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Shelley and Stan Parker, left, alongside Michelle and Joshua Hamby, look at the final vote tallies from Tuesday night's election at the Howard County Courthouse. Stan Parker took the race for sheriff while Hamby won the race for county attorney.

## Parker is new sheriff in town Hamby, Brown, Long win Howard County seats

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County voters overwhelmingly showed their support for sheriff candidate Stan Parker Tuesday night, as the former Big Spring Police officer won the office with nearly 70 percent of the vote. The Republican nominee, Parker took the office with 6,422 ballots — accounting for 67.74 percent of the vote — while Democratic opponent

*"My mom and dad got out and worked hard, my wife and kids worked hard and a lot of friends got out there and helped, and I can't thank them enough. Everyone who helped in this campaign, I just can't thank them enough. It means a lot."*

Howard County sheriff-elect Stan Parker

Pat Carter pulled in 3,058 ballots, or 32.26 percent of the ballots cast in the contest. When asked if the final vote tallies surprised him, Parker seemed awestruck. See **COUNTY**, Page 3A

## Obama triumphs

### Democrats widen majority in Congress

By **STEVEN THOMMA**

McClatchy Newspapers  
WASHINGTON — Barack Hussein Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States on Tuesday, swept to victory by an anxious country eager to change course at home and abroad.

Obama, 47, becomes the first African-American in U.S. history to win the presidency and the first from the generation that came of age after the turbulence of the 1960s.

His win suggested a new political order in the making. He drew masses of young people to politics for the first time. His biracial heritage reflected the changing demographics of



AP Photo/Morry Gash

President-elect Barack Obama waves after giving his acceptance speech at Grant Park in Chicago.

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## Glasscock County voters sort out school board race

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Voters Tuesday returned two incumbents and approved two newcomers to the Glasscock County

Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Incumbents Tibby Niehues and Kevin Hirt will be joined on the board by

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## Voters nix proposed county sales tax

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A proposed sales tax for Howard County fell flat during Tuesday night's election, garnering a dismal 30 percent approval from voters.

With 2,954 voters casting their ballots in the contest — which included all county residents not

living within the Big Spring city limits — 2,061 voted against the proposed 1/2 of 1 percent sales tax, eclipsing the 893 ballots cast in its favor.

County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, who was present at the county courthouse when the vote tallies were presented, said the results didn't come as a shock.

"No, it didn't really surprise

me," said Kilgore. "You know, you say the word 'tax' to anyone around here right now, and we're all a little gun shy. I don't feel like it was understood (by the voters) very well. We felt like it was worth a shot to see if we could get another stream of income coming in, but it wasn't very well explained. Overall, this is about what I expected."

While the defeat will effectively nix the estimated \$250,000 a year the new tax could have put in county coffers, Kilgore said the failure to launch the tax should have little or no impact on the county budget in the coming years.

"It shouldn't have any effect on it," said Kilgore. "The only reason I supported it was to give

the voters a chance to say if they wanted it or not. They said no, and that's fine with me. It's possible the money generated by the tax could have helped us lower the ad valorem property tax rate some, but we weren't counting on it.

"It was just another stream of

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### Honors Seminar Series

Howard College is presenting the Phi Theta Kappa 2008 Honors Seminar Series, The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences.

The series of four lectures will be scheduled one per evening on the Howard College campus. They are recorded via live satellite and facilitated by Howard College.

The first is Lessons from Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World, featuring Dr. Richard Heinzl.

It will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Hall Center on the Howard College campus. Admission is free.

### Dine Out Day Friday

Carlos Restaurant, located at 308 N.W. Third, is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from Friday's sales at Carlos will benefit United Way. You can also send a tax deductible donation to United Way of Big Spring, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring 79721, or call 267-5201 for more information.



### WTO funds available

The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties.

For additional information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

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## Lady Buffs top Big Spring in scrimmage

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — With the start of basketball season only a couple weeks away, it is time for teams to begin fine tuning its game and preparing for regular season openers.

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Forsan Lady Buffs got a chance to see how their squads were sizing up Tuesday night, scrimmaging at Buffalo Gym. Forsan ran away with the win, 65-27.

Neither team was at full

strength, however, as Big Spring was missing several players due to volleyball play-offs and Forsan also had some out with injuries.

"This was just a chance to see where we were early on," said Lady Buffs Head Coach Robert Hilger. "You don't want to make too much of it, but it is encouraging to see your team doing some good things on the floor."

Hilger said his squad has the advantage of some real experience this year and that they are recognizing the little

things happening in a game much quicker than before. He was pleased to see them moving in a positive direction and liked the hustle on the court.

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren said he saw some positives in the scrimmage, but there were a few things to work on.

"We are just learning to play man-to-man defense," said Warren. "It is new to them, but they are picking it up and we are going to utilize that sort of pressure. We need to improve on blocking out and

breaking the press, but we got some good work tonight, despite missing a few girls with volleyball."

Big Spring opens the season Nov. 15 at home against Snyder, while Forsan travels to play Colorado City on Nov. 11.

The Lady Buffs were led by three players in double figures as Kelsey Jones scored 15 points, while Tori Gauer and Amanda Longoria both scored 13. The Lady Steers were led by Linzee Yarbar and Lauren Porras who netted 6 each.

## No. 1 Hereford pounds BSHS

Lady Steers season draws to a close with straight sets loss

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — Big Spring's Lady Steers simply didn't have a big enough stone to take down the giant they met in the Class 4A bi-district volleyball playoffs Tuesday.

No. 1 ranked Hereford pounded Big Spring into a straight sets submission, 25-7, 25-10, 25-10, bringing an end to the Lady Steers' season.

Still, Big Spring Head Coach believes the Lady Steers could end up coming away from the loss with several positives.

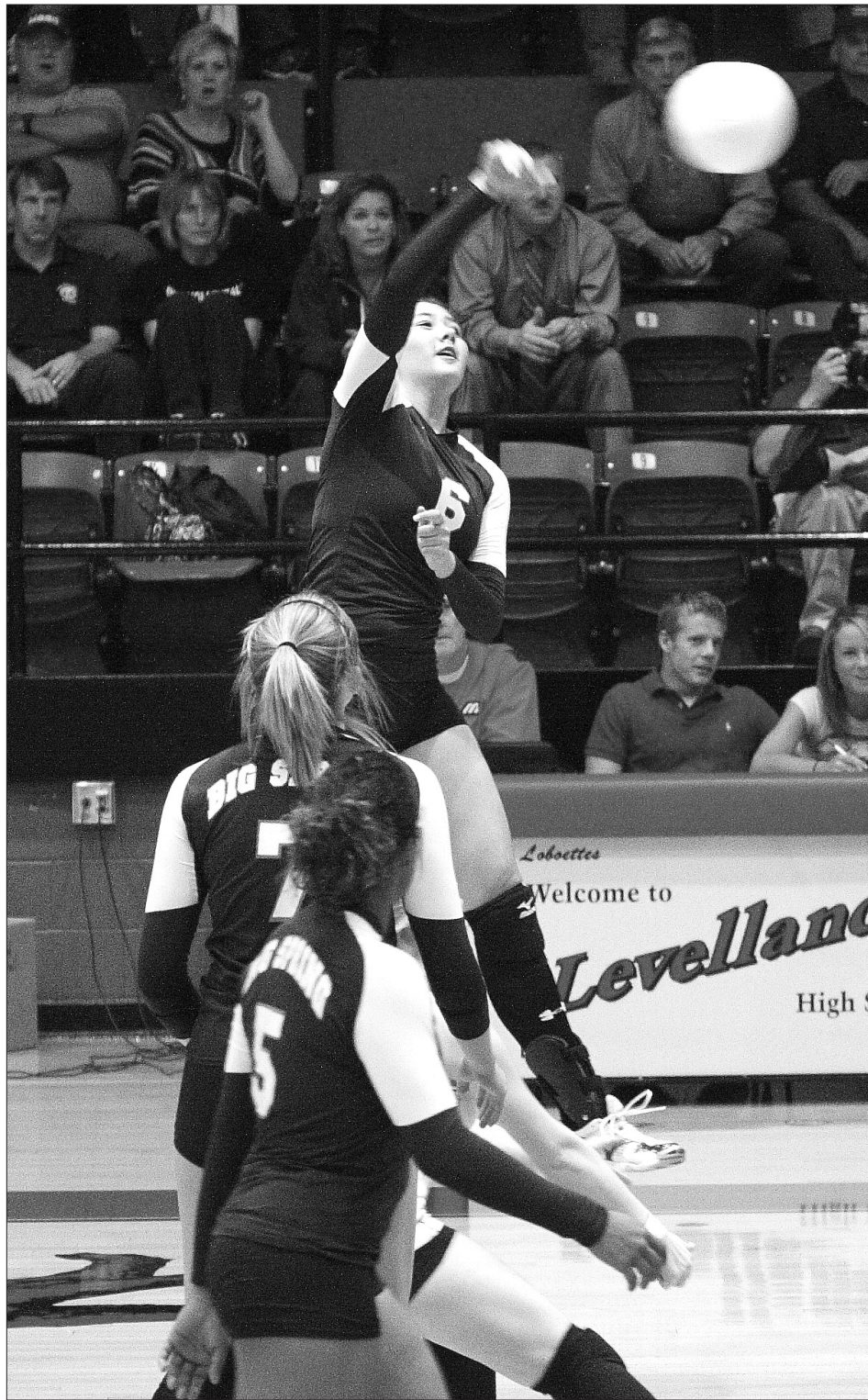
"This was a good experience for everyone involved, but especially for our freshmen and sophomores," commented Blake. "I'm very proud of this team to just get to this point. It would've been very easy to quit on this season."

"To play a team like Hereford gave us a chance to see how a quicker offense is ran and what it takes to play at that level," she continued. "Hereford really had no weaknesses. They played good defense. They're a very good serving team. They also do a great job of getting into their system. We can really learn a lot from the way they play on the court."

The Lady Steers finish the season 7-30 in what was Blake's first season in charge of the program. Only three seniors — Andrea Claxton, Baylea Fox and Mirella Torres — depart from this team, meaning several key players return next year.

"I'm very excited about next season," said Blake. "We can't go down from this point. I think we'll only get better. Even since we started in August, this team is much better. Our record may not show the improvement, but if anyone who played us at the start of the season were to play us now, they'd see loads of improvement."

"I really hope our seniors can say they grew as



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton  
Big Spring's Andrea Claxton (6) spikes the ball in action from the Lady Steers' straight-sets loss to No. 1 Hereford in a Class 4A bi-district volleyball playoff game Tuesday night in Levelland.

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## Mavs send Spurs to worst start in 35 years

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Making his first start of the season, Jason Terry got right into the flow of things.

Terry scored 29 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 30 points and the Dallas Mavericks beat San Antonio 98-81 on Tuesday night to send the Spurs to their first 0-3 record in 35

years.

"It was nice to be back out there and competing at a high level," said Terry, who shot 13-of-21 and had six assists. "With the guys we have out there, we've got a lineup that's been playing together for four or five years now. We know each other, and we play well with each other."

Dallas (2-2) also got 14 points from Josh Howard and 10 assists from Jason Kidd. The Mavericks shot 53 percent from the floor compared to 42 for San Antonio. Dallas out-rebounded San Antonio 48-38.

The Spurs are off to their worst start since opening the 1973-74 ABA season 0-4. It was their first season in San

Antonio after playing in Dallas as the Chaparrals. The Spurs joined the NBA in 1976.

Tony Parker led San Antonio with 22 points and Tim Duncan scored 19 as the Spurs continue to play without Manu Ginobili. He's not

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## Sports in brief

### Seniors being honored before Steers game Friday night

Friday night marks the end of the regular season for the Big Spring Steers as they host rival Hereford at 7:30 p.m.

However, before the contest, the seniors will be recognized as they play in their final home game at Memorial Stadium.

Also, the junior class will be serving hamburgers in the parking lot on the home side. Plates are \$5 and includes chips, cookies and a drink.

### Results from the Ladies Golf Country Club Championship

Tammy DePauw won the Big Spring Country Club Ladies Championship Sunday with Pat Underwood finishing second in the gross scoring.

Peggy Wilson had the top net score with Jane Jones finishing second.

### Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball have begun

The YMCA has begun accepting sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls

through Dec. 1. Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin the week of Dec. 8.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2. Teams will be formed following this meeting.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes a reversible mesh jersey, injury assistance and a participation award at the end of the season.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### Chicano Golf Association hosting final tourney of year

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting its final golf tournament of the year Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

It's a 4-man scramble format and the C.G.A. will assign teams.

Fee is \$17 with tee times starting at 8:30 a.m. Deadline to sign up is 6 p.m. Friday.

Sign up at the pro shop or call 264-2366 and ask for Linda. A dinner will be served after the tournament for players only.

### Steers basketball boosters meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club is planning to meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of boys basketball players for the junior high or high school are invited to attend.

Call Sam Segundo at 268-3025 with any questions.

### Coach Diddle and Hawk women set for Hawk Buddies Program

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle, assistant coach Jamie Fisher and the Hawk women are announcing the start of the 2008-2009 Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The first day of the program is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, free admission for all family members to Hawks home games, two clinics with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, a pizza party with the Hawk women's team and a buddies night, including autographs and photos with the team.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Jamie Fisher at 264-5155.

## Ready for a rematch?

### Stars could align for Tech-UT II with BCS Championship at stake

Has there been a better football game this season than the exhibition the Texas Longhorns and Texas Tech Red Raiders put on Saturday?

The answer to that question, no matter what your opinion may be, is no. Tech's last-second upset tops this season's Texas/OU matchup. The only other game that comes reasonably close this year is Oregon State's unlikely upset of USC. Still, even that contest can't match the drama emitted from Lubbock this past weekend.

Even at the pro level, it's hard to find a game able to rival the Showdown on the South Plains. Dallas and Philadelphia played one of the most entertaining games of the season in Week 2, on Monday Night Football no less. What holds the Cowboys shootout victory over the Eagles back from equalling Tech-UT is the lack of meaning behind the game.

Tech could have just killed any hopes Texas had at a national title. Meanwhile, the Red Raiders have been propelled into the BCS conversation.

Well, at least for now.

Upsets happen on a weekly basis in college football and now the Red Raiders are the ones with an unfamiliar target on their backs.

However, let's assume for a moment Tech can survive the next two games hosting No. 8 Oklahoma State and then making a trip to Norman, Okla. to face No. 6 Oklahoma. Of course, then the Red Raiders have to avoid a feisty Baylor squad led by the country's best freshman quarterback, Robert Griffin.

Accomplish that and it's on to the Big 12 Championship, where the Red Raiders will match up with a struggling Missouri team or a Kansas squad Tech already humiliated, 63-21.

Should Texas Tech make it through that gauntlet, then a berth into the BCS Championship is a given.

Who would be waiting for the Red Raiders? Why, it could be none other than the Longhorns.

Texas has just Kansas, Baylor and Texas A&M remaining on the schedule. All three contests should translate into easy victories for the Longhorns. They should finish the season 11-1 and will avoid having to play in the Big 12 title game if Tech wins out.

After that, Texas needs just a little more help. It starts this weekend. LSU must upset current No. 1 Alabama Saturday, since it is unlikely Mississippi State or an underachieving Auburn team can do the job. The Crimson Tide would still most likely qualify for the SEC Championship game, though, with Florida as a likely opponent.

The Gators are one of the hottest teams in the country right now, but the

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JONATHAN HULL

## Obituaries

## Helen McDonald



Helen M. McDonald, 93, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, in an Odessa hospice facility. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with her cousin, the Rev. Eddie Tingle, pastor of First Baptist Church in Miles, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1915, in Kansas City, Kan. and married Cecil D. McDonald Dec. 12, 1937 in Los Angeles. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1995.

Helen had managed rental properties for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Philathea Sunday School Class. She was also a member of the Laura B. Hart Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Social Order of Beauceants, Daughter of the Nile chapter in San Angelo, was a member and past president of the American Business Women's Association Cactus Chapter and was a charter member of the Women's Forum. Helen served on the City of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Board for 14 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Cecilia Adams of Big Spring; one son, Bill McDonald and wife, Annette of Burnett; five grandchildren, Hank Adams and wife, Kellie of Denver City, Valerie Hudson and husband, Steve of Miles, Christi Adams of Sweetwater, Greg McDonald of Odessa, and Scott McDonald and wife, Dianna of Round Rock; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Leland Wagy; one sister, Lucille Kelly; and by a son-in-law, Gene Adams.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229, or Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761, or 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](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Kathleen Ferguson



Kathleen "Kitty" Ferguson, 87, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 PM Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Floyd Green, Jr., officiating.

She was born July 15, 1921, in Downey, Calif., and married Don Ferguson Aug. 31, 1944 in San Francisco. He preceded her in death Nov. 5, 1997.

She had worked as a seamstress at Hemphill-Wells and at Swartz for a number of years and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and April Ferguson and Glen and Janice Ferguson, all of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

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

## Mineola Muse

Mineola Muse, 93, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Dallas. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 13, 1914, in Mt. Pleasant to Era and Ulysses Wheeler. She grew up in Mt. Pleasant, then lived in Dallas before coming to Big Spring. She had lived in Big Spring for more than 50 years. She was a homemaker and a housekeeper. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She married Stanford Muse Aug. 17, 1950.

She is survived by her husband, Stanford Muse of Big Spring; two sisters, Mary Ella Cherry and Tennie Mae Wilson, both of Dallas; two nieces; and one nephew.

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

## Charoon Kucera

Charoon Kucera, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

## 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.

## Police blotter

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

- PRISCILLA HERNANDEZ, 28, transient, was arrested Friday on a local warrant.
- EDRION HOUSTON, 18, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- MONA SALDANA, 23, of 1400 Virginia, was arrested Monday on six local capias warrants.
- MARTIN MORA, 31, of 1401 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JEREMY GOMEZ, 24, of 1800 S. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of Colorado, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL JUARIGUE, 59, of 709 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RANDY MIER, 30, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRENT OWEN, 29, of 1421 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no driver's license.
- JON PROCTOR, 31, of 1804 Dixie, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- JOHN SOLIS, 22, of 1511 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 600 block of Manor.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of Dundee.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAVID CANALES JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on capias warrants for no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear, and charges of no liability insurance, no driver's license, issuance of a bad check and possession of a dangerous drug (two counts).
- CLIFTON DETIEGE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest.
- CYNTHIA DUTCHOVER, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- SAMUEL DAVID NAVARRETTE, 29, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of speeding, no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid and a Falls County warrant for failure to appear – driving while license invalid.
- CHARLIE RENE LANDRY, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.
- DOMONIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- NATHAN DELCO ROBINSON III, 34, was arrested Tuesday on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts), no liability insurance, speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- ERNEST ESPINOZA GUERRA, 60, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury.
- ROD LEE PUGA, 46, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of intoxicated assault with a vehicle.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Navajo. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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## TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

## THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.  
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.  
• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.  
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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## FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing were: 10, 21, 23, 41 and 55. The Mega Ball was 9 and the Megaplier was 3.

The winning numbers in Tuesday's Cash 5 drawing were: 2, 9, 13, 14 and 17.

The winning numbers in Tuesday night's Daily 4 drawing were: 1, 1, 2 and 2; Sum It Up: 6.

The winning numbers in Tuesday night's Pick 3 drawing were: 2, 2 and 6; Sum It Up: 10.

## Take Note

• Coahoma Elementary PTA will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. The cost of the shots are \$30; nasal mist is also \$30. Anyone can register and pay online in advance at <https://www.flubusters.net/ClinicList.aspx>. Also, the elementary teachers are holding a Star Party that same night. The West Texas Astronomers will also be there, weather permitting.

• Interested in medieval history? Would you like to learn more about the Crusades? Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, members of Carrefour Hold, a local membership of the Kingdom of Levant, will be hosting a Harvest Festival at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St. There will be displays of various arts of the time period as well as fighting events such as experimental unarmored combat, knife, ax and spear competition, and archery. There will also be classes in Lucet braiding and drop spinning. A lecture on the Crusades will be held in the afternoon. This event is free to the public.

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# Candidate left off Howard County ballot

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

While some candidates surely walked away from Tuesday night's election unhappy, at least one will have the chance to file a grievance with the Texas Secretary of States Office, as his name was inadvertently left off the Howard County ballot.

Lauren Poindexter, the Libertarian candidate for the District 31 seat on the State Senate, had his name accidentally left off the ballot in Howard County. Poindexter was the lone challenger of the seat's incumbent, Republican nominee Kel Seliger, who easily won the election Tuesday night with 90.2 percent of the vote.

According to County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, the mistake could trigger a do-over of the race in Howard County.

"Poindexter's name was inadvertently left off the ballot, and for that we sincerely apologize," said Bloom. "I spoke with officials

from the Secretary of State's office this morning, and they said he will have the chance to file a grievance with their office, and if they wanted to force a new election for the race in Howard County, they probably could.

"However, because of the margin of Poindexter's defeat across the district, even if he managed to take every vote in Howard County, it still wouldn't even come close to effecting the outcome of the race. So they seem doubtful he will file the grievance. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Bloom said the mistake wasn't discovered until this morning.

Seliger won the election with 179,774 ballots to Poindexter's 19,510 ballots, which accounted for less than 10 percent of the vote in the district.

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# Police investigate assault, impersonating an officer

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring police are investigating an aggravated assault that resulted in a man receiving a knife wound to the arm Tuesday afternoon.

BSPD Sgt. Tony Everett said police responded to the 300 block of Dundee just after 4 p.m. Tuesday after a local man reported being attacked by a man with a knife.

"The wound was very minor and didn't even require stitches ... and

the victim refused medical treatment," Everett said. "We'll be following up on this incident."

Also Tuesday, police were called to Northcrest Apartments, 1002 N. Main in response to a report of someone impersonating a law enforcement official.

"Apparently, someone at the apartments was flashing a badge to people, claiming to be a police officer," Everett said. "We'll be following up on this incident as well to see what we can find."

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"You know, everything is kind of a surprise," said Parker with a smile. "I don't know how to predict these. It's like I told everyone, that I was looking for 50 percent, plus one vote. That's all I was after. I'm happy with the numbers, and I'm proud of that. We got out and worked hard on this election, and I'm very happy with it."

Parker said campaigning was tough on him and his family, but the end-result made it all worth while.

"It was tough. We've been doing this for more than a year now," said Parker. "I made the decision to run in January of 2007. It was really a lot of work — a lot more than I thought it would be — but it really paid off in the end. I had a lot of financial support and the support of my

family. My mom and dad got out and worked hard, my wife and kids worked hard and a lot of friends got out there and helped, and I can't thank them enough. Everyone who helped in this campaign, I just can't thank them enough. It means a lot."

When asked what his plans were for the office, Parker said he expects to get the ball rolling soon.

"We're working on it. I have some things in mind — I don't have anything official yet — but we're working on that," said Parker. "I'll start finalizing some things in the next few weeks and we'll just go from there."

According to Carter, the deciding factor in the sheriff's race wasn't necessarily politics or platforms.

"It was a lot of work. It was fun, however, and there were some good parts to it," said Carter. "I had some great people behind me. There wasn't a

lot of money, but there was moral support. You have to spend a bunch of money to win this race.

"I hate to say the politicians are bought, but if you don't have the money, you aren't going to win. And I didn't have it. I'm disappointed, but it all comes back to the money. When you spend three times as much and only win by double the amount of votes, it's just numbers. It doesn't mean much."

In a much closer race, Republican nominee Joshua Hamby unseated long-time County Attorney Mike Thomas, taking 5,036 ballots (53.27 percent) to the incumbent's 4,418 votes (46.73 percent).

"I believe we got our message out about what we wanted to do, and the voters felt we needed a change here in Howard County," said Hamby. "I just feel like they went to the polls with that in mind."

Hamby said he was

revenues.

"Especially where the growth counties are, the property taxes are rising. Say you own a house that's worth \$300,000. Tomorrow it could be worth \$400,000," said Kilgore. "So they are wanting to cap the tax. It's different here in Howard County, because most of our tax revenues come from oil and agriculture, so we're not growing and the values aren't changing. So if oil (values) go down, you'd have a really hard time getting them (tax rates) back up where they should be."

Kilgore said there has been little talk among commissioners of putting

the sales tax before voters again if it failed, but it's certainly not out of the question.

"There's a possibility that we could," said Kilgore. "I feel like we could do a better job of explaining it to the voters and let them know it could help

thankful to see the candidates in the Howard County contests run clean races.

"It was tough. Fortunately, in my race and all the other races I saw, everyone kept a good clean campaign," said Hamby. "I was very happy with that. There wasn't any mud slinging. The campaigns were based on what their visions and qualifications were, so I feel like it was a good campaign."

Hamby said his plans for the county attorney's office are simple.

"Like I said during my campaign, we have to get something done about crime, and that's going to be my focus. I'm going to help law enforcement and get together with them so we can do something about the crime in our town," said Hamby.

In the race for the Precinct 1 seat on the Commissioners Court, Democratic incumbent Emma Brown

lower their property taxes. Whether or not we decide to present it to the voters again could hinge on what the legislature does with these tax caps. That could have a pretty big impact on the decision."

Contact Staff Writer

# Republicans keep seats in top two Texas courts

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The decade-long Republican grip on the state's top two courts is continuing.

Despite a Democratic plea for a straight-ticket vote and nearly \$1 million in TV ads aimed to break the GOP's exclusive hold on the Texas Supreme Court, voters Tuesday returned three incumbent Republican judges to the state's highest civil court. Voters also returned the three Republicans to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court.

"There's been a lot more uncertainty this time than there has been for the last elections," said Supreme Court Justice Phil Johnson, who defeated Democrat Linda Yanez. "The Democratic Party has made a hard push this time."

"They've had our attention this election cycle."

The defeat was the second for Yanez, a regional appellate court judge from Edinburg who lost in 2002 and was attempting to become the first Latina to hold a seat on the state's highest civil court. Johnson is a former appellate chief justice from the Panhandle who's been a Supreme Court justice for three years.

No Democrat has held even one of the nine seats on the Supreme Court or one of the nine on the Court of Criminal Appeals since late 1998 when George W. Bush's landslide victory that year gave him a second term as governor and swept fellow Republicans with him throughout the ballot.

On Tuesday, Chief Supreme Court Justice Wallace Jefferson led the GOP triumph by defeating Democratic state District Judge Jim Jordan of Dallas.

"I am gratified that my leadership on the court so far has been ratified by the voters of Texas and I expect to continue that service for the next six years," said Jefferson, who became the first African-American on the

court when Gov. Rick Perry appointed him in 2001. He was elected the following year and became chief justice in 2004.

In the third Supreme Court race, incumbent Dale Wainwright, looking for a second term, overcame the catchy historic name of Democratic lawyer Sam Houston. Houston is a partner in a Houston-based law firm and was seeking his first judgeship.

"Texas is a state that believes in conservative politics and judges who believe in judicial restraint," said Wainwright, who six years ago became the first African-American to make it to the court through an election without having first been appointed. "Sometimes people try to use numbers and statistics to skew the reality of what our court is doing and that concerns me. It's an attempt to politicize our judiciary and that concerns me."

"Nothing about my job involves politics. After getting elected, it's about applying the rule of law fairly to everybody."

In Court of Criminal Appeals races, Tom Price, who came to the bench in 1997 after stints as a criminal court and state district judge in Dallas County, defeated Houston lawyer and former federal prosecutor Susan Strawn.

Paul Womack, a former assistant prosecutor in Travis and Williamson counties, won a third six-year term, topping Democrat J.R. Molina, a Fort Worth lawyer and former prosecutor making his fourth attempt for a seat on the court.

And GOP incumbent Cathy Cochran, on the court since 2001, had no Democratic opponent and cruised to re-election, trouncing Libertarian William Strange of Dallas. Cochran is a former defense lawyer in Houston who also worked as an assistant district attorney in Harris and Fort Bend counties.

In 1998, Democrat Raul Gonzalez would have remained on the Supreme Court but he retired in midterm at the end of that year. Bush replaced Gonzalez, who was the last Democrat to hold any of the 29 statewide Texas offices.

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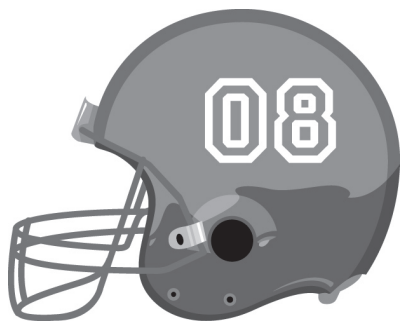


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## OTHER VIEWS

## Historic election in tough times

As the vote totals rolled in Tuesday night for Barack Obama, people around the globe realized that history had shifted its course in a way that many never expected to see in their lifetimes.

The United States — which has agonized since its birth over racial injustice — has chosen a black man as its 44th president.

It is a proud moment that will stand out in our nation's story long after most of today's worries and controversies have been forgotten. As Republican John McCain noted in his gracious concession speech, Obama's election offers compelling evidence that America has moved beyond the bigotry of its past.

Yet with Americans fighting abroad and struggling with economic difficulties at home, race did not dominate this year's campaign.

An unhappy public demanded a fundamental change in the nation's direction. Obama won the election because he spoke persuasively to that demand — while inspiring millions with his calls for a greater sense of national unity.

Hundreds of congressional candidates, including many incumbents, also promised voters more energetic and effective government. Now it will be up to the winners to work with the next administration to deliver on those promises.

As Obama noted in his victory speech, the problems facing the nation are difficult and "the climb ahead will be steep."

And these problems are often not just complex but interwoven. Environmental hazards increase medical spending, for example, and deficiencies in the health care system hurt American competitiveness in the global economy. Difficulties in Iraq continue to hinder the U.S. effort in Afghanistan.

Obama must focus on the urgent task of ensuring the stability of the financial system and encouraging economic recovery. The Bush administration owes him its full cooperation to ensure a smooth transition.

If larger short-term deficits are necessary to get the economy moving again, so be it. But one of the most important changes that the country needs is greater long-run fiscal responsibility, a goal that received too little attention in this year's campaign.

That includes long-delayed repairs to Social Security and Medicare so they can continue to serve older Americans well — without overburdening younger generations.

Obama and his party certainly have a mandate to improve the U.S. health care system. Sick Americans should be able to count on decent medical care — without suffering financial ruin.

There is a mandate, too, for the next administration to quickly wind down U.S. involvement in Iraq and get badly needed support to the U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Obama knows that he will need to rebuild America's image abroad after the many mistakes of the Bush administration.

Failure would mean increased economic, environmental and military risks.

It is a long and daunting agenda, requiring wisdom, courage, cooperation and effective leadership from Tuesday's winners, and above all the next president. We must all wish them well.

—THE KANSAS CITY STAR

## We the people should be proud

"For the first time in my adult lifetime I am really proud of my country. And not just because Barack has done well, but because I think people are hungry for change."

—Michelle Obama,  
Feb. 18, 2008

I always thought I understood what Michelle Obama was trying to say.

You are familiar, of course, with what she actually did say, which is quoted above. It provided weeks of red meat for her husband's opponents, who took to making ostentatious proclamations of their own unwavering pride in country.

But again, I think I know what the lady meant to say. Namely, that with her husband, this brown-skinned guy with the funny name, making a credible run for the highest office in the land, she could believe, for the first time, that "we the people" included her.

It is, for African Americans, an intoxicating thought almost too wonderful for thinking. Yet, there it is. And here we are, waking up this morning to find Barack Obama president-elect of these United States.

In a sense, it is unfair — to him, to us — to make last night's election about race.

Whatever appeal Obama may have had to African Americans

and white liberals eager to vote for a black candidate, is, I believe, dwarfed by his appeal to Americans of all stripes who have simply had enough of the politics of addition by division as practiced by Karl

Rove and his disciples, enough of the free floating anger, the holiday from accountability, the nastiness masquerading as righteousness, the sheer intellectual dishonesty, that have characterized the era of American politics that ends here.

But in the end, after all that, there still is race.

And it would be a sin against our history, a sin against John Lewis and Viola Liuzzo, against James Reeb and Lyndon Johnson, against Fannie Lou Hamer and Martin Luther King, against all those everyday heroes who marched, bled and died 40 years ago to secure black people's right to vote, not to pause on this pinnacle and savor what it means.

It would be a sin against our generations, against slaves and freedmen, against housemen and washerwomen, against porters and domestics, against charred bodies hanging in southern trees, not to be still and acknowledge that something has happened here and it is sacred and profound.

For most of the years of the American experiment, "we the people" did not include African Americans. We were not included in "we." We were not even included in "people."

What made it galling was all the flowery words to the contrary, all the perfumed lies about equality

and opportunity. This was, people kept saying, a nation where any boy might grow up and become president. Which was only true, we knew, as long as it was indeed a boy and as long as the boy was white.

But as of today, we don't know that anymore. What this election tells us is that the nation has changed in ways that would have been unthinkable, unimaginable, flat out preposterous, just 40 years ago. And that we, black, white and otherwise, better recalibrate our sense of the possible.

There was something bittersweet in watching Michelle Obama lectured on American pride this year, in seeing African Americans asked to prove their Americanness when our ancestors were in this country before this country was. There was something in it that was hard to take, knowing that we have loved America when America did not love us, defended America when it would not defend us, believed in American ideals that were larger than skies, yet never large enough to include us.

We did this. For years unto centuries, we did this. Because our love for this country is deep and profound. And complicated and contradictory. And cynical and hard.

Now it has delivered us to this singular moment. Barack Obama is president-elect of the United States.

And we the people should be proud.

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## Open arms, impossible expectations

Congratulations President-elect Obama. Welcome to a world that will greet you with open arms — and expectations that will be impossible to meet.

Late last month pollsters judged opinions of the two presidential candidates among people in 22 nations. More than 22,000 people on four continents participated in the survey, and by a margin of four to one, these people preferred Obama over John McCain.

That shouldn't be much of a surprise. President Bush is so despised in much of the world that the Democrats could have nominated a horned toad, and in this poll it would probably have come out ahead.

What is more, many of these countries are home to darker-skinned people who certainly find it reassuring to see a black man win the most important job in the world. Even in India, where Bush is widely admired for his plan to sell the state civilian nuclear technology, those polled preferred Obama over McCain by a 9 percent margin.

In Egypt, where virulent anti-Americanism hangs in the air like humidity, in a poll last week among 500 business leaders, 85 percent preferred Obama over McCain. In fact, billions of people around the world — regardless of skin color, gender, ethnicity, nationality or political viewpoint — are certainly smiling with admiration for America right now as we transcend two centuries of bigotry, injustice and subjugation.

In Washington, new presidents can expect a honeymoon that lasts

about 100 days, at most. In much of the world, that honeymoon is likely to end much sooner. Many people in the Arab world, for example, expect Obama to end the Iraq war and resolve the Israel-Palestine dispute almost overnight.

"People have high hopes," Khaleel Dakhil, a political sociologist in Saudi Arabia, told Cox newspapers last week. "They expect Obama to withdraw American forces from Iraq" and "to have a more even-handed policy in the Arab-Israeli dispute."

More than likely, Obama will begin withdrawing troops from Iraq soon after taking office. But the Arab-Israeli dispute is another matter. This is the Arab world's perennial grievance with America — though the U.S. provides far more aid to the Palestinians than most any of the Arab states.

For a new American president, the odds of settling this decades-long dispute are small, and no effort to solve it will succeed unless Washington is willing to pressure the Israelis, not just the Palestinians, to do things they don't want to do. The common political wisdom is that playing tough with Israel will cost a President his re-election — given the large number of Jews and fundamentalist Christians in key states who support Israel. So on that issue, President Obama will likely disappoint the Arab world.

Several of the other problems are no more easily solved. In Afghanistan, for instance, Obama and McCain both promised to dispatch more troops. But that is unlikely to solve anything. As long as the Taliban and al Qaida maintain safe havens in Pakistan from which they can dispatch endless numbers of fighters, Afghanistan will remain an open wound. And as long as Afghan government officials continue enriching themselves from

opium-fed corruption (Afghanistan is now classified as the world's fifth most corrupt nation) the crop will flourish unchallenged. The Taliban, then, will continue exacting their own tax on the opium farmers to pay for their insurgency. All of that makes the solution much more complex than Obama has let on.

North Korea, Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Bolivia — all of these are complex dilemmas defying easy solutions. But Obama could strengthen his hand immeasurably by taking a few steps that are less complicated. Without consulting any other nation, for example, he could close the prison at Guantanamo.

He could take a clear and unequivocal stand on torture, unlike his predecessor who liked to declare that the United States does not condone torture — even as his people committed torture.

He could step up to the climate-change challenge rather than avoiding and evading the problem. By taking the lead, the United States could create new and profitable green businesses and market their products worldwide — just as Denmark has captured a large part of the world market for wind-powered energy, while Bush pretended that the climate problem did not exist.

Most of all, I have no doubt that President Obama will treat other leaders in a manner that shows he respects their views — even when he does not agree with them. This, as much as anything, will allow him to hold onto the admiration, even affection, the world is offering him now.

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By **JEFF LATZKE**  
AP Sports Writer

STILLWATER, Okla. — Zac Robinson went into his last game against Texas Tech with his job in question and the Oklahoma State program at a crossroads.

As the teams prepare to meet again Saturday with the Big 12 South race and a possible BCS bowl hanging in the balance, it's clear he's led them down the right path.

Robinson was a little-known, unproven commodity when he replaced Bobby Reid last year after the second impressive relief performance of his career.

But what followed in his first career start was a mistake-filled performance in an embarrassing road loss at Troy that started out with Oklahoma State trailing 41-10 before a couple of late touchdowns.

Still, Robinson got a vote of confidence from coach Mike Gundy before the Red Raiders came to town for the Big 12 opener.

"That was my first start at home and I wasn't really sure what position I was in, whether I was going to continue to be the starter," Robinson said Monday. "I hoped that that was the case, but I needed to go out and perform."

Robinson followed his three-turnover debut with an impressive display of his dual-threat abilities, running 13 times for 116 yards and two touchdowns

and passing for 211 yards and the winning 54-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Pettigrew in the final 2 minutes.

"I know that we told him that it was his job and he had an opportunity to go out and play, and if he continued to play well that he would keep it," Gundy said. "I don't know how guaranteeing that is, but I think that's kind of the way we handled it at that particular time."

What might have happened had Robinson struggled in a second straight start will never be known, but his solid performance started the Cowboys (8-1, 4-1 Big 12) in the direction that now has them ranked No. 8 heading into a much more important showdown with second-ranked Texas Tech (9-0, 5-0).

Oklahoma State's 49-45 win against the Red Raiders last season, when both teams were unranked, is probably best



Oklahoma State quarterback Zac Robinson (11), left, looks at teammate Beau Johnson (2), right, in the first half of an NCAA football game in Stillwater, Okla. at Boone Pickens Stadium Saturday. Robinson had 395 yards passing in Oklahoma State's 59-17 win over Iowa State.

remembered around the country as the preface to Gundy's post-game rant that overshadowed the game itself.

Looking back, the victory was also a turning point for a program that has since made it into the top 10 for the first time in 20 years.

"That was a big win for us. They played their butts off, and fortunately we made enough plays at the end," Robinson said. "It definitely gave us some confidence that we could finish off some games that we hadn't in the past."

Since then, Robinson has earned his place in the Big 12's impressive stable of quarterbacks.

His sheer numbers aren't as impressive as Tech's Graham Harrell, Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Texas' Colt McCoy or Missouri's Chase Daniel but none of those players also has the nation's fifth-best rushing offense at his disposal.

Robinson's strength, as compared to the other star quarterbacks, has been his efficiency — he's second in the nation in quarterback rating — but he can also provide the big game. Last week, he threw a career-best five

touchdown passes in Oklahoma State's 59-17 win against Iowa State.

"I just think he's a pretty complete player. He throws it pretty well, he can run it a little bit and he's kind of a physical guy," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I've always thought the fact that he's fairly tough and physical, I don't know if that's understated but it's something that I don't hear but I believe it is a fact."

Robinson doesn't get the attention that the league's other quarterbacks have received, even after outperforming Daniel in the Cowboys' win at Missouri and keeping Oklahoma State in it until the very end in a loss at Texas.

And Harrell has become even more prominent after his closing-seconds touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree sealed a 39-33 win against the top-ranked Longhorns on Saturday.

Robinson could get his turn in the spotlight if the Cowboys can pull out a win against the Red Raiders, but the 6-foot-3 junior from Colorado said he's not concerned with being overlooked in a league of extraordinary quarterbacks.

"I'm comfortable with where I'm at," Robinson said. "Obviously with our team's success, we're getting a lot more recognition."

## Allen scores 29 in Celtics' win over Houston

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Celtics coach Doc Rivers chatted with Rockets general manager Daryl Morey after Boston's 103-99 victory over Houston on Tuesday night.

"Y'all are going to be great," Rivers said. "I'm telling you."

Maybe so. But the defending NBA champions showed the Rockets how far they still have to go.

Ray Allen scored 29 points, Kevin Garnett added 14 points and 11 rebounds and the Celtics shut down Ron Artest and Yao Ming to hand Houston its first loss of the season.

Tracy McGrady scored 26 points, but couldn't rally the Rockets down the stretch.

The Celtics arrived in Houston thinking more about their 95-79 loss to

Indiana on Saturday than the buzz they've heard about the Rockets.

"With Artest coming here, I know they see what we did the previous summer in having three guys who really can play and really can score," said Allen, who hit 11 of 15 shots. "You have a tendency to get caught in the hype of the wrong team and you start to believe it. What we did, we came out here, we lost the last game, and we needed to come out here and do the things we do that make us successful."


The Celtics led 101-97 when McGrady rose for a 3-pointer and was fouled by Tony Allen. McGrady landed awkwardly and grabbed his sore left knee as Rivers protested the call, claiming McGrady was trying to pass. He was given three foul shots and made two, cutting Boston's lead to 101-99.

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### Thanking our soldiers

Bailey Reese is only 12 years old, but she is already a veteran when it comes to our military. Since kindergarten, she has helped send more than 34,000 thank-you gift boxes to soldiers overseas through her Hero Hugs organization. Plus, switching to digital TV and sweet potato bonbons.

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# Why not check this out? At the county library

The library will be closed Tuesday for Veteran's Day as will all county offices. You may return materials in our book drop in the alley as well as the book drop at the entrance of the building.

How many of you remember the Nancy Drew books? They were thrilling, yet safe, mysteries of a plucky young heroine. Here's a review from Publisher's Weekly of Stephanie Karpinske's book "Blues for Real Life" (813.52 KAR S):

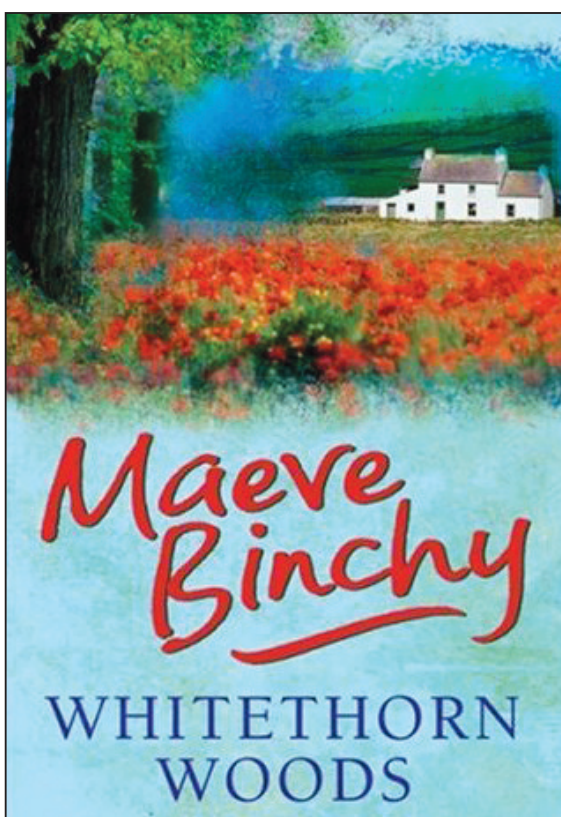


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A smart and capable heroine, girl sleuth Nancy Drew provided a progressive role model for girls in 1930s America, where women had recently won the right to vote. Today, her thoughts on being a woman, dealing with boys, solving crimes and staying fashionable make for deliciously dated browsing. In chapters like

"Career Clues," "Mysterious Men" and "The Style Sleuth," Karpinske has amassed fun, shamelessly old-fashioned (read: non-PC) bon mots like, "Do nearly faint upon being rescued so you can be picked up and held by good strong arms!" from The Secret in the Old Attic. Also included are quizzes and sidebars, numerous illustrations from original publications and even a chapter of recipes for Drew's favorite foods, but the most interesting part is the first chapter, which looks at how Drew was created and how she's changed through different authors and times. But unless you're a die-hard fan, the endless list of quotes can prove wearying, especially for their occasional impenetrability ("Using transparent aliases ... might just get you locked in a hallway!"), an abundance of exclamation points and casual sexism ("There's safety in numbers, especially when they're men!").

Women, do you stand at the closet door and wonder what you are going to wear today? Do you pull



out the old faithful outfit, day after day, week after week? Betty Halbreich rides to the rescue with her new book, "Secrets of a Fashion Therapist" (646.34 HAL B). From the book flap: With simple instructions and witty asides, Betty takes her years of experience working at Bergdorf Goodman's (large department store in New York City,

sort of like Neiman's, I think) and puts that experience into your hands. Follow her through the years of fashion ups and downs and learn how to navigate "casual Friday" and how to break-up with the color black. A neat book.

Maeve Binchy's "Whitethorn Woods" (F BIN M) is the story of the secular life imposing upon the religious life. Set in Ireland, Whitethorn Woods is slated to be cut down and St. Ann's Well will be destroyed. People have been coming to St. Ann's Well for generations to share dreams and despairs and hope. Father

Flynn is torn between the modern and tradition and treads a thin line with his parishioner's and modern life. Binchy is in top form with her latest book.

I have never really understood the attraction of chanteuse Celine Dion. In her autobiography, "Celine Dion, My Story, My Dream" (B DIO C) first published in 2001. Apparently this book is a very readable and eminently enjoyable account of her life. Celine talks about her youth in Quebec, her idols, her family, her rise to fame, her chase of Rene, and much, much more.

If you have been a fan for years, it is not much new, but it gives new insight into who Celine is. If you are not really a fan, read this and see what the buzz is about. This review is from Amazon.Com.

If you are a fan of J.D. Robb's Eve Dallas books, the library now has "Naked in Death" the very first in a long string of Robb's cop of the future. You are introduced to Rourke, an Irish businessman; Mavis, perhaps Eve's only friend; Feeney, her mentor; and a slew of

other characters. There are slight hints of Eve's previous life and a foretaste of what is to come.

Quite a few books on CD have come in. Here are some titles that are ready to check out. Please remember to check the New Book Binder for a complete list. Mary Higgins Clark's "Santa Cruise;" "The Good Husband of Zebra Drive," from Alexander McCall Smith; "Lisey's Story," from Stephen King; and "Sweet Revenge," from Diane Mott Davidson. We do have many more, but I am out of room!

The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. If you have a reference questions, we now offer (during library hours) response by e-mail. You may e-mail us at hclref@hotmail.com. It is checked several times a day and a prompt (hopefully) response will be forthcoming.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

# The only person capable of limiting your potential

A few nights ago, I had a very disturbing dream that I'd like to share with you.

I dreamed that I arrived at my office and found a big sign on the door which stated: Yesterday, the person who has been hindering your opportunity for advancement passed away. We invite you to attend the funeral.

The time and date were listed. As I inquired with the others in the office I found that each of us received the same notice, so all of us decided that we should attend the funeral.

We were saddened that of one of our colleagues had died, but none of us could figure out who it was. So many folks gathered for the funeral that security guards were ordered to control the crowd.

As people stood in line to view the coffin they

were filled with curiosity. Everyone was thinking, "Who was this person hindering our progress? Maybe we should be glad he's gone."

As each person went up to the coffin and looked inside they suddenly became speechless. Everyone was shocked and in silence, as if someone had touched the deepest part of their soul.

As I went to the coffin gazed in, I understood the dismay.

Inside the coffin was a mirror, and as I looked inside I could see myself. A sign was next to the mirror that said, "This is the only person who is capable of limiting your potential. It is you."

At that point I awoke, but the dream continued to haunt me. I knew what the dream was telling me. I must strive to live up to the potential I have been given. I must not allow the things around me to influence my life in negative ways.

I must go beyond my limiting beliefs and expand myself. I must not be afraid of difficulties,

## Parent's Corner

impossibilities and losses, I must face them, survive them and conquer them. I must examine myself and remember that it's

the way I interpret and respond to the things around me that makes the difference.

I must have courage and strength to move ahead and the belief that all will work out right. There is

an old proverb that states, "When we come to the edge of the light and we have to take the next step into the dark unknown, we must believe that one of two things will happen. Either there will be some-

thing solid to step on or we will be given the ability to fly."

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America. His mastery of the Internet matched the rise of a new information age. And his push into formerly Republican states in the South, Midwest and West marked a new political landscape possibly emerging.

After an epic struggle, the first-term Democratic senator from Illinois defeated Republican John McCain, 72, a hero of the Vietnam War and a four-term senator from Arizona.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America," a triumphant Obama told a cheering audience of an estimated 125,000 supporters in Chicago's Grant Park, alongside Lake Michigan. To those watching from

abroad, he said that, "a new dawn of American leadership is at hand. To those who would tear this world down — we will defeat you. To those who seek peace and security — we support you."

He lauded his wife, Michelle, and saluted McCain, calling him a "brave and selfless leader."

McCain conceded the election in a call to Obama at 11 p.m. Eastern time. Obama responded that he looked forward to working with McCain in the Senate. "I need your help. You're a leader on so many important issues," Obama told him.

McCain then faced his disappointed supporters under clear skies outside a Phoenix hotel.

"The American people have spoken and they have spoken clearly," McCain said, his wife, Cindy, at his side.

McCain saluted Obama

for his success and noted his unique triumph as an African-American. "I urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together," he said.

He also lauded his running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who would have become the nation's first female vice president.

President Bush also called Obama shortly after 11 p.m. in Washington. "You are about to go on one of the great journeys of life," Bush told the president-elect. "Congratulations and go enjoy yourself."

Obama was at the vanguard of Democratic gains across the country that promised him a solid working majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

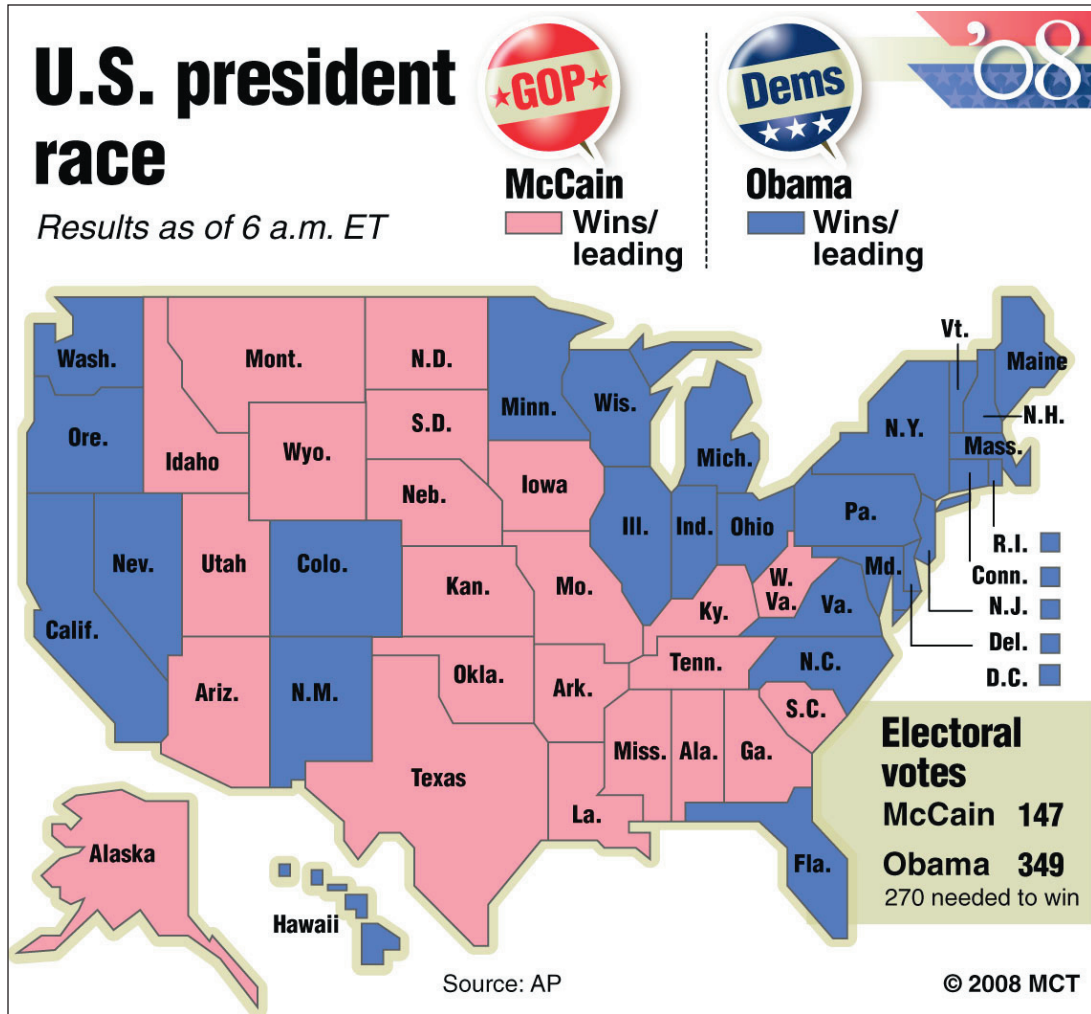
Democratic challengers ousted Republican incumbent Sens. Elizabeth Dole in North Carolina and John Sununu in New Hampshire. Democrats also picked up open Republican Senate seats in New Mexico and Virginia. However, they failed to oust Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, apparently dashing their hopes of gaining a filibuster-proof 60 votes in the Senate.

Eager for a popular mandate to reshape the government, Obama appeared well on his way late Tuesday night to become the first Democrat to take a majority of the popular vote since Jimmy Carter won 50.1 percent in 1976.

Obama sealed his victory by holding all the states that went Democratic in

U.S. president race

Results as of 6 a.m. ET



2004, then picking off Republican states including Colorado, Florida, Virginia, Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico and Ohio.

Ohio was particularly important: No Republican has ever won the presidency without Ohio. No Democrat had won the White House without it since John Kennedy.

There as everywhere, the faltering economy dominated voters' minds and tilted the political landscape solidly against the Republicans as the party of power - and responsibility - in the White House.

Interest was intense. More than 40 million Americans already had voted by Tuesday morning, and total turnout was expected to top 130 million. The turnout rate was likely to rival the modern record of 67 percent set in 1960, the highest since women were granted the right to vote in 1920.

The Democratic wins came at a moment of history when the country was unusually anxious, as eight years of a Republican presidency are ending with an economy sinking into recession, markets in turmoil and U.S. troops at war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

President Bush, whose popularity plummeted following his close re-election four years ago, was all but invisible Tuesday, shunned on the campaign trail and watching the returns in the seclusion of the White House.

He voted earlier by absentee ballot in Texas, where he expects to move after leaving office on Jan. 20.

Bush loomed large over the election as both Obama and McCain vowed to change course.

From the start, Obama ran on the promise of change, both in policy and political style. Unknown outside Chicago just four years ago, he seized the national stage with a keynote speech to the 2004 Democratic National Convention that gave voice to a hunger for a less confrontational and divisive politics.

That appealed particularly to a new generation of young Americans, drawn into politics in large numbers, who helped Obama defeat New York Sen. Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination in a 50-state marathon that pitted his promise of change against her offer of experience.

Obama vowed to change tax and economic policy to help the working and middle classes, expand health care to the uninsured, withdraw troops from Iraq and rebuild frayed relationships and alliances with countries around the world.

He also promised to raise taxes on the wealthy to help finance his expansion of programs for the poor.

McCain, too, promised change. He urged voters, particularly independents, to consider his long tradition of maverick reform that often challenged his own party. "I am not president Bush," he insisted.

But it was all but impossible for McCain to shake the Bush legacy - a burden made worse when Vice President Dick Cheney decided to issue a public endorsement of McCain on the final pre-election weekend. It was the subject of one of the final ads of the campaign - aired not by a proud McCain, but by Obama.

Flying home to Phoenix Tuesday afternoon, McCain and his aides sounded a sentimental note about the campaign.

"We've had a great ride, a great experience, and it's full of memories that we will always treasure," McCain said as he spoke with reporters on his plane.

McCain's chief campaign strategist, Steve Schmidt, later told reporters that McCain was already facing a hostile political landscape as the face of the Republican Party when Wall Street collapsed in September and voters grew even angrier.

"We did our absolute best in this campaign in really difficult circumstances," Schmidt said.

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new members Doug Jost and Nathan Halfmann after the four were the top vote-getters in Tuesday's election.

Voters chose from among six candidates for four at-large school board seats. Jost received 429 votes, tops of all candidates, followed by Halfmann with 397, Niehues with 353 and Hirt with 335.

Diane Havlak and Cody Hare received 205 and 182 votes, respectively.

Niehues, Hirt, Jost and Halfmann each will serve three-year terms on the board. They will begin serving within the next few weeks, officials said.

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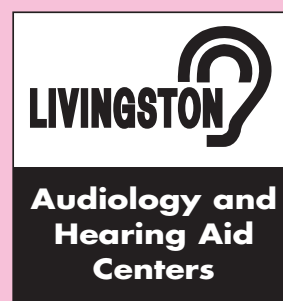


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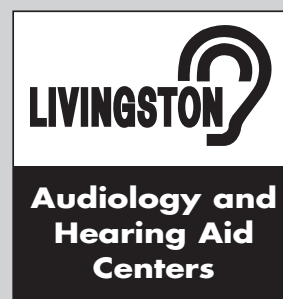


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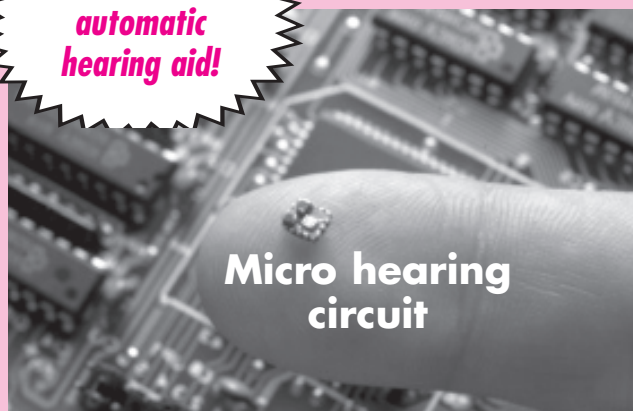
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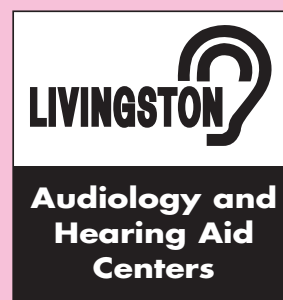
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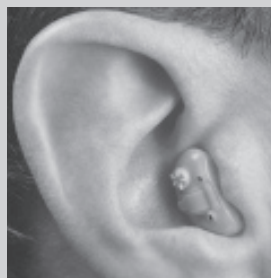
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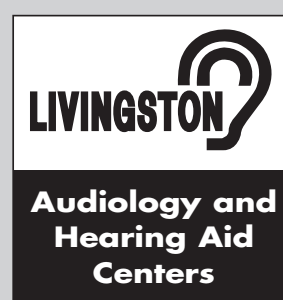


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# Heflin holds off GOP challenger

## Howard County's representatives win new terms

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Republicans dominated West Texas politics this year, but at least one Democrat is still standing tall.

Joe Heflin, District 85 State Representative, fought off a determined bid from Republican challenger Isaac Castro to win re-election Tuesday night.

It wasn't quite the nail-biter as two years ago, when Heflin squeaked by Jim Landtroop, but it was still a tight contest. According to information on the Texas Secretary of State's Web site, Heflin out-pollied Castro by almost 3,000 votes — 22,735 to 19,836 — with seven ballot

boxes in Borden County yet to be tallied.

"I'm going to take two things away from the election," Heflin said. "No. 1, the voters apparently see something in me they like, and they don't like negative campaigning." Tuesday's vote followed the same general trend as two years ago, with Heflin's strength in the Panhandle portion of the district overcoming the GOP's power base in the south.

As it did in 2006, Howard County went to the Republicans, although it

was a much closer-fought election this time — final tallies show Castro with a 4,774-4,486 advantage.

Castro also took Glasscock County by a similarly close margin, 280 votes to 250.

"When we started getting the totals in from the northern counties, we saw that we were starting to gain on (Castro)," Heflin said. "Until we got the last votes in, I wasn't going to say that we were in ... but it was definitely more relaxed than last time."

Heflin attributed Castro's strong showing in the southern half of the district to traditional voting trends.

"I don't think it was Mr. Castro who did well, I thought it was Mr. McCain," Heflin said, alluding to the Republican Presidential candidate, who carried Texas in the election. "But I was pleased we gained a lot of ground (in the south half of the district). We lost by a lot

less this time around."

Castro chalked up the election as a valuable learning experience.

"I want to congratulate Joe Heflin on a successful campaign," Castro said. "And I want to thank the hundreds of people who supported my campaign with time and money ... and I also want to thank the 20,000 voters who shared my vision for West Texas."

Castro said he was not ruling out another run in 2010, but wasn't about to declare for the next election, either.

"Anything is possible," he said with a laugh. "I learned some very valuable lessons ... and I promise to stay involved and stay engaged."

As Heflin prepares for next spring's session of the Texas Legislature, he identified support of wind energy in this area as a big priority.

"We'll be working hard to make sure the wind energy freight train keeps running," he said. "We need that economic development out here."

Another statewide and national races involving Howard County representatives:

• U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) easily won re-election, out-polling Democratic challenger Rick Noriega by almost 1 million votes in state-wide tallies, with Libertarian candidate Yvonne Schick running a distant third. Howard County voters went with Cornyn by a 6,557 to 2,601 margin.

• Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas) also had an easy time at the polls, dismissing Democratic challenger Dwight Fullingim to win another term as the District 19 representative for Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. District-wide totals show Neugebauer holding a 167,962 to 57,824 advantage over Fullingim, while Libertarian Richard "Chip" Peterson received slightly more than 6,000 votes.

• State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) won a one-sided race to win another term to the District 31 seat, gaining 90 percent of the vote to easily out-distance Libertarian challenger Lauren Poindexter.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.



Heflin



Castro

### Howard County numbers in state and other races

#### President/Vice President

John McCain/Sarah Palin (R) — 7,020 ballots (72.43 percent)

Barack Obama/Joe Biden (D) — 2,539 ballots (26.2 percent)

Bob Barr/Wayne Root (L) — 108 ballots (1.11 percent)

Write-in candidates — 25 ballots (0.26 percent)

#### U.S. Senator

John Cornyn (R, incumbent) — 6,557 ballots (69.51 percent)

Richard J. Noriega (D) — 2,601 ballots (27.57 percent)

Yvonne Adams Schick (L) — 275 ballots (2.92 percent)

#### U.S. Representative

Randy Neugebauer (R, incumbent) — 7,045 ballots (75.67 percent)

Dwight Fullingim (D) — 2,073 ballots (22.27 percent)

Richard "Chip" Peterson (L) — 192 ballots (2.06 percent)

#### State Senator District 31

Kel Seliger (R, incumbent) — 7,256 ballots (100 percent)

#### State Representative District 85

Isaac M. Castro (R) — 4,774 ballots (51.56 percent)

Joe Heflin (D, incumbent) — 4,486 ballots (48.44 percent)

#### Statewide totals

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-incumbent) — 4,322,606

ballots (54.80 percent)

Richard J. (Rick) Noriega (D) — 3,380,690 ballots

(42.85 percent)

Yvonne Adams Schick (L) — 184,586 ballots (2.34

percent)

#### U.S. Representative District 19

Randy Neugebauer (R-incumbent) — 167,962 ballots

(72.44 percent)

Dwight Fullingim (D) — 57,824 ballots (24.94 percent)

Richard "Chip" Peterson (L) — 6,048 ballots (2.60

percent)

#### State Senator District 31

Kel Seliger (R-incumbent) — 179,774 ballots (90.20

percent)

Lauren Poindexter (L) — 19,510 ballots (9.79 percent)

#### State Representative District 85

Isaac M. Castro (R) — 19,836 ballots (46.59

percent)

Joe Heflin (D-incumbent) — 22,735 ballots (53.40

percent)

## Voter turnout highest in almost a century

By SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — America voted in record numbers, standing in lines that snaked around blocks and in some places in pouring rain. Voters who queued up Tuesday and the millions who balloted early propelled 2008 to what one expert said was the highest turnout in a century.

It looks like 136.6 million

Americans will have voted for president this election, based on 88 percent of the country's precincts tallied and projections for absentee ballots, said Michael McDonald of George Mason University. Using his methods, that would give 2008 a 64.1 percent turnout rate.

"That would be the highest turnout rate that we've seen since 1908," which was 65.7 percent, McDonald said early Wednesday. It also would beat the old post World War II high of 63.8 percent in the famed 1960 John F. Kennedy-Richard Nixon squeaker. The 1908 race elected William Howard Taft over William Jennings Bryan.

The total voting in 2008 easily outdistanced 2004's 122.3 million, which had been the highest grand total of voters before.

But another expert disagrees with McDonald's calculations and only puts 2008 as the best in 40 years. Different experts calculate turnout rates in different ways based on whom they consider eligible voters.

Curtis Gans, director of the nonpartisan Committee for the Study of the American Electorate at American University and dean of turnout experts, said his early numbers show 2008 to be about equal to or better than 1964. He said it looks like total votes, once absentees are tallied (which could take a day or so), will be "somewhere between 134 and 135 million."

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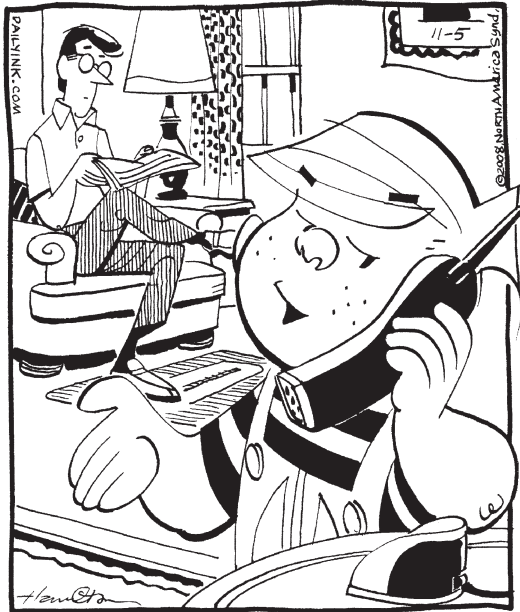
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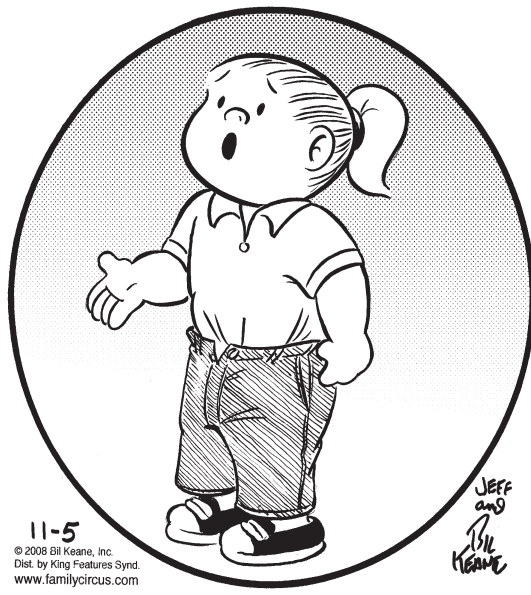
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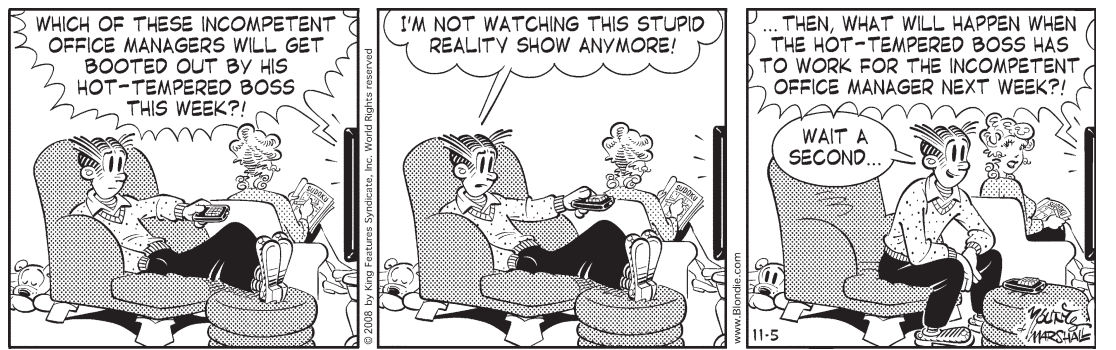


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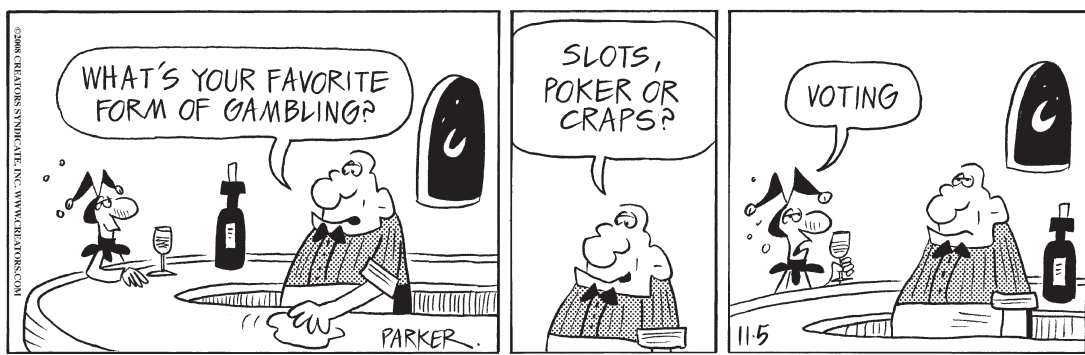
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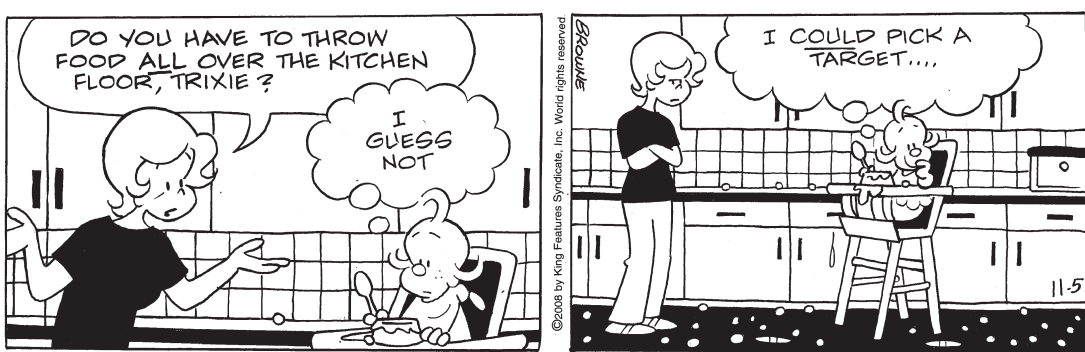
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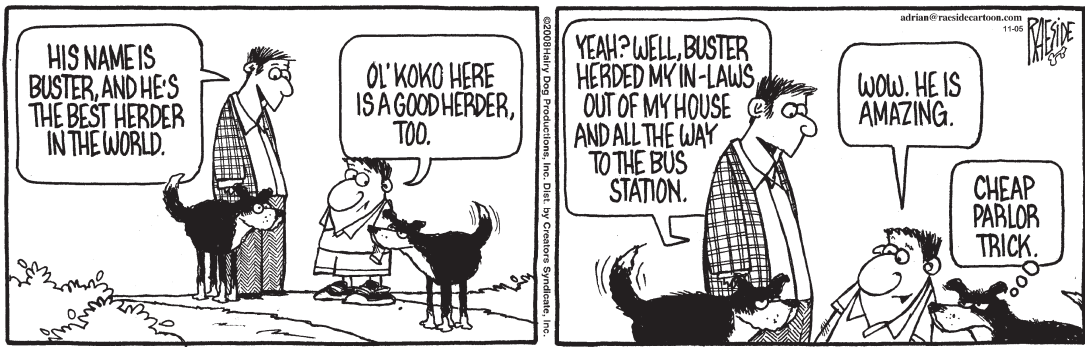
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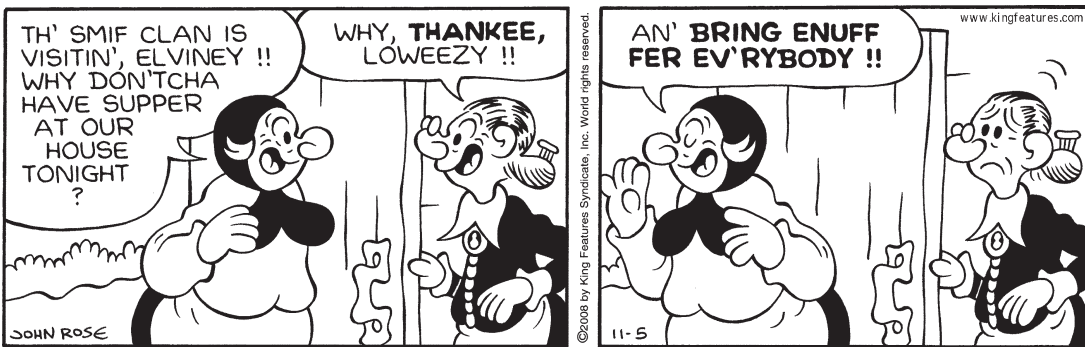
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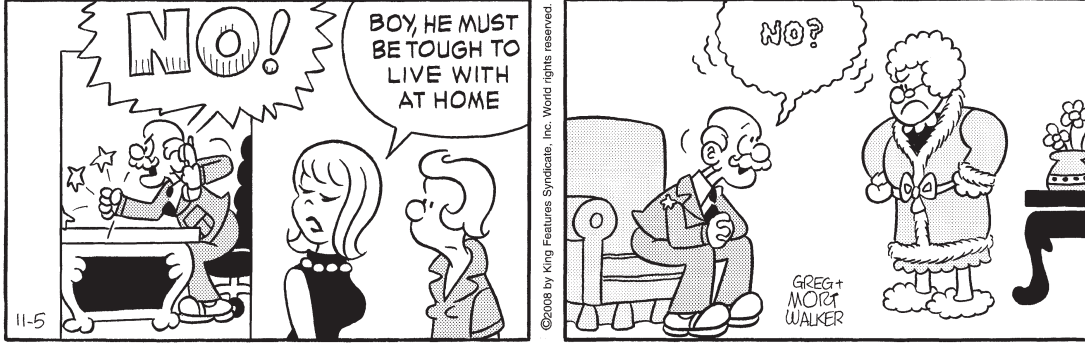
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