Conference's annual football media days. "At the time, nobody else had it. The guys would come out and kick in disgust. Oregon State, the Indianapolis Colts, and

Texas Tech — that was a cool little club to be in."

But it became difficult to find anyone to repair the outdated surface as other schools graduated to the more accommodating FieldTurf, which feels

more like real grass.

"It was fun having a unique deal that no one else had. It's like keeping up with the Joneses," Leach said. "If one school goes out and buys a boat, you have to buy a boat."



Courtesy photo
Six-year-old Braylee Walker, who plays for the BRATZ of the Midland United Girls Softball Organization (MUGS) was recently named Most Valuable Player of the 2006 spring season and received the Clarence Hill Sportsmanship Award. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Janelce Barnes of Knott. Her parents are Shane and Becky Walker of Midland.

Wacky Facts

- Worker bees help keep the hive cool by fanning their wings.
 - Bee wings beat 11,400 times per minute.
 - Honeybees fly 15 mph, visiting 50 to 100 flowers to collect nectar during one trip.
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Chatter Box

"Up until I was 15, I was nervous about wearing bathing suits — I'd wear jean shorts in the water!"
— Jessica Alba, in Teen People.



In The News

Newbery winner's advice to kids: Read!

Author Lynne Rae Perkins has a lot to be happy about. This year, her book "Criss Cross" won the American Library Association's top honor, the Newbery Medal. The book follows the lives of four teenagers in a small town. Perkins explores the young characters' search for the meaning of life and love. **TIME FOR KIDS** kid reporter Layo Obamehinti asked Perkins about the book, her writing and what she does for fun.

TFK: What inspired you to write the book "Criss Cross"?

PERKINS: I started out with several ideas I wanted to write about: some were little stories I wanted to tell, some were drawings I wanted to make, some were feelings, some were songs.

TFK: Why did you name the book "Criss Cross"?

PERKINS: Because of how our paths cross with the paths of the people around us, and how sometimes we miss each other and sometimes we connect.

TFK: Do you see a parallelism between you and one of the characters in "Criss Cross"? If so, what is it?

PERKINS: I think I'm a lot like Debbie, except she's a little smarter than me; she figures things out faster than I did.

TFK: "Criss Cross" is very well written and well thought out. How did you come up with the ideas for the plot line and the characters?

PERKINS: The characters started with people I've known, but then they turned into their own selves. Then I would put them in a situation I wanted to write about, and wait to see what they would do. I didn't have a master plan, I just did a lot of rewriting.

TFK: As an author, do you consider yourself a role model for kids? If you do, why?

PERKINS: I guess I haven't thought about that too much yet. But if I am, I hope kids who read my books will feel that they can also write and draw about their lives, or just have interesting ideas and laugh about them.

TFK: You designed the cover for "Criss Cross." Have you always been interested in doing illustrations? How do you juggle being an illustrator with being a writer?

PERKINS: I actually started out as an artist. I studied art in college and graduate school and always thought I might like to illustrate, which I do. I like doing both drawing and writing, though. I like switching back and forth between them.

TFK: What do you like to do for fun?
Perkins: I like to cook (and eat), especially with friends, go to the Lake Michigan beach, read, watch movies, go for bike rides.

TFK: Who are some of your favorite kids' authors and what are some of your favorite kids' books?

Perkins: I love "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech, "Frog and Toad" by Arnold Lobel, "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DeCamillo, "George and Martha" by James Marshall, "The Tim Books" by Edward Ardizzone, "Feed" by M.T. Anderson, anything by Kevin Henkes — I'm leaving out so many and I could go on and on.

TFK: What's your best piece of writing advice for kids?

Perkins: Read and read and read, and when you write, have fun with it.

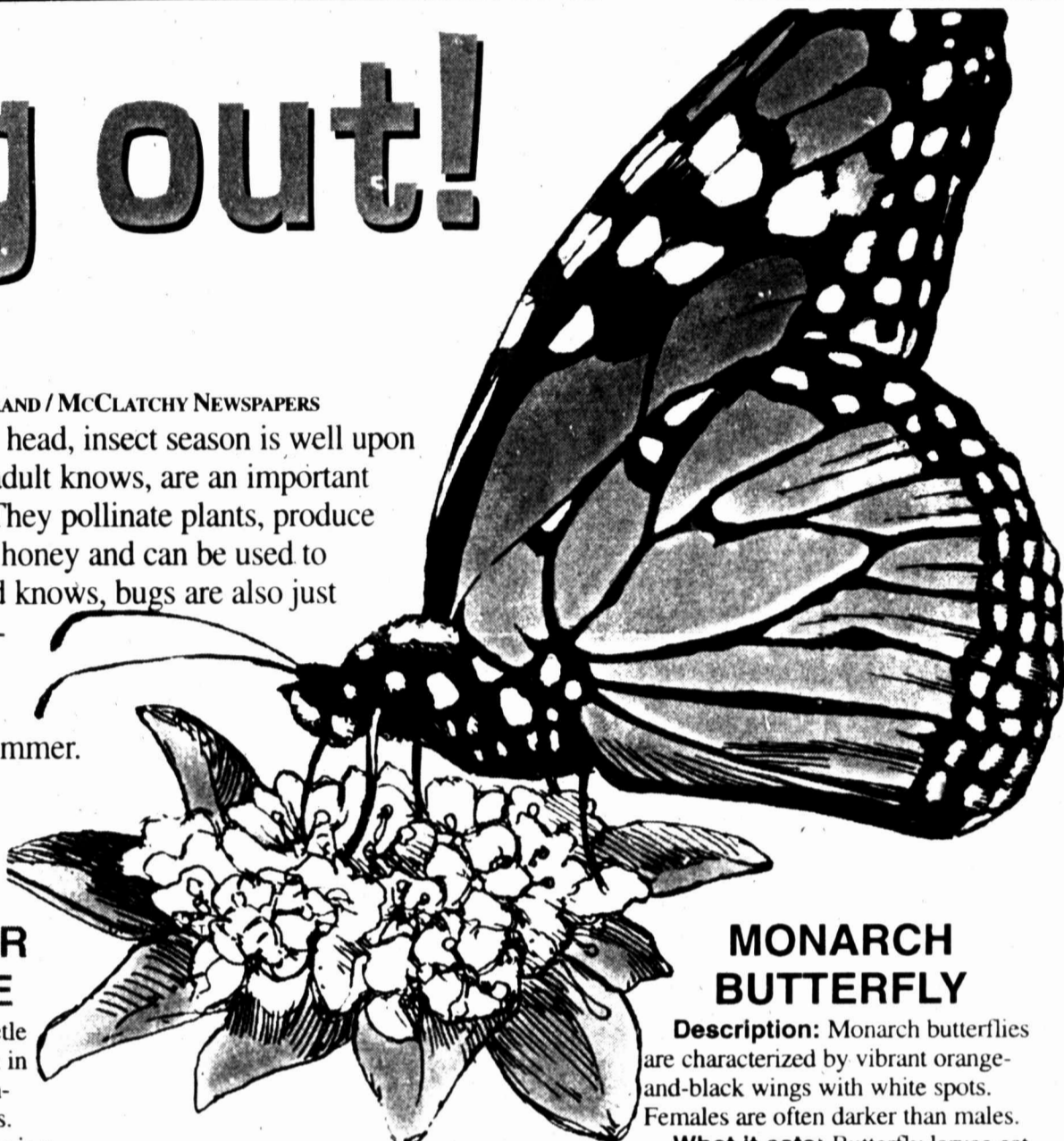
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Bug out!

BY JENNIFER ENGSTRAND / MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

As summer rears its hot head, insect season is well upon us. Insects, as every adult knows, are an important part of our environment. They pollinate plants, produce materials such as silk and honey and can be used to control pests. As every kid knows, bugs are also just plain cool. Here's the low-down on a few child-friendly creatures to look for and learn about this summer.



LADYBUG OR LADY BEETLE

Description: The lady beetle is very small, often just 1/8 inch in length. It often appears reddish-orange and features black spots.

What it eats: Though there is a plant-eating species of lady beetle, most feed on small insects and aphids, such as plant lice and green flies.

Where it lives: Look for lady beetles in fields, gardens and grassy areas.

Interesting body parts: The larvae are said to resemble tiny alligators, which are often blue or black with orange spots.

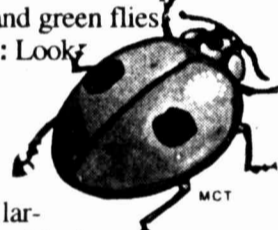
Greatest feat: Farmers and growers use lady beetles to keep aphids from destroying a crop. They are particularly beneficial to vegetable, grain and tree crops.

Enemies: Toads and bugs eat them.

Protection system: The vibrant colors of their bodies tell predators that they do not taste good. They also release a foul odor when threatened.

Most annoying thing it does: The Mexican bean beetle (*Epilachna varivestis* Mulsant), one variety of ladybug, has been known to destroy an entire bean crop.

Did you know? Not all ladybugs are red with black spots, some are



GRASSHOPPER

Description: Designed to blend into their surroundings, grasshoppers sport camouflage colors, such as brown, green and yellow.

What it eats: Grasshoppers, in general, feed on plant life, including leaves and grass.

Where it lives: As the name suggests, grasshoppers live (and hop) in crops and grassy, wooded areas.

Interesting body parts: Its large back legs allow it to jump, or catapult, up to 20 times the length of its body.

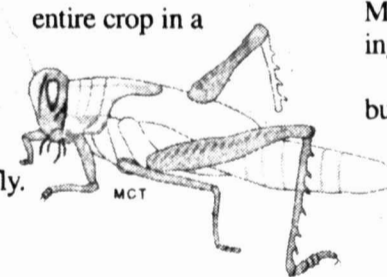
Enemies: Birds, toads and wild animals, such as the fox, feed on them.

Protection system: Grasshoppers eject a brown fluid from their mouths as a defense mechanism if they are bothered. This causes predators (and humans) to leave them alone.

Most annoying thing it does: Grasshoppers have been known to wipe out an entire crop in a single season.

Did you know?

Young grasshoppers can't fly.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY

Description: Monarch butterflies are characterized by vibrant orange-and-black wings with white spots. Females are often darker than males.

What it eats: Butterfly larvae eat milkweed plants. Adults survive on nectar.

Where it lives: Monarchs live in a variety of places but are often found around flowers and in meadows.

Interesting body parts: It may appear that monarchs have only four legs. But, like other insects, they have six. Their two front legs are often folded, making them hard to see.

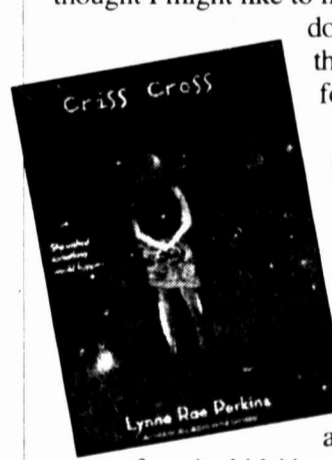
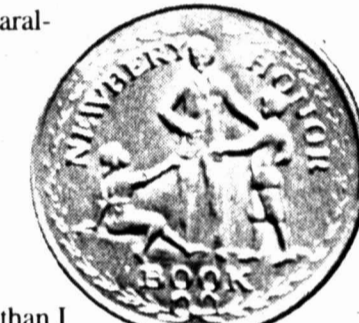
Greatest feat: Monarchs are migratory. Scientists have recorded individual monarchs flying up to 12 mph, depending on environmental factors such as wind speed.

Enemies: Most animals learn that eating a monarch can make them very sick. Thus, spiders and other bugs tend to eat only the larvae of the butterfly.

Protection system: Their bright colors are produced by ingestion of poisonous milkweed plants.

Most annoying thing it does: Makes other animals sick by "poisoning" them.

Did you know? The monarch butterfly is the state insect of Texas.



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HONEY BEE

Description: Honey bees are golden brown with black rings on their abdomen. The growth of short hair on the thorax gives them a "fuzzy" appearance.

What it eats: As you might expect, honey bees feed on honey and nectar.

Where it lives: Bees build nests, or hives, for themselves in hollow trees and caves.

Interesting body parts: Their eyes are made up of more than 6,000 lenses called ommatidia, which react to different col-

ors and amounts of light.

Greatest feat: Dancing! Bees move in specific "dance" patterns to communicate with each other.

Enemies: Toads and birds prey on bees. Varroa mites, a type of parasite, have been known to destroy a colonies.

Protection system: Worker bees use their stingers to protect the colony. They often die after stinging. The queen bee uses her stinger to kill other female bees, thus gaining control of the colony.

Most annoying thing it does: Stings.

Did you know? A colony has worker bees, drones and one queen, and it can have 100,000 members. The drone's only purpose is to mate with the queen.

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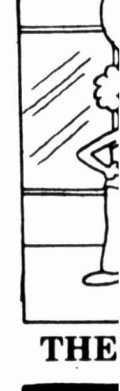
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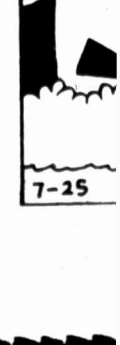
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6 PM	News (CC)	News	News	King of the Hill	News	Vida de Blanco	News	Raymond	Dr. Young	News-Lever	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Without a Trace (CC)	Black Ent.	Phi of Future	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	SCIFI (64)	
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8 PM	The One: Making a	The One: Making a	Madre Vecinos	Becker (CC)	48 Hours	Decisiones	Law & Order: SVU	Sinfeld (CC)	Sinfeld (CC)	P.O.V. (CC)	Dirty Jobs	Movie: Jaws	CSI: Crime	Law & Order	Law & Order	American Drgn	Basketball:	2006 World	Dead Like Me	
9 PM	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias	News	Friends (CC)	The Hour of	Charlie Rose	Oil, Sweat and	Movie: Jaws	Real TV (CC)	Cold Case	Jamie Foxx	American Drgn	Basketball:	2006 World	Dead Like Me	
10 PM	Entertainment	Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora de la	King of the Hill	Letterman	Noticias	Late Show	Friends (CC)	15 Movie: Joe	Sign Off	Alaskan Crab	Movie: Jaws	CSI: Crime	The Closer	The Closer	Phi of Future	Wrestling	Baseball	Dead Like Me	
11 PM	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids	Show	The Insider	Al Rojo Vivo	Conan O'Brien	Prophesias	Update/Israel	Booker	Movie: Jaws	NBC	Blind Date	Comcoew	Sister, Sister	SportsCenter	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	
12 AM	News (CC)	Apex Media																		

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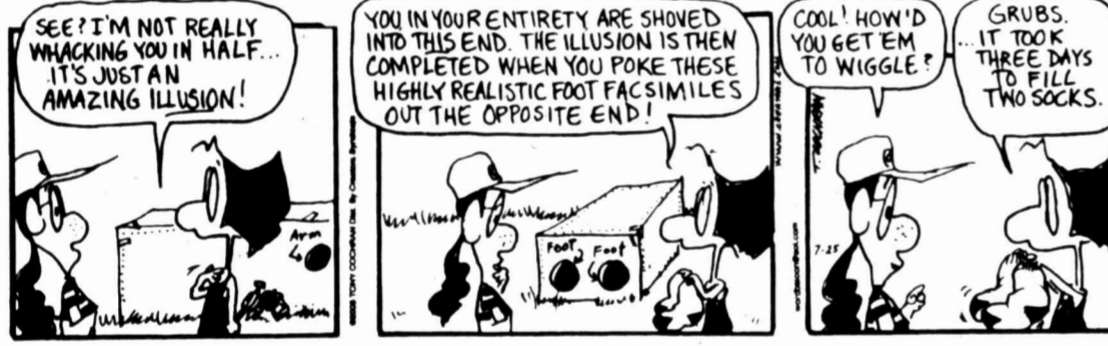
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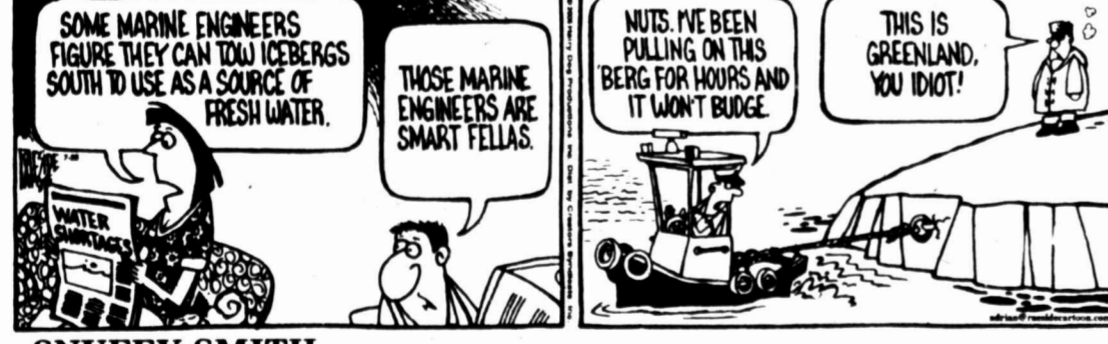
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 25, the 206th day of 2006. There are 159 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on July 25, 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people died as a result of the impact. (The Andrea Doria sank the following day, some 11 hours after the crash.) On this date: In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank. In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory. In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted

his authority.) In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device. In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States. In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initiated a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater. In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization. In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war. In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Estelle Getty is 83. Actress Barbara Harris is 71. Rock musician Verdin White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 55. Model-actress Iman is 51. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 49. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 48. Actress Illeana Douglas is 41. Country singer Marty Brown is 41. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 39. Actor Brad Renfro is 24. Thought for Today: "I have always believed that God never gives a cross to bear larger than we can carry. ... No matter what, God wants us to be happy. He doesn't want us to be sad. Birds sing after a storm. Birds shouldn't we?" — Rose Kennedy (1890-1995).

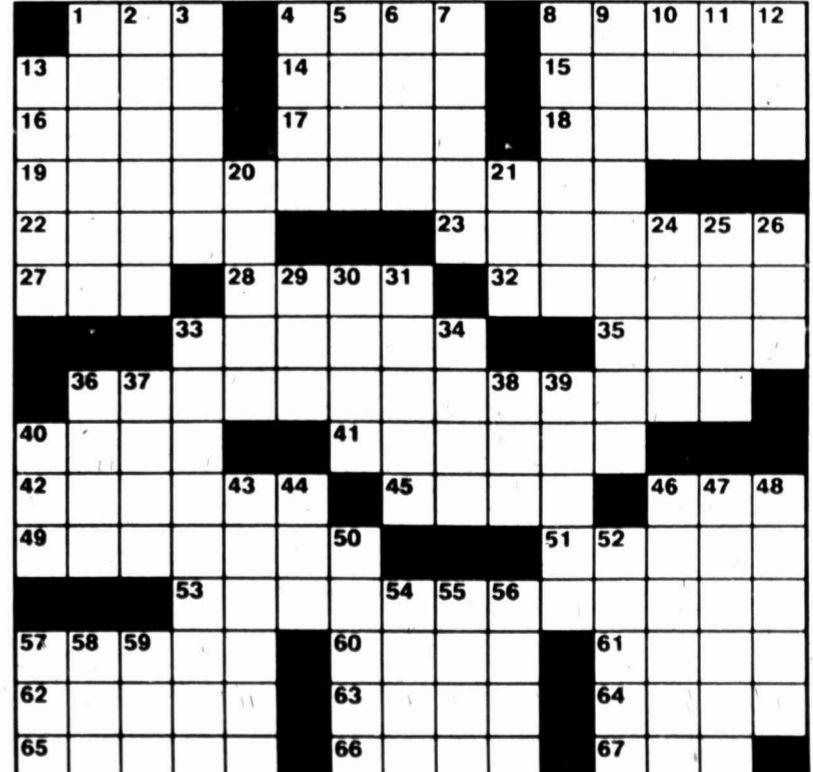
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Newsday Crossword

BUSINESS READING by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS
- 1 Poisonous snake
- 4 Pronto, in a memo
- 8 Paper fragment
- 13 Ballet bend
- 14 Wholesale quantity
- 15 Fill with joy
- 16 Souffle ingredients
- 17 Spring flower
- 18 More adorable
- 19 Sign on a hotel-room door
- 22 "Am not!" response
- 23 Ragtime dance
- 27 Showed the way
- 28 Poet Whitman
- 32 Saloon seats
- 33 Declares untrue
- 35 Oaf
- 36 Sign at a diner
- 40 Old Italian money
- 41 Male choir voices
- 42 BB gun ammo
- 45 Novelist Ferber
- 46 Bullring "Bravo!"
- 49 Curly, Larry and Moe
- 51 Ready for a nap
- 53 Sign at a new store
- 57 Magazine edition
- 60 Radiant quality
- 61 ___ of ethics
- 62 Aspect
- 63 Fishing-line holder
- 64 Pub servings
- 65 Sandwich cheese
- 66 "Will there be anything ___?"
- 67 Sun. speech
- DOWN
- 1 2000 presidential candidate
- 2 Endorsed, as a check
- 3 Mexican coins
- 4 Battery fluid
- 5 Hindu garment
- 6 Sale condition
- 7 Sauce made with basil
- 8 Confidential item
- 9 Carbonated drink mixers
- 10 Cat's prey
- 11 Munched on
- 12 Part of mph
- 13 Bicycle part
- 20 Cloth for drying
- 21 Young ___ (kids)
- 24 Hammer or 58 Down
- 25 Letters after keys
- 26 L.A. clock setting
- 29 Whichever
- 30 Grocery shopper's reference
- 31 Wigwam relative
- 33 Two-person talk
- 34 Drop in the mail
- 36 Cut calories
- 37 Folk singer Guthrie
- 38 Pro and ___
- 39 Ticked off
- 40 '60s records
- 43 Marsh birds
- 44 Coffee alternative
- 46 Black-and-orange bird
- 47 Charger of interest
- 48 Rims
- 50 Catch in a trap
- 52 Ancient Peruvians
- 54 Fencing contest
- 55 Raw metals
- 56 Lacking color
- 57 "No __, ands, or butts!"
- 58 Wood-cutting device
- 59 Bio. or chem.



Tomorrow's Horoscope

Are you on fire with optimism? Do people finally seem motivated to scratch your back as you have been scratching theirs? Does the disco song "We Are Family" play in a corner of your mind? Then you're grooving with the Leo solar transit. Take your plans to the next level while both the sun and the moon are playing in the realm of the fat cat.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your lust for experience is activated. This helps your work, too, since the only thing that stands between you and your dream job is the knowledge that comes from diving in and getting your hands dirty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have much to say, though it's inappropriate to do so. Holding your tongue is akin to sitting on a volcano — difficult at best, and probably futile, as well. Instead of complete silence, use a few choice words.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People flow into and out of your life like the tide — with several demanding your attention all at once, and then nothing. Take advantage of the "nothing" moments by connecting with what YOU want for a change.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're self-assured and insightful. These qualities attract people who either need your help or are curious about what you might be able to tell them. Promise nothing, and everything you deliver will be considered a gift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As children of the sun, Leos intuitively know that nothing is really out of reach. Though the sun is 93 million miles away, it caresses your skin or burns you, as the case may be. Today, be aware of that which influences you from afar.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The masculine and feminine polarities affect your day. You could get accidentally caught up in a battle of the sexes or struggle to balance these energies in your environment at work or at home. Try a little tenderness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your tendency to overthink things comes into play. When you feel yourself "going there," it's time to kick back with a lemonade and listen to the radio. The answers drop into your brain when you're on break.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A dangerous quest is featured — though the

level of danger is completely up to you. Note that some would consider giving your heart to someone the riskiest venture of all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been holding on to some emotional baggage that isn't even yours. So drop it easily by the wayside or send it off like a cannon. It makes no difference, as long as you let it go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's the salesperson, not the product, that makes a sale. Promote an idea with all the enthusiasm you possess, and it is sure to catch on. The day ends on a romantic note.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're delving deeper into the fine art of listening. Today's lessons include being sympathetic and trying to understand the other person's point of view. Your rewards for doing well are quite rich.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Finally, you can get your body to cooperate with you. Remember that you're first and foremost a soul, animating your earthly shell. Through spiritual work, you can heal, strengthen, balance, expand, contract and dance.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "My birthday is Dec. 6, 1975. I haven't decided what career to pursue, even though I've had lots of jobs in different fields. Nothing pops out to me as the thing I should be doing. What do you think?"

Working with people is your thing — you would enjoy a team of about 12 boisterous and diverse characters. You have a lot of Sagittarius influence in your chart, making you a born communicator. Make a list of the things you enjoy and follow the one that feels hot to you — the one that makes your heart beat like you're scared. A local college catalogue is a good place to start looking for ideas. Many community colleges offer free counseling, too, whether or not you sign up for school. Sagittarians make fantastic teachers, writers and salespeople because of their natural outgoing personality and adventurous curiosity. Also favored would be journalistic reporting, onscreen hosting, Web marketing and anything to do with — of all things — satellites. Enough choices to get your head spinning? Team up with a Libra or Gemini friend who is also

on a career-finding mission, and you'll have all the support you need to make some important decisions.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: When Mick Jagger proclaims, "Hey! You! Get off of my cloud," he means it. He knows that he's lived life at its largest, and he can't help but want to keep the fun all to himself. That's what fuels this unstoppable rock 'n' rolling legend to keep entertaining his many fans. Yes, the upcoming Rolling Stones tour will be a screaming success, but I predict Sir Mick will find himself smitten — once again — with a spectacular woman he meets on the road and another marriage will ensue.

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