



Making do with less

Funding cuts lead BSHA to accept more applicants

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Like many families it serves, the Big Spring Housing Authority is struggling to make do with less.

The housing authority, which works to get families into subsidized homes, recently learned that it will be expected to serve the same number of families as before, but with less money.

Paul Pryor, director of the agency, said local directors recently received word of a 5 percent cut in funding provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

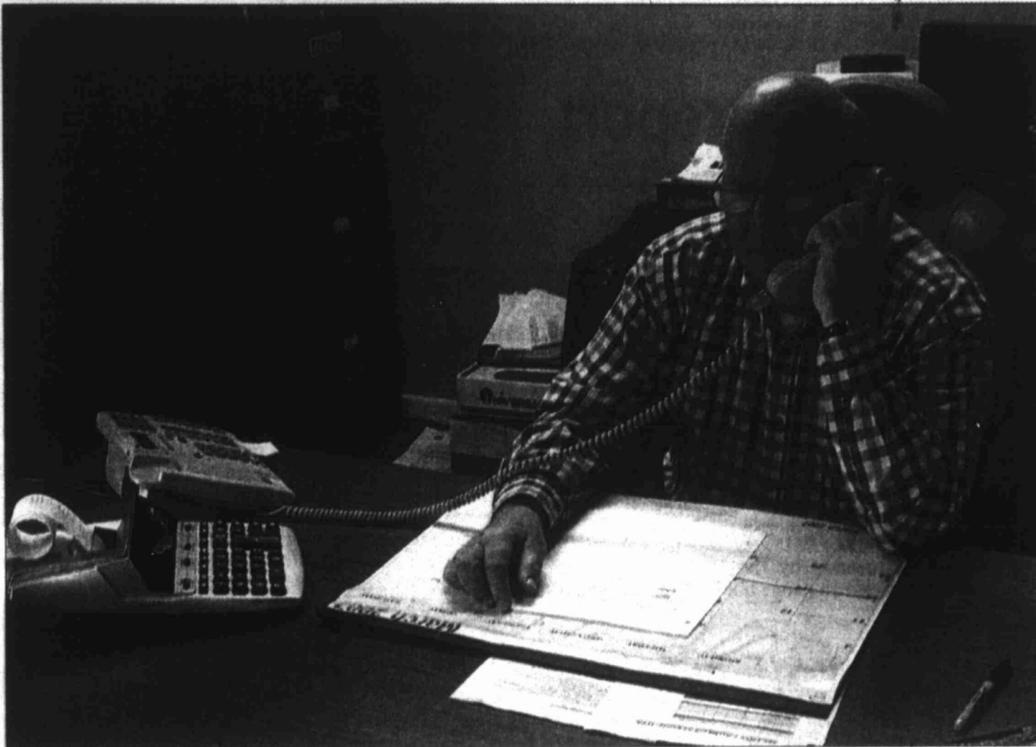
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1. Senior citizens,
2. Persons with documented disabilities,
3. The "working poor."

families as the previous year."

BSHA must serve a certain number of families per year to maintain a good rating with HUD officials.

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Paul Pryor, director of the Big Spring Housing Authority, works the phone in his office Thursday. BSHA officials are dealing with a cut in funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rep. Neugebauer earns economic freedom award

Special to the HERALD

Congressman Randy Neugebauer has been named a "Defender of Economic Freedom" by the Club for Growth for his stances promoting economic growth.

"Lower taxes and less government spending lead to greater economic freedom for American citizens and businesses," said Neugebauer. "By leaving more money in the wallets of working families and small business owners, the U.S. economy can continue to create jobs, attract com-



Neugebauer

panies, and improve the standard of living for all Americans."

Neugebauer earned this award for his votes to extend tax relief, eliminate wasteful government spending and increase America's energy independence. The Club for Growth conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on pro-growth policies and com-

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Vocal Trash headed to Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

They're not talking trash.

OK, so maybe they are, but it's not the kind of trash most people might think of.

Musical group Vocal Trash is coming to Big Spring April 14 — the same day as the 2007 Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off — to bring a very different brand of music to the Crossroads area.

Compared to such successful specialty acts as Stomp, a popular drum act of which the members are known to play everything from trash cans to kitchen sinks, and legendary a capella group Nylons, Vocal Trash

AT A GLANCE

What: Vocal Trash entertainment group is coming to Big Spring.

Where: Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

When: 5:30 p.m., April 14.

takes combines both genres into one fun-filled show, according to creator and group leader Steve Linder.

"We wanted to come up with something completely different from the norm," said Linder, one half of the longtime musical production team of Linder and Brock. "Everyone has a band, but nobody's doing this." According to fellow

group owner and band member Bruce Brock, Vocal Trash's show is designed to combine tight vocal harmonies with the grit of "street instruments," delivering a unique blend of oldies and rock and roll with contemporary beats to achieve a sound not soon forgotten by spectators young and old.

"It's all about fun," said Brock. "No one leaves the show with a frown, it's a rule."

Band member Kelsey Rae said the show features horns, acoustic guitars and a touch of comedy, the right recipe for fun for the entire family.

"We play to all ages," said Rae. "Good music appeals to everyone, and the kids love the drum-

ming theatrics. It's a lot of fun."

"Updating these tunes is a real treat for the audience," said David Cleckler, the "rocker" of the group. "Maybe that's because these classic oldies have been re-treaded with hip hop grooves and renewed enthusiasm."

Vocal Trash is accompanied by longtime Linder and Brock drummer Chris Beck.

The concert, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, is to get under way with pre-show entertainment at 5:30 p.m. at the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park.

Vocal Trash is expected to take the stage at 7 p.m. Admission is free with concessions available.

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HEED THE LEPRECHAUN

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — There was no pot of gold behind the dancing roadside leprechaun, only speeding tickets. Drivers in the Orlando area found out the hard way after passing a sheriff's deputy dressed as a leprechaun, warning drivers to slow down. A laser detector clocked cars above his sign reading "Watch your speed or it will cost you your pot of gold," and officers on motorcycles chased those who didn't heed the advice. Deputy Richard Lockman said police had been giving out about a ticket a minute since 8 a.m. He was dressed in a green leprechaun outfit with a hat, tight white knickers and a fake red beard.

A&M SCHOLARSHIPS

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2007-2008 school year. Scholarship application deadlines are April 2 for Howard County graduating high school seniors and June 1 for enrolled college students. Applications can be printed from the scholarship application link at the A&M Club's Web site: clubs.aggienetwork.com/howard-countyamc/webhome.htm. Applications should be mailed to Jerry Foresyth, 2909 MacAuslan, Big Spring 79720. For more information, contact Diana Newton at 263-4204 or 816-4331.

POWWOW SET TO BEGIN

The third annual Big Spring Powwow is set this weekend at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Powwow will feature a number of vendors and exhibits, as well as dance competitions. The event gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday with gourd dancing, followed by the grand entry. Admission to the event is \$2 and children under 12 are free. Activities continue at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information about the powwow, contact Lesser at 264-8203.

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Police blotter

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

- **HENRY JOHN RAYMOND**, 33, of 447 Armstrong, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- **RUBEN GARCIA**, 35, of 3219 Auburn, was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- **ANGEL LAREZ**, 25, of 507 N. Main Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.
- **DANNY WALLING**, 35, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ORLANDO SANCHEZ**, 22, of 1503 Lincoln, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants and a charge of evading arrest.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DONALD RAY ALSBAUGH**, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.
- **JOSHUA MIER**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
- **MICA JADE PEARSON**, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance (two counts).
- **TAWNY JORDAN PERRY**, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threat.
- **FREDDIE WILLIAMS**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 3-12-19-22. Bonus Ball: 29.
- Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
- Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$475,000.

- Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
- Winning numbers drawn: 5-13-16-19-23.
- Number matching five of five: 2.
- Prize per winner: \$14,565.
- Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Haltom City.
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-7

Weather

- Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
- Saturday...Decreasing clouds. Warmer. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
- Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
- Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
- Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.
- Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.
- Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.
- Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s.
- Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.
- Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.
- Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.
- Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

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- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

- All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH** will have Stations of the Cross Friday at 6 p.m. A fish fry will follow in the church hall. Plates are \$5 per adults and \$2.50 per child.

- **BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN** at the first United Methodist Church upstairs choral rehearsal room. The rehearsals are for the April 21 concert and will feature spiritual music and Mozart.

- **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

- **JIMMY FISHER AND CALCULUS** have booked the Big Spring Memorial Auditorium for 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24. The band plays a variety of music, including rock and blues. Tickets will be \$20 each.

- **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

- **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

- **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).

- **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

- **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to

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TODAY

- 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.

SATURDAY

- American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; serving is noon to 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Call 263-2084 to order.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Take Note

recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

- **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

- **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

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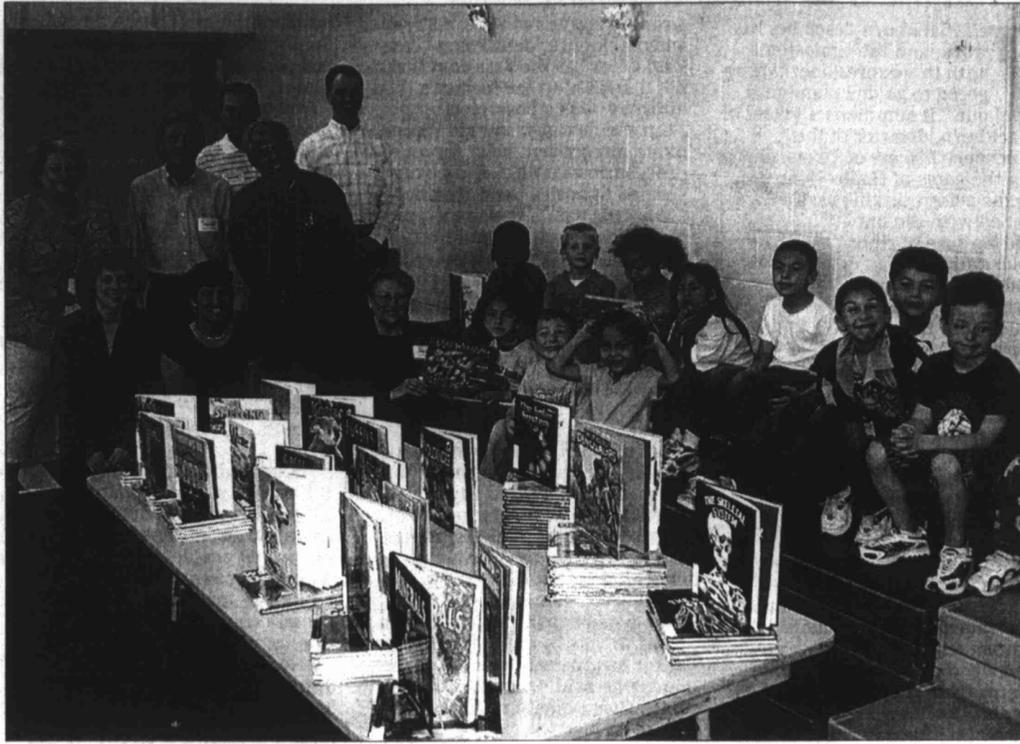
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GREATER ROTARY CLUB DONATION



Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club join with Moss Elementary students and PTA members after securing a \$1,500 donation to the school. The money was used to purchase books for the school's Advanced Reading Program.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

After weeklong search, heartbreak as missing Georgia youth's body is found on a roadside

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — A week of searching for a missing 6-year-old in coastal Georgia ended with heartbreak for the boy's father and dozens of police and volunteers who looked for the youngster.

The body of Christopher Barrios was found Thursday afternoon, stuffed in a black plastic trash bag by the side of a road three miles from his Glynn County trailer park.

"You suspected all along in your heart, it's just not the outcome you want," said volunteer searcher Mari Charnock, who dabbed at tears after the boy was found dead. "At least we know, though. At least it's over."

Glynn County Police Chief Matt Doering said he escorted the boy's father, Mike Barrios, to the scene to see the body at the father's request.

"That was the hardest part," Doering said. "When it's your only

son that has been killed and you want to go look for the last time, that's tough."

Many of the volunteers, several wearing T-shirts printed with the boy's photo, hugged and sobbed as Doering broke the news.

Cpl. Jesse Cook of the Department of Natural Resources and his colleague, Sgt. John Harwell, were aiding in the search and spotted tire tracks on the road curving off toward the tree line. They pulled over and saw the trash bag among the trees and brush about 15 feet from the road. They alerted detectives when they got close enough to notice flies and a strong odor coming from the bag.

"It was obvious," Cook said. "But if you weren't looking for it, you probably wouldn't have thought it was just a trash bag."

Police had spent days chasing false tips from four suspects they arrested earlier in the week,

including a convicted child molester who lived in the same mobile home park where Christopher was last seen playing alone on a swing set the evening of March 8.

Doering said he expects to charge all four with Christopher's murder. The boy had obviously been slain, Doering said, but he would not elaborate.

Christopher lived with his father in a trailer park of about 50 homes huddled around a narrow, U-shaped road just outside Brunswick, a Georgia port city 60 miles south of Savannah. He often stayed with his grandmother, whose trailer sat about 200 feet from his father's home.

Earlier this week, police arrested 32-year-old George David Edenfield, who lived with his parents across the street from the boy's grandmother, after Edenfield told investigators he played a role in the boy's abduction.

Plame to testify as Demos open hearings on CIA leak

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic lawmakers are eager to hear from ousted CIA operative Valerie Plame as they try to make political fodder out of the 2003 leak scandal.

Plame was scheduled to testify before a congressional committee Friday, but it was unlikely the hearing would offer any new information about the Bush administration's discussions of her employment at the spy agency.

"Valerie's going to be talking in general about the need to protect intelligence assets," her attorney, Melanie Sloan, said prior to her appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. "She's basically talking about how important national intelligence is and about how leaking is bad."

Her prepared testimony would take about five minutes, Sloan said, and wouldn't include any behind-the-scenes details about the CIA or the White House.

The man with that kind of information is Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, who spent years investigating the

leak and interviewed President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and several top aides and journalists.

But Fitzgerald isn't talking, citing federal rules prohibiting such discussions. And nobody from the White House involved in the leak was scheduled to testify. Nor was someone from the State Department, where the leak of Plame's identity originated.

That leaves Plame to tell her story to lawmakers. She believes she was outed as retaliation against her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who criticized the Bush administration's prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Wilson has written a book and Plame has one expected out soon. They are also suing Cheney and others, claiming their constitutional rights were violated.

Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., says he wants to know whether the White House appropriately safeguarded Plame's identity.

BSHA

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"If the number of families gets too low, we can't remain what HUD calls a 'high performing' agency," Pryor said. "We would fall into what they call a 'troubled agency' status, which would mean HUD would be camping out on our doorsteps."

In order to make do with less, BSHA directors decided to increase the number of persons eligible for preferential con-

sideration for agency assistance.

Beginning immediately, BSHA will extend preference to persons in three new categories — senior citizens (those 62 or older), persons with documented disabilities and "working poor" (those who are employed but need assistance and are income eligible).

"Persons in those three categories will have some sort of income," Pryor said. "They will need assistance, but not as much as if they had no

income... So we can help more families with less money."

Also, qualifying for one of the new preferences will greatly speed up the voucher process.

"With a preference, you may receive a housing voucher within 30 days," Pryor said. "Without a preference, the normal waiting period is about 120 days."

For more information, contact BSHA at 263-4090.

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puted an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies. Those lawmakers scoring 90 or higher receive the Defender of Economic Freedom award.

Neugebauer scored a 92, making him one of only 10 House members to earn the award in 2006.

"We are experiencing one of the strongest economies on record," said Neugebauer. "I will continue to work for policies that contribute to economic growth and keep America competi-

tive in a global marketplace."

U.S. payroll employment has increased for 42 consecutive months, adding close to 7.6 million new jobs during that span, Neugebauer said. In

addition, the unemployment rate has remained below 5 percent — the benchmark commonly used to indicate "full" employment — for 15 consecutive months.

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This Is Great Look Who's 98

Stella Lee

Celebrating with friends and family at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church from 3 p.m. to 6 p., Saturday, March 17th

Stella was born to Mac & Emma Rainey, 1909 in Louisiana. Came to Texas in 1920. She married Joe Hull in 1926 and married Clarence Lee in 1987. She had three brothers and two sisters. She has two daughters, four granddaughters and eleven great-grand - one great-great grandson.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- All of those who filed for candidacy to represent their city or school board. We appreciate your interest in our communities, students and teachers and wish you success in your campaigns.

- U.S. Army Reserve 1st. Sgt. Ronnie Wegner, who gave us his perspective on a different sort of battle in Iraq — that of Iraqi farmers trying to make ends meet.

- Everyone who remembered to "spring forward." We figure everyone did, of course. However, we suspect that if you forgot, you aren't telling many people. Hey, at least you got a little extra sleep, huh?

- Bauer Magnet School on its third kindergarten rodeo. Way to go cowkiddies!

- Big Spring High School art students Andrew Lopez and Alyssa Newton, who qualified their artwork to be judged at the state Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition at the University of Houston-Clearlake in April.

- Hannah Weber, a Big Spring High School freshman, on qualifying to compete at the 2007 Intel International Science Fair and Engineering Fair.

- All of the students who have been home on spring break. We hope you enjoyed your week off. Good luck with your studies as you return to school.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us, Lord, in being a blessing for You.

Amen

Let's get innocent out of jail

Jeff Blackburn describes his work, and life's mission, with this expression: "We're going to go down and pull 'em out." It summons a visual of Blackburn, director of the Innocence Project of Texas, charging the gates of Hades — or a Texas prison, in this case — armed with the law, a hefty dose of righteous indignation, and the smarts of a street lawyer. He duels with the devil himself — or a corrupt district attorney — for the release and exoneration of prisoners wrongfully convicted. It's an image of legal warfare. It's not a picture of the pristine practice of corporate law or a placid mediation meeting. Because of a phone call, Blackburn will probably be using his trademark phrase more in the coming months.



CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS

Newly-elected Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins recently called Blackburn to request his help to conduct a joint review of the case files of nearly 400 prisoners who are appealing their convictions based on DNA evidence. Blackburn will team with Innocence Project law students at universities across the state to evaluate the cases. Watkins' call is a coup for prisoners waiting for post-conviction relief. It's a second chance for the emotionally hopeless and legally helpless, whose previous odds were zero-to-zilch.

Since 2001, appeals courts have overturned the convictions of 12 men in Dallas based on DNA evidence, and James Curtis Giles —

wrongly convicted for a 1982 rape when evidence identifying "James Earl Giles" as the assailant was not disclosed to the former's trial attorney — is a possible number 13 in the next few weeks. Wrong name but a warm body for an easy prosecution victory, and no one seemed to notice the difference.

Watkins wants to use the power of his elected office, and his political mandate, to right legal and moral wrongs. That makes him an anomaly on his side of the courtroom and an enemy to his convict-by-all-means, convict-despite-the-evidence peers.

In a recent interview, Blackburn said he sees "nothing less than a political revolution" in his and Watkins' "deliberate partnership," the first of its kind in the country, he speculates. Previously, Blackburn was no aficionado of Texas' criminal justice system, and is still enough of a hard-charging realist to be wary. "Dallas was famous for framing people and getting unjust convictions. It was in the hall of shame as far as prosecutorial misconduct," he said. But with Watkins' initiative, Blackburn knows his job of advocating for the falsely convicted within the system is far easier than taking down the entire structure and its gatekeepers — police willing to frame defendants, deceitful prosecutors hawking "shoddy evidence," and indifferent judges. He can work within, instead of against, the system.

After the first or second prisoner walks free, though, Blackburn predicts we'll lose interest. He's right. If and when the court exonerates Giles, the extraordinary will become the commonplace. The media hype will become mere habit when we get to Nos. 3 and 4 on the list. We'll barely notice the

name of the next guy who comes on down to play the game show, "Oops, you were wrongfully convicted, Texas-style."

And why not? Because that man is not like you, or me. Blackburn said, "Most of the time, people who get falsely convicted had bad legal representation in court-appointed attorneys; they're poor, have no friends and no money, and no ability to get any friends or money." These people aren't soccer moms and NASCAR dads, with college funds for the kiddies. They're society's indigent. We'd be indignant if it was one of the former, but we're indifferent because it's the latter. We'd care if they were us, but they're not, so we don't.

An acquaintance and I were talking recently about the Innocence Project's work in obtaining releases and exonerations for wrongly convicted people wasting away in Texas' prisons.

"Aren't you worried," she asked, "that a court will release a guilty person when it rehears his case?"

"No," I replied, "I'm worried an innocent person will wait for justice that may never arrive. No one should go to prison for a crime he didn't commit."

"Maybe" isn't a good enough reason to keep someone in a prison when we can know for sure they didn't commit a crime.

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Elections? Maybe despotism's better

The other day John McCain came to town. It was an imperial visit. He was representing the Napoleonic wing of the Republican Party. While here, he visited with that Wing's permanent local envoy, Rep. Chris Shays, the last Republican in New England. After a few weeks of pre-election equivocation about the WAR, Shays is back beating the drum for escalation. What a pair.



WILLIAM COLLINS

Of course, Democrats in Connecticut can't complain. They're more or less represented by Joe Lieberman, high mullah of the Napoleonic wing of the Democratic Party and Faithful Guardian of the Interests of the State of Israel. In fairness, the Dems did chuck him out in a primary, but he won as an independent when the Republicans ran a certified gambling addict for Senate, and sent Joe help from Washington.

But despite these three couch warriors, the WAR ought to be finished, right? The House voted heavily to disapprove it and the Senate did the same, 56 to 34. Bring 'em home! But wait...the Senate vote was only to end debate, not to actually bring 'em home. Ending debate needs 60 votes, not a mere 56. Thus, the WAR still escalates despite the will of the people. Emperor McCain didn't even show up to cast a ballot.

Then again, why should he? The outcome was pre-ordained, and he needed to be out there raising money, or...MONEY. Candidates have always needed that, but this year's expense portends to make all others seem paltry. For the first time in history, neither eventual candidate is expected to accept federal funding for the general election. They can't afford to. The limits are too low. They need to raise hundreds of millions to make the race competitive. Wall Street and Hollywood are in their sights.

But so are we. On the same day, Barack Obama announced his humble willingness to save the world, one of his minions called our house asking for MONEY. We were impressed. Who says this guy lacks experience? He knows how to do the only thing that counts — beg.

And by the way, in case you think that MONEY is overblown as an issue, consider former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsak. He's already dropped out of the race and there are still 20 months to go. Said he couldn't raise enough MONEY.

Here in Connecticut we thought we had cleaned all that up. The new campaign finance law finally put restrictions on the amount that corporate lobbyists and other interest groups can contribute. Nice try. Now they're suing to protect their sacred constitutional right to bribe. And who do you suppose is representing them? The American Civil Liberties Union, that's who. Aren't there some downtrodden economic victims in America whom they could be defending instead?

There are certainly plenty of voting victims. Mostly poor and non-white. Florida, Georgia and Ohio (Texas must be in there somewhere) are perhaps the best known. They make registering to vote a nightmare for the poor, and as one hurdle is deemed unconstitutional, another (like insurgents) springs up to replace it. In Ohio, for example, the secretary of the state ordered that registration applications must be submitted on at least 80 lb. (heavy) paper. In Georgia the required voter ID cards were somehow not available for distribution in Atlanta. Only in the suburbs.

And felons can't vote much of anyplace, forever, in some of them. In such lands, it falls to the sheriffs to make sure that many more blacks are arrested than whites. Then, in Florida anyway, long, inaccurate lists of felons are sent to the polls to keep Democrats out.

Plainly, our democracy is a mess, but where can we find a benevolent dictator who would be better? There's even gutter talk about King Arthur. And suppose we ended up with Vlad the Impaler, or Idi Amin, or Dick Cheney. The Sultan of Brunei sounds OK, but he does it all with oil. There may actually be no suitable substitute for democracy. By being able to vote, at least we get the government we deserve, even if the Iraqis deserve better.

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News in brief

Man freed after 17-year imprisonment for smoking marijuana

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man sentenced to life in prison 17 years ago after smoking marijuana while on probation was set free Thursday.

Tyrone Brown walked out of prison and was met by relatives and journalists. His mother, Nora Brown, embraced her son as he broke into a wide smile, according to a report on The Dallas Morning News Web site.

"I didn't believe this day was going to come," he said.

Brown received a conditional pardon Friday from Gov. Rick Perry. He will have to live with his mother, report to a parole officer, find a job and work with a therapist.

Violating any of those terms will cause the conditional pardon to be revoked, a Perry spokesman said.

Brown was 17 when he went on probation for taking part in an armed robbery in which no one was hurt. Judge Keith Dean re-sentenced him to life after one positive drug test.

Brown's case stood in sharp contrast to that of a convicted murderer whom Dean put on probation. John Alexander Wood repeatedly tested positive for cocaine and committed other violations, yet avoided prison. He even got permission to quit reporting to a probation officer and quit taking drug tests.

Neither man had a prior criminal history. The judge has never explained his actions.

Man accused of belligerent behavior on flight

AMARILLO (AP) — A man accused of becoming belligerent and claiming he had a gun in his carry-on bag after a flight attendant stopped serving him alcohol was scheduled to appear in court Friday.

James Joseph Egan was being held until a detention hearing on a charge of interfering with the duties of a flight attendant.

Egan was returning to his home in San Diego on Monday after attending his mother's funeral when he became belligerent, according to a criminal complaint. Authorities say he had been drinking and the Southwest Airlines flight attendant stopped serving him.

Egan spoke loudly, threatened to assault passengers and crew members, and said he had a gun in his carry-on luggage, the complaint said. The plane, flying from Pittsburgh to Phoenix and then San Diego, was diverted to the Amarillo airport.

During questioning, authorities say, Egan told them he had 12 beers and admitted to being disruptive during the flight. He told authorities he was simply "calling the bluff" of the flight attendant who wouldn't serve him anymore alcohol.

Man accused in turnpike rest stop beating death due in court

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — A man accused of fatally beating a traveler in an apparently random act of violence at a highway rest stop here was expected to

appear in court Friday.

Authorities said Brian K. White of Humble, Texas, smashed Michail J. Makarenko's skull with a rock after Makarenko refused White's offer to sell him religious CDs.

The attack took place at the James Fenimore Service Plaza around 12:45 a.m. Thursday. Makarenko, 75, a former Soviet political prisoner who had lived in the United States since 1982, died at the scene.

White fled and was captured about an hour later 70 miles away in Teaneck after a lengthy pursuit by state troopers.

White, 26, a DJ who has gone by the name DJ Coldblooded, was charged with murder, eluding police and weapons charges. He was being held on \$750,000 bail. And a judge said he could not be released until he had had a psychiatric examination.

The victim, who lived in Hillsboro, Va., had been traveling to visit friends in northern New Jersey and New York City, said his interpreter, Gregory Burnside.

Justice Department: Juvenile prison violates inmates' constitutional rights

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' juvenile prison in Edinburg violates the constitutional rights of inmates with its high levels of violence, overcrowding and too few guards to control the facility, a federal Department of Justice review has found.

The rate of inmate-on-inmate assaults at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center is about five times the national average for a comparable facility, creating a "chaotic and dangerous" atmosphere, according to an investigative review released Thursday.

The report also warns the state to resolve the issue or face a potential lawsuit from the federal government.

The Evins facility is part of the Texas Youth Commission and the report is another embarrassing blow to an agency staggering under scandal of allegations of sexual abuse on inmates by staff and a possible cover-up.

Bonilla nominated for ambassador slot

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has nominated former Rep. Henry Bonilla, a Texas Republican, to be the U.S. representative to the Organization of American States, the White House announced Thursday.

Bonilla, 53, lost his seat in Congress to Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, a San Antonio Democrat, in a December special election. The loss came after the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the redrawing of Bonilla's District 23 to correct violations of voting rights of Latinos in the district.

Bonilla was elected to Congress in 1992 and spent seven terms in Congress. His nomination was endorsed by Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, both Republicans.

The OAS brings together nations of the Western Hemisphere to promote democracy and work on issues of common interest.

Bill allows oversight of TXU sale

AUSTIN (AP) — State regulators would be able to review TXU Corp.'s pending sale to private investors and would have more power to encourage competition among utility companies under bills the Senate unanimously approved Thursday.

The legislation also would force utility companies to refund any money they make by abusing their market power and would place a moratorium on disconnections for some needy Texans.

TXU and its potential buyer said the bills' passage was expected and was just the first of many steps to come in the legislative process.

Electric deregulation has been a hot topic since the Legislature approved the plan in 1999 with the hope that increased competition would drive down prices. The state has been phasing deregulation in since then, but few residential customers have switched electricity providers even though rates have actually risen.

"The intent is that electric rates will come down," said Sen. Troy Fraser.

The most noteworthy bill clarifies that the Public Utility Commission has the authority to review the sale of any utility to ensure it does not affect the delivery of electricity.

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Nonprofit auctioning Enron items for charity

HOUSTON (AP) — A nonprofit wants to cash in on Enron's infamy by auctioning the desks once used by former Enron executives Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling to raise funds for spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

Bidding on eBay starts at \$25,000 each for the 20-year-old desks, which were donated to Saving Animals Across Borders by a group that bought Enron's Houston building after the company collapsed in 2001.

"We feel a collector of American pop-cultural items might want these," said Sean Hawkins, of Saving Animals.

The items were posted on eBay on Friday and bidding continues through March 26.

Hawkins said the group accepted the desks because Enron had a history of supporting animal-welfare groups. The company and the Lay family made donations and provided office space for the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, he said.

A news release on eBay said the desks were designed by Gensler Architects and made by Brochstein's, a manufacturer of custom architectural furniture. The desks, which have an "elegant Makore Pommelle veneer," would cost more than five figures to replicate today, according to the news release.

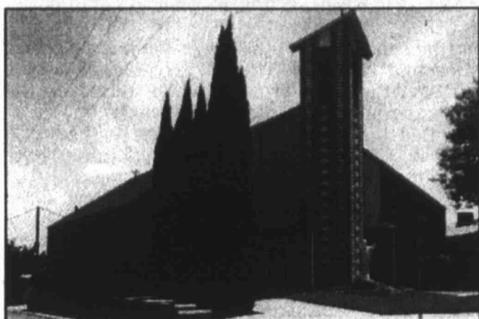
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First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, our pastor, Dr. Shane Brue will continue his Lenten series on Cross Examinations with a sermon titled "The Attractive Cross," based on scripture text John 12:32.

Services of worship are held at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45.

Sunday evening at 6, all area Methodist churches will observe a joint worship at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eddie Williams preaching.

Now that spring break has come and gone, we are back to our regular schedule of weekly activities. For a complete and up to the minute look at what's going on at the corner of Fourth and Scurry Streets, go to our Web site at www.fum-cbs.org

Saturday, March 24, is the date Dr. Brue has set aside for a "Confirmation Retreat" which will be held in youth hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is especially for fifth and sixth graders.

The new church directories are here and can be picked up from the church office during the week. Offices are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, are closed during the noon hour and close at 4 p.m. Fridays.

If you're looking for a church home we have a place for you at First Methodist, in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The congregation of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church would like to extend to you an invitation to visit with us. If you do not presently have a church home and are looking for a local church in which to serve the Lord, we exist for the sole purpose of glorifying Jesus Christ and being a blessing to you and your family. Services are informal with good gospel singing, plain Bible preaching and a friendly atmosphere. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane and a nursery is provided.

The church is starting a revival on Sunday, April 1, through Wednesday, April 4. For further information or a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Liggett's sermon topic is "The Prodigal Son."

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

St. Mary's Pot Luck Supper and Lenten Program is Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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those who are seeking to answer the call of God in their life" will be held at the Light House Restoration Center, 604 E. 13th, at 7 p.m. March 23-24 and 10 a.m. March 25.

Friends of Unity

Friends are participating in the Season of Non-violence by letting God lead them into more peaceful ways of behaving and speaking.

The center itself is a workshop for learning new ways of loving and serving God, others and ourselves.

The phone number at the Center — which is located in the east boxcar in the downtown Railroad Plaza — is 267-8783.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Angel Food orders may be placed until 6 p.m. today at the church. This is the last day to place an order for March. Delivery day is March 31 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Saturday is our chili supper at North Birdwell UMC. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. There will be lots of chili, hot dogs and desserts as well as lots of handmade crafts items. As always, there is no charge for the food. The craft sale items will be sold to benefit the building fund.

On Sunday, at 6 p.m., North Birdwell UMC will host the Area Methodist Meeting. The Rev. Eddie Williams of the Baker's Chapel A.M.E. will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served following the worship time in the fellowship hall.

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates have been set for June 18-21. The theme this year is "Lift Off — Soaring to New Heights with God." There will be a final program and cookout June 21.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 10:30 a.m. United Methodist Women, under the leadership of Jacque Mauch, meets the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The church is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane.

College Baptist Church

The Three G's, the Golden Glory Gang of College Baptist, meets once a month for a potluck dinner and a program. At their meeting March 8, Scott Vanpelt, soil physicist with the U.S. Agricultural research Service, gave an interesting presentation about his trips to China.

The Three G's organization is preparing a video to honor those who serve in the military. They have been collecting pictures of CBC members and former members who have served or are now serving.

Pictures of relatives and friends of church members will also be included. The deadline for turning in photos is April 1. The video will be shown in the morning worship service about the time of

Memorial Day.

Several college students from the Big Spring area will be spending their spring break doing mission work near Los Angeles, Calif. They will be under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock. CBC youth making the trip include Ryan Yeats, RoChelle McMeans, Terri Branham, Whitney Weir and Heather Vassar.

Ladies of the community are invited to attend Serendipity at 6 p.m. Monday. Theme for the evening is Aging Gracefully and Having Fun. This will be an evening of good food, fun and fellowship. Childcare can be arranged by calling the church office.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

It's revival time.

David Crain is coming to Hillcrest Baptist Church, ministering through word and song. He is a high-energy musician and speaker who will inspire and challenge you. Crain travels nationwide using music, humor and a very direct approach to reach people of all ages. He will be holding the services at Hillcrest March 18-21. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday service time will be at 7 p.m.

David is best known for his work with churches and ministries. His travels across the country take him to many venues where he uses his gift of music to encourage and uplift. As a speaker, David's message is always delivered in a way that entertains while drawing the listener into a deeper relationship with Christ. Sharing stories from his own life as they relate scripture make the gospel come alive. Everyone is invited to attend. A nursery is available for children under the age of 3.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran's Relay For Life team is sponsoring a great big garage sale at our Education Annex at 811 Scurry St. The hours are 8 a.m. until noon. All proceeds are going to the Cancer Society. Please join us for a fun time shopping for this great cause.

Worship services and Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible classes following at 10:15 a.m.

Lenten services will be Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

Bible studies continue on Wednesday at noon at the parish hall, at 6 a.m. at Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall, with two other Bible studies in private homes on Sunday night. Please call the church for more information. Everyone is encouraged to come.

Operation On Going Support continues for care package items to be presented to our military by our Lutheran Chaplains in Iraq. March items are baby wipes in small packages, cold

drink mixes (powdered and pre-sweetened) and red licorice for a treat. Don't forget to donate to the AT&T phone card fund so the troops can call their loved ones.

Don't forget, the Parish Workers still have cookbooks for only \$10. These proceeds go to the high school Bible classes. Call the church for more information.

East Side Baptist Church

Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. On Wednesday, youth meet at 6 p.m. and mid-week Bible study is at 7 p.m.

Methodists approve leasing SMU land for Bush library

DALLAS (AP) — A Methodist council gave its blessing this week for Southern Methodist University to lease land for George W. Bush's presidential library, one of the last steps the school needed before officially sealing the long-awaited library deal.

The South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church voted 10-4, with one member abstaining. The group must approve leasing any land already in use by the school, and the proposed 36-acre site on the southeast side of campus contains some dorms and a parking lot. It also contains a now-raised condominium complex SMU bought — which caused two of the owners to sue — but has not yet used.

In his presentation to the church council at a Dallas hotel, SMU President R. Gerald Turner said the library, museum and Bush institute may be built on one of two sites in the area and that the president's site selection committee wanted to have options.

After the vote, Turner said he was grateful and "we can now really go forward."

He said he expected a final decision in a few weeks.

"There are still other things that have to be worked out, but this is a major step," Turner said.

SMU became the apparent winner in the library competition in December when the site selection committee said it was entering into further talks with the 11,000-student private university, which is first lady Laura Bush's alma mater. Bush has said he is leaning toward SMU.



Laura Lewis

Big Spring Art Association

Laura Lewis will be the guest demonstrator at Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring Art Association. Lewis is a landscape artist from Lubbock who paints West Texas scenes. That, of course, means big skies and wide expanses. In her presentation for the BSAA, she will demonstrate the use of translucent glazing techniques to create an illusion of depth in the landscape painting.

In order to show the project through the final stages without regard to drying time, she has prepared four panels at various stages of completion. Several original paintings by Lewis will be on display and participants will receive samples of Gamblin oil paints.

The BSAA will meet in the Howard County Library at 7 p.m., Tuesday. The BSAA meetings are open to the general public and anyone interested in art is welcome to attend.

Club News

Retired Teachers Association

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at Howard College's Cactus Room at 11:30 a.m. Monday. All retired school personnel in Howard County and surrounding counties are invited to attend. We also welcome guests from other area schools.

Marge Carpenter will be the guest speaker. She is a wealth of information about Howard County and always very interesting. Members and guests will have a dutch treat lunch before the meeting.

At the last meeting, new officers for the 2007-2008 year were elected. They are president, Bo Fryar; first vice president, Bettie Cox; second vice president, Loma Jean Wynn; recording secretary, Jean Slate; corresponding secretary, Jean Warren; and treasurer, Don Green.

The Retired Teachers Association is very active in promoting benefits for all retired school personnel. Legislative updates from the Texas RTA keep members informed of pending legislation and ways we can influence positive changes in matters concerning retired school personnel. Our state convention is April 14-16 in Austin. The new RTA president, vice presidents and recording secretary will be delegates.

New members and guests are always welcome. Call Loyce Phillips at 263-1738 for more information.

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On this date: In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission began operations.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decid-

ed to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

One year ago: Iraq's new parliament met briefly for the first time; lawmakers took the oath but did no business and adjourned after just 40 minutes, unable to agree on a speaker, let alone a prime minister.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 81. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 66.

Game show host Chuck Woolery is 66. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 65. Country singer Robin Williams is 60. Actor Erik Estrada is 58. Actor Victor Garber is 58. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 56. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 53. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 53. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 52. Rapper Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 48. Rock musician Folk singer Patty Griffin is 43. Rock musician Wolfgang Van Halen is 16.

Thought for Today: "The only joy in the world is to begin." - Cesare Pavese, Italian novelist (1908-1950).

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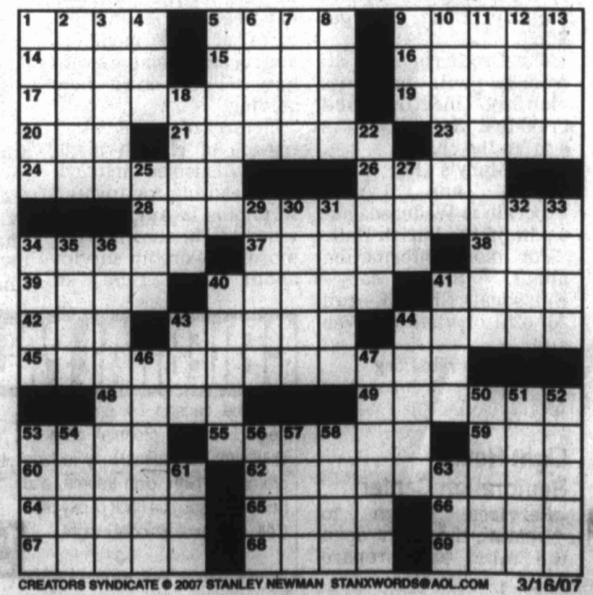
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Tim Siegel, the Big 12 Tennis Coach of the Year in 2005, will be conducting overnight tennis camps on June 2-6 and June 17-21. The camp is for children ages 8 to 17 and is open to players with all ability levels. Siegel has been Director of the TTU Tennis Camps since 1993.

For additional information, contact Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a scramble golf tournament on March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round on Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all players.

The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

There will also be optional cash players pools for each day.

Entry fee is \$60, with cart included. For additional information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Bowie Kuhn dead at the age of 80

Bowie Kuhn, the bespectacled lawyer who oversaw baseball's transformation from sport to a business of free agents making multimillion-dollar salaries, died Thursday. He was 80. The former commissioner died at St. Luke's Hospital in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., following a short illness, spokesman Bob Wirz said.

Kuhn presided for 15 tumultuous years, the second-longest tenure among nine commissioners.

When Kuhn took over from William Eckert on Feb. 4, 1969, baseball just had completed its final season as a tradition-bound 20-team sport, one with no playoffs, a reserve clause and an average salary of about \$19,000.

"He led our game through a great deal of change and controversy," current commissioner Bud Selig said. "Yet, Bowie laid the groundwork for the success we enjoy today."

Kuhn battled the rise of the NFL and a combative players' union that besieged him with lawsuits, grievances and work stoppages. Yet it was also a time of record attendance and revenue and an expansion of the sport's television presence.

NCAA stage just bigger play area for Durant

By GREGG BELL

AP Sports Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — Texas has seven freshmen, none bigger or better — anywhere — this season than Kevin Durant.

Thursday, the smiling, soft-spoken, 18-year-old candidate for national player of the year helped turn a routine workout day into another example of how these young Longhorns are so excited, and excitable, as they enter their sport's biggest stage.

"We haven't always played

smart. But we've always played," coach Rick Barnes said of his 24-9 team that has been as fun to watch — at any moment — as any in the country this season.

"The innocence that this team has approached this season (with) ...," Barnes said, marveling over his 20th season as a college head coach. "I don't know if I've ever been around a team that's as loose in terms of their preparation."

At the end of the practice for Friday's NCAA opening round game against New Mexico State,

Durant and fellow freshman Justin Mason were taking — and making — shots from halfcourt. The crowd oohed and ahed. When Durant, the skinny 6-foot-9 kid with a sleek look and shooting range of a Concorde, made another 45-footer, everyone roared. Durant, usually humble in public, playfully raised an index finger to the arena's ceiling.

Then Durant started a dunk contest with classmate Dexter Pittman. They clowning. The crowd loved that show, too.

Perhaps the most dominant player in college basketball this season — the kid who toys with questions about whether he is going to the NBA when this tournament ends as if they were yo-yos — loves to clown.

"The guys on my team keep me levelheaded, man, because they're always joking around and things like that," Durant said.

"It's all fun. I LOVE being at Texas."

But can these 'Horns hook

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Red Raiders bow out of tourney

BC avoids Tech upset bid, 84-75

By AARON BEARD

AP Sports Writer

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.:

— Experience told Boston College's tested team not to panic when Texas Tech took the lead midway through the second half. The Eagles hung in and handed Bob Knight another early exit from the NCAA tournament.

Sean Marshall scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half to help the Eagles rally and beat Knight's Red Raiders 84-75 on Thursday, giving Boston College its fourth straight first-round victory.

Tyrese Rice had 26 points for the Eagles (21-11), the East Regional's seventh seed. Jared Dudley added 19 points, setting up a matchup with former Big East rival and second-seeded Georgetown in Saturday's second round.

"We're a relaxed ball club," said Marshall, a four-year starter along with Dudley. "Even when we're down, we stay the same."

In a game that stayed close the entire way, Boston College put together one of its steadiest offensive performances of the season — particularly through the final 10 minutes. The Eagles shot 53 percent for the game and used a 14-4 run to erase a four-point deficit midway



MCT photo/David T. Foster III/Charlotte Observer
Boston College's Tyrelle Blair, left, blocks the shot of Texas Tech's Charlie Burgess (42) as teammate Jared Dudley (3) waits for the ball in the second half of their NCAA East regional first round game at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C., Thursday. BC defeated Tech, 84-75.

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Aggies fend off Quakers

By JEFFREY McMURRAY

Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — There's nothing wrong with being a favorite in the NCAA tournament. As long as you play like a favorite, that is.

A year after putting themselves on the college basketball map with a big first round upset of Syracuse, the Texas A&M Aggies were the odds-on choice Thursday against Penn. They needed a couple of clutch dunks to put away the underdog from the Ivy League.

Texas A&M (26-6), the No. 3 seed in the South Regional, got 20 points from Acie Law and a double-double from Joseph Jones in a 68-52 victory over 14th-seeded Penn (22-9).

The Aggies move on to face Louisville on Saturday in the second round, a virtual home game for the Cardinals, who play just 80 miles away from Rupp Arena. Louisville routed Stanford 78-58.

"We didn't want to lose," said Law, one of the nation's best point guards. "We worked too hard this season to put ourselves in this situation, and we didn't want to let it go too early. We knew in our minds that we had to make plays and get back in it and it all

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Roughnecks signs new QB; ready for game in Big Spring

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

ODESSA — After losing quarterback Walter Washington to the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe this offseason, the Roughnecks have gone out and signed the best quarterback on the market in Chad Frieauf, according to Odessa head coach Chris Williams.

Frieauf is no stranger to the Intense Football League, as he spent last the second half of last season playing for the CenTex Barracudas after being cut from the Denver Broncos the year before.

"We played against him last season and he gave us fits on defense," Coach Williams said, after the Roughnecks signed the dotted line on his contract. "They played us tough and I think they scored about 70 points on us. That was with Chad playing only half a season. I'm expecting him to play really well for us this season — we just need to teach him our system and he will be fine."

"He has the ability that is needed at the next level and I think the only thing missing for him is a full season of game film. He's going to help us win some football games and we're going to help him move on."

At the Colorado School of Mines in Golden Co., Frieauf set school records in passing yards with 9,783 and touchdown passes with 84. He completed 773 passes out of 1,183 attempts in his college career and set Division II records for passing yards and completions in a season with 4,646 and 384. Frieauf also won the distinguished Harlon Hill Trophy, which is given to the best player in Division II football. That award is the equivalent to the Heisman Trophy Award.

Odessa will start its season March 31, when the Roughnecks host the San Angelo Stampede Express right here in Big Spring.

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Duke ousted by VCU in real nail-biter

By The Associated Press

Duke's decade-long domination in the NCAA tournament has come to an end. In the opening round.

Virginia Commonwealth provided one of the only nail-biters on the first day of the NCAA tournament, knocking out the Blue Devils in the first round for the first time in 11 years.

"The fact that we've

gone every year since 1996 is a story in itself," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "If you're in this tournament long enough, you're going to go down. There's 260 or 270 teams that don't get into this thing. It's not our birthright each year."

On an otherwise blowout-filled first day, which saw only two games decided by less than nine points, VCU

beat Duke 79-77 — the same score that Xavier edged Brigham Young — to end the Blue Devils' consecutive run of round of 16 appearances at nine.

Eric Maynor hit a 15-foot jumper with 1.8 seconds left to give Virginia Commonwealth the upset victory Thursday night. Maynor finished with 22 points, six in the final 1:24.

"It felt like it was good," said Maynor. "And for it

to go in, I said to myself, 'Man, I just hit the game-winner on Duke University.'

Fittingly, it was VCU (28-6) that knocked off George Mason — the tournament's surprise team last year — in the Colonial Athletic Association championship game. Maynor sealed that 65-59 win by scoring nine of his 20 points in the final 2 minutes.

Greg Paulus scored a career-high 25 points for Duke, seeded sixth in the West Regional. Josh McRoberts added a career-high 22 points and had 12 rebounds.

Jesse Pellot-Rosa's 16-foot jumper gave VCU a 72-71 lead with 2:03 remaining.

The Blue Devils (22-11) tied it three times, the last at 77 when DeMarcus Nelson went the length of the court to hit a layup

with 10.3 seconds left.

Maynor took the ensuing inbounds pass, moved across center court, pulled up near the foul line and hit a perfect jumper.

Then Paulus' wild attempt from midcourt hit wide of the basket and off the backboard.

VCU will face Pittsburgh in the second round.

The winner moves on to San Jose.

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through the second half, sending 10th-seeded Texas Tech (21-13) to its second first-round exit in six seasons under Knight.

"They're a well put-together team," Knight said. "They cut sharply. They read our defense well, and I think there's nothing that's probably more important to good

offensive play than reading a defense well.

"We didn't need to score any more points. But we just didn't get things done defensively like we needed to in this game."

The loss ended a season of highs and lows for Texas Tech, which had beaten Kansas and Texas A&M, but also had some puzzling losses. Red Raiders made Knight the winningest coach in Division I men's history

in January, only to begin a five-game losing streak that put their tournament hopes in jeopardy.

Now Knight is headed home in the tournament's opening weekend for the ninth time in his past 10 NCAA trips, including his last six teams at Indiana. His only trip to the round of 16 came with the Red Raiders in 2005.

Marshall, who had six points in the first half, scored 11 of the 14 points

in the decisive run, including consecutive 3-pointers that gave Boston College a 68-62 lead with 8:49 left. He shot 6-for-9 in the second half and had seven rebounds.

He got plenty of help from Dudley, a fellow four-year starter and the ACC's player of the year. The 6-foot-7 forward made two key baskets to keep momentum with the Eagles as the Red Raiders hung close late, including

an inside score that gave Boston College a 78-71 lead with 3:17 to play.

Rice, a speedy 6-1 sophomore, took care of the rest. He scored 13 first-half points, then went 6-for-6 at the line in the final 42 seconds to seal it.

"I thought we showed a lot more patience on the offensive end than we have in a long time," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "We didn't really play hurried."

Martin Zeno scored 21 points to lead the Red Raiders, but leading scorer Jarriss Jackson finished with 10 points on 4-for-14 shooting — significantly below his Big 12-leading 20.2-point scoring average.

Jackson's 3-pointer with 13:17 left gave Texas Tech a 58-54 lead. BC answered with a layup from Marshall and a 3 by Rice after an offensive rebound to start the decisive spurt.

TEXAS

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Durant for at least one more year, before the kids enters the really grown up world of the NBA?

"I'm just trying to win games," he said, playing more with a question he's heard as much as "Eyes of Texas Fight" during home games this season. "I'm not worried about next year right now. We're just worried about our next game. Whenever

the time comes, I'll make my decision about next year."

Durant averages 25.6 points and 11.3 rebounds. He's the only player in the country to rank in the national top 10 in both categories. But those closest to the Longhorns see their glue as being point guard D.J. Augustin. He constantly finds Durant despite opponents' double- and triple-teams, leading the Longhorns with seven assists per game to go with 14.5 points per

game.

"And D.J. was probably the first guy of the new guys that we felt really understood the type of intensity that you needed on the defensive end," Barnes said.

Then there's yet another guard, A.J. Abrams. The relative team grandpa, a sophomore, averages 15.4 points per game.

So Durant isn't the only reason Texas went 12-4 in the rugged Big 12 and pushed No. 2 Kansas to overtime in the confer-

ence final. Just the biggest and most dynamic one.

"He's freshman of the year, player of the year," New Mexico State's Elijah Ingram said. "But at the same time, it's not just about him. We've got to shut him down, as well as his whole team."

Ingram, a former McDonald's high school All-America from New Jersey by way of St. John's, is one of six transfers for New Mexico State. But to know them,

you'd have to get through the glow of Aggies' coach Reggie Theus, the flamboyant former NBA All-Star guard.

Theus has all attention for New Mexico State turned on himself. And not just because he has jelled those six transfers into a program transformation from six wins in 2005 to 25 this season.

With their Theus' flair for fancy suits and grooming, the Aggies call their former broadcaster-and-actor-turned-coach

"Hollywood." "Oh, God," Theus said, rolling his eyes when he heard the players' nickname for him repeated.

"It's all part of who I am." "He's a pretty boy," Ingram said. "He's into himself, you know."

Added Justin Hawkins, the Aggies' leading scorer at 15.7 points per game who transferred from Utah, "It's just all in fun. I'm pretty sure if he was to come up here, he'd probably have some names for us, too."

AGGIES

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starts with defense."

Law usually comes through in the clutch, but this time it was Jones, who made the most shots when the game was on the line. He had two big dunks in a 1-minute span, one that tied the game, the other that gave the Aggies the lead for good.

"It put a spark in us and got us a run going," Jones said. "I was just trying to be aggressive."

Jones finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

For much of the second half, the experienced Ivy League champions gave the Aggies a scare. Although Texas A&M had a 31-18 lead at halftime, Penn's shooters — particularly Ibrahim Jaaber —

came out of the break and couldn't miss.

Penn opened the half with a 21-6 run. Jaaber had a three-point play to tie the game at 37, then made a short jumper to give Penn the lead.

"We weren't believers early and it cost us," said Penn coach Glen Miller. "There's little margin for error when you play Texas A&M. You've got to play a complete game for 40 minutes."

Dominique Kirk also came through for the Aggies, nailing a 3-pointer to halt a short Quakers run in the closing minutes and give his team a 10-point advantage. He finished with 16 points.

"Coach always tells me to shoot the ball, don't worry about it," Kirk said. "So I let it rock." Mark Zoller had 19

points to lead the Quakers, and Jaaber added 16.

Knowing his team was overmatched inside, Miller slowed the tempo in the first half. He also had the Quakers rely on the outside shot, long a forte of Texas A&M, one of the nation's best 3-point shooting teams. But that strategy backfired.

Texas A&M made five 3s, while the Quakers connected on four and missed 16 others. The Aggies' Josh Carter, the nation's leader in 3-point field goal percentage, went 1-of-6 from beyond the arc.

While the Quakers did relatively well at limiting turnovers to 10, some of their early missed shots were ugly. Penn misfired on five layups in the first half, including one by

Darren Smith when he was all alone beneath the basket.

"When you have some open looks, especially layups, you better convert on those to stay in the game," Miller said.

Although three Penn starters were appearing in the NCAA tournament for the third straight season, Law and the Aggies got a little seasoning of their own last year. As a No. 12 seed, they shocked the fifth-seeded Orange and nearly beat eventual Final Four team LSU in the second round.

Prior to last season, Texas A&M hadn't been in the tournament since 1987 or won a tournament game since 1980. Law, now a senior, was a freshman during one of the worst seasons in school history, when the Aggies

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"By the time we tee it up and play our first game of the season," Williams said, "Friehauf will know about 50 per-

cent of our offense and he had better be ready to play. San Angelo is going to want to start their season off by beating us and we want to defend our IFL title from game one. It all starts in Big Spring at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum."

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purchased by calling (432) 332-7277 or at the Big Spring Herald, located at 710 Scurry.

"I feel like we have a good crop of athletes coming into camp this season," Williams added. "I would say that 80 percent of the players on our roster are guys from

Division I college football and we just need to teach them the arena game. It is going to be an exciting game on the 31st."

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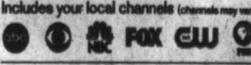
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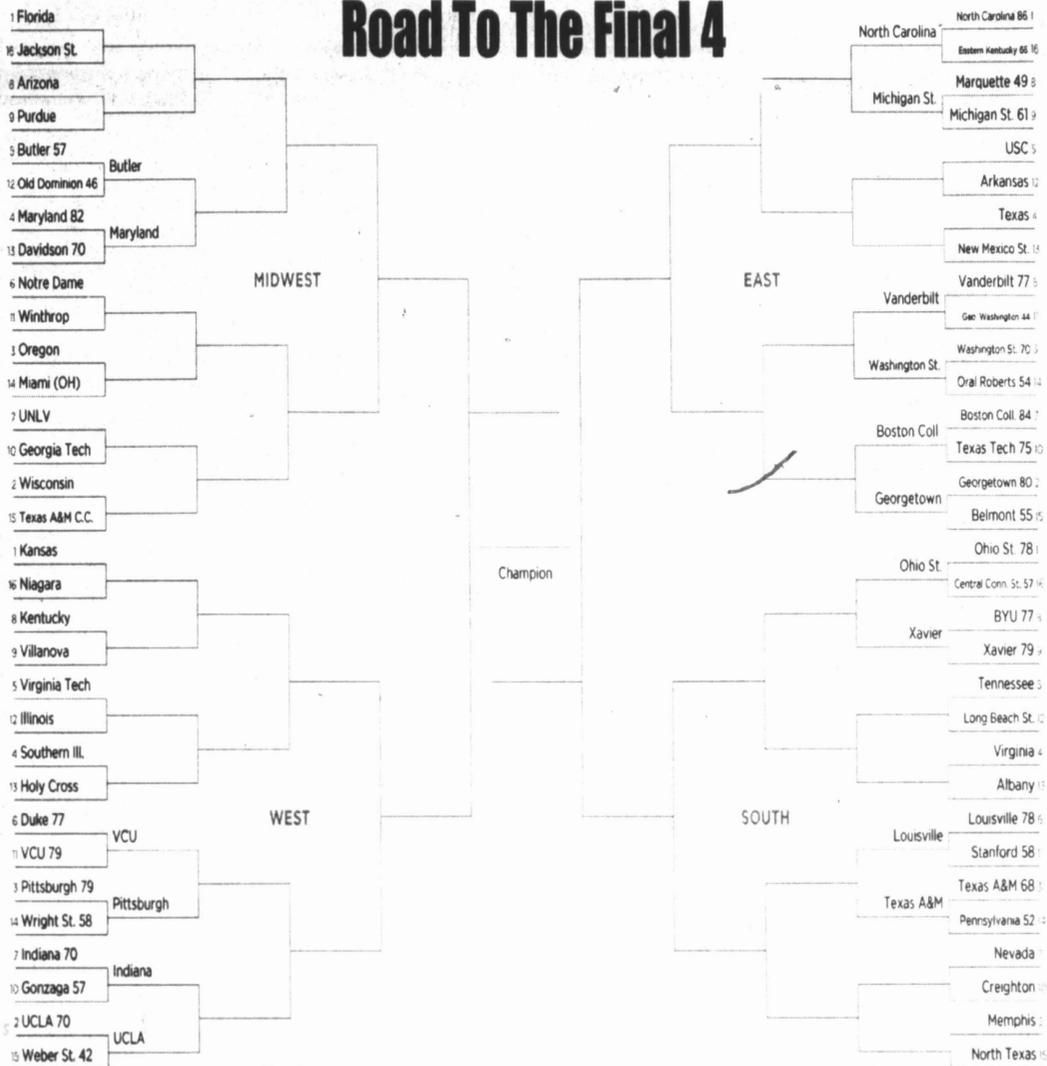
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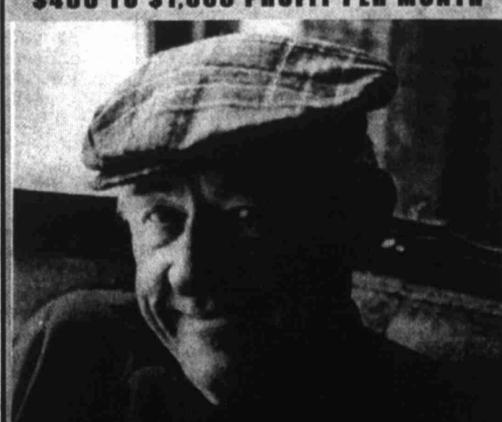
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Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GERALD W. CURRIE, Deceased, were issued on the 6th day of March, 2007, in Docket No. P-13513; pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: WILLIAM NEEL CURRIE. The address of WILLIAM NEEL CURRIE is: 4 Los Cruces Trail, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The address for any claims is: 4 Los Cruces Trail, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 6th day of March, 2007. WARD & FREELS, L.L.P. BY: John A. Freels ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE #5295 March 16, 2007

NOTIFICATION

Sealed proposals, address to Sandra Waggoner, Chief Financial Officer, Big Spring Independent School District, Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 for "Electrical Upgrades At Marcy, And Moss Schools" will be received up to and no later than 1:30 pm local time, March 30, 2007. At this time, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Quoters may obtain complete sets of Contract Documents at the Big Spring ISD Maintenance Office, 3600 East 11th Place Ext, Big Spring, Texas 79720. As set forth in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031 (b) the following Criteria may be used to determine the award of the contract:

1. Price
2. The qualification and reputation of proposer
3. Quality of the contractor's proposal
4. The extent to which the goods or service meeting the school district's needs.
5. The Proposers past relationship with the school district.
6. The technical aspects of goods and services in the proposal.
7. The total long-term cost to the District to acquire the goods or services.
8. Any other relevant factors that a private business entity would consider in selecting a vendor.

The Big Spring Independent School District has the right to reject any or all bids. #5293 March 16 & 23, 2007

NOTIFICATION

Sealed proposals, address to Sandra Waggoner, Chief Financial Officer, Big Spring Independent School District, Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 for "Air Conditioning At Steer Gym" will be received up to and no later than 1:00 pm local time, March 30, 2007. At this time, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Quoters may obtain complete sets of Contract Documents at the Big Spring ISD Maintenance Office, 3600 East 11th Place Ext., Big Spring, Texas 79720. As set forth in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031 (b) the following Criteria may be used to determine the award of the contract:

1. Price
2. The qualification and reputation of proposer
3. Quality of the contractor's proposal
4. The extent to which the goods or service meeting the school district's needs.
5. The Proposers past relationship with the school district.
6. The technical aspects of goods and services in the proposal.
7. The total long-term cost to the District to acquire the goods or services.
8. Any other relevant factors that a private business entity would consider in selecting a vendor.

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Tomorrows Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Do you have a beautiful future ahead of you? Or is there something



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looming — something you've been avoiding for months that's now right around the bend? Venus and Pluto, in a harmonious arrangement, urge you to set aside your fear and believe in the brightness of tomorrow. Your optimism brings with it a fate all its own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You deserve to be acknowledged for your talent — but so do others. Take turns being the audience and the entertainer. If you feel creatively stagnant, vary your routine and creativity returns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Loved ones experience a case of classic guilt, and you're the benefactor. Getting money or attention because others are trying to absolve themselves feels funny, but take the goods.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While you're looking longingly in someone's direction, someone else is looking longingly toward you. These games of triangular love could go on for days. Or you could put a stop to them right now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll hear some pretty silly excuses as to why someone didn't come

through for you. But you are too busy accepting the gracious generosity of others who did much more than they promised!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is money really tight for you, or do you just feel that it is, and so you are creating the illusion of scarcity in your world? Relax. Dollars are flowing to you from all channels, expected and unexpected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Say what you really mean, because the meaning comes across regardless. Words have the power to teach, wound, inspire and activate. This is especially true about the words you use when speaking to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your plans are revised because you're adjusting to circumstances beyond your control. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be spectacular.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The Encarta World Dictionary defines "mystical" as "with a divine meaning beyond human understanding." Your decisions aren't practical, but your feeling that you're being guided is accurate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your awareness of how you use your mind is growing. You can put your vivid imagination to the task of solving problems just as easily as you can use it to create problems. The choice is yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This day defi-

nately has a "wow" factor! It comes in the form of an unforeseen opportunity, a beautiful change of scenery or a chance encounter with the next big love of your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you seek knowledge, you find it everywhere, including the most unlikely places. What you learn at work could be wonderful for your love life and vice versa.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The hardest thing to give up is the need to be right about everything. When you let go of that, you have so much more energy! Choose partners carefully. Avoid stubborn types.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You're tough when you have to be (and you will have to be), and merciful when it counts. **TAURUS:** Dating? Keep things light by steering clear of controversial topics. **GEMINI:** Your communication skills are put to the test. **CANCER:** The stars throw in a little extra competition, which brings out your very best. **LEO:** Be thoughtful! Loved ones need to see, touch and feel your love. **VIRGO:** All bets are off. You could fall for the very person you never thought you'd be with. **LIBRA:** You love without worrying about how it will come back to you. **SCORPIO:** Family influences your romantic choices, but you can't give too much credence to their opinion. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll be choosing

between several offers. **CAPRICORN:** The best things in life are free, so make it your mission to find these things. Newspapers have a wealth of information on no-cost entertainment. **AQUARIUS:** Know what you have to offer a relationship, and keep it foremost in your mind. **PISCES:** Forgiving and forgetting are the same now. If you say you've forgiven, but still hold the grievance against your loved one, you haven't gained the full benefit of forgiveness.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Capricorn is in a mood to commit to love. This is done in a sentimental, mushy way quite uncharacteristic of cool Capricorn, and that's half the fun! Who better to be on the receiving end of such gallant gestures than openhearted Virgo? They're two earth signs who succeed brilliantly as a couple, as long as Virgo promises not to criticize (too much) and Capricorn promises not to dominate (too often).

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am attracted to a friend and am unsure if I should tell him, or how. I always find myself thinking about "Ian" and having sexual fantasies about him. I know that sounds crazy, but I can't help it. To me, he is the perfect man and a wonderful friend. I have had bad relationships in the past, always finding Mr. Wrong.

Ian has been divorced for several years, but I know he still cares about his ex-wife and would probably do anything for her. What really makes things hard is that Ian and I are roommates — purely platonic, of course. I don't want to make our living situation uncomfortable and surely don't want to lose him as a friend. What should I do? — Torn in New York

Dear Torn: We say not to rush this. It's very likely you are having fantasies about Ian because he's so near and you are seeing him in a domesticated light. But if Ian is still hung up on his ex-wife, any move you make in his direction would probably be shot down, making the current living arrangements awkward. If Ian is interested in you, he will send signals your way. You can casually



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flirt with him a little and see if he responds, but you risk losing the friendship (and a roommate) if you actively pursue him when he's not ready.

Dear Annie: I have a problem with "Alexis," a good friend of three years. Not long after returning from a visit with her, she began giving me the silent treatment. After many unanswered calls and text messages, Alexis finally responded, saying she was upset at me for something I said four months ago. She added that she thought it might be best if we were not friends anymore.

I apologized for unknowingly offending her, and Alexis accepted my apology and said she thought we could move on. After some thinking on my part, however, I asked if, in the future, we can address problems immediately and not let them fester for so long. I felt blindsided in this situation and told her I was completely unaware of what had upset her and was hurt that she hadn't told me sooner.

Alexis e-mailed back and said she doesn't think she can change, and felt that I should not have turned the situation around on her. We have now parted ways. Did I act improperly? — Hurting as Well in Mississippi

Dear Mississippi: Alexis strikes us as very high maintenance. We are not

big fans of the mental telepathy school of friendship. She expects you to read her mind and gets angry when you don't. Worse, after you ask her to be more direct, she refuses and prefers to end the friendship. We say, good riddance.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the 15-year-old girl who cuts herself. My beautiful 13-year-old daughter has done it, too. The school counselor gave me the news, saying one of my daughter's friends had informed her. She suggested immediate counseling and advised me not to confront my daughter.

I went through my daughter's stuff and found written statements about her cutting. I took her to a counselor and told my daughter that I was aware of the cutting and asked her to give me the knife she was using. When I asked why she was cutting, she said I was overprotective and that she was sad over the recent death of her grandmother.

I have asked her several times if she has stopped cutting and she says yes, but then she gets upset with me. The problem is, I don't trust her anymore. I worry she's lying. How can I be sure? — Scared Mom in Texas

Dear Mom: We know you are afraid, and you should be watchful, but it might help to back off a bit. Your daughter is already seeing a counselor. You should make an appointment, too, and ask the counselor how best to deal with your child.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Alfred," has been gambling for the last 10 years, and his habit is getting progressively worse. I have caught him numerous times, and each time he promises to quit, but then lapses. We have both gone for counseling, together and separately, but he feels he can control his problem. I insisted he go to

Gamblers Anonymous meetings, and he did for about six months, but says he doesn't get anything out of the meetings. He is blind to his addiction.

Alfred has lost approximately \$100,000 in the last 10 years, and I don't see his skills improving. He has even taken \$60,000 out of his 401(k). Each time I catch him, he is contrite and says he won't gamble again. I have now restricted our savings accounts (his suggestion), so only I can withdraw money.

Alfred has lied, cheated and stolen money from me and our savings accounts, but still does not see how serious his problem is. He has opened up credit cards and borrowed money against them. He recently went to a high-interest loan company that charges him 119 percent for a short-term loan, and I've run out of patience.

I still love him. He has a lot of good qualities, and I also need him because I'm mildly disabled. Should I just cut the ties and get a divorce? Our children are grown, and I don't want him draining the last of our retirement money. — Gambler's Wife

Dear Gambler's Wife: First, put some of that retirement money where your husband can't reach it. He isn't ready for help yet, and we can't tell you if he ever will be. You, however, should contact Gam-Anon (gam-anon.org), for friends and relatives of gamblers. The address is: Gam-Anon(R) International Service Office, Inc., P.O. Box 157, Whitestone, N.Y. 11357.

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