



# 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.

"Everybody's funding got cut," Pryor said. "But we're still expected to serve the same number of

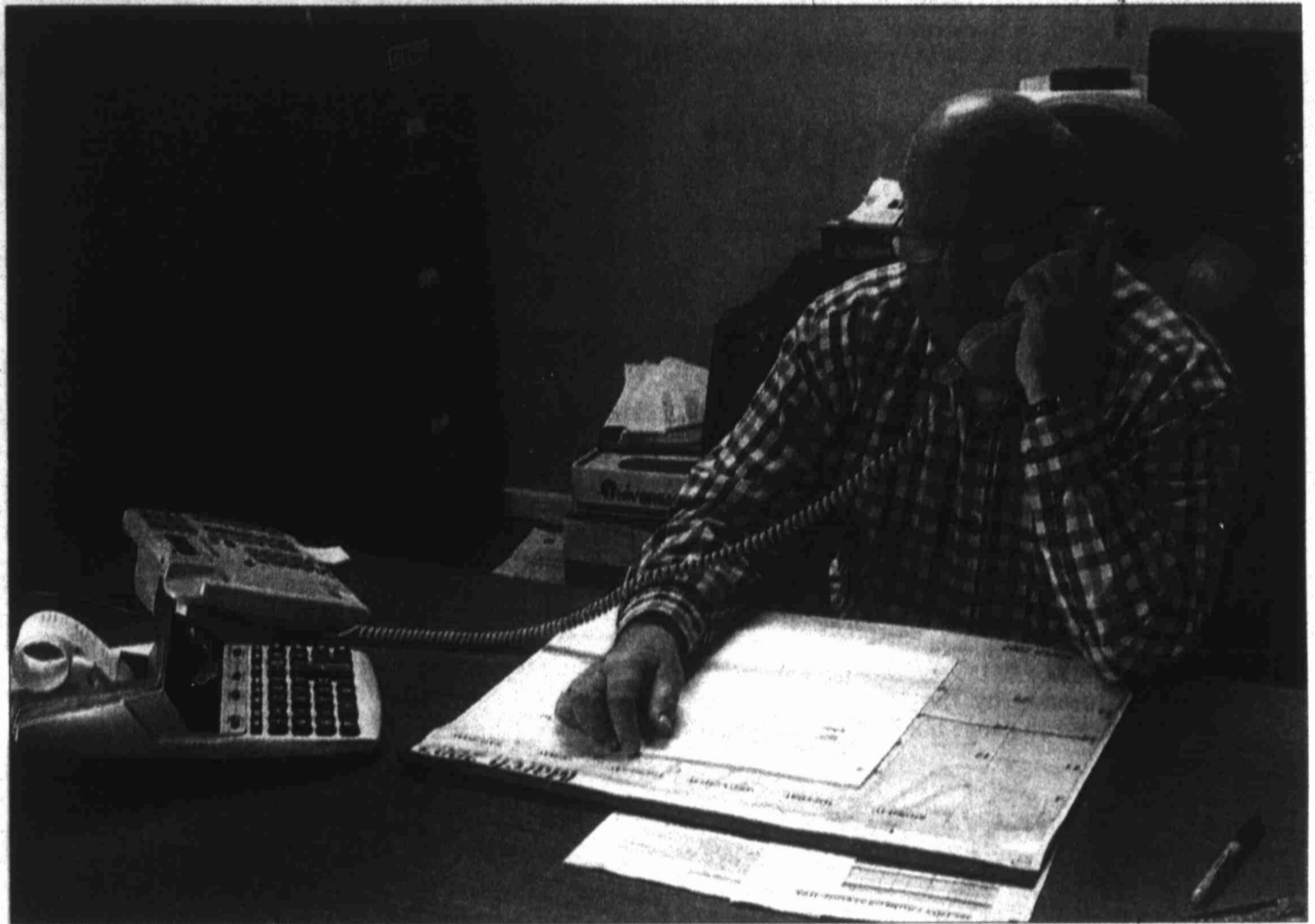
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1. Senior citizens,
2. Persons with documented disabilities,
3. The "working poor."

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.

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## 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](http://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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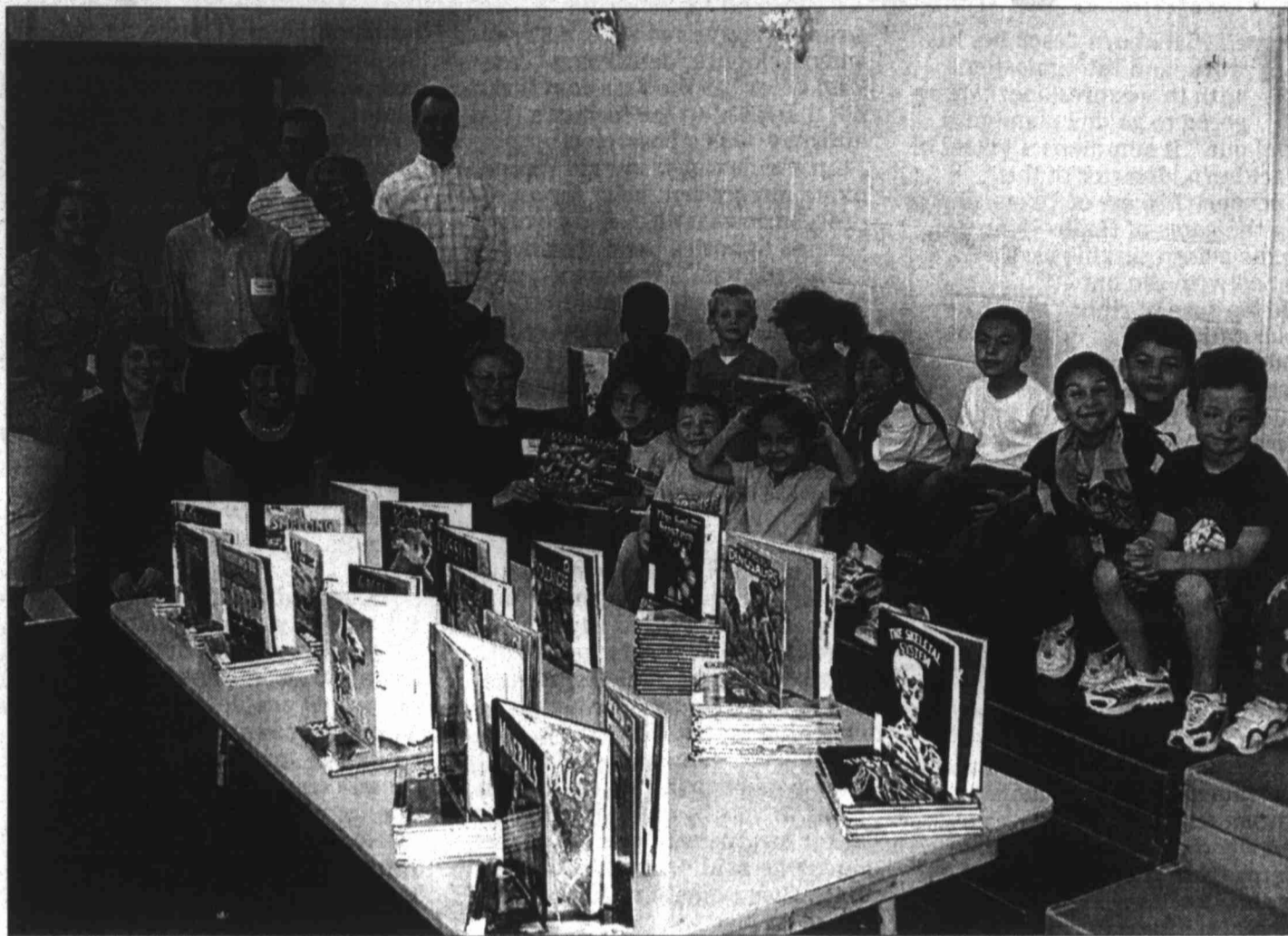
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# GREATER ROTARY CLUB DONATION



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.

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## 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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## AWARD

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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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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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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 16, the 75th day of 2007. There are 290 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 16, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

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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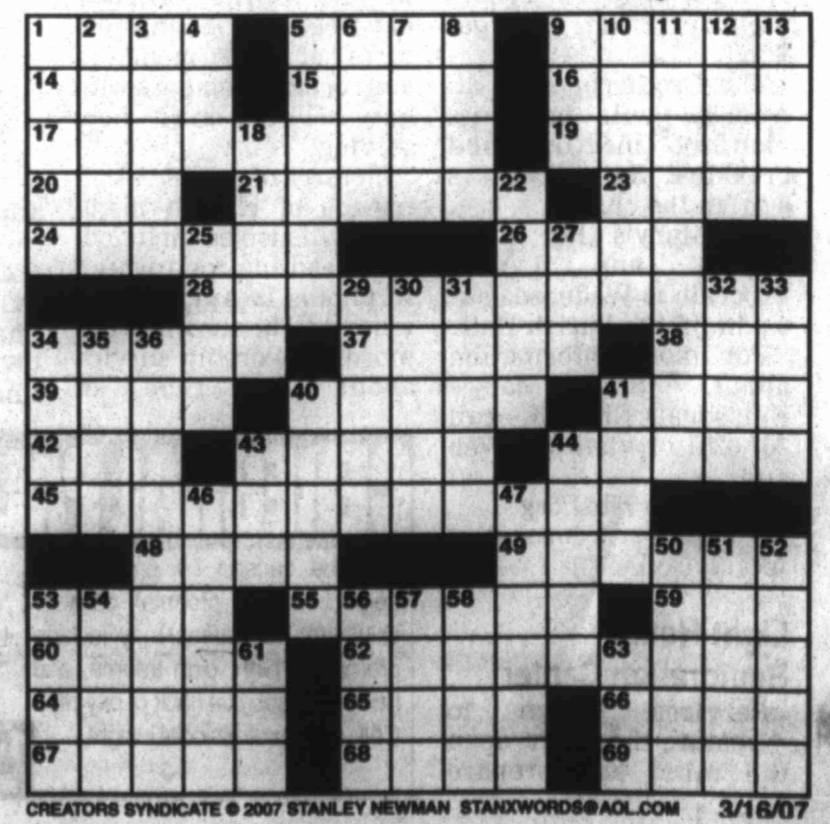
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### IN BRIEF

#### Tim Siegel slates tennis camps

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



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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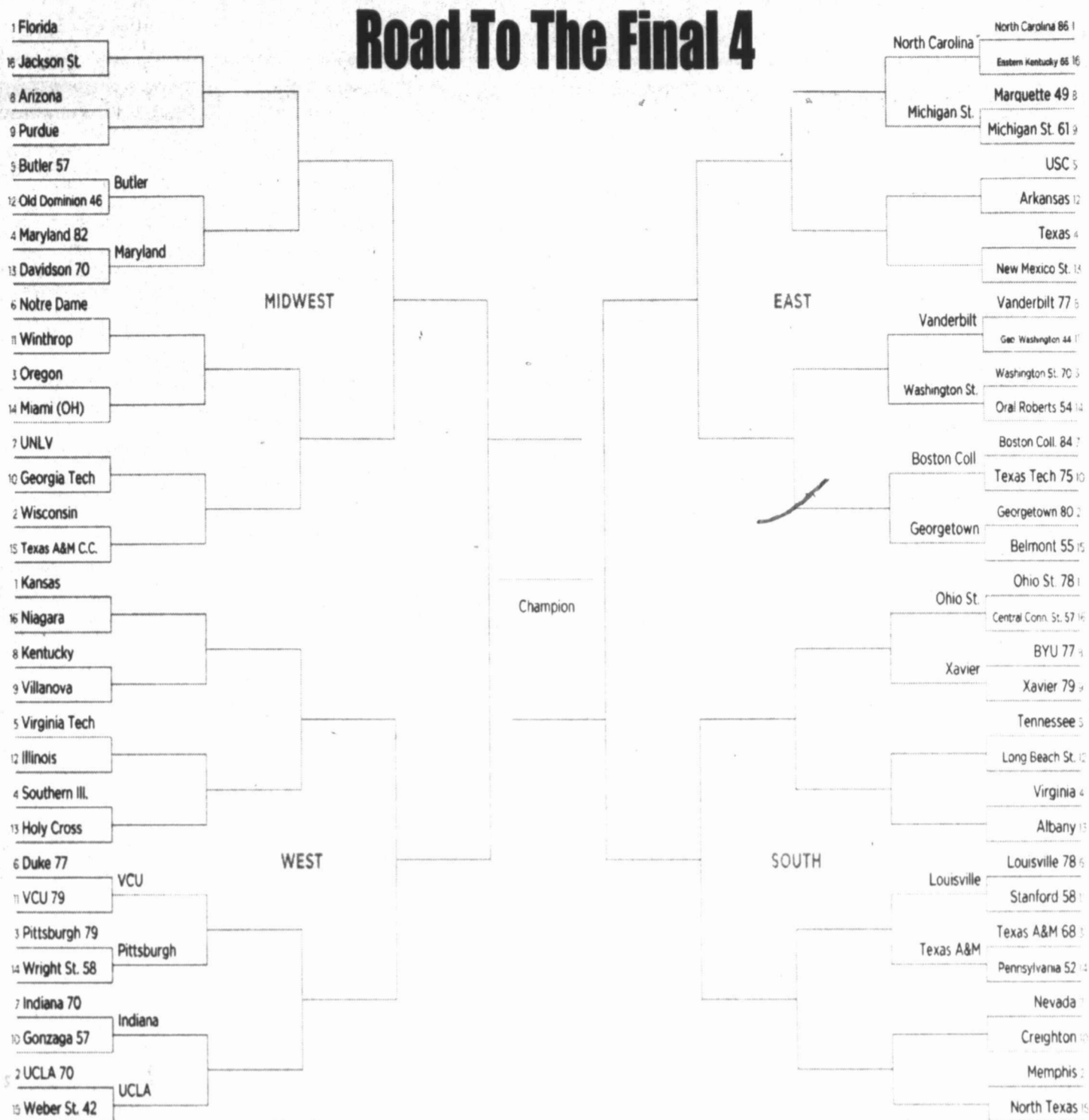
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