

Voters say not to BSISD bond

Incumbents fall in Coahoma election; Stanton ISD bond issue passes

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It was a rough day for bond issues and incumbents in area school district elections Saturday.

Big Spring Independent School District voters resoundingly defeated a proposed \$34 million bond issue, while both Coahoma ISD incumbents lost their bids for re-election in sparse voting Saturday.

The BSISD bond, which would have financed construction of an elementary campus to house all district students in grades 2 through 4, as well as a new roof and science labs at the high school, was overwhelmingly rejected by voters — 743 people voted against the bond, while only 332 voted in favor.

Only 8 percent of the registered voters in the district cast ballots, a result that left BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes

shaking his head.

"The sad thing is that onetwelfth of the voters determined the future for 100 percent of our kids," Downes said. "The education of our youth must be a concern for everyone in our community."

School trustees will canvass election results during a special meeting Thursday.

As for the future, Downes said it is very likely that trustees will call for another bond election in

the near future, maybe even as failed to meet voter approval, early as November.

"This issue is not going to go away," he said. "It is very much a 'pay me now, or pay me later' proposition for the community. Our buildings will only get older and will continue to be a huge strain on the budget ... And with construction costs rising between 8 percent and 17 percent a vear, it will only become more expensive in the future."

While the BSISD bond issue

Stanton Independent School District was able to emerge from Saturday's election with a nod for it's \$9 million project.

Voters overwhelming approved the bond issue with 156 ballots - 80.41 percent of the vote — for the multi-million dollar improvement project and 38 ballots against it.

The funds will finance con-

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City council incumbents re-elected

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

It was a night for municipal incumbents Saturday, as Big Spring City Council Stephanie members Horton and Jo Ann Staulcup held on to their seats through the city election.

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Staulcup, the District 3 incumbent, finished the night with a commanding lead over opponent John "Huck" Huckabee, taking the vote with 130 ballots to the challenger's 91. "I'm grateful to the Lord and the citizens of Big Spring," said Staulcup upon hearing the news of her victory. "I'm grateful to those people that took the time to go to the polls and vote. I think that says a lot about them."

I'm thrilled to serve the people of Big Spring for another three years."

In the District 3, a total of 121 ballots were cast in the contest.

While Staulcup was able to celebrate a decisive victory at the polls, Horton, the District 1 incumbent. faced a much tighter race, finishing the night with 33 ballots to her opponent's 32 ballots.



Staulcup said she sees her new three-year term as something to look forward to.

"I really think it's going to be a very exciting three years," said Staulcup. "Big Spring has really started turning things around and has been to head upward instead of just fading away. I'm very hopeful we'll be able to improve the living conditions in the city, and

"This isn't the first time I've won a race by one vote," said Horton shortly after hearing the results of the race. "In 1993, which was my first election, I won by one vote, so this isn't really anything new to me."

And while Horton was the winner of Saturday night's election, Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said there was a minor glitch in the District 1 race.

"There were two provisional ballots cast in the race," said Bloom. "A provisional ballot is one that's cast by someone that's gone to the polls, but we couldn't find on the list of registered voters.

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Nate Avey, manager of the Porter Henderson Implement Company in Big Spring, taught Garden City students the importance of tractor safety during a day-long program on agricultural safety Wednesday. Student learned various ways to improve their chances for safety on the farm or ranch.

Teaching agricultural safety

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY - In a community where agriculture is the predominant industry, farm and ranch safety is not just preferable, it's downright necessary.

Agricultural safety

became the main topic of Board of Glasscock County, discussion at Garden City schools Wednesday as students learned different ways to avoid unfortunate or tragic accidents on the farm or ranch.

The project, in its first year in Garden City, was devised by Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Youth

said Charlene Belew, county extension agent. It's purpose, she said,

was simple.

here live on a farm or a ranch and in the summertime, many of them work on the farm, so in one aspect or another, they are See **SAFETY**, Page 3

involved in agriculture," Belew said. "We want to let them know about the hazards out there and help them to watch out for those "So many of our kids hazards. It's really an accident prevention program."

A wide variety of sub-



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Council to take up billboard issue

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A moratorium on the rules and regulations governing the use of electronic billboards in the city of Big Spring is just one of the many items the city council is expected to discuss Tuesday evening.

The moratorium, which will be considered in its first reading Tuesday, was first brought to the council in April when city officials advised it may be necessary if the city wants to take a different direction from the state, which has approved the use along state highways.

Recently proposed rule changes by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will redefine lighted billboards in a manner that will permit electronic typically LED — billboards on state highways in certain areas. These electronic billboards, which may not flash or show moving pictures, would be permitted only on state highways inside city limits or within a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction if the city regulates billboards in that area.

Electronic billboards would not be permitted in areas of the state outside of a city or a city's ETJ. Under the proposed rules, electronic billboards may be installed only if the city has approved the billboard by permit or other written permission.

According to officials with the Texas Municipal League, it is unclear in the rules whether the city permit referred to is one specifically for new or upgraded electronic signs, or includes previouslyissued standard billboard permits. Another issue tTML points out is whether TxDOT will issue permits for signs that are conforming under state law but

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Obituaries

Pascuila Hilario Resendez Pascuila Hilario Resendez, 57, of Big



Spring died on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at her residence. Prayer services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joe Torres officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 18, 1950, in St. Paul, Minn.

She came to Big Spring as a young child and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1969. She was a homemaker and enjoyed dancing, family get togethers and playing with her grandchildren.

She was a member of Iglesia Bautista Central.

Survivors include her husband, Juan Estrada of Big Spring; three daughters, Cynthia Resendez Jaird of Lake Dallas, Michelle Resendez Rivas of Dallas and Linda Brito of Big Spring; one son, Jose Brito of Big Spring; five brothers, Victoriano Hilario Jr. of Midland, Ruben Hilario Sr. and Oscar Hilario, both of Big Spring, Richard Hilario of San Antonio and Rolando Hilario of Dallas; three sisters, Rebecca Brito of Big Spring and Magdalena Ledesma and Rachel Perez, both of San Antonio; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Victoriano and Guadalupe Hilario; one son, Juan Estrada; and a nephew, Alfredo Ledesma III.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 3001 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705.

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

Jessie T. 'Bud' Summers Jr., 76, a



formerresident of Forsan, died Saturday, May 3, 2008, in Miami, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at the Forsan Baptist Church.

Mr. Summers was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. He retired from Webb Air Force Base, was a volunteer firefighter, reserve sheriff's deputy, a Shriner and a member of the Masonic Lodge 1340 from 1982 to 1991.

He was a Christian.

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He is survived by his wife, Aluisa of Miami, Fla.; stepson, Alex, and step-daughter Kimayra, both of Miami, Fla.; an identical twin brother, Jim of Arkansas; two sisters, Harriett of Oklahoma and Betty of Richardson; two daughters, Jeri of Georgia and Sonnet of Forsan; two sons, John and Joseph, both of Amarillo; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Dorothy C. Bales

Dorothy C. Bales, 93, of Big Spring died on Sunday, May 11, 2008, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, officiating. She was born Oct. 20, 1914, in Dallas and married James R. "Bo" Bales Nov. 10, 1933, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death Sept. 29, 1987. She grew up in Dallas and later in San Angelo. She owned and operated Coahoma Motel for many years until retiring. She was a Baptist. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Claudine and Jimmy Tucker of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry Don and Toni Bales of Big Spring and Douglas and Lovetta Bales of Irving; 11 grandchildren: and several great-grandchildren.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• **SIMON ZUBIATE**, age not provided, of 1600 Oriole, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant and charged with theft.

• **EDDIE ALVARDO**, 34, of 1405 Virginia, was arrested Saturday on four local warrants.

• **BRYAN J. BARTLETT**, 40, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KATHERINE THAGGARD**, 25, of 202 Arnold, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEVEN E. HAMPTON**, 23, of 2414 Anderson Road, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700; 2300 block of Wasson; and in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **INJURY TO A CHILD** was reported in the 1500 block of Main Street.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia; the 1600 block of Owens; and the 4200 block of Muir

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd; 500 block of Westover Road; and the 1700 block of Monticello.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700; and the 1100 block of Gregg Street.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

Sheriff's report

lowing activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• **DAVID FRANCO**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear – child support.

• JASON HEYER NEUMANN, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention and evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

• **TERRENCE A. YOUNG,** 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana – more than four ounces less than five pounds and bondsman off bond for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• **DEDANETTE HARPER STEWART,** 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.

• EDWARD WAYNE HUGHES, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JOE DEAN PRICE, 66, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance.

• **MAURICIO TORRES**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check and a charge of theft.

• LONNIE GREEN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check, a motion to revoke probation for theft and a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• **HIPOLITO NOGUEZ SOTO**, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to display driver's

Fire/EMS

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

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 19th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the w2600 block of Crestline. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 6500 block of Ratliff Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4300 block of Ratliff Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th Street. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Utah. Service refused.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the 169 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Jane Easterday, March 16, 1999, and by four sisters.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Take Note

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

• 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.



license.

• SIMON ELADIO ZUBIATE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a charge of theft.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the northeast after midnight.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Friday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Saturday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.



THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• 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.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.



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President Bush calls Jenna's wedding 'spectacular'

By DEB RIECHMANN

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WACO – President Bush spent months joking about being a father of the bride, but on Sunday he was downright wistful about giving his daughter Jenna away to her longtime beau.

"Our little girl, Jenna, married a really good guy, Henry Hager," Bush said, standing next Mrs. Bush at an airport in Waco where he boarded Air Force One for his flight back to Washington. "The wedding was spectacular. It's just — it's all we could have hoped for."

Unlike other first family weddings that have been broadcast live, the Bushes didn't share their daughter's nuptials with the nation. The day after, however, they briefly shared their joy.

"The weather cooperated nicelv." Bush said about the wedding at his 1,600-acre Texas ranch. "Justasthevowswereexchanged, the sun set over our lake and it was just a special day and a wonderful day and we're mighty blessed."

A reporter asked the president if he had been up late partying. Bush winked, then turned toward the plane, ignoring a second question about whether the wedding had given the slumping U.S. economy a boost.

In recent days, the White House has dribbled out details about the bride's dress, the ring, the wedding attire and pre-wedding events. It was part of a carefully orchestrated communications strategy to disclose bits of information, but keep the wedding from becoming a media circus.

But it wasn't a complete media blackout. On Sunday, while it disclosed no more details, the White House released 11 photos of the affair at Bush's Prairie Chapel Ranch.

Former President George H.W. Bush, who did a reading during the ceremony with former first lady Barbara Bush, moseyed back to the press section of the plane, but wouldn't dish. He said he dutifully replied "Yes sir!" when he was told not to disclose details.

A White House official confirmed by e-mail at 9:28 p.m. Saturday that Jenna and Henry. the son of the chairman of the Republican Party in Virginia, had been officially hitched.

The post-wedding party ensued. The more than 200 family and friends were entertained by the Tyrone Smith Revue, a 10-piece party band from Nashville, Tenn. The musicians gave the newlyweds what Smith described as a "get down" party. At Tricia Nixon's White House wedding in 1971, President Nixon and his daughter danced to "Thank Heaven for Little Girls." Bush and Jenna glided across the dance floor to "You are so Beautiful" — a ballad made famous by Joe Cocker. The newlyweds danced to "Lovin' in My Baby's Eyes" by Taj Mahal.

The bride and groom were reared in Republican families, but this was a bipartisan ceremony.

Officiating was the Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, an influential minister from Houston and longtime spiritual adviser to the president, who has endorsed Barack Obama.

But while the wedding is now a part of presidential history, it was not a night for politics or publicity.

Millie Martin Bratten, editorin-chief of BRIDES magazine, said the wedding was a letdown for some who craved a Princess Diana-style event. But she said Jenna's wedding might even set a trend for future presidential weddings.

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jects were covered during the day-long program, ranging from the proper way to handle equipment to fire safety to which snakes its best to avoid on

the farm.

Belew said several agencies and individuals helped in the presentation, including the Texas Department of Transportation, which took students through a "rollover simulator' which duplicated what could happen in a vehicle

accident, a fire safety demonstration from the Midland Fire Department and a lecture on snake safety from "Bayou Bob" Poppell, a veteran snake handler.

The keynote speaker during the program was Garden City native Kallie York, who was severely injured when a grain bin fell on her several years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair. Belew said York's address served as both an object lesson on farm safety and to show how one can overcome a tragic accident to lead a

normal life. With many Garden City

students facing a career in agriculture, it is never too early to preach the benefits of safety. Belew said.

'Statistics show that 22,000 youth are injured on a farm or ranch every year — and that's just the inju-

ries that are reported," Belew said. "If we can help those numbers go down, even by one, that will make (the program) successful."

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are non-conforming under a city ordinance.

The moratorium on the issue would begin June 1 and last 180 days.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to consider:

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute project agreements with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

• Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article 10 - 163, Section 13-46 through 13-57. regulating junked vehicles in order to align the definition of junked vehicle with that in state law and amending notice procedures for abatement of junked vehicle nuisances.

Acceptance of McMahon-Wrinkle Project. Airport Development Board minutes for the March 20 meeting.

canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 10 General Election. Also, administration of the oaths of office for the District 1 and District 3 council members.

• Approval of a tax abatement agreement with Western Motels Inc. dba Best Western Inn and authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement.

• First reading of an ordinance amending ordinance No. 2812007 which adopted the annual budget for the city fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2007, and ending Sept. 20, 2008, providing for increasing the general fund budget for the purpose of purchasing property from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

• Approval of a change order to existing contract Utility Service with Company as part of the Water Reservoir Bond

Enterprises Inc. Subdivision, described as a 2.107 acre tract out of the SE/4 of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.

• Approval of a Solid Interlocal Waste Agreement with Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement.

• First reading of an ordinance assessing impound fees and administrative fees to reimburse the city for the cost of towing vehicles associated with the Police Department towing policy as it relates to vehicles and drivers without proof of financial responsibility.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing continued participation with the steering committee of cities serviced by

• Oncor and authorizing the payment of 10 cents per capita to the steering committee to fund regula-• First reading of an ordi- tory and related activities nance approving a final related to Oncor Electric

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the auction of Howard County trustee properties to the highest bidder for cash without reservation.

• First reading of a resolution approving and adopting a curb ramp transition plan.

• First reading of an ordinance granting a partial homestead residence exemption for tax year 2008 and granting a partial residence homestead exemption to any individual who is disabled or age 65 or older.

• First reading of an ordinance providing for an additional 20 percent penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes that remain delinquent July 1 of the year in which they become delinquent.

• Emergency reading of an ordinance imposing a moratorium on applications and permitting for billboard signs in order to allow for review and conCommission to be effective for 180 days beginning June 1, 2008.

• First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article 1, entitled "Unsanitary, Unsightly, Etc. Conditions on Private Premises" by renaming it "Unsanitary, Unsightly and Public Nuisance Conditions on Property," by adding definitions for abate, building, garbage, premises, and undeveloped property; declaring nuisances, making nuisance abatement authority applicable inside the city limits and within 5,000 feet outside the city limits; repealing the administrative lien fee of \$100; adding additional authority to abate weeds more than 48 inches; providing notice and hearing procedures; providing for minimum and maximum penalties forfirst and subsequent offenses; and providing for severability.

sideration of new rules of nance amending Chapter ext. 232 or by e-mail at citelectronic billboards by l, Article 3, of the City Code ydesk@bigspringherald. the Texas Transportation entitled "Police Reserve

Force" by amending Section 1-55 entitled "Basic Qualifications of Applicants" to provide that all members of the Police Reserve Force must meet TCLEOSE licensing standards for reserve officers; and by adding Section 1-68 entitled "Compensation" in order to provide that members of the Police Reserve Force shall be compensated for time spent in training for and in the performance of official duties of the Police Reserve Force.

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to meet with officials from the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. in executive session for the two agency's quarterly update.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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• Emergency ordinance

plat of Paval Hotel Delivery.

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However, if that person insists on voting and we can't confirm they are registered and eligible to vote in the election, we let them cast a provisional ballot.

"At this time I have no idea how either of these

ballots would count in the election, for Horton or for Fernandez. That will be determined only if they are found to be legitimate. However, when these people were casting their ballots the election judges called them in, and we were unable to approve them them, so I seriously doubt they will be counted."

Bloom said a final decision will be made by her office sometime Monday.

In the meantime, Horton said her game plan for the next three years is the same as it's been the past few years.

"I'm going to continue fighting for the people in our community that are less fortunate and can't afford all the things I wish

they could afford," said Horton. "I'll continue to vote against higher taxes and anything that causes the people to have to pay more. They just can't afford it."

While Hofrton was certainly happy with the results of the election, she said she couldn't help but notice the low turnout.

"This is the lowest turn-

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out I've ever seen in this *ydesk@bigspringherald*. district," said Horton.

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struction of a new science wing, auditorium and tennis courts at Stanton High School, along with an eight-classroom wing at the elementary campus.

Coahoma ISD voters apparently were in an antiestablishment mood Saturday, as they denied incumbents Mike Blissard and Dale Coates new threeyear terms on the board of trustees.

Lori Martinez, an official with the First Bank of West Texas, and Power Resources technician Patric Robinson were elected to at-large seats on the board, collecting 187 and 181 votes, respectively. Coates was third in the tally with 103 votes, while Blissard was fourth with 69 votes.

In the race to fill the unexpired term of trustee John Wayne Metcalf, who resigned earlier this year,



Fowler 109 votes to 102 to win a one-year spot on the board. James Sanders was third with 77 votes. One area incumbent won re-election Saturday. Forsan ISD trustee Beckie Wash will be joined by newcomers Tim Ballard

Kirk Allen edged Cindy

and Glenn Graves on the board of trustees, as they were the top vote-getters for three at-large seats.

Ballard and Graves tied with 60 ballots apiece. while Wash was third with 57 votes. Courtney Ballard received 47 votes, while Timi Rosenbaum earned 40 votes.

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OUR VIEWS

BSISD trustees made right call the first time

t's called sticking to your guns. That's exactly what the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees did a couple of years ago when confronted by impassioned pleas from students and parents requesting a change policy that would allow 10 students to participate in graduation ceremonies. Now, however, it appears as if the school board is having second thoughts ... or is at least taking a second look at that decision.

Why? Because more students are failing to pass the exit level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test — almost 20 this year. And that means they cannot, by state law, be allowed to graduate.

Two years ago, statewide the number of students in that situation was 31,000. This year that number has increased to more than 50,000.

Local districts have the option of allowing a student who has not passed the TAKS to participate in graduation ceremonies as long as they passed their local course work, we feel BSISD administrators and board members had the right take on this matter two years ago.

In fact, we find it disturbing that the board would now even be reconsidering their policy.

While Superintendent Michael Downes said the question "really boils down to how you feel about the TAKS test," we couldn't disagree more.

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We have on numerous occasions made it clear in this space our opposition to the state's reliance on TAKS results in determining whether or not our teachers and our schools are doing their job properly. However, we are not necessarily opposed to the concept of exit tests for each course students take. But it really doesn't matter whether or not you approve of the TAKS test or not. It doesn't matter whether the TAKS rest requirements are more rigorous than they used to be. What matters is that it's state law. The district's current policy makes it clear that students in the BSISD must meet state requirements for graduation before they're allowed to participate in commencement exercises. It should stay that way.

Maybe it takes an elitist

have a confession to make: I'm an elitist. I may not have gone to Harvard or Yale and I don't belong to an exclusive club but I'm an elitist nevertheless. Here are my credentials:

Things I don't like — snowmo-

biles, SUVs, chickenfried steak, beer, bowling, pinochle, supermarket tabloids, ultimate fighting, penultimate fighting, reality TV, TV, the National Rifle Association, NASCAR, Rush Limbaugh.

Things I like —

opera, sports cars,



DONALD KAUL

oysters on the halfshell, dry white wine, bridge, baseball, the New Yorker, martinis, theater, the early films of Woody Allen and most of Bob Dylan.

Elitist, through and through. I make no apology for it. It's not easy, becoming an elitist, particularly when you're not born to it. I come from a working-class, immigrant family on the near-northwest side of Detroit. The things I now like were foreign to them, and to me for that matter. I had to learn to like them.

You think I went to college so I could learn to bowl? I went to college so I could become someone else, preferably Melvyn Douglas or William Powell, the guy in the tuxedo who was always talking on a white telephone, which the waiter had brought to his table.

You don't get there by playing a mean hand of pinochle.

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You get there by hard work. You think it's easy, learning to like martinis (which on first taste are indistinguishable from anti-freeze)? Or, mv God, raw ovsters?

It's not a task for the faint-hearted, but it's worth the effort. Once vou're a card-carrying member of the elite you can run with the best and brightest, or the rich and famous, without making a fool of yourself. (I must admit, however, that I haven't yet had a tuxedo-clad waiter bring a white telephone to my table. I guess I have to start hanging out in better diners.)

I tell you all of this to help you understand the rage I feel when I hear Barak Obama being called an elitist as though it's a bad thing. John McCain has been particularly snotty about it, saying "elitist" as though it's a dirty word. This from a son and grandson of admirals.

In former times people enjoyed looking up to their presidents and we had presidents like Washington and Jefferson, Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt.

Now we want them to be our nextdoor neighbors and we get Carter. Clinton and the Bushes.

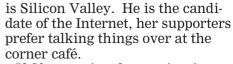
The nomination battle between Hillary and Barak has declined into



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If Obama wins the nomination. the choice will be even more stark. John McCain is stuck back in the 19th century. His political philosophy is an amalgam of an imperialist foreign policy and a laissez-faire economic style. He doesn't have a single idea William McKinley wouldn't have been happy with.

And yet the election might well hinge on whose pastor we like the best.

We don't have time for this nonsense. We need an energy policy that confronts the serious energy problems we face, one that dovetails with the environmental concerns that are reaching crisis proportion.

We need a transportation policy, one that takes our energy and environmental policies into consideration, one that finds a prominent place for mass transit.

We need a foreign policy that makes sense. This taking on the entire Middle East, one war at a time, just isn't working out.

We need national health insurance.

In short, we need a president who will stop clinging to a largely imaginary past and embrace the future.

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Letting students "walk the stage" when they haven't qualified to graduate is simply affording them something they haven't earned.

Regardless of what reason one could give for allowing non-graduates to participate in graduation ceremonies, it would be a disservice to all involved — to graduates who've earned the right to participate, but perhaps an even bigger failing for the students in question.

We still believe changing the policy would actually give students who do not graduate less incentive to return to school to get their diploma.

We can't help but remember that school board meeting two years ago when a student who'd failed to pass the exit test asked to be able to participate in commencement told trustees that they had "worked just as hard as our classmates ... They just passed one more test than we did. One or two tests shouldn't keep us from walking the stage."

On the contrary. Perhaps there's no better time for these students and others to learn that working as hard as others, while important, is not the bottom line in life.

Whether or not one makes the grade does.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are only human, thank You, Lord, for Your understanding.

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Want to reduce your taxes? Get rich

hen it comes to cutting taxes for the wealthy. President Bush can truly say, "Mission accomplished." The richest 1 percent of Americans received about \$491 billion in tax breaks between

2001 and 2008. That's nearly the same amount as U.S. debt held by China -\$493 billion — in the form of Treasury securities.

Do you want our government to mortgage more of our nation's future to finance tax breaks for the rich? Tax cuts have already helped the wealthiest 1 percent -

whose annual incomes average about \$1.5 million — increase their share of the nation's income to a

higher level than any year since 1928 on the eve of the Great Depression.

Wall Street's five biggest firms paid "a record \$39 billion in bonuses for 2007, a year when three of the companies suffered the worst quarterly losses in their history" and are eliminating thousands of jobs as losses mount from the subprime mortgage market collapse, reports Bloomberg.

The International Monetary Fund says the United States is in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. Yet, we are borrowing money with interest to finance tax cuts for Wall Street executives.

For Americans below the top 1 percent, the tax cuts have been a giant swindle. The bottom 99 percent of taxpayers were left with a bill of \$3.74 in debt for every \$1 in federal tax cuts from 2001 to 2006. reports Citizens for Tax Justice. Only the top 1 percent came out ahead.

Meanwhile, the federal budgets for environmental protection and housing for the elderly have been slashed more than 20 percent since 2001, adjusted for inflation, the **Community Development Block** Grant budget is down 32 percent, and the lack of health insurance is an epidemic. Most households aren't even earning as much as they did in 1999, adjusting for inflation. But the 400 taxpayers with the highest incomes doubled their incomes between 2002 and 2005.

According to the latest IRS data, which excludes tax-exempt interest income from state and local government bonds, the richest 400 taxpayers reported an average \$214 million each on their federal income tax returns in 2005 — up from \$104 million in 2002. As the Wall Street Journal observed, "It's also important to remember that these figures don't represent wealth or even lifetime earnings — merely income for a single year."

Thanks to tax cuts, it's now common for the nation's richest bosses to pay taxes at a lower rate than workers. The 400 richest taxpayers paid only 18 percent of their income in federal individual income taxes in 2005 --- down from 30 percent in 1995. "The drop in effective tax rates for the top 400 filers." the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports, "worked out to a tax reduction of \$25 million per filer in 2005." It would take 673 average workers earning \$37,149 a year to reach \$25 million today.

While tax cuts help the superrich compete over who has the biggest

submarine-carrying superyacht, Katrina survivors are being hit with foreclosures, and neglected levees and bridges around the country are a disaster waiting to happen. Most of the provisions of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts are scheduled to expire at the end of 2010. President Bush wants to make them permanent. The richest 1 percent of households would receive nearly \$1.2 trillion in tax cuts from 2009 through 2018, reports the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. How much is \$1.2 trillion? More than all the debt accumulated in the nearly 200 years from George Washington through Ronald Reagan's first two years in office. That's before adding interest payments on the borrowed \$1.2 trillion.

Tax cuts for the wealthy fuel rising inequality along with rising debt and neglect.

Taxpayers with annual incomes above \$1 million in fiscal year 2012, for example, would increase their after-tax income by 7.5 percent thanks to an average tax cut of \$162,000. The poorest 20 percent of taxpayers would get an average tax cut of \$45 — and decaying public services.

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama promise to end the tax breaks for the wealthy. Republican candidate John McCain wants to extend them.

What do you want?

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It's hard to beat a dish that's beautiful, flavorful, nutritious and easy to prepare. This week's recipe earns high marks in all four categories and takes advantage of seasonal asparagus - now at its peak at most farmers' markets. Combined with fresh thyme, fragrant lemon and juicy tomatoes, our roasted halibut is sure to become a family favorite.

Halibut, a firm fish with mild flavor, is an under-rated flatfish that is often overlooked for the more expensive members of its family - sole and turbot. When prepared properly, halibut is slightly sweet and supple. It's a great choice for dining alfresco. When buying halibut, the fillets should be white and springy to the touch.

While asparagus is available year round, it is most tender during spring and early summer. Dubbed the "king of vegetables" by King Louis XIV of France, this versatile veggie is an excellent source of folate and also provides vitamins A and C. Choose straight stalks with closed, tight tips and a bright green color. Many cooks also prefer thicker spears, which are often more tender than the thinner ones. Once purchased, asparagus should be eaten quickly. If you need to store it, place the stalks in the coldest part of the refrigerator, standing upright in a shallow cup of water.

Halibut is an ideal choice for this recipe because it is well suited to strong seasonings, like thyme. The aromatic herb, scented with notes



of mint and lemon, has historically been regarded as an antiseptic and disinfectant. Cultivated in southern Europe, thyme is the darling of French cuisine and a favorite ingredient in Julia Child's kitchen.

Asparagus, Thyme and Tomato Halibut

1 lb. fresh asparagus

1 3/4 cups of cherry tomatoes, halved Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste 4 sprigs fresh thyme

- 4 (4 oz.) halibut fillets
- Juice of 1 lemon

1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil 1 Tbsp. fresh dill (optional)

4 lemon slices (as garnish)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Trim asparagus and lay on bottom of a medum-sized baking dish. Scatter cherry tomatoes on top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Lay thyme sprigs on top. Place halibut on the bed of asparagus. Combine lemon juice and olive oil and drizzle over halibut. Sprinkle with additional salt and pepper, if desired. Roast uncovered for 18 to 20 minutes, or until fish is done.

Sprinkle with dill, if desired. Serve with sliced lemon.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 190 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 8 g carbohydrates, 27 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 210 mg sodium.

Q: I've noticed that milk is cited as a primary source of vitamin D. Is this true of other dairy products too?

A: Food sources that naturally supply vitamin D – a vitamin that is critical in helping our bodies properly use calcium - are limited. Among them: egg yolks, certain types of wild fatty fish and whole milk. In the U.S., some foods, including reduced-fat and nonfat milk, are fortified to supply vitamin D as well. Whole, reduced-fat and nonfat milk are all categorized as good sources of vitamin D, supplying 100 International Units (IU) per 8-ounce cup, or 25 percent of the recommended

Daily Value (DV). Although yogurt and cheese are good sources of calcium, they are usually not good sources of vitamin D.

Cheese, for example, typically contains from 0 to 12 IU of vitamin D. So unless it is labeled as fortified with D, don't count on it to help you meet your daily needs. Traditionally, yogurt is not fortified with this vitamin either, but several KAREN companies have recently started adding COLLINS it to at least some of their product lines. MS, RD, CDN To see whether your choice is fortified

with vitamin D, check the Nutrition Facts panel of the package. If D is added, it will

typically provide 20 to 25 percent of the DV per standard serving.

Q: Why are patients with diverticulosis advised to eat more fiber but avoid nuts and seeds?

A: Diverticulosis is a condition in which the colon develops small pouches (diverticula) that bulge outward, apparently from pressure inside the colon resulting from constipation. Most people with diverticulosis never have any discomfort or symptoms.

The goal of dietary "dos" and "don'ts" is to avoid complications, such as diverticulitis, in which the pouches become painfully inflamed. A high-fiber diet (generally at least 20 to 35 grams a day) is a definite "do" as fiber keeps stool soft and lowers pressure inside the colon so that bowel contents can move through easily. Doctors frequently advise patients with diverticulosis to avoid those foods which could potentially enter and irritate the diverticula, including: nuts; popcorn; sunflower, pumpkin, caraway and sesame seeds; and even fruits and vegetables with seeds. However, no scientific studies support the need for this latter measure. In fact, according to the National Institutes of Health, eating a high-fiber diet is the only step needed and eliminating specific foods is not necessary. Of course, we all react differently to foods, so if nuts or seeds create symptoms for you, avoid them.

Q: Is steel-cut oatmeal more nutritious than other varieties?

A: No. All forms of oatmeal are whole-grain choices that supply the same vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and fiber, including the soluble fiber known for lowering blood cholesterol. Traditional oatmeal is referred to as rolled oats, because the whole-grain oats are softened by steam and flattened on rollers to form flakes. Steelcut oats, also known as Irish or Scotch oatmeal, are

Like it or not, folks, a healthy diet is crucial

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Plain and simple: a healthy diet is crucial in warding off ailments like heart disease and cancer.

People don't doubt this truth. but manv choose not to act on it anyway. It's tough to limit candy, chips and red meat from our diet because for so long we have associated those foods with rewards and feelings of well being. Luckily, it is never too late to renovate your diet and make healthier decisions. But before you assume complete responsibility for what goes in your mouth, think twice-- your social circles may have more to do your the eating choices than you think. Odds are, your best friend is not spoon-feeding you ice cream at the neighborhood Memorial Day barbecue, and your nephew certainly isn't asking you to dip into his Halloween candy. Yet the people we interact with every day have a lot to do with what we eat. Think about the big events yearround: New Years Eve, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Superbowl Sunday, for

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vou may volunteer to bake cookies for a Christmas bake sale at your child's

example. For one occasion, for dessert. Prepare and bring low-calorie dishes to holiday gatherings, like a tossed salad with raspberschool — and wind up eat- ry vinaigrette or minestroing several of the treats ne loaded with veggies and yourself. Or maybe you beans. Instead of hiding hand out treats to trick-or- away from the festivities, fill up on fruits and veggies, and enjoy a small portion of the must-have treats. Better yet, think of a plan of action before the event takes place. Eat more of the low-calorie foods available so you have limited room for a bit of the treats vou simply can't resist. Have a healthy snack beforehand, like vegetable juice, fruit or whole grain crackers, so you won't

gorge at the gathering. Literally look at the food that is going into your mouth so you don't get distracted and eat more than vou intend.

It's unrealistic to expect to never slip and have a

treaters on Halloween but end up munching on the candy between knocks at your door.

Even when the holiday season is over, we are sometimes tempted to eat poorly when around others. Dinner parties, birthdays and baby showers occur frequently and yearround. Typically, events like these feature casseroles, and even edible party favors. But never fear — there is a way to attend social events without falling out of good eating habits.

Start by picking out the foods and treats you absolutely cannot live without. Keep in mind you can buy candy corn year round. along with the other sweets you might think are only available once a year. Instead of bingeing on pumpkin pie, eat moderate amounts of the Thanksgiving entrée items so you won't want more than a modest slice of pie

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thick slice of cake, or eat one too many dinner rolls at a restaurant. However, by using some of these ways to stay on track most of the times you attend a social event or when you host one yourself, you will have better overall success sticking to a healthy diet while enjoying the companv of those around vou. Isn't that really the point of social events anyway?

whole-grain oats that have been cut by steel blades into small pieces without being flattened. Quick-cooking (one-minute) and instant oatmeal are steamed, cut and flattened into progressively smaller pieces to cook more quickly. The real differences between oatmeal varieties are their cooking times and textures. Steel-cut oats take longest to cook and have a more hearty, chewy texture. Instant oatmeal, which cooks fastest, may appear to have a lower fiber content than other types, but this is deceiving because a single packet usually makes a smaller serving. The nutritional disadvantage of instant oatmeal products is not their fiber or whole grain content, but the higher sodium, sugar and calorie values that these products typically contain per serving.

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<u>Texas News Briefs</u> 18-year old arrested in stabbing of 14-year-old

HARLINGEN (AP) — Police say more arrests are possible in the stabbing death of a 14-year-old boy last week.

An 18-year-old Harlingen man was arrested on a murder charge. A police spokesman said Sunday that his name has not been released.

A police officer on patrol noticed a large disturbance Friday night, according to a news release.

"(The police officer) noticed a large group and what looked like a fight," police spokesman David Osborne told the Valley Morning Star. "As soon as he pulled up on the scene, everybody started running away."

The boy, who had a puncture wound in his abdomen, tried to stagger away but fell. He was taken to Valley Baptist Medical Center, where he died.

Two adults who had been stabbed were also treated at the hospital, officials said.

"An investigation was immediately under way after the incident, and based on witness statements, we were able to secure a murder warrant for the 18-yearold male," Osborne said. "He is now in police custody and is being charged with murder."

More arrests were still possible in what Osborne called "a very quickly developing case."

Elderly couple die after car goes into Tyler pond

TYLER (AP) — Tyler police say an elderly couple died after their car sped down a residential street and drove through the yards of two homes before plunging into a pond.

Neighbor Doug Marshall says he jumped into the water Sunday night to try to rescue the couple, but that he could not find their car once the headlights went out.

Police who arrived also went into the water and managed to locate the vehicle.

Police spokesman Don Martin overnight identified the pair as Jake and Betty Smith of Tyler. Martin said the victims were believed to be in their late 70s or early 80s.

Martin says the vehicle also hit a tree before going into the pond.

It was not immediately clear what caused the accident.

New mayor in Dallas suburb to target illegal immigrants

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CARROLLTON (AP) — A newly elected mayor near Dallas says his top priority will be ridding his suburb of illegal immigrants, the same focus that has drawn national attention in a neighboring city.

But Ron Branson said Carrollton will not simply copy the blueprint of Farmers Branch, where an ordinance barring apartment rentals to most illegal immigrants has been put on hold by a federal judge. "I do not want to rubber-stamp what they did," Branson said in Monday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "We want to make sure we're not profiling. we're following the law, and take advantage of ordinance opportunities." The victory by Branson in Saturday's election gives Dallas neighboring suburbs with mayors who share a common goal of driving out illegal immigrants in their cities.

on Saturday elected Tim O'Hare, who as a city councilman pushed for one of the country's most sweeping anti-illegal immigration measures by a local government.

Farmers Branch residents endorsed a rental ban 2-to-1 last May, but enforcement of the ordinance has been blocked by a federal judge until legal challenges are resolved. Branson said Carrollton should not implement similar ordinance now, but should be prepared to do so if courts clear the way.

Brandon said he also planned to visit regularly with O'Hare, who said he welcomed the meetings.

Allan Saxe, political science professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, said the election of the two new mayors shows that illegal immigration continues to resonate with voters.

But Saxe said he doesn't believe the elections will effect much change because the cities are already availing themselves of available federal programs.

"I don't think it will have great reverberations outside the area, except those members of Congress that represent those areas will take notice of it," Saxe said.

Mining company seeks billions to pay creditors

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The allegations of Arizona-based mining company Asarco LLC against its Mexican parent are like the tale of a mine: its new owner stripped it of its most valuable assets and left behind a fragile shell.

Asarco's fight to recover begins Monday with the start of the trial of a multi-billion dollar civil lawsuit against its Mexican owners — one of the country's wealthiest families.

On the line will be a chance for a long list of Asarco's creditors — western states struggling to clean up polluted sites, asbestos victims, bond creditors and more — to get paid.

Asarco is seeking more than \$10.5 billion from Americas Mining Corp. in the form of the return of a stake it had in two lucrative Peruvian copper mines and the \$1.7 billion dividends it collected in recent years from those mines.

"We hope this fund can be used in great part to clean up many of the sites across the West," said G. Irvin Terrell, lead attorney for Asarco, who is essentially representing Asarco's creditors.

Both companies are subsidiaries of Grupo Mexico, a mining conglomerate headed by German Larrea. In addition to mining interests from Mexico to Chile that make it the world's third-largest copper producer, Grupo Mexico also controls the country's largest railroad. Forbes ranked Larrea at No. 127 on its list of the world's billionaires with a fortune estimated at \$7.3 billion.

Larrea, chief executive of Grupo Mexico and AMC, is expected to testify. The trial has been scheduled for four weeks before U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen. Asarco claims Grupo Mexico, which acquired Asarco in 1999, knew that it faced potential liabilities exceeding \$1 billion over asbestos claims as well as environmental cleanup of 20 Superfund sites around the U.S. So Grupo Mexico transferred one of Asarco's most valuable assets — the Peruvian copper mines — to its mining arm AMC to protect it from being used to pay thousands of creditors. Asarco alleges that Grupo Mexico used its control of all the parties involved to Contrac By Steve Becker From Darkness Into Light trumps followed by the queen of hearts, losing to East's king. East North dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH then returned a diamond to South's **♦**Q92 ace. Declarer thereupon led a heart to ♥ÀJ9762 the ace in the following position, ♦ J 10 5 2 thinking that even if the hearts broke 4-1, he would still have a diamond WEST finesse to fall back on: EAST North **•** 10 8 5 3 ♥AJ9 ♥10543 ♥K ♦Q97 **♦**64 ♦ J 10 5 **•**J98732 ♣AKQ1065 West East SOUTH ♥1054 ♣AKQ106 🕈 A K J 7 6 4 ♦Q9 ♥Q 8 ♣J • A K 8 3 South ♣4 **†**76 ♥8 The bidding: West • K 8 3 North East South Pass 5♥ 2 🗭 Unfortunately, South's worst Dble 4 🐥 Pass 5 🔶 fears were realized when both red Pass 6 🗭 6 ♦ Pass suits misbehaved, and he finished Pass 6 🔶 down one. But he would have made Opening lead — seven of clubs. the slam had he carried his thinking a A fine declarer takes nothing for bit further and first cashed both of his granted. He does not rely on a promtrumps in the diagramed position, discarding two diamonds from dummy. West would have been ising line of play without first seeking an alternate approach that offers hopelessly squeezed in that case. an even better prospect of success. Actually, the squeeze was certain Consider this deal where South got to six spades. East's two-club bid to succeed after East, who had indiwas conventional and showed a mincated six clubs during the bidding, imum opening bid with at least a sixlater showed up with four spades. card club suit. The rest of the bidding This meant West would have to followed normal lines. guard both red suits, a burden he West led a club, ruffed in dummy, could not have survived if two more and declarer played four rounds of trumps had been led.

underpay for the mines and leave Asarco effectively broke. Asarco, which operates three mines and a smelter in Arizona, as well as a copper refinery in Amarillo, filed for bankruptcy in August 2005.

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The U.S. Department of Justice initially moved to block the transfer, but eventually negotiated an agreement with Grupo Mexico that required it to pay \$765 million, including \$100 million to set up an environmental trust fund to pay claims.

San Antonio woman charged in newborn's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman charged with killing her newborn and then hiding the baby's body in a halfway house dryer had a history of abandoning children, according to court records.

Alicia Gina Carranza, 23, was arrested Friday and charged with capital murder after residents of Victory Home discovered the baby's body early Friday evening. Her bond has been set at \$500,000.

Records show that Carranza was arrested and charged in 2006 with two felony counts of child abandonment. While court records show she was sentenced in that incident this January, they don't indicate what the sentence was.

Police said Carranza secretly gave birth to the baby girl at the halfway house sometime between midnight and 7 p.m. Friday. No one at Victory House — which prohibits pregnant residents — knew Carranza was pregnant, police said.

"After giving birth, she admitted to detectives that she actually smothered the child," San Antonio Police Officer Joe Rios told the San Antonio Express-News for its Sunday editions.

Women working in the laundry room found the baby's body after noticing bloody towels sticking out of a dryer that had been used for storage because it was not operating.

Investigators linked Carranza to the baby after noticing that her bedsheets were covered in blood. Residents also reported a large amount of blood in the women's restroom.

Carranza first told investigators that her menstrual cycle had started, but later confessed to giving birth, suffocating the child and placing her in a dryer, police said.

Carranza was taken to a hospital, where she remained Sunday afternoon. It was not immediately clear whether she had an attorney.

San Antonio voters approve visitor tax

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Voters in San Antonio on Saturday approved four proposals to use visitor taxes to fund \$415 Bexar County voters decided to extend a 1.75 percent tax on hotel rooms and a 5 percent tax on short-term car rentals to fund four separate propositions: improvements to the San Antonio River, new youth and amateur athletic facilities, renovations of arts centers and upgrades to rodeo grounds and arenas, including the AT&T Center.

The proposals for river improvements and work on new youth facilities were each approved with more than 70 percent of the vote, according to final unofficial returns. About 65 percent of voters approved renovation of arts centers. The closest proposal was a 57-43 percent vote in favor of rodeo grounds and arena upgrades.

The Bexar County venue tax was originally approved in 1999 to help pay for the AT&T Center, where the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs play.

Five bodies, including 3 children, found in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Police were still trying to determine what happened to five people, including three young children, whose bodies were found Saturday afternoon in a home in rural northeast Houston.

Although a .22 caliber rifle was found in the lap of an adult male, whose body was found on the porch, police declined to speculate on whether this might have been a murder-suicide, saying it was still early in their investigation. Besides the gun, shell casings were found around his body, police said.

Houston police Sgt. John Chomiak said investigators believed all five people lived in the home. Neighbors said the five people were a husband, wife and their three children.

Police did not immediately release the identities of the victims.

The bodies of a woman between 20 and 30 years old and a boy thought to be about 10 were found in one part of the home, Chomiak said.

The bodies of a boy thought to be between 3 and 5 and a girl believed to be between 4 and 6 were found in another part of the home, described by authorities as a simple. A wooden fence and large trees in the front block a view of the home from the street.

Houston police Lt. Dan Harris said a neighbor became concerned after seeing one of the family's bulls running around unattended.

The neighbor went to the front gate and spotted the remains of an adult male, believed to be between 20 and 30, on the porch.

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Mental health workers criticize state's care of sect children

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mental health workers sent to help care for the women and children removed from a polygamist sect's West Texas ranch are criticizing Child Protective Services, saying the state's decision to seek custody of the children was unnecessary and traumatizing.

In a set of unsigned written reports made at the request of their regional governing board, workers with Hill Country Community Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center said that the CPS investigation of suspected child abuse and its decision to seek state custody of all 464 children punmothers who ished appeared to be good parents of healthy, emotionally normal kids, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"The mothers are incredibly loving and patient with the children. The children were well-socialized and well-behaved and interacted willingly and happily with us," one wrote.

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NATION

Clinton outwardly confident, even as hopes dim

By MATT APUZZO

Associated Press Writer ELEANOR. W.Va. -Hillary Rodham Clinton was just warming up the crowd in a cramped and muggy middle school gymnasium when she switched her pronouns.

"All the kitchen table issues that everybody talks to me about are ones that the next president can actually do something about." Clinton said Sunday night, "if he actually cares about it."

The word hung in the air only for a moment.

"More likely, if she cares about it," she added.

Was it a dramatic turn of phrase or a slip of the tongue? A way to spotlight gender on Mother's Day or a sign that the public she has brought her mothdoubts about her campaign have taken root?

West Virginia is expected to deliver Clinton a big win Tuesday, but her campaign is not as confident as it once was. In the week since Democratic rival Barack Obama trounced her in North Carolina, Clinton has been closely watched for signs that her campaign's dwindling hopes have gotten to her.

For instance, she has eased off her pointed jabs at Obama. She has pledged anew that she would support the Democratic nominee "no matter what happens."

On Sunday, daughter Chelsea introduced her in er to the stage as "the next president of the United States." Sunday she added the word "hopefully."

Clinton rejects any suggestion that she's dropping out of the race. She used campaign stops Sunday to remind voters of women who didn't give up in difficult situations, who fought for equal rights, broke into male-dominated professions and succeeded when others told them to quit.

She quoted Eleanor Roosevelt, telling supporters: "A woman is like a tea bag. You never know strong she is until she is in hot water."

Earlier in the day, she West Virginia. In the past, read letters from support-

ers urging her not to give McCain. up, despite campaign math that's nearly impossible to work out in her favor.

Looking only at West Virginia, this should be a confident time for the New York senator. She remains strong among workingclass white voters, women and older Americans. Those demographics are expected to carry her to a triumph Tuesday and another in Kentucky next week.

But Obama has a commanding lead in pledged delegates and has erased her lead among superdelegates, the party leaders who can side with any candidate. Obama is focusing on the general election against Republican John

Clinton's last best hope is to use strong showings in West Virginia and Kentucky to make the case that Obama is weak among key Democratic constituents.

"Why can't Senator Obama beat Senator Clinton in West Virginia? Voters there have heard that he's the presumptive nominee," Clinton campaign strategist Howard Wolfson said on "Fox News Sunday." "They've seen the great press he's gotten in the past couple of days. Let's let them decide. They have an opportunity. They want to end this on Tuesday, they're perfectly capable of it."

White House adviser to Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton, said in an AP Broadcast interview in San Francisco, "She says 'full steam ahead,' (but) her problem is that she's running out of track."

"She was the inevitable nominee and I think they misjudged what they were up against," Gergen added. "Along comes this phenomenon named Barack Obama and upsets everybody's calculations. The real problem in the (Clinton) campaign was that they weren't adaptable, they were not able to change game plan right in the middle once it looked like they had a real fight on their hands."

David Gergen, former

McCain hopes to attract young voters by not trying too hard

By MARTHA IRVINE

AP National Writer

CHICAGO — He's a Republican, for starters. He describes himself as "older than dirt." And he makes no apology for an Iraq war that is especially unpopular on college campuses.

Doesn't sound like a recipe for winning the hearts of young voters. And yet John McCain has vowed to make a serious play for that's often identified with "Obama-mania."

grandfather possibly have a shot?

Several polls, including a recent AP-Ipsos survey, show Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton faring far better with that age bracket when pitted individually against McCain.

But in the last month or so, there've been blips in

the 18- to 29-year-old crowd McCain's favor. One recent AP-Yahoo News poll found that 38 percent of 18- to Could the 71-year-old 29-year-olds supported McCain, while 37 percent were for Obama.

> When pitted against Clinton, it was McCain 43 percent, Clinton 28 percent. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

> The varying outcomes may indicate the difficulty pollsters have in getting a good sample of youth, par

ticularly when many have cell phones and no land lines. Some political scientists also note that young voters have historically been among the most "fickle" or "soft" — more willing than some to change their

tion. Either way, McCain is seizing the opportunity to challenge the Democrats for a group that hasn't gone strongly Republican since the Ronald Reagan

minds right up to the elec-

era.

McCain appeared on MSNBC's "Hardball" college tour with commentator Chris Matthews. He has launched his own YouTube channel and various social networking pages — though, so far, his numbers of "friends" and supporters on Facebook and MySpace are far fewer than Obama's. (Clinton is somewhere between the two.)

So far, one political ana- record."

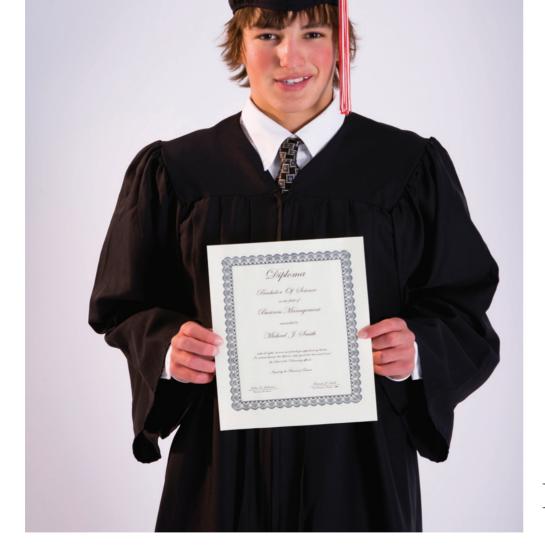
lyst says, McCain has managed to avoid looking like he's trying too hard to be hip.

"He's not going to blow the saxophone on MTV or talk about boxers or briefs," says Christopher Malone, an associate professor of political science at Pace University in New York. "But that's part of the allure. There's a real dignity about him in terms of his patriotism and war

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IN BRIEF

Forsan All-Sports Banquet set for 7 p.m. today

Forsan High School has scheduled its annual All-Sports Banquet for 7 p.m. May 12th at the Roberts Dora Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office.

High school athletes do not require a ticket.

Coahoma Athletic Banquet to be held Tuesday

The Coahoma Booster Club is holding its annual athletic banquet Tuesday to recognize the accomplishments of all Bulldogs and Bulldogettes athletes.

The banquet is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at the door.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic set

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17-18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

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Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to

BIG HERALD

Hawks upset in Region V opener

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor LUBBOCK – Entering the NJCAA Region V basetournament ball in

Lubbock Sunday, Howard's Hawks were considered one of the favorites to be the last team standing at the end of the bracket.

However, when a baseball team records as many errors as it does hits, it's hard to beat anybody.

second-seeded The Hawks were run-ruled in the opening game of the tournament, 12-4, by Cisco Junior College's Wranglers in seven innings.

"Defense has been our Achilles' heel all season long and it really bit us today," Howard Head Coach Britt Smith said. "We didn't hit well either. Their pitcher threw really well. We never really adjusted to him. He got better as the game went on and we became complacent."

Cisco's Brad Oates pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up four runs – three earned - on seven hits while striking out five batters. The Hawks jumped on Oates early, scoring two of their four runs in the opening inning. Tvler

Shortstop Ladendorf drew a walk to lead off the inning and

Josh Riley followed with a double to put runners on second and third.

Matt Curry cashed in on the runners in scoring position, knocking both in with a single to center field and giving Howard the 2-1 advantage.

However, Cisco's lineup already had Hawks starter Anthony Collazo times and hit him for four runs in the top of the second inning. Collazo calmed down though and held the Wranglers in check over the next three innings.

Cisco put more runs on the board in the sixth. scoring it's only two earned runs of the contest. Howard's defense came totally unglued in the top of the seventh. The Hawks had four errors in the frame as Cisco's first six batters reached base with five of them crossing the plate, giving the Wranglers a 12-3 lead.

The Hawks had their chance to put together a rally and get back into the game in their half of the seventh. Cameron Monger led off with a single to center and he quickly moved to third on a single by Ladendorf. Monger scored on an error by the catcher, cutting Cisco's lead to eight. However, the Hawks needed one more run to

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College Hawks second baseman Josh Riley makes a throw to first as he avoids a sliding Blake Siguero of Cisco Junior College during the opening game of the NJCAA's Region V baseball tournament at Lubbock Christian University's Hays Field. The Hawks lost to Cisco, 12-4.



Forsan outlasted by Marfa in three games

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor CRANE — One thing came audiences attention like an uncharacteristic play in the bottom of the seventh inning did. Down 4-2 with two outs, Forsan's

be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

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or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

Howard County Youth Horseman Club playdays

The Howard County Youth Horseman Clubs has scheduled the first playday of its Second Belt Buckle Series for 5 p.m. Saturday.

The public is invited to participate or just be spectators.

Three playdays make up a series and person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points towards a belt buckle.

An annual \$25 fee purchases a family membership, although non-members are welcome to compete.

There are five events exhibition barrels, poles, straight barrels, flags and goat tying for age groups ranging from six and under to adults.

Playday fees are \$2 per event for members of the HCYHC and \$4 for nonmembers.

Each event is held at the HCYHC's facility on Longshore Road just off Garden the City Highway.

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Forsan Lady Buffaloes third baseman Alyx Pappajohn throws a Marfa runner out at first in Class A regional quarterfinals softball action. The Lady Buffs were eliminated from the playoffs by Marfa, losing two out of three games.

apparent as the best-of-three Class A regional quarterfinals softball series between Forsan's Lady Buffaloes and Marfa's Lady Shorthorns moved into a third game Saturday afternoon in Crane.

No matter who it was coming up short, a good softball team was about to take an early exit from the postseason.

Unfortunately for the Lady Buffs. Marfa was able to outlast them as they won Game 3 in nine innings, 6-4. It was the second game of the series to take extra frames to decide with Game 1 lasting eight innings before Forsan pulled away for the 5-3 win. Marfa also won Game 2, 3-1.

"There's not much more we could've done to win this series," Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts said. "I don't think we could've come in more prepared for this ballgame. Marfa took opportunities that came up and we had some base running errors that cost us some runs.We're a much better team than we were last vear, but we knew heading into this bracket that Marfa was going to be a tough team to beat. We played to their level, though."

In a series filled with dramatic moments, nothing captured the See **FORSAN**, Page 14

Shelby Jones was at the plate with Kevy O'Brien, who was hit by a pitch earlier in the inning, standing at first. Jones appeared to strike out to end the inning, but the ball squirted past Marfa's catcher Courtnee White, giving Forsan's shortstop the opportunity to advance to first. Jones realized this late and wouldn't have beaten out White's throw had it not scooted out of the reach of the Lady Horns' first baseman and rolled all the way to the right field fence.

O'Brien scored easy on the miscue and Jones slid under the tag of White, tying the game at 2-all.

"Luck hadn't really been on our side today up until that point," Roberts said. "I could see things turning around for us. Marfa's team was a little more mature than ours. They were able to do the little things they needed to in order to get the win. We're still not there yet."

Both sides went down in order in the eighth inning, but Marfa's first four batters reached base in the ninth. The Lady Horns got their first runs across the plate courtesy of a Forsan throwing

Blanco eliminates Bulldogs from playoffs again

Herald Staff Report

SONORA – Sometimes an opponent simply has your number.

That appears to be the case for the Coahoma Bulldogs baseball team when it comes to playing Blanco's Panthers in the playoffs.

Just like in 2007, the Bulldogs took an early exit from the Class 2A baseball state playoffs, being swept in a best-of-three series in the area round by Blanco, 5-3 and 11-3.

"Blanco is nowhere near the team they were last season, but they still do a great job of putting the ball in play and they don't strike out a lot," Coahoma Head

Coach Brad Harman said. "They lost a lot of seniors from last year's squad, but several of the guys they have this year went with them to the state tournament last season. So, there's a lot of confidence for them in the postseason."

The two squads put their aces on the mound for Game 1 with Blanco's Ross McCormick outdueling Coahoma's Donnie Garcia. The Panthers' lineup caught up to Garcia first as they put up two runs in the fourth inning and chased the Bulldogs' junior ace from the game in the fifth inning. Ray Gutierrez replaced Garcia on the mount and surrendered one more earned run in the frame ting Coahoma in a 1-0 hole to start before retiring the side. Gutierrez ended up with five strikeouts in two-plus innings of work.

McCormick, whose fast ball tops out close to 87 miles per hour, held off the Coahoma bats until the sixth inning, when the Bulldogs finally hit the scoreboard, pushing three runs across the plate.

Coahoma had its opportunity to at least tie the game in the seventh. Gutierrez and Garcia each reached base to start the inning with no outs and senior Casey Kilpatrick moved them both up a bag. Unfortunately, the next two Bulldogs' batters struck out, putthe series.

"They threw their ace at us and I thought we did a fine job of getting the ball in play," Harman said. "Both teams made a lot of contact with the ball. Their hits seemed to find the gaps. Ours didn't. Sometimes you're going to have games like that."

Midway through Game 2, the momentum swung Blanco's way and stuck with the Panthers.

After the Bulldogs tied the game at 3-all in the top of the fourth inning, Blanco's leadoff hitter

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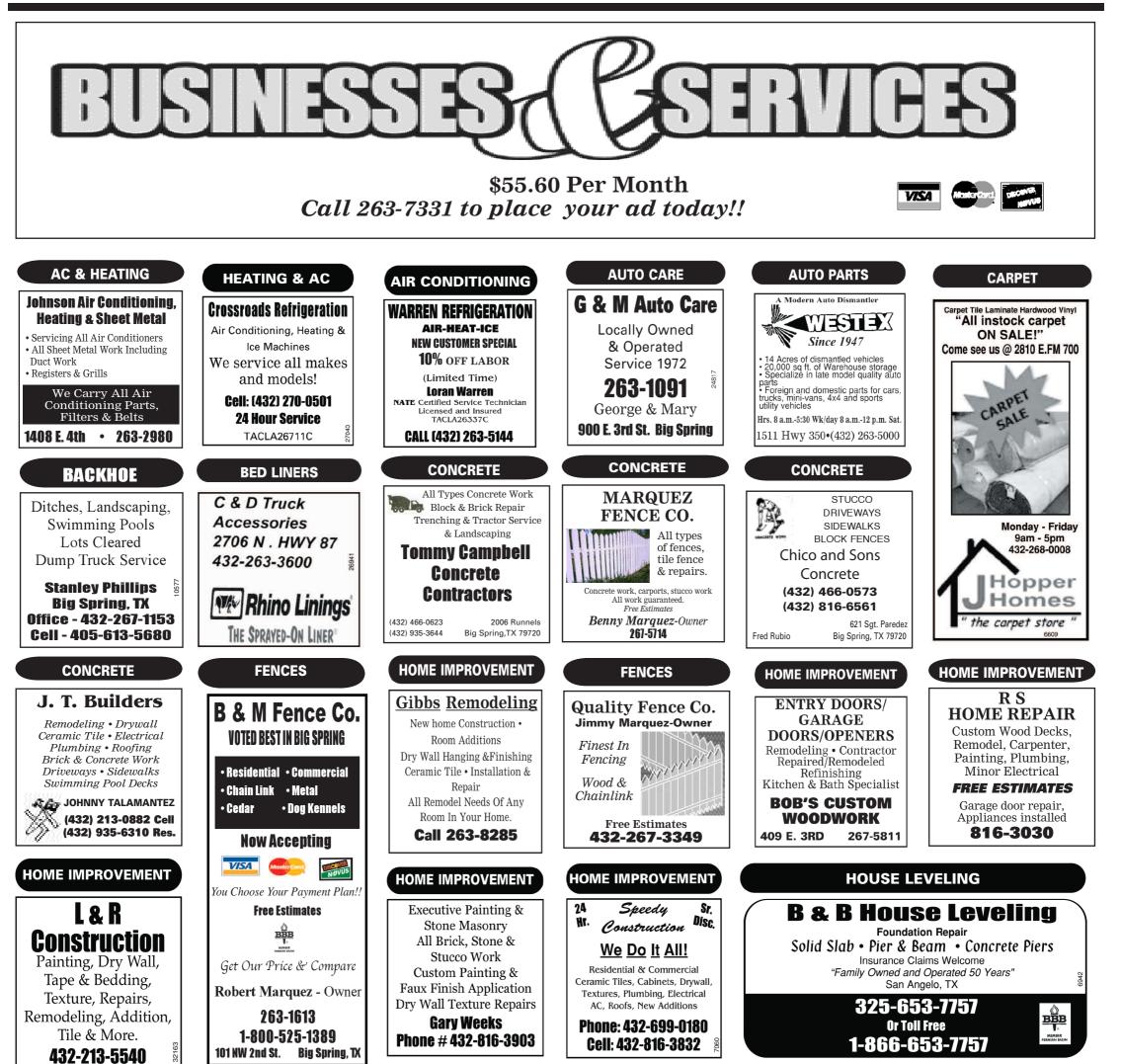
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Jupiter in Capricorn expands everything he and today, touches, shaking hands with the Taurus sun, our sense of well-being grows to the degree that we're aligned is with what it is we're toward. meaningful Sometimes

accomplishment is а matter of goal-setting, but today it's about



(March 21-HOLIDAY April 19). MATHIS There are who 🔳 those

love to provoke you help they can't themselves. You're so much fun when you're bothered. Decide not to take offense or get ruffled and they'll stop. All they want is your attention anyhow.

TAURUS (April 20-May



Legals

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Spring Independent The Big School District shall receive sealed

bid proposals for the Food Service Department until 4:00 p.m., June 3, 2008, on the following: **Bread Products**

Milk

Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be at the bid opening. Bids re present ceived after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on June 17, 2008, at 5:15p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. #5771 May 5 & 12, 2008

20). The best help you can get comes from someone whose own interests coincide with your perfectly. Find the one who, by helping you out, actually helping himself immensely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Keeping the peace is easy when you understand the needs, wants, limits and talents of those around you. So getting along is mostly a matter of paying attention, and being curious about others easy for you!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you are in a position where you need to move quickly to obtain or change something, you'll wind up paying too much. The most patient person holds all of the power.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Part of you is thinking about the future of a relationship as you make decisions. You're generous because it feels right to you, but also because you want the other person to be as loyal as you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work is demanding. The prize goes to the person who cares the most, or at least pretends to care the most. Higherups need validation and respect. They'll look for it in your eyes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of your core needs are not being met. It's time to find new resources. When those close see that you're serious about making a change, they just might step up with a new energy and eagerness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a private person, especially when comes to it your creativity. However, this is no time to hide out. Show and share what you can do. The world is made more beautiful by vour handiwork.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your opinion is not the be-all, end-all of a (she thought he was situation, but it's a valuable contribution. Deliver with confidence, then let others do the same. Somewhere in the middle is a workable solution. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-You're 19). Jan. networking, even when you're alone. Making meaningful and useful contact with your fellow humans starts with holding a generally good feeling about someone in your mind. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In a roundabout way you're focused on health. Every positive thing you do at work and in your relationships has an impact on your physical well-being. A friendship with Taurus is especially fortifying. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

Strange 20). envelop circumstances vou. It's like vou have your own gravitational for pull freaky characters. This is why you're so much fun to talk to tonight. You'll regale friends with stories about your day.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My 32year-old Capricorn son has tried online dating services, arranged dates, dates he's found on his own, but none of them has worked out. He's a Christian. He has epilepsy. He loves his job and travels a lot. Could these things be scaring women off?"

A life lived on purpose is a magnet for love. This is especially true for Capricorns who are fulfilled deeply by identifying their calling, then pursuing that to the ends of the earth. He is doing this — fabulous! My concern is, Capricorns can approach finding a mate with ambition equal to climbing a K2, which can be problematic (and disappointing). Love flourishes in an atmosphere of lighthearted play. However, he does have innate skills useful in a soul mate strategy. Just every ambitious as Capricorn envisions a picture of what success looks like before they achieve it, intentionality precedes manifestation. So just as your son masterfully intends his life achievements into being, I'd suggest he picture his life partner, write it down, followed the other by thing Capricorn does best hold out for the best. And don't forget to trust that love is in the stars.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It's hard to imagine not falling into love at first sight with the regal Cate Blanchett, but her husband didn't. He thought she was "aloof" "arrogant"). For Taurus people. "falling in love" is less "falling," and more ... well, waiting. But once this earthy sensual sign warms up, the heat is on. This year, Cate's nesting instinct takes root again, this time in the form of a second home. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please g0 to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Advertisement for Sealed Bids/Proposals

The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids/proposals for the following:

RFB # 08-013 Door Replacement RFP # 08-014 Sea Containers

Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Monday. June 2 2008, in the Practical Arts Building, room 105A, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning the bids submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big ТΧ 79720, Spring, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. #5773 May 12 & 19, 2008

ADVERTISEMENT AND

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Assistant Manager, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2008 for the removal of sludge from the Phillips Pond reservoir.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council of Big Spring for a ward at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of

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Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will

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Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform

the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of the Assistant City Manager of the City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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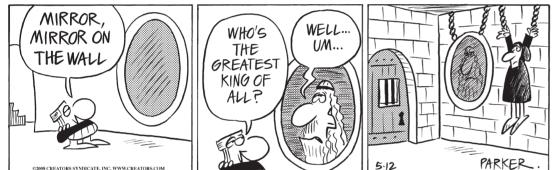


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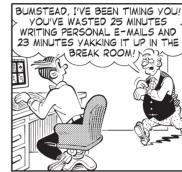
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This Date

In History

Today is Monday, May 12, the

133rd day of 2008. There are 233

Today's Highlight in History:

States and Canada signed an

agreement to create the North

American Air Defense Command

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Aerospace Defense Command, or

In 1870, an act creating the

Canadian province of Manitoba

was given royal assent, to take

In 1907, actress Katharine

In 1932, the body of Charles

Lindbergh Jr., the kidnapped son

of Charles and Anne Lindbergh,

was found in a wooded area near

In 1937, Britain's King George

VI was crowned at Westminster

In 1943, during World War II,

In 1949, the Soviet Union lifted

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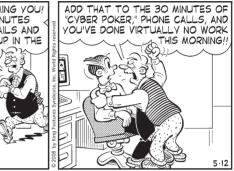
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1975, the White House In announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international waters.

the Commerce In 1978, Department said hurricanes would no longer be given only female names.

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who was trying to reach Pope John Paul II.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is 83. Critic John Simon is 83. Composer Burt Bacharach is 80. Comedian George Carlin is 71. Actress Millie Perkins is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jayotis Washington is 67. Country singer Billy Swan is 66. Actress Linda Dano is 65. Musician Ian McLagan is 63. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 60. Singer-musician Steve Winwood is 60. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 58. Actor Bruce Boxleitner

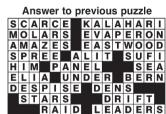
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Thought for Today: "Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action to all eternity." — Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801). [©] 2008 The Associated Press



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Spurs win to even the series with Hornets *

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SAN ANTONIO – Warming up before Game 4, Tim Duncan decided to have a little fun. He threw the ball behind his back and between his legs, then went up for the lay-in.

Yep, it was going to be that easy.

Duncan had his best game of the series against New Orleans -22 points, 15 rebounds, four blocks — to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 100-80 victory over the Hornets on Sunday.

"I'm just trying to do my part," Duncan said. "It's just that. You've got to step up at playoff time. It's win or go home. So you've got to step up and make plays."

The Spurs have stormed back from an 0-2 deficit that looked as if it would be tough to overcome, especially after the losses in Games 1 and 2 were each by nearly 20 points.

Now the Spurs, the old guard and defending champions, and Hornets, this year's youthful surprise success story, are even at 2-2 in the Western Conference

semifinals.

Tony Parker added 21 points for the Spurs, who are assured of a Game 6 back in San Antonio. Game 5 is Tuesday in New Orleans.

"We've got to play Game 5 the same way we approached Game 3 and 4." San Antonio's Manu Ginobili said. "That is going to be huge, so we don't have to have any satisfaction with what we just accomplished. We are the same way we started."

The Spurs led by as many as 27 and were ahead nearly the entire game. They shot 51 percent (39-of-76), while the Hornets were cold when it counted. They shot 37 percent through three quarters and finished 33-of-82 (40 percent) from the field.

"Our intensity was terrible. From Game 1 to Game 4, ours has gotten worse and theirs has gotten better," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "And that's been the difference. They're just kicking our butts right now. Is that simple enough?"

San Antonio scored 40 points in the paint. New Orleans' plan to keep Parker out of the lane didn't work, as he knifed his found openings to get to the rim, and hit jumpers.

Ginobili, who also got to the rim at will in Game 3, wasn't as successful in Game 4. But he hit jumpers and two 3-pointers, finishing with 15 points. Parker and Ginobili each had eight of the Spurs' 27 assists. The Hornets had 12 assists — five from Paul. The Spurs outrebounded the Hornets 45-36 and outscored them 30-19 in the decisive third quarter.

New Orleans' David West had three blocks but was held to 10 points on 4-of-15 shooting and was visibly frustrated. Reserve Jannero Pargo scored 11 for the Hornets.

"We've just got to make sure we're responding. That's the key," West said. "We have to respond to what they're trying to do. If we're not able to do that, we're going to find ourselves in some trouble."

The Hornets were hoping to return to New Orleans with a commanding 3-1 series lead, but allowed Duncan and Parker to shoot a combined 18-of-25 from the field. The only area where

way through heavy traffic or the duo struggled was its freethrow shooting. Duncan was 2-of-5 and Parker 5-of-8.

"I really can't explain this one," Paul said. "We just looked pretty bad out there tonight. We've got to bounce back. We came out here to try and get a win here and we came up short. But the good thing about it is it's just 2 to 2 now. Now it's a threegame series. First one to win two games wins it; there's no time to panic."

Paul said that after the Game 3 loss, too. And the Spurs will still need to win one the Hornets' court. So far that's been a tough task, with only one team losing at home in the second round of the playoffs.

The Spurs were ahead for all but 3:24 in the first half, taking the lead for good after Parker's layup with 8:36 to play in the first quarter broke a 4-all tie.

San Antonio shot 57.5 percent in the first half, led by Parker and Duncan, who each hit 7-of-10 from the field. Parker had no problem getting to the rim early to lead the Spurs with 18 points at the break.

"Our defense was solid

tonight," Parker said. "We are trying to do a better job on Chris Paul and David West but our help defense was great tonight and so we have to play the same defense on the road now."

Parker had two layups as part of a 13-2 Spurs run, and his jumper capped the burst with 5:27 left in the second quarter to put the Spurs up 45-28.

Duncan had 15 points and three blocks at the half. He started the series with a miserable five points and three rebounds in Game 1. After suffering from flulike symptoms and running a fever earlier in the series – something he was loath to discuss - he said the day beforeGame 4 that he was feeling good.

His spin move on Tyson Chandler for an easy layup put San Antonio up 47-33 with four minutes left in the half.

Paul had 14 points at halftime. but the Hornets were down 55-42 at the break.

West was struggling as he was harassed by the Spurs but also missed a couple of open shots, including an airball to start the second quarter.

Astros rally with 6-run eighth to beat Dodgers

The Associated Press

The LOS ANGELES Houston Astros had as much difficulty getting a hit against Hiroki Kuroda as the Los Angeles Dodgers' usually reliable bullpen did in getting outs.

Kuroda took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before the Astros broke through for seven hits and six runs in the eighth inning and pulled out an 8-5 victory Sunday.

"You go from being no-hit to getting eight runs. That just shows what kind of guys we have in this locker room," Houston manager Cecil Cooper said. "They keep playing hard and they don't quit. It's a tribute to them. We had some great atbats."

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Lance Berkman, Carlos Lee

and Hunter Pence had RBI singles against reliever Jonathan Broxton (1-1), and Brad Ausmus added a two-run single against the right-hander as the Astros won for the eighth time in nine games. Houston also completed its first three-game sweep at Dodger Stadium since September 25-27, 1992.

Michael Bourn capped the rally with a sacrifice fly, giving Houston a 7-3 lead. The Dodgers' bullpen came in with a 2.72 ERA, second-best in the majors.

"It's tough," catcher Russell Martin said. "A guy goes six innings and doesn't give up any hits, and you take him out after one hit and the bullpen gives it up for him. Everyone feels bad. You want to win every game you can when a guy throws his heart

out like that."

Kuroda allowed a run and just one hit over 6 2-3 innings, struck out five, walked three and hit a batter in his eighth big league start after 11 seasons with Hiroshima of the Japanese Pacific League.

The right-hander remained winless in his last seven starts since his Dodgers debut on April 4, when he allowed a run and three hits in a win at San Diego.

Kuroda was bidding to become the second Japanese-born pitcher to throw a no-hitter in the majors. Hideo Nomo had one for Los Angeles on Sept. 17, 1996, beating the Colorado Rockies 9-0 at Coors Field. No Dodger has thrown a no-hitter since, but Nomo had another one April 4, 2001, at Baltimore in his Boston

Red Sox debut.

"It wasn't that we were trying too hard. He was just making good pitches," Lee said. "He kept the ball down, moved it around and really kept us off-balance. We were just trying to get good at-bats and find a way to get on base."

The no-hit bid ended when Pence got a 2-1 slider he liked and slapped a clean single in the hole past third baseman Blake DeWitt with two outs in the seventh and the Dodgers leading 2-0 on James Loney's two-run homer in the first.

Pence's hit off Kuroda came with one of the pink bats teammate Miguel Tejada was using on Mother's Day in acknowledgment of the fight against breast cancer.

"He had three quality pitches that he didn't leave over the plate very often," said Pence, who was 3-for-4 with two RBIs. "He was keeping it on the corners and getting us to swing at bad ones with his deception. I was just looking to get a pitch over the plate and try to get the barrel on it."

Kuroda then walked Ty Wigginton and had a 1-0 count on pinch-hitter Geoff Blum before manager Joe Torre replaced him with Joe Beimel.

"He was tired," Torre said. 'There was a lot of emotion. When you are pitching a close game with a no-hitter on top of it, it takes a lot more out of you. We finally got a pitcher who pitched as well as Kuroda did today and it didn't stand up."



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reached base to start its half of the frame. The Panthers' next batter hit a grounder to third baseman P.J. Daylong, who began the process of eliminating both runners with a double play.

However, the play was called dead in the process by the umpire due to a stray ball coming onto the field from the stands, leaving Blanco with no outs.

"That double play would've given us a ton of momentum. Instead, not getting it executed turned out to kill us," Harman said. "The wheels came off after that. We ended up making three errors in the inning and giving them a lot of second chances."

Those three fielding miscues coupled with several Blanco hits lead to eight runs in the inning – a deficit from which Coahoma never recovered.

"We missed a lot of opportunities. It's tough going out to the same team

that upset us last year in the same round of the postseason," Harman noted. "We grounded into nine double plays in this game. I can't take anything away from Blanco. They made the plays that needed to be made."

The Bulldogs suited up 16 players for this postseason run and 15 of them will return to next year's team.

"I don't know of another team in the state that can make that kind of claim," Harman said. "This is the second year we've gotten thumped in the second round of the playoffs. The last two years have been somewhat of a disappointment. The way I see it is that we have a heck of a start for the future with the playoff experience we gained over those two seasons. Realistically, we have nine to 10 players coming back that gained a considerable amount of playing experience this season. We return three of our four starting pitchers. We're definitely excited and have high expecta-

tions for next year."

The only graduating senior on the squad is Kilpatrick, who is the everyday starter at first base, the clean-up hitter in the lineup and occasionally finds his way to the mound.

"This is what I told the team after the game about Casey. I've been doing this for 10 years and I have never had a player dedicated to practice and working hard like he has been for the past four seasons," Harman raved. "Casey isn't like some of these players who came to the varsity as freshmen and sophomores. He was a twovear JV player, who saw a little bit of time his sophomore year. He worked his way into the lineup as a junior and became our clean-up hitter as a senior. He went 5-1 as a pitcher this season.

"I wish every player I had put in the work Casey does," he continued. "He always stays after practice to take extra cuts at the plate or to field more

ground balls. If everyone many years. Casey has

can take something from been apart of 69 wins over his work ethic, then we the past three seasons. I'm season with a record of can be a strong team for very proud of what he's

done." The Bulldogs finish their 23-8.



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error and the second run scored on a sacrifice fly hit by clean-up hitter Laura Leos.

The Lady Buffs appeared ready to equal Marfa's production in their half of the inning as the first two batters reached base, but neither could move past second base as Marfa pitcher Brittany Serrano retired the next three batters, bring the game and the series to a close

Serrano picked up the win, striking out 14 batters in the process. Amanda Longorio took the loss for Forsan, pitching a complete game and giving up six runs – three earned – on 11 hits while recording seven strikeouts.

Earlier in the day, the Lady Buffs stranded five

runners in the first three innings and lost Game 1 to Marfa despite taking an early 1-0 lead. Samantha Salgado had the win for Marfa and Alyx Pappajohn took the loss.

White led Marfa with two RBIs and a double. Longorio was 2-for-2 in the contestand scored Forsan's only run.

The Lady Buffs will stay largely intact for next season with only left fielder Kaela Strickland leaving due to graduation.

"We've gained a lot of experience in the playoffs over the last two years," said Roberts. "Our expectations remain very high. I think making it to state is reasonable.'

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With the bases loaded and one out. Cisco reliever Jonathan Burns induced a ground ball to short and a 6-4-3 double play ensued, bringing the game to a close.

Now, the Hawks make an unexpected trip to the losers' bracket.

"We play it one game at a time,"Smithsaid."Coming the tournament, into expectations were high, but we had a disappointing first game. That doesn't

We just have to continue to go out and play one game at a time. We know if we do that then we can play for a while in this thing.'

Howard played El Paso Community College at 10 a.m. today after the Tejanos dropped their opener to Grayson Community College, 5-3.

Pick up Tuesday's edition of the Herald to see if the Hawks remained alive in tournament action.

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