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Matt Gonzales, left, who portrays The Mummy, Jessica Barker, who portrays Baroness Von Frankenstein and Thad Loftis, who portrays Harry Talbot in the upcoming production of "The House of Dracula," practice their frightening performance during dress rehearsal.

## Spooks on stage

BSHS drama students to present two scary, entertaining type plays

#### **By MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Features Editor Prepare to be spooked

this week as the Big Spring High School Theatre Department presents two classic plays for the Halloween season.

"Originally I was doing just "The House of Dracula," with a cast of 14. But I had 86 people show up for auditions, so I decided to do the two plays, which allowed me to use almost 50 people in cast and crew," said Tracie Lindsey, BSHS theatre department teacher.

"This has turned out to be so much fun. We'll have 23 people on stage and about 20 people on crew and make-up. 'The House of Frankenstein' is actually a sequel to 'The HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN Monday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 6:30 p.m.

#### HOUSE OF DRACULA

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.

All performances will be in the **BSHS** auditorium.

House of Dracula,' so this has worked very well and the students are enthused about their performance," she said.

House "The Frankenstein," by Martin Downing, opens in the Big Spring High School

See PLAYS, Page 5A

## HC to address aging infrastructure

Trustees will convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

wiring.

These rather pedestrian-sounding items are going to be taking up a lot of time for Howard College trustees in the coming months.

by the architectural consulting firm of Freese and Nichols of Lubbock, is examining infrastructure needs at all three major HC campuses — Big Spring, San Angelo and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the plan will not only

## Seeing Red

Local schools gearing up for Red Ribbon Week

### **By STEVE REAGAN**

#### Staff Writer

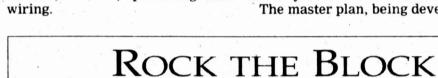
It began as a simple tribute to a slain federal agent, but has grown into one of the largest antidrug campaigns in the country.

Red Ribbon Week, annually held in late October, will be celebrated in Big Spring schools Monday through Friday, and a variety of events are scheduled.

The Red Ribbon Campaign began in 1988 to honor the memory of Enforcement Drug Agency agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was kidnapped, tortured

See RED, Page 5A

#### Trustees will learn more about the junior college district's infrastructure master plan during their **By STEVE REAGAN** regular monthly meeting at 12:30 Staff Writer p.m. Monday in the East Room of Brick, mortar, plumbing and Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. See HC, Page 3A The master plan, being developed





Krystelle Mikels, 5, makes her way through a colorful obstacle course during the annu-

al Rock the Block Faith Fest at the Salvation Army Saturday. The center provided music,

## Early voting begins Monday in proposed amendments election

games and food free of charge.

#### **By THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area voters can dust off their voter registration cards and get ready, as early voting in this year's state constitutional amendment election gets under

way Monday morning. Set through Nov. 4 at the Howard County Courthouse, early voting will give area residents the chance to cast their ballot without standing in long election-day lines.

branch or weekend voting dur- as simple as possible.' ing this year's election due to according to Howard County Registrar Saundra Voter Bloom.

"We're expecting a low turnout since it's an amendment election," said Bloom. "We also wanted to keep everything at the courthouse because this will be our first year with the new electronic voting

However, there will be no booths. We want to keep things

Among the hot-button topics an expected low turnout, to be voted on is Proposition 2, which would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

Also drawing attention this election season is Proposition 4, which would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

during early voting from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"If they haven't received their voter registration card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office or call," said Bloom.

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming election, was Oct. 11.

For more information, including voter registration status, Voters can cast their ballots contact Bloom at 264-2273.

## A closer look at the proposed amendments

**Proposition 1 Creating the Texas Rail** Relocation and **Improvement Fund** (HJR by 54 McClendon/Staples)

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facili-

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Proposition 1 authorize the creation of the Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund in the state treasury: The Texas Transportation Commission (TTC)

would administer this revolving fund to finance or partially fund the relocation

### **BRA BRA BLACK SHEEP**

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) - Two offduty police officers thought something was amiss when they saw a man hiding behind cars and carrying a J.C. Penney bag.

There's no J.C. Penney near upscale Greenwich, so the officers stopped Ricardo Salazar and searched his van, where they found 342 bras that had allegedly been stolen from Victoria's Secret.

The bras, worth \$14,135, were different colors and sizes and cost between \$32 and \$50 each. Police say Salazar, 25, of Elmhurst, N.Y., is also accused of stealing \$856 worth of sleepwear from Victoria's Secret and more than \$5,000 worth of shoes from Shoes-n-More.

### **BROTHERS LOVE LIFE**

and improvement of privately and pub-

licly owned passenger and freight rail

facilities. Funds would be used in the

interest of improving mobility and pub-

lic safety around the state. The fund also

could be used to provide a method of

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The TTC could issue bonds pledged

against the fund to be repaid from the

Nothing is typical for Johnny and Jimmy Peterson, 15-year-old identical twins, who suffer from a rare genetic disorder diagnosed in only 11 other children in the world. They have been diagnosed with Myhre

rail facility.

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(mire) Syndrome - so rare there are no foundations, support groups or even research being done to discover the cause or cure. See their story, Page 1C.

#### Supporters say

Proposition 1 would help enhance public safety, alleviate traffic congestion, improve air quality, and boost economic opportunity by facilitating the relocation and construction of rail lines in Texas. If approved by the voters and funded by the Legislature, it would create a mechanism for financing the relocation of dangerous freight rail lines in densely populated areas. Relocating rail

See AMENDMENTS, Page 6A

### **UW** LUNCHEON TUESDAY

The 58th campaign for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County continues with a midcampaign luncheon Tuesday.

Dr. David Watts, president of UTPB, will be guest speaker for the event, which will be held Tuesday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In addition, campaign division chairs will be announcing their current totals and companies that have finished their campaigns will be recognized. The total that the campaign has raised will be announced.

Catering will be provided by Gregg's Grill. The cost is \$10 at the door.



## **Obituaries**

### Myrle "Jean" Ogden

Myrle "Jean" Ogden, 79, of Big Spring died Friday morning, October 21, 2005, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Graveside services were at 4:00 PM Friday at Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star.

She was born September 2, 1926, to J. H. and Nevada Agnew at Sipe Springs, Texas. She married Herman Ogden, August 1, 1942, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He preceded her in death in 2000. She came to Big Spring in 2001 from Rising Star. Jean was a Baptist and very proud of being a Texan.

She was lovingly cared for by her 2 nieces: Sara Bavin of Big Spring and Peggy Keane of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

#### **Richard C. Thomas**

Richard C. Thomas, 87, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, October, 22, 2005, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take note

• HOWARD-GLASSCOCK COUNTIES CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY volunteer covered dish luncheon is set for noon Tuesday in Garrett Hall. The volunteer of the year will be announced. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• UNITED WAY MIDCAMPAIGN LUNCHEON is set for Tuesday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are \$10. For more information or to donate to the United Way, call 267-5201.

• HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT. Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Contact the museum by Oct. 28. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

• BSHS JUNIOR CLASS TAILGATE FUND-RAIS-ER set for Oct. 28 before the football game in the parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Parents are selling hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chips, drinks and cookies for \$5. All proceeds go toward the junior-senior high prom. Call Angela Phernetton at 213-3119 for more information.

• HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• PARENTS OF SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS AT FORSAN have scheduled a fund-raiser Oct. 31 to cover expenses of school dances with more than 20 items available to win. These items include gift certificates, home furnishings, a gold bracelet, candles, car maintenance and others. Contact Marie Wilson at 213-3825 or Chris Gallaway at 816-3291 for tickets.

## LOCAL

## **Police blotter**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

• MARIA ESTER VIERA, 32, 1907, was arrested on a hold for the HCSO.

• JOSE MANUEL AVIRA, 29, 1216 Lloyd, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• DANIEL LEMON, 37, 104 N.W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of interfering with a peace officer.

• MOSES CANALES, 17, 1206 Dixie, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 700 block of Aylesford.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 1200 block of Pennsylvania.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens (three listings).

• DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN A DRUG-FREE ZONE was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Highway 176.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1200 block of Centerpoint.

## Weather

Sunday...Increasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers. Much cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Colder. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

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Thursday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

## **Bulletin board**

Weekend Edition, October 22-23, 2005

**BIG SPRING HERALD** 

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Heraid news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringheraid.com

#### MONDAY

• Mustang Draw Woodcarvers annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Comunity Center. Classes start today.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500
S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.
Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

#### TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

#### WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

#### THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

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• AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 2006 RELAY FOR LIFE COMMUNITY KICK-OFF is set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St. Call 263-7176 for more information.

• POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• EARLY DISMISSAL FOR BIG SPRING STU-DENTS Nov. 4 for the football game in Plainview. Bauer Elementary dismisses at 2 p.m.; all other elementary and secondary schools dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Call 264-3600 for more information.

• SENIOR FUN FEST is set for Nov. 4-5 offering a variety of activities for senior citizens. Call Shannon Nabors at Canterbury, 263-1265 or Nancy Jones at RSVP, 264-2397 or Rhonda Campbell at the Senior Citizens Center, 267-1628, for more information.

• BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE HOWARD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASSES is 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the St. Paul Lutheran Church library, 811 Gregg St. Donated good should be at the church by 9 a.m. Call the church at 267-7163 for more information.

• FALL CAR FEST AND CAR SHOW is set for 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Nov. 5 in the parking of Advance Auto Parts, 710 Gregg St. Trophies and door prizes awarded and the winner will be decided by cash donations totals. The Sonic Cruise is set for 6 p.m. Call Dickie or Helen Partlow at 263-4909 or 270-1900 for more information.

• A TASTE OF BIG SPRING is set for Nov. 8 at the Dora Roberts Community Center, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Deadline to reserve a booth has been extended to Oct. 26. To reserve a booth, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

#### • CANTERBURY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 3 and booth space is limited. Call 263-1238 to reserve a booth.



## Harvest time

• HAUNTED HOUSE sponsored by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team is in the old Texas Surgery Department of Malone and Hogan Clinic, set for 7 p.m. until midnight Oct. 28-29 and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Oct. 31. Admission of \$5 goes to Relay for Life fund-raising.

• **BAUER MAGNET SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL** is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m Oct. 28. Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1 and will be available at the door. There will be food, games of chance, games of skill, prizes, costumes and Jack-O-Laterns. Jack-O-Latern juding is at 7 p.m., costume judging is at 7:15 p.m. Call 264-4121 for more information.

• A HAUNTED HOUSE at the Diagnostic Center of the SWCID campus, 3301 Hudgens Memorial Drive, is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28-29. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children.

• DANCE GALLERY TRICK OR TREAT WITH SPOOKY PERFORMANCES set for 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Oct. 29. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

• FAMILY FEST AND LORD'S ACRE at First United Methodist Church Oct. 29. The event includes a silent auction, bake sale and games begin at 10 a.m. A live auction begins at 1 p.m. Auction items include half a beef, a vacation in Ruidosa, N.M., hand-made items, art work plus other items. Call the church at 267-6394 for more information or to purchase an advance ticket for the Lord's Acre steak dinner.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM presents The Haunted Hangar from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Oct. 29. This free Halloween event is open to children of all ages. Activities include 15 game booths, face painting, a dance contest, a costume contest, refreshments and more. Dance Gallery students perform at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather at 264-1999.

• **RELAY FOR LIFE SPOOK HOUSE** in the old College Heights Elementary School on Goliad is set for 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Oct. 29-31. Cost is \$5 per person.

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Sale at the Dora Roberts Comunity Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

#### SATURDAY

• Mustang Draw Woodcarvers annual Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Comunity Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

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• Daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-23-34-7-1. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$32,340. Winning ticket sold in: Rosenberg. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-3

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and program growth, as well as our current needs," Sparks said.

All three campuses are have needs in this area, she said.

At San Angelo, growing enrollment is putting a serious strain on existing classrooms, Sparks said.

"We're outgrowing our space," she said. "And also, we have the need for a building close to the West Texas Training Center (in San Angelo) ... We're interested in pursuing the possibility of another building there." SWCID has its own needs, expansion

ers won't shoulder the burden there, since the college for the deaf is funded almost exclusively by state money.

although district taxpay-

"We need to continue our efforts relative to workforce training,' Sparks said. "We requested funds for that during the last two (legislative) sessions, but haven't received any money."

And, for the Big Spring campus, the major problem is age - many of the campus building date back to the college's founding in the mid-1940s.

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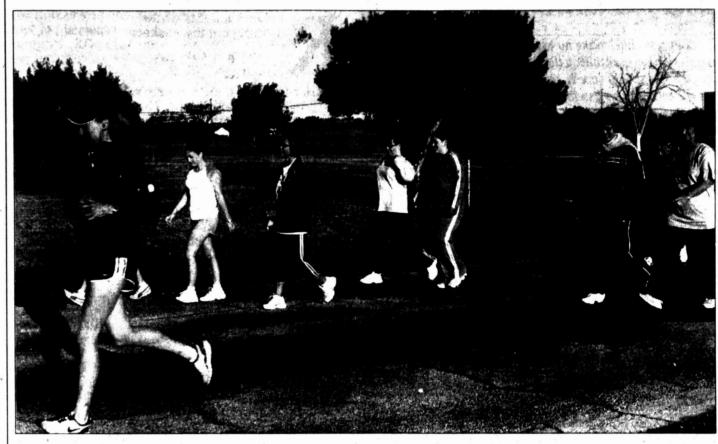
Updates on the Performing Arts Center and Howard Cottage Playground.

· Catalog and handbook changes.

• A report on plans for the college's 60th anniversary celebration.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331. ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

## VA HOSPITAL RUN/WALK



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Richard C. Thomas,

87, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Home.

Runners and walkers head out at the start of the five-kilometer run/walk race sponsored by the West Texas VA Health Care System Saturday morning at Comanche Trail Park. Proceeds from the event went to Hurricane Rita relief efforts and the VA Employee Association Fund.

## **Jail issue absent from Howard County Commissioners' agenda**

### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are slated to meet Monday morning to go over a number of routine items, with one issue conspicuously absent from the agenda -a new county jail.

<sup>b</sup> Despite completion of the county's budget and tax rate proceedings, which took precedence over ongoing talks concerning building a new county jail, the issue failed to make its way back on to the court's

agenda. There's just not enough interest among the commissioners to get it back on the agenda," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

several areas the facility is out of compliance with, including inmate crowding and a deficient inmate to officer ratio.

"Dormitories are being utilized above their approved capacity," TCJS Inspector Dennis Cisneros said in the report. "Detox cell is being used for other than intended purpose... On days the jail's population is above 48, there are not enough officers to cover the one officer to 48 inmate ratio.

"The facility was inspected... and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You (Howard County) are urged to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration and to promptly initiate and complete appropriate

Standards, which found revisit the jail issue as soon as we possibly can," said Crooker. "It's not going to go away. We're looking at a time element of at least two years or more before a jail would be available for us to use. It just makes good sense to get it under way."

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Lockhart said the root of the disagreement between the commissioners, who are divided 2-2, stems from the number of inmates the jail should be built to house and the location of a new facility.

It will cost approximately \$12 million to construct the joint law enforcement center with 144 beds supported by commissioners Bill Crooker and Jerry Kilgore – county and city officials have envisioned.

There has been no firm estimate on how much a 96-bed jail-only facility --currently supported by commissioners Emma Brown and Gary Simer would cost, but supporters have said it could be constructed for as little as \$7 million.

"So far the entire thing is just on hold," said Lockhart. "We can't get the commissioners to come to an agreement on this, so there's not a lot we can do with it."

"I think this is a very important issue, and I think we need to pick it back up," said Commissioner Bill Crooker during a recent meeting at the Big Spring Chamber Area of Commerce. "I don't think we can just let this go."

Crooker's comments on the jail situation came only weeks after the facility failed yet another inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER Our Community. **Our Hospital**. 1 W. 11th Pl. Big Spring, TX corrective measures." Cisneros also pointed out deficiencies in the jail's plumbing, as well as the number of jailers to the number of inmates.

"If you have two or three jailers working a shift and you have one of them on control, they can't be counted because they're working the main office and can't respond to inmates needs," an Sheriff Dale Walker pointed out to the commissioners two weeks ago. "That's why the commission wants them there."

Crooker said the failing grade is a clear sign the court needs to begin working on the issue which as it stands, involves building a new, multi-million dollar facility — as soon as possible. "I think we need to

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

**Bill McClellan** 

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**OUR VIEWS** 

## Amendment election: Get out and vote

arly voting for the Nov. 4 Texas Constitutional Amendment elections in this state historically draw few voters, so you are probably asking why you should go to the trouble of heading to the polls this time.

We're glad you asked.

How you vote on the issues on the Nov. 4 ballot is up to you. We believe that the average voter is more than smart enough to come up with an informed decision on those issues.

Besides, we're not talking to the people who are going to vote.

It's you, Mr. "Why Should I Bother," who we wish to address.

Normally, state constitutional amendment elections are crammed full of arcane issues, such as whether the county treasurer office in such-and-such county should be abolished. Why you should have to vote on something like that is probably beyond you. Frankly, it is beyond us, also.

But, every now and then, major issues that significantly effect the lives of every Texan appear on the ballot. And this year, we have some doozies.

The issue receiving the most attention is Proposition 2, which would provide that "marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.' In other words, traditional man-woman marriages would be the only such unions legally recognized in Texas. Marriage between gays or lesbians would be strictly verboten. Further, gays or lesbians who get married in a state that recognizes their union would not receive the same protection if they move to Texas.

A great dog but a lousy cop

andom thoughts while cleaning out my powkets:

I can't imagine a much tougher job than being a policeman. The hours stink, the pay's not that great and there's always the chance of physical harm coming to you or your colleagues.

On top of that, people are almost always unhappy to see you. Basically, you're an IRS auditor with a sidearm.

In short, not everyone is cut out to be a cop.

Just ask Buster.

Buster, a German Shepherd, was recently drummed out of the South Yorkshire, England, police force because he never quite got the knack for fighting crime.

By all accounts, Buster is just about the friendliest dog you ever want to meet - and that, it seems, was part of the problem.

He was good at making friends, but lousy at actually nabbing crooks, his superiors told the Associated Press.

"He has a lack of drive and motivation when asked to do operational work," Police Constable David Stephenson said. "He's just a lovely pet."

OK, a couple of thoughts right here:

 Re-read Constable Stephenson's comment, then compare it to what a stereotypical U.S. policeman's comments on the same situation might be.

Nothing against policemen on our side of the Atlantic. Those I have met are without fail great folks. But I can't help but think an American police officer would have said something like this: "The canine trainee was termi-

nated from the program because

he displayed a noted lack of

aggression when dealing with suspected perpetrators."

OK, I watch too many cop shows on TV, but you get my drift, don't you?

 Secondly, re-read Stephenson's comment again, this

time with an English accent. Doesn't it sound great? Maybe I have a deep-seated sense of cultural inferiority, but a good English accent almost always stops me in my tracks.

STEVE It's one reason why REAGAN I love Hugh Grant

movies, I guess. Interestingly, an

English friend I chat with on the Internet can't stand Grant. "Personally, I find him to be a bit of a poof, actually," my friend told me one time.

Of course, I thought my friend's comment was fascinating, mainly because you don't find anyone besides an Englishman describing someone as "a bit of a poof, actually."

Man, those folks sound classy even when they're insulting people. I would *pay* to be that cool.

Years ago, I was working at a gas station when a young woman stopped for gas and directions. She was lovely, with curly blond hair and striking blue eyes. But then she opened her mouth and out came the most charming English accent I had ever heard.

I was in loooooooooooo.

She wanted to know the best way to get to McKittrick Canyon in New Mexico, so I proceeded to not only show her the quickest route to take, but also about every other conceivable way to reach her destination without resorting to boat or air travel.

What I didn't say, but was thinking loud enough to wake dead relat.ves, was, "If you're willing to wait a few hours, I'll be more than happy to personally take you there.'

Fortunately for Anglo-American relations, I refrained from making an utter fool of myself, although I probably went right to the edge in my desire to impress the young lady.

But she seemed to be a good sport about things. Her lovely smile seemed to be saying, "I don't know who this bloke is, but he seems fairly harmless.'

Of course, I could have mistaken her expression for the "Have you ever had a snootful of chemical mace, buster?" smile. Anyway, she soon drove off, and

I was left with a pleasant memory. Wow, did I go off on a tangent or what?

Where were we? Oh, yeah ... the dog.

... The AP report stated that Buster did well at the start of his 14-week training period, but his work gradually deteriorated from there, and police officials were forced to let him go.

But the story has a happy ending. Buster has been placed with a family in Sheffield, and the South Yorkshire Police Department presumably has a replacement more suited for the rigors of crime-fighting.

"He just showed no interest in doing the job," Stephenson said of Buster. "He had no fire in his belly.'

At least the constable didn't call Buster "a bit of a poof."

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#### By JANE EISNER

**Knight Ridder Newspapers** 

The ink was barely dry on the Constitution when the U.S. Senate voted in 1795 on whether to appoint John Rutledge as the next chief justice of the United States.

A distinguished son of the

issues without actually saving anything is beginning to resemble a Kabuka dance. Understandably. It may well be that Miers' views on key constitutional issues won't resonate with a majority of the American public.



presented and argued, while taking into consideration constitutional values and legal precedent, One's ideology need not dictate one's assessment of the law.

This is why we can have judges. ardently in favor of abortion rights who think that Roe v. Wade is really bad law, and judges who are per-

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Understandably, this is a hot-button issue, and one that most, if not all, Texans feel strongly about. And if you feel strongly about the issue, you owe it to yourself to make your voice heard.

Another amendment receiving attention is Proposition 4, which would allow district judges to deny reinstatement of bail, or a new bail, to felony defendants if the original bail was forfeited because the defendant poses a threat to the safety of either the alleged crime victim or the community.

Again, this is a vitally important issue, one that you should care about strongly. But, guess what? If you don't vote, your opinion doesn't matter.

You want to make a difference? Start by taking the time to vote. Trust us, it is worth the trouble.

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Revolution and the chief justice in his home state of South Carolina, Rutledge had the pedigree and the experience, never mind the backing of that most notable founding father, President George Washington.

But he didn't have the votes. The Senate rejected the nomination largely because of Rutledge's public stand against the Jay Treaty, a controversial pact that averted a war with Great Britain. "In turning down Rutledge," says the official congressional history, "the Senate made it clear that an examination of a nominee's qualifications would include his political views."

Two centuries later, it is disingenuous for senators now to say that probing a judicial nominee's political views is somehow outside the confirmation process. Not only that — it's flat-out untraditional.

Citizens like you and me have every right to know the background, values, influences and opinions that help shape the person Harriet Miers is today. That's not a "litmus test,".and we're smart enough to know the difference.

Only we can't ask her directly; the members of the Judiciary Committee are supposed to do that for us. To permit this Supreme Court nominee, or any other, to skate through confirmation hearings for one of the most powerful jobs on the planet without an honest accounting to the American public flouts the very process senators are sworn to uphold.

So far, the White House's elaborate effort to signal Miers' true feelings on a host of constitutional

Seats on the nation's highest court should, of course, never be subject to a popularity contest. If the Senate pulled a Rutledge today - denying confirmation based on a single stand on a controversial issue - there ought to be hell to pay at the next election.

That's why so many public officials promise us that they will not hold the nominee to a litmus test. Such a standard would be a test of ideological purity, a way of finding out whether a person is a true-blue liberal or a bright-red conservative.

No nominee should be subject to that because it negates the reason to have an independent judiciary in the first place: to make judgment based only on the facts as they are

sonally and passionately against legalized abortion who believe Roe should stand because of legal precedent.

Even so, there are good reasons for asking about a nominee's beliefs. While ideology does not inevitably predict how a judge will rule, it does give a general sense of that person's leanings. Several studies of judicial voting behavior during the last 20 years have proved a basic point: Judges appointed by Democrats vote very differently from those appointed by Republicans on issues from affirmative action to criminal justice to the Commerce Clause.

Adding to that picture was a study released last year by the nonpartisan Environmental Law Institute, showing that federal judges' political affiliations may be a decisive factor in determining the outcome of cases brought under the nation's premier environmental law.

So suspend the Kabuki dance and start the jitterbug. We ought to get up close and personal in Harriet Miers' confirmation process, especially given her lack of judicial experience and her behind-thescenes work in the White House. The public, through the Senate, has a right to know more about a woman who is an open question in the minds of many Americans.

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#### Body found in Texas may be remains of missing Fort Myers woman

EL PASO (AP) – A man being held in connection with an El Paso killing has led police to another victim, believed to be a Fort Myers, Fla. woman who disappeared months ago, authorities said.

Terry Daniel McDonald, 25, accused of killing a 62year-old El Paso man with whom he had lived, directed investigators to a shallow grave site near Sierra Blanca on Wednesday, Hudspeth County Sheriff Arvin West told an El Paso television station.

West said the badly decomposed remains may be those of Mary Mount of Fort Myers. Investigators said Mount was last seen with McDonald.

"We can only speculate at this point that (the remains) may be a young lady from Florida, based on the information he gave us," West said.

McDonald was arrested earlier this month on a murder charge after being stopped by police in Wisconsin. Investigators said he strangled Felipe Loya Andrade and then buried the older man in his front yard.

McDonald met Mount through the Internet. Mount's mother, Dottie Knapp, has said the last time she heard from her daughter was Jan. 4.

#### Texas oilman, two Swiss executives charged in oil-for-food probe

NEW YORK (AP) - A Texas oil mogul and two Swiss business executives were charged Friday with paying millions in kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's regime in the latest indictment to come out of the U.N. oil-for-food scandal.

Oscar S. Wyatt Jr., founder and former chairman of Coastal Corp., was arrested at his home in Houston. The U.S. government was seeking the extradition of oil traders Catalina del Socorro Miguel Fuentes and Mohammed Saidii from Switzerland.

Wyatt, 81, was freed after bail was set at \$2.5 million on the federal charges.

The United Nations set up the oil-for-food program in the 1990s as part of an effort to punish Saddam's regime without making the Iraqi people suffer. Iraq was allowed to sell its crude oil, but the proceeds were supposed to go toward food and other humanitarian aid for the Iraqis.

The program was found to be rife with corruption. Authorities said Saddam began insisting that those he dealt with pay kickbacks. Investigators suspect Saddam's regime pocketed \$10.2 billion in payoffs and other illegal oil sales.

In April, federal prosecutors charged two other Houston oilmen and a British citizen with taking part in the corruption.

If convicted of conspiracy and other charges, the three men named in the latest indictment could get 62 years in prison and a fine of \$1 million, or twice the illicit gains they allegedly received.

#### Man sentenced to supervised release; tried to take ammo to Syria

DETROIT (AP) - A Texas man who told authorities he was headed to Syria to try to collect a \$25 million bounty on Osama bin Laden has been sentenced to time served and a year of supervised release.

Matt Mihsen, 47, of Chandler, Texas, was sentenced Friday by U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood after pleading guilty to failing to report that he had brought ammunition on board an airplane, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Detroit said. Three other charges against him were dismissed as part of a plea agreement. Mihsen spent 6 1/2 months in custody before being released on an unsecured bond Sept. 2, when he entered his plea. At the time of his arrest, Mihsen told agents that he was going to Syria in hopes of claiming the reward - offered by the U.S. government - for information leading to bin Laden's arrest and conviction, according to a federal criminal complaint. Mihsen, a registered private investigator, pilot and truck driver, also said he wanted to conduct an independent probe into the illegal sale of uranium by extremists, authorities said. According to the indictment, Mihsen, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in Syria, left Dallas on Feb. 15 for Damascus. Mihsen changed planes at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, where a search of his checked luggage revealed that he was attempting to take a number of items with him to Syria including a stun gun, ammunition, pepper spray, a bulletproof vest and three Geiger counters. Mihsen told federal agents he planned to use the items as bait to lure possible uranium smugglers, authorities said.

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## **PLAYS**

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auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Tickets are \$3 for adults. Student and senior citizen tickets are \$2. A second performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

**Opening** performance "The House of for Dracula," also by Downing, is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are \$3 for adults. Student and senior citizen tickets are \$2. A second performance is set for 8:30 p.m. Saturday after the Fall Festival. Admission to the Saturday, Oct. 29, performance is \$1 for those who attend the Fall Festival. Halloween, Oct. 31, both

plays will be presented,

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and murdered by drug dealers in Mexico in 1985.

The campaign has evolved into a broad national anti-drug awareness week involving thousands of schools, as well as law enforcement and nonprofit organizations.

Locally, rallies, promotions and theme days will dominate observances for Red Ribbon Week although it might be more accurately called Red Bracelet Week this year.

Darrell Ryan, director of curriculum for the school district, said educators will distribute red plastic wrist bands this year instead of the traditional ribbons.

From wearing red to participating in various daily programs, BSISD students will be extolling the virtues of a drug-free life.

"Red Ribbon Week is very effective," Ryan said. "It brings to the kids' attention ... to focus on the development of a healthy lifestyle — that drugs aren't the answer.

"It makes an impression, a big one," he added. "And now, almost every school is doing it at the same time."

Video; Just Say no Pledge; Trivia Question (Winning class gets pencils); Pass out bracelet; Drug Related Vide; Drug Free color sheets.

House of Dracula" at 8

Tuesday – Put a cap on backwards and turn your back on Drugs (Wear a funny hat backwards); Morning video;; Drug Free Pledge; Trivia **Question** (Winning classes will get pencils); Shoot Hoops, Not Drugs 3rd & 4th Grade during PE; Tie **Red Ribbon** around trees (Teachers will get camera and take a picture of their class); Drug Free color sheets

Wednesday — Hugs not Drugs (Bring stuffed animals); Daily Video; Drug Free Pledge; Trivia **Question** (Winning class will get pencils); List alternative activities to do instead of Drugs; Drug Free color sheets.

Thursday — Shade out Drugs (wear sunglasses);

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with "The House of Baron Victor Von Frankenstein" beginning Frankenstein, performed at 6:30 p.m. and "The Wright; by Logan Baroness Elisabeth Von Frankenstein, Hollie Cast for "The House of Biemeret; Ygor, Julian Dracula" includes Baron Garcia; Frau Lurker, Von Frankenstein, played Loveita Raymond; The Monster, Brandon Pierce; by Tanner Churchwell; Von Harry Talbot, Josh Wilson; Countess Ilona Jessica Bathory, Amber Sleight; Barker; Ygor, Jason Frau The Phantom of the Cassandra **Opera**, Nick Ross; Count Bazaldua; Harry Talbot, Dracula, Geoffrey Treece: Isabel Channing, Sydnie Isabel Robertson. LeAnn

Crew members for both shows include: stage man-Dracula, Jessi New; The ager for "The House of Doctor, Nathan Booth; Frankenstein," Macee Gonzales; stage manager for "The House of Dracula,". Laurel Kerr; sound technician, Justin The cast for "The House Lara; lighting techniof Frankenstein" includes

Crystal Woodson; special effects, Michelle Morgan, Bernadette Flores, Jana Giles, Miguel Zermeno and Kady Knox: make-up Jessica Stone, Samanthi Diaz, Stacie Rio: Brittany Slalzar. Kri King, Brittany Horton Rebekah Horton, Alica: Bess, Mariah Duenez and Niccolette Aruero; house crew, Chanel Burge Stephanie Mims, Morga Schumpert: Baile Winters, Kristin Moorhead, Kath Tompkins, Brittan Huckabee and Samantf Whitehead.

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And, Ryan added, the program is also having desired effect. the Statistics show that marijuana and cocaine use among school-age children has declined since the mid-1980s.

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roads outside of cities would improve public safety by reducing the number of inner city rail accidents and preventing the shipment of hazardous materials through densely populated areas. Last year, a toxic waste spill in San Antonio

### killed five people and injured

The current congestion crisis on Texas highways stems in part from the inability of railroads to keep up with increasing demands for the transport of freight through the state. Right-of-way obtained by relo-

cating railroads out of urban areas could be used for the placement of commuter rail lines or new highways, both of

which would decrease traffic congestion and provide economic development opportunities along these corridors. The fund could be used to help finance both the relocation of existing rail lines and the development, improvement, and maintenance of new lines, such as commuter or high-speed rail. **Opponents** say

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Railroad relocation should be left entirely to the private sec-

future of Texas' children and families.

tor. It is not the responsibility of the state to finance construction of additional freight rail lines. The state debt commitment would be open-ended, with no limit on the amount of state bonds that could be issued from this new fund. By amending the Constitution to authorize the creation of this fund, the state could commit itself to such debt for a long time to come. **TxDOT** deals primarily with

state highways and has very lit tle authority over railroad mat ters. TxDOT should use it resources to carry out its pri mary functions that relate to the planning, construction, any maintenance of the state's high ways. The railroad industry n longer is state-regulated, and state government should no involve itself in that industry investment decisions.

**Proposition 2** Defining marriage as a union of one man and one woman (HJR 6 by Chisum/Staples)

"The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

#### Digest

Proposition 2 would state that marriage in Texas consists only of the union of one man and one woman. It also would prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from creating or recognizing any legal status that is identical or similar to marriage.

#### Supporters say

The citizens of Texas, not the courts, should decide what constitutes marriage in this state. A constitutional amendment would prevent a possible challenge to the state's marriage statutes. Even though Texas courts may be unlikely to interpret the state Constitution to allow same-sex marriage today, it could happen in the future. Texas' equal protection clause is not so different from those of other states that it could not be interpreted to permit same-sex marriage.

Preserving marriage for unions between a man and a woman should be defined beyond doubt, and not left to the whims of future judges. Since the recent state court decisions involving same-sex marriage or civil unions, voters in 18 states have responded by approving amendments to their constitutions to protect the traditional definition of marriage. Proposition 2 would give Texas voters a similar opportunity.

The state has an interest in giving the solidity that accompanies legal recognition only to relationships that could result in procreation. Heterosexual marriage is the basis for a healthy and productive society and any erosion of this foundation would jeopardize the

It also is important to define marriage precisely in the Constitution in order to establish the parameters of who may form a union. Otherwise, the right to marry eventually could be expanded beyond two adult persons of the opposite sex to include a wide variety of other nontraditional unions, possibly including even polygamy or partnerships among close relatives.

Same-sex couples would not be prohibited from pursuing their lifestyle if this amendment were approved by voters — it simply would not be sanctioned by the state. Also, a constitutional provision is not written in stone, and future lawmakers and voters could amend the provision if values and mores change significantly in the future.

The prohibition against recognition of any legal status that is identical or similar to marriage would not infringe on the ability of individuals to enter into contracts or change the way common law marriage is treated today.

#### **Opponents** say

Asking Texas voters to approve an unnecessary and needlessly redundant constitutional prohibition against what already is prohibited by law is a divisive distraction from real issues that the state should be addressing, such as school finance and children's health insurance. Amending the Texas Constitution to ban same-sex marriage is entirely unnecessary because, in practical terms, no case would get far enough in state court to challenge current law that prohibits it. Texas courts are considered so unlikely to be sympathetic to arguments favoring same-sex marriage that no one has even filed a suit to start the process. Other challenges have been a part of a national campaign with national funding and resources to seek the recognition of same-sex marriage in certain states considered more sympathetic to such unions. Texas is not one of themes, so the state should not change its Constitution unnecessarily.

Proposition 3 Authorizing local economic programs,

loans, and debt (HJR 80 by Krusee/ Ogden)

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been used extensively by local governments in Texas, and Proposition 3 *constitutional* - is necessary to protect the integrity of this important economic development tool

#### **Opponents say**

that it did not find all 380 agreements unconstitutional. Therefore, amending the Constitution is not needed to protect other local governments from such lawsuits.

The danger in adopting this constitutional amendment

is that it would grant blanket approval for eco-Proposition 3 is an over- nomic development pro-**Proposition 3 would stip** reaction to one lower grams regardless of their overall implications for opment grants and loans narrow set of circum- local government and pubmade by a local govern- stances and that may be lic benefit. While economment, except those backed overturned on appeal. The ic development certainly

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is vital to municipal prosperity, some 380 agreements encourage cities to entice development that might not be in the best interests of communities.

These 380 agreements can amount to local governments giving away valuable tax revenue in return for attracting lowpaying jobs, such as in the retail sector. All economic development programs should be subject to review to ensure corpo-

The proposed amendment would take the issue same-sex marriage out of the hands of citizens eve though the institution of marriage has proven dynam ic. Although same-sex marriage is not contemplated i Texas today, future generations may see value in creating alternatives to traditional marriage. Already many Texas families exist that look different from the traditional model, either because of divorce and remain riage, single parenthood, or other circumstances.

Fears that recognition of a right by two consenting adults to seek legal sanction for their personal conmitment to one another somehow would lead to broaer attempts to undermine the criminal prohibition against polygamy, incest, or even bestiality are st cious and totally unfounded. For example, the pa expansion of rights to new groups of individuals, suc as the right to vote for women and minorities, has n led to overly broad application to additional group such as children and non-citizens.

As the state's fundamental law, the Tex Constitution is meant to protect the rights of the pe ple, not take them away. Proposition 2 essential would determine that the state's equal protection clause would not apply to one group of people. Tex should not discriminate against a group of citizens the state constitution. Nowhere else in the constitution is one group of people singled out to be denied right

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#### Digest

Proposition 4 would authorize a judge to deny bail to a person accused of a felony who already had been released on bail on that same charge.Bail could be denied if the defendant's earlier bond had been revoked or forfeited for violating a condition of that bond and the violation was related to the safety of the victim or the safety of the community. The determination of whether the violation was related to the safety of the victim or the community would be made by a district judge at a hearing.

#### **Supporters say**

**Proposition 4 simply** would add an additional, narrowly tailored exception that would be in line with current provisions allowing the denial of bail in certain circumstances. Proposition 4 would not be a major change in Texas' constitutional provisions dealing with bail

the circumbecause stances, like those currently outlined in the Constitution, describe serious situations that warrant an exception. Existing mechanisms

that might keep in custody certain defendants who have violated their bond conditions are not effective. Under current law, when an accused felon violates a condition of his or her bond following release, the bond can be revoked and the person taken into custody. However, if the bond violation does not fall under any of the exceptions listed in the Constitution, the judge must set a new bail and the defendant must be released again if he or she makes bail. While a judge might attempt to keep the defendant in custody by setting an extremely high bail or refusing to set it at all, defendants in such cases routinely are successful in obtaining release or reduced bail amounts through habeas corpus appeals.Setting tighter conditions on the first bond or setting different conditions on the

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second bond also are unlikely to be effective because these defendants already have demonstrated an inability to abide by the conditions of their previous release by threatening the safety of the victim or the community. Proposition 4 would

address this problem by allowing a judge to deny bail in specific, limited situations in which the defendant already had been free on bond once, had failed to comply with conditions the for release, and had presented a threat.

Proposition 4 could prove especially important in protecting victims of domestic violence. In such cases, it is not uncommon for a defendant, while free on bail, to be arrested for violating a restraining order after having threatened or harmed the victim. The proposed amendment could help ensure that, in appropriate cases, perpetrators of family violence could not further harm their victims.

Defendants described by

**Proposition 4** — like those denied bail currently under the Constitution would retain all their rights to due process and other protections.

<sup>#</sup>Judges already routinely make decisions dealing with public safety and the denial of bail. The objection that judges would be biased toward denying bail because they are elected really is an objection to Texas' system of elected judges, not the specifics of the proposed amendment.

Proposition .4 would have limited — if any — impact on jail populations. Only a limited number of defendants would fit the proposition's narrow criteria, and not all of them would have to be denied bail.

**Opponents** say Proposition 4 further would erode the state's basic tenet that bail should not be denied to criminal defendants except in the most limited circumstances.The purpose of requiring bail is to ensure a defendant's appearance at a subsequent hearing or trial.not

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to punish someone for an alleged offense or to deter hypothetical future crimes. Giving judges discretion to deny bail in the circumstances broad described by the proposed amendment could violate the longstanding legal principle that bail cannot be used as an instrument of oppression. The problem that this proposed amendment seeks to solve is a very limited one that does not justify amending the Constitution.

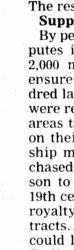
"Safety of the victim," or "safety of the community" could be interpreted to include almost any circumstance — including technical violations such as failure to keep a job or pay a fee — resulting in the denial of bail in inappropriate cases. The proposed amendment could result in the unfair detainment of persons who were innocent or who were not dangerous.

Because judges must stand for re-election, they could feel pressure to

deny bail to most or all accused felons who violate conditions of a previous bond. Judges could use the broad cover provided by Proposition 4 to abdicate their responsibilities to evaluate individual cases, which could result in the loss of due process rights for defendants. An increase in jail overcrowding could result if judges used the new authority to routinely keep persons in custody who otherwise would have been released.

> **Proposition 4 should not** require a different standard for denying bail than the one used for the current situations in which bail can be denied. By adding a new section to the Constitution, instead of amending the current list of exceptions, the proposed amendment would not require that there be presentation of "evidence substantially showing the guilt of the accused" in

order to deny bail.



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#### **Proposition 5**

Authorizing the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from interest rate caps (SJR 21 by Averitt/Flynn)

The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

#### Digest

**Proposition 5 would allow the Legislature to create** exemptions from the maximum rates of interest for commercial loans. A commercial loan would be considered a loan made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

Supporters say Texas' commercial lending laws place both Texas borrowers and lenders at a competitive disadvantage compared to the laws of 46 other states, which give sophisticated commercial lenders and borrowers greater freedom to structure the unique loan arrangements that commercial parties often require. Texaschartered banks and other commercial lenders do not

s' low interest-rate ceiling, the vast ercial loan transactions are made by ut-of-state entities .Texas' existing commercial lending laws increase costs for Texas businesses and limit opportunities for Texas-chartered banks. Proposition 5 ceilings.

would allow the Legislature to level the playing field by permitting Texas' commercial lenders to compete with financial institutions from across the country. This also would provide opportunities for economic development, because it would increase incentives for large banks to locate their headquarters in Texas.

It would not remove the protections of rate ceilings for less sophisticated borrowers because the Legislature still could set the eligibility criteria for which commercial loans would be exempted from the interest-rate ceiling.

#### **Opponents say**

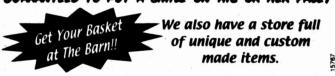
The interest-rate ceilings in the Texas Constitution and statutes create a protection from usurious lending practices. While some commercial borrowers have the sophistication to enter into complex loan agreements, not all commercial loans are obtained by sophisticated borrowers.

Certain borrowers may not recognize the implications of all the terms included in a loan contract and often do not possess adequate resources to subject the contract to legal review prior to signing.

The exemption criteria included in HB 955, the enabling legislation, is based upon the loan amount, and the size of a loan is not a support the loan amount, sure of borrower sophistication terms sh not follow the dangerous lead of other states that have exempted all commercial lending from interest-rate



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#### Increasing the mem- the SCJC to ensure the fairness of bership of the State **Commission on Judicial** Conduct

(HJR 87 by Farabee/ Lindsay)

'The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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Proposition 6 would increase the number of SCJC members from 11 to 13. One new member would be a citizen member, appointed by the governor, and the other would be a judge of a constitutional county court, appointed by the Texas Supreme Court, both with the advise and consent of the Senate. Supporters say

**Proposition** 7

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the judicial conduct commission's overview of the judiciary. The commission should be expanded to include a constitutional county court judge and an additional citizen member. Constitutional county judges have unique duties, including civil and criminal jurisdiction. Also, the addition of a citizen member would result in greater public accountability.

The current geographic area restriction has caused delays in finding qualified individuals to fill the positions. It is not always easy to find qualified people to serv on boards and commissions and lifting the geographic restriction would help alleviate this problem. Finally, it is very unlikely that a lack of geographic diversity among the commission to lack a quorum. **Opponents say** 

There is no data suggesting a need to add to the membership of the commission, which should remain at 11 members. By increasing membership to 13, Proposition 6 would create a commission larger than similar judicial conduct commissions in other states, which have nine or 11 members. A better alternative would be constitutionally to grant the Supreme Court the latitude to choose a county level judge. which could include a constitutional county judge, as one of existing 11 members. Adding two members would increase travel and other operating expenses. It also likely would result in the commission's meeting less frequently because it would be more difficult to obtain a

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reverse mortgage (SJR Carona/Hochberg) "The constitutional

amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage." Digest

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**Proposition** 7 would revise the methods by which advances could be made on reverse mortgages to allow lines of credit to be used for these loans.

#### **Supporters** say

Many Texas seniors have begun to reap the benefits of using reverse mortgages to tap their home equity without having to sell their home. **Proposition 7 would build** upon this success by providing more options for seniors taking out these loans. Obtaining a line of credit on a reverse mortgage could help seniors obtain the most economical, appropriate type of loan to live with financial security in the comfort of their own homes. Current. rovisions do not restrict ther home equity bor-

rowers from using lines of credit, and no justification exists for this restriction on consumers obtaining reverse mortgages. Providing the option to access funds as a line of credit would provide Texas seniors with a convenient option available in all 49 other states. In other states, about 88 percent of all reverse mort gages are taken as lines of credit.

Currently, borrowers obtaining reverse mortgages can receive the money either in a lump sum or in monthly payments. This can result in

borrowers taking on more debt than they need. Not only does interest begin accruing on the entirety of the loan, but when the loan comes due it can include interest on money that was never even used. Proposition 7 address this lack of flexibility by authorizing the use of lines of credit for reverse mortgages. Borrowers would be able to draw out money from their established line of credit only when it was needed and only in amounts necessary, and interest would accrue only on the money that

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much higher interest rate than reverse mortgages, with the potential for higher fees and a damaging impact on credit scores if the consumer cannot make a payment every month.

Proposition 7 would maintain all of the consumer protections in current law,

#### **Proposition 8**

Relinquishing state claim to certain land in Upshur and Smith counties (SJR 40 by Eltife/ Hughes)

"The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

Digest

Proposition 8 would relinquish any claim of sovereign ownership or title by the state to land or mineral rights in a tract of land in Upshur County and a tract of land in Smith County. The proposition specifies the boundaries of each tract of land. It would not apply to any public right-of-way, road, navigable waterway, park, or public land owned by a governmental entity. The resolution would be self-executing.

#### Supporters say

By permanently resolving two controversial land disputes involving more than 1,000 surface owners and 2,000 mineral interest owners, Proposition 8 would ensure that the private property rights of several hundred landowners in Upshur County and Smith County were respected. Many of the citizens who reside in the areas targeted by the vacancy applications have lived on their land for decades, unaware that their ownership might be in doubt. These residents legally purchased or inherited their properties without any reason to suspect that trivial discrepancies in an early 19th century survey might rob them of their homes or royalty income from oil and gas development in the tracts. Failure to act in this case by the Legislature could leave the door open to a court-ordered vacancy finding and the unjust seizure of citizens' private land

**Proposition 9** Six-year staggered terms for Regional Mobility Authority board members

(HJR 79 by Krusee/ Staples)

constitutional "The amendment · authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

Digest, Proposition 9 would that specify the Legislature may permit RMA board members to serve staggered six-year serve six-year terms. A terms with no more than two-year term of office

payer dollars. This proposed amendment would ensure that vital transportation projects underway or in planning were not jeopardized.

Six-year term lengths are not unusual for appointed boards. Most state agency and university governing board memserve bers six-year terms and the RMA boards should be no different.

#### **Opponents** say

It would be inappropriate to allow unelected, unaccountable board members of RMAs to

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The state has determined that the Upshur County and

Smith County vacancy applications have no merit, but

many landowners in these areas have had the validity

of their titles unnecessarily clouded because of this

The land commissioner and the district court ruled

that there is no vacancy in the King Survey and that

the Upshur County challenge has no validity. The

Smith County appeal, however, is pending in district

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including limiting recourse to only the homestead, restricting the events constituting default and requiring that all foreclosures go through a judge.

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**Opponents** say

Borrowers who obtain reverse mortgages typically are house-rich and income-poor, so their fixed income may not be sufficient to repay portions of the loan and interest taken out under a lineof-credit. Because reverse mortgages do

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not have to be repaid until the homeowner no longer occupies the property or the property is transferred to another, the amount owed and the interest that is added to the principal loan balance each month can become significant. If lines of credit entice seniors to finance routine consumption spending through reverse mortgages, they could quickly use up substantial amounts of equity in a home. That would leave fewer assets for the

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homeowner and his or her heirs.

Although borrowers currently use loan and Fannie Mae products, other lenders could offer lines of credit with reverse mortgages with fees and interest rates higher than the average market rate.

Also, unscrupulous lenders could seek to take advantage of seniors, resulting in some seniors draining the equity in their homes at an accelerated rate.

#### **Opponents** say

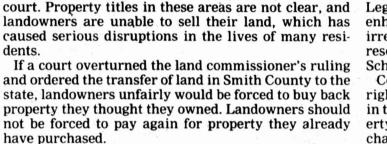
By denying any claim to vacant land in Smith County, which unlike the Upshur County claim has not yet been adjudicated, the state of Texas would be surrendering claim to what could be hundreds of millions of dollars in potential mineral resource revenue that would benefit the Permanent School Fund. It has been the policy of the state for more than 100 years to pursue vigorously vacant lands and to apply proceeds from state land toward funding public education. With the Legislature searching for additional revenue to enhance the state's public school system, it would be irresponsible for the state to relinquish its claim to resources that could greatly benefit the Permanent School Fund.

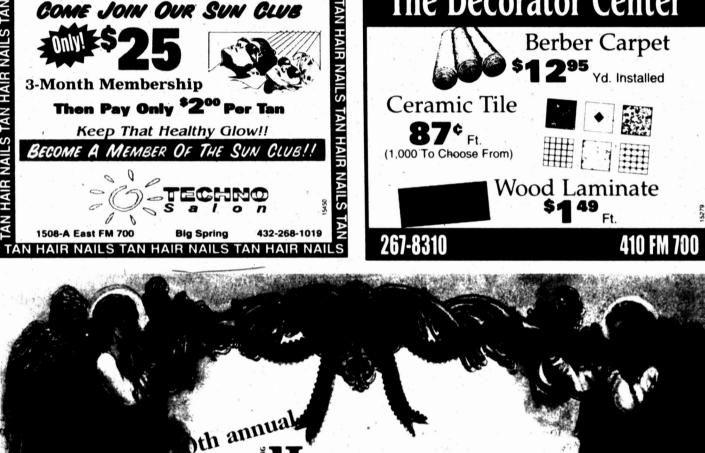
Concern over the threat to individuals' property rights is overblown. Should a district court find merit in the Smith County vacancy application, current property owners would have the first opportunity to purchase at a marginal rate the land which they held title.

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Proposition 9 would provide clear constitutional authority, for six-year terms for RMA board members and would allow the tenure of current board members to be extended from two to six years.Six-year term lengths provide consistency and stability for RMA boards of directors. Experienced board members possess specialized knowledge that aids in the development of transportation plans for a particular region. Also, sixyear terms provide private investors with more confidence in the board's leadership than two-year terms and would promote public- private partnerships, which expedite the completion of transportation projects and save tax-

one-third of the members requires more frequent to be appointed every two assessments of the board member's job performance.Six-year terms are not necessary to carry out the functions of the authority since the staff or employees of an authority would do so regardless of the length of the directors' terms.

> The Constitution generally limits terms of office for appointed boards to two years to guard against possible conflicts that can accompany long terms and to ensure sufficient turnover in membership.

Some existing RMA board members have been accused of having conflicts of interest with regard to their positions on the board. RMA boards should be required to abide by the standard provided in the Constitution that limits the terms of members of such boards to two years.

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Friday — Drugs Change You (Wear unusual clothing); Daily Video; Drug Free Pledge; Trivia **Question** (Winning class gets pencils); Pass out Certificates; Pass Out Popcorn; Plant a Promise Red Ribbon Garden; Drug Free color sheets.

**Kentwood Elementary** Monday - "Wake Up to a Drug Free Life;" Students will wear their pajamas, robes, and/or school. to slippers Pajamas must comply with school dress codes please.

Tuesday — "Team Up Against Drugs;" Everyone will wear their favorite team's clothing to show what a good sport they are to team up against drugs.

Wednesday - "Red Badge of Courage Day;' Everyone wear red to show we have the courage to say "No" to drugs.

Thursday — "Hugs Not Drugs Day;" Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school to hug on.

Friday — "Soar with the Steers, not Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco;" Wear Black and Gold and show your school spirit.

#### **Marcy Elementary**

Monday Band Against Drugs /Leaf Drugs Alone Day; Students will receive red Just Say No wrist bands to wear all week. Students will write their names on die cut leaves to pledge to "Leaf drugs alone". Each class will tape them up on the "Leaf Drugs Alone" tree in the main hallway. Copies of the pledge will be provided to each teacher. The leaves will be hung in the hall on the "Leaf Drugs Alone" tree.

Drugs Day/Turn Your **Back On Drugs; Students** may bring their favorite stuffed animal to school

today to hug. Students and staff may also wear their clothing backwards today to show they are drug-free and turning their backs on drugs. Students can trace their hands and make a class banner saying "Hand in Hand Let's Take a Stand." Or they can trace their foot and make a class banner saying "Take a Stand on Drugs." Students will receive a pencil with a drug free slogan. Students will recite the Drug Free pledge during announcements in their classrooms.

Thursday — Spell It **Out/Red Day: Students** and staff can wear red clothing to school today celebrating being drug free. PE Classes will use styrofoam cups to spell out a drug free message facing the road on the fence. Classrooms can decorate their doors to let everyone know about Red Ribbon week and being drug free. Students will recite the Drug Free pledge during announcements in their classrooms.

Friday - Give Drugs the Slip Day; Students and staff may wear slippers/house shoes this day to show that they are drug free. Students will recite the Drug Free pledge during announcements in their classrooms led by principal.

#### **Moss Elementary**

Monday - "Wake Up to a Drug Free Life" Day; Students will wear their pajamas and/or slippers to school. Pajamas must comply with school dress code please.

Tuesday - "Team Up Against Drugs" Day; Students will wear their favorite team jersey/clothing to school.

Wednesday Badge of Courage" Day; free message on the front Students will wear red to fence of the school during show we have the courage P.E. classes. (Hand to to say "No" to drugs. Thursday "Band Against Drugs" Day; Students will wear musical T-shirts (in good taste) to show we will tune out and band against drugs. Musical assembly at 2:30 p.m.

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#### Washington Elementary

Monday - "Team Up Against Drugs;" (Wear your favorite team jersey During shirt) or Announcements: History of Red Ribbon Week and Just Say No Pledge; Message from McGruff; Winners of Drug Poster will Contest be announced (grades 1 through 3); Morning Drug Video; Video: **Classrooms: Pass out Red Ribbon Week Bracelets** and Drug Free Color Sheets; Activities: "Hand To Hand" Drug poster will be displayed in the hallway; Students' drug posters will be displayed in the hallway.

Tuesday — "Put a Cap on Drugs and Shade Them Out" (Wear a cap or hat and sunglasses); during announcements: "Just Say No Pledge;" Message McGruff: from **Classrooms: Pass out Red** Ribbon Week pencils; Drug Free Color Sheets; Activities: Students will tie large Red Ribbons around campus trees during P.E. classes and discuss how staying away from drugs keeps us healthy, strong and smart.

Wednesday — "I Pledge to Be Drug Free" (Wear as much red as you can that day); During Announcements: "Just Say No Pledge;" Message from McGruff; Classrooms: Pass out Red **Ribbon Week Ribbons** and Drug Free Color Sheets; Activities: "Hand To Hand, Let's Come Together and Say No To Drugs" Assembly (9 a.m. to 10 a.m. outside); each student will have one red balloon that will be released at the end of the assembly to show that they will be drug free; students will use styrofoam - "Rea cups to spell out a drug-Hand, We R Drug Free). Thursday — "Change Your Hair Style, Not Your Life Style" (Wear your hair as crazy as you can); during announcements: "Just Say No Pledge;" Message from McGruff; **Classrooms: Pass out Red** Ribbon Week bookmarks; "Moss

drug free color sheets Friday - "Steer Away From Drugs" (Wear your

black and gold); During "Just announcements: Say No Pledge;" Message fom McGruff; Classroom: Pass out Red Ribbon Week Hershey Kisses (Hugs and Kisses Not Drugs); drug free color sheets; sign personal pledges to live drug free.

#### **Goliad Intermediate** School

Monday — Hawaiian Day "Lei the Law Down on Drugs Day" (students and faculty are asked to dress Hawaiian; Goliad will furnish Hawaiian leis for the students and faculty.

Tuesday — Twin Day "Double Up Against Drugs Day" (students and faculty will team up with a friend and dress as twins for this day. Pop corn will be enjoyed by all.

Wednesday - Red Day "Red is for 'Step, Look and Listen: Don't Do Drugs'" (students and faculty are encouraged to wear red) red bracelets will be distributed to students.

Thursday — "Pajama and Crazy Hair Day" (let's be crazy and participate for this event).

Friday - "Don't Let Drugs Eat Away At You." A pie eating contest is scheduled for this day. Each class will nominate a student to represent their class for this event. Prizes for the winner. DARE Officer Barraza will visit our campus. Big Spring Police Canine Drug Dogs will visit our campus. Pictures will be taken all week for the Goliad Annual.

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**Big Spring Junior** High

"We are Monday smarter than drugs!"/College T-shirt Day. Tuesday - Don't doze off when your friends are faced with drugs!/Pajama Day.

Wednesday — Classy don't people do drugs!/Dress up Day. Thursday — Drugs are

crazy!/Crazy Hair Day. Friday — Red Ribbon Day/All Red Day.

#### **Big Spring High** School

Monday — Decoration bon Day (Student Council offi-

cers will tie red ribbons on all the trees on campus and red ribbons/bracelets will be handed out to the taculty and student body). Tuesday - Student body and faculty will wear red bracelets. Ribbons will be tied on the doors of the building. Wednesday - Student

body and faculty will wear red bracelets. Student council will tie red ribbons on the cars.

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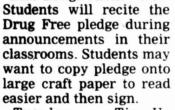
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Thursday - Observe Red Ribbon Week by special announcements. Students and faculty will wear red.

Friday - Wear red ribbracelets/ribbons with Black and Gold.







Tuesday — Tie Up Drugs /Put A Cap On Drugs Day; Students and staff may wear caps this day to show they are drug free. Students in PE classes will tie Red Ribbons around school trees. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will receive "Drugs Bug Me!" coloring sheets to complete and display. Third and 4th grade students will receive personal Red Ribbon pledges to sign and display or keep with them someplace special. Students will recite the Drug Free pledge during announcements in their classrooms.

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# Sports

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports @ bigspringherald.com

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## **Defense leads Steers to postseason**

BIG HERALD

#### **Big Spring takes** down Matadors despite six turnovers

#### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor LUBBOCK Big Spring's defense fought off six turnovers from its offense Friday and led the Steers to their third straight win in District 4-4A. Big Spring (3-5, 3-0) Lubbock defeated Estacado 23-14 and extended the Matadors' losing streak to 28 games.

The win clinched Big Spring a spot in the Class 4A playoffs for the first time since 2002. They have begun the district season 3-0.

However, the game Friday wasn't pretty as the Steers committed six turnovers — three on their first three possessions. All 14 Estacado points came off Big Spring miscues, but the defense was able to shut down Lubbock Estacado's offense more times than not and even earned two points after recording a safety on a botched punt attempt.

After a turnover-filled first quarter and no points, Lubbock Estacado got on the board first in the second frame. Following a Big Spring fumbled, the Matadors took the ball to paydirt in five plays, covering 38

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Big Spring senior Matt Hilario stiff-arms a Lubbock Estacado tackler during action at Lowrey Field in Lubbock Friday. The Steers defeated the winless Matadors, 23-14, and earned their first playoff berth into the Class 4A playoffs since 2002.



## Newcomb runs wild in Forsan's win over Cards

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**Basketball officials** needed for new year **Basketball** officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City. If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

#### C.G.A. announces make-up tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year - the Grand Tournament — will take place Sunday, Oct. 30, beginning at 10 a.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course. This is a change from its original date as the lament has been There will also be food and efreshments after the For more informaion, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977. lazzono ( ems with Or BALTIMORE

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Coahoma's Dakota Teaff, left, knocks the ball away from Stanton receiver Travis Jezek during the Buildogs' 35-6 win over the Buffaloes. Coahoma outscored Stanton 20-0 in the second half.

## Strong second half leads to big 4-2A win for Coahoma

 Kerby scores three times in second half as Bulldogs down arch rival Stanton

#### By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald — The COAHOMA Coahoma Bulldogs' stiff defense and sound option game took a bite out of the Stanton Buffaloes Friday night in Coahoma as the Bulldogs won the game, 34-6.

Junior quarterback Blaine Kerby orchestrated an option offense that generated 354 rushing yards on the night. Kerby himself ran 12 times for 76 yards.

Coahoma head coach Ken Cates said Kerby did a great job reading

and executing the option. "(Kerby) did a real good job of being

the defense

the offen- GRIFFITH sive line made things a lot easier for him," Cates said.

Leading the Bulldogs' ground attack was Donnie Garcia with 113 yards on 19 carries. Cody Griffith also hit the century mark, rushing nine times for 105 yards. Antonio Gonzales rushed five times for 60 yards.

Griffith's first carry was on the Bulldogs' second play of the game as he raced 76 yards for a

touchdown with 8:56 to play in the first quarter. The kick failed, but Coahoma led 6-0.

Cates was impressed with his ground game all night and credited Griffith with kick-starting the offense.

"(Griffith) just busted one there," Cates said. "That was so sweet."

The Bulldogs controlled the clock all night, gaining 16 first downs compared to seven for Stanton. When Coahoma was on defense it did a tremendous job in shutting down Stanton's offense, said Cates.

"We played great defense against a good team," Cates said. "Our

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#### By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald HERMLEIGH - The Forsan Buffaloes stampeded into Hermleigh Friday night like a herd of, well, Buffaloes.

By the time the dust had settled the Buffs had trampled out the homecoming spirit of the Cardinals and had split town claiming victory to the tune of 48-6.

It was a much-deserved win for this Buffalo team that has played valiantly all year long. But, it was not unexpected if you ask head coach Tommy Thompson.

"Things went as expected in all phases of the See FORSAN, Page 4B

game," said Thompson. 'We have expected the same results all year long. We have been in all games, but mistakes have killed us. We did not make those mistakes (Friday)."

The Buffs suffered a small scare as play opened and the Cardinals dashed downfield in just a few plays to open up the scoring.

But, after a missed extra point and down, 6-0, the mighty herd reeled off 48 unanswered points, leaving no doubt who would emerge as the victor on this night.

Leading the attack was

#### Area High School Football Scores

#### District 4-4A

Big Spring 23, Lubbock Estacado 14 Wolfforth Frenship 63, Andrews 21 No. 10 Plainview 52, San Angelo Lake View 6

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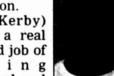
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District 8-Six-man No. 9 Garden City 60, Veribest 0. Robert Lee 57, Blackwell 6 Water Valley 52, Paint Rock 6

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in the second quarter as

Bradford scored twice

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the period. The first

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from 42 yards and then

Halfmann hit him on a 19-

"It was a good effort

(Friday)," said Hoskins.

"The guys understand the

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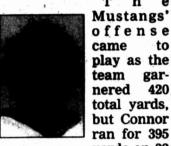
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## Mustangs fall victim to Connor, Longhorns

#### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor The Sands football team had trouble stopping the run Friday night in Ackerly as Loop's Jayson Connor ran all over the Mustangs in a 71-46 Loop win.



play as the team garnered 420 total yards, but Connor ran for 395

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yards on 32 CARTER carries and scored seven touchdowns for the winners.

The passing game was nonexistent as Sands went 1-for-10 through the air for 10 yards and Loop attempted just two passes all night and gained 27 yards.

Sands senior Greg Carter started the scoring for the Mustangs as he reached the end zone from a 2 yards out early in the first quarter.

But Connor tied the score and eventually gave Loop the lead on two runs, as well.

The Mustangs regained the lead early in the second quarter on a 32-yard touchdown run by Carter, but Loop matched Sands every time the Mustangs. The two teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter until Josh



HERALD photo/Bruce Sch Sands' Jesus Casas carries the ball against Loop Friday in Ackerly. The Mustangs had trouble stopping Loop's Jayson Connor and lost the district game, 71-46. Connor finished with 395 rushing yards and seven touchdowns.

Whitfield and Connor the Longhorns on his scored on back-to-back runs to end the half, giving Loop the 10-point advantage at the break.

Connor and Carter each scored in the third quarter for their respective teams, but 32 fourth quarter points by Loop was too much for Sands to handle. Connor scored four times in the final quarter and pretty much carried

shoulder the entire night. Senior Cevan Smithson, who returned the lineup Friday after missing the first seven games with a foot injury, scored in fourth quarter as did Santos Ybarra from 19 yards out.

The Mustangs' lone pass completion went for six as Kenneth Peacock hit Martin Dominguez from

10 yards out.

Ybarra finished with 228 rushing yards on 25 carries and two touchdowns. Carter had 138 yards on 18 carries and scored three times.

The Mustangs will have their hands full next Friday as they travel to Wellman-Union, which is undefeated and in first place in district play, to take on the Wildcats.

## Garden City keeps win streak alive in rout over Veribest

#### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Ho-hum. Another District 8-six-man game for Garden City and another big-time blowout.

The Bearkats had everything working Friday night at home as No. 9 Garden City won its seventh straight game and it did so by halftime, winning 60-0 mercy-rule win over district rival and overmatched Veribest, which played the game without four starters.

"Our kids played hard, but it is difficult to play a game like that already knowing they were four guys down to start with," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins.

that. As long as they keep Veribest might have the buying into that I think word best in it, but it was we have a chance to play clear Friday who was the for awhile.' best team. The Bearkats had another balanced Garden City ended the night offensively and held game at halftime. Sam Veribest to -39 total yards Long scored on a 7-yard on defense and didn't pass reception from allow a first down or a junior Evan Jansa. The pass completion.

"We did something final touchdown of the game was scored by freshright on defense and scored every time we got man Cole Schwartz, who the ball on offense," said was called up to varsity Hoskins.

Garden City (7-1, 3-0) began the game with a 60yard kickoff return by sophomore Bo Eggemeyer. Junior Jared Bradford scored his first touchdown of the game about two minutes later as junior Alex Halfmann found him from 34 yards

finished with 10 tackles, 6.5 of those take downs went for lost yards. Schwartz added seven See BEARKATS, Page 3B

ground.

## Wildcats gets back on track with big victory

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Grady head coach Joe 12-0 lead after one quarter Helms defeated his old after a 50-yard touchdown

through the air. Grady jumped out to a



team Friday night as the Wildcats pounded the Dawson Dragons for nearly three

quarters. Grady won the game 50-0 and the game ended with 3:15 to play in the third quarter



MITCHELL due to the 45-point mercy rule.

The Wildcats improved to 2-1 inside district play and 2-6 overall, while Dawson dropped to 0-8 on the season.

allowed just 57 vards and two first downs in the game, and compiled 367 yards on offense to win search for their third diseasily. The Wildcats finished with 231 rushing when they host winless vards and 136 yards Klondike next Friday.

catch and throw by Justin Tubb and Israel Sanjuan and a 7-yard touchdown run by Roy Rodriguez.

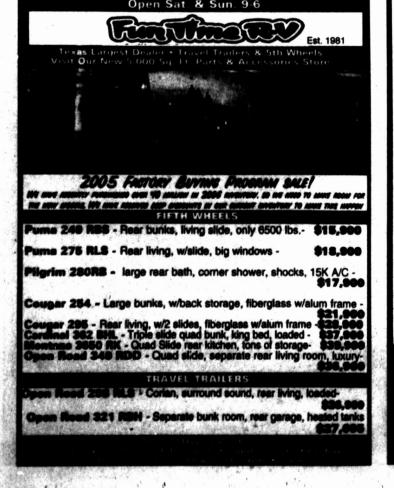
Tommy Lee Rivas began the second quarter scoring with a 25-yard run and then Rodriguez added two more scores on the ground and the rout was on.

half were scored by Tubb on a 28-yard pass from Rivas.

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## STEERS

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yards. The scoring drive was culminated by a 19yard touchdown pass from Tydrick Scott to Tony Glynn.

Glynn followed up his touchdown with an interception on Big Spring's next possession, but the Steers were able to get the ball back on the same play as Glynn fumbled it back over to Big Spring.

Fifty-two yards later, the Steers and Matadors were tied as Big Spring scored in seven plays. The drive was led by junior fullback Lance Tissue, who carried four times for 48 yards, including two long first-down runs.

Junior Ryan Tannehill, who also picked up a first down after a 13-yard run, finished off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown sneak.

Big Spring's defense forced Lubbock Estacado into a three and out, but the Matadors pinned the Steers deep with a 54-yard punt which landed at the Steer 6-yard line.

Three straight runs got 16 yards and a first down for Big Spring, but a fumble on the fourth play allowed Estacado another chance to score with just more than one minute to go until halftime.

The Mats needed just two plays to score as they went 18 yards in 14 sec onds and took the lead, 14-7.

Big Spring, however, was able to use what time it had left - about 40 seconds — to muster up some more points before halftime.

The Steers ran four pass plays on the drive. A Kyle Piercefield 15-yard firstdown catch was sandincompletions and the clock,



SPORTS

**HERALD** photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring junior Lance Tissue runs to daylight against Lubbock Estacado Friday night during the Steers' playoff-clinching victory in Lubbock. Big Spring won the game 23-14 despite turning the ball over six times to the Matadors.

throws a perfect strike to Tannehill plunged ahead senior wideout Andy Lasater for the 43-yard score and the Steers tied the score at 14-14.

The first part of the third quarter was just about as ugly as the first for the Steers. They punted on their first drive and then after recording two first downs, Glynn struck again with another interception of Tannehill. Big Spring forced the Matadors to punt, however, and no further damage was done to the scoreboard.

The Steers' defense in the third quarter forced a two and out (the Mats punted on third down to play for field position) and two punts and allowed just one first down.

The game-winning drive wiched, in between two-started late in the third quarter, but was finalized with nine seconds left on on the first play from the punter's head. He Tannehill scrimmage in the fourth. recovered the ball in the

for the go-ahead score from two yards out as the Steers led 21-14 early in the fourth period. Big Spring needed just seven plays to go 88 yards on the drive, but Tannehill used one play to run 65 yards and set-up his eventual touchdown.

Senior Matt Hilario put Big Spring back in business on offense moments later as he intercepted Scott's pass on the Matadors first play from scrimmage in the fourth quarter. The Steers could not use the good field position as they were stopped short on a fourth and one attempt.

The Big Spring defense came up big on Estacado's next series. It allowed just one yard in three plays and forced a punt, but the snap of the ball on the punt attempt flew over

end zone, but was taken down for the safety by the Big Spring defense and the two points sealed the deal for the Steers.

With under five minutes to go in the game, Big Spring again started with good field position, but again turned the ball over on downs to the Matadors.

Estacado had one final chance to start as its offense started on its own 23-yard line and drove all the way down the field before the clock ran out with the ball two yards short of the end zone.

The defense in the fourth quarter came up big for Big Spring as it recorded one interception, a safety and a laststalled drive second which prevented Estacado from getting any closer.

Spring Big hosts Frenship Friday at Memorial Stadium.

## RIVALRY

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offensive and defensive lines controlled the line of scrimmage all night."

The Coahoma defense forced a bad snap on a fourth-and-14 giving the ball back to the Bulldogs at the Stanton 13-yard The **Bulldogs'** line. offense sputtered howevand er

managed a 25 - yard field goal from senior Patrick Croft for a 9-0 lead with 9:06 remaining KELLY in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs hit paydirt one final time in the first half, when Gonzales scored on a 5-yard run with 4:02 remaining in the second quarter. The kick failed and Coahoma led 15-0.

Stanton started the ensuing possession with 3:56 left in the half. After an incomplete pass, Buffalo running back Sloan Kelly gained seven and 17 yards on consecutive plays. Kelly then scored from 26 yards out with 2:47 left in the second stanza. The kick failed, leaving Stanton

### BEARKATS

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tackles and senior Cade Doss had six.

Garden City finished with 171 rushing yards led by Eggemeyer's 101 yards on three carries and two touchdowns. Halfmann was 7-for-10 through the air for 132 yards and three touchdowns. Bradford led the receivers with five catches for 122 yards and three touchdowns. The Bearkats can clinch



trailing 15-6.

The drive was aided by a 15-yard personal foul penalty on Coahoma. On the night the Bulldogs committed 14 penalties for 115 yards.

"This was the most penalties by far this season," Cates said. "I don't know what that was all about."

The second half turned. into an option clinic put on by the Bulldogs as Kerby was the benefactor scoring three touchdowns. He scored on option keepers of 8, 10, and 45 yards. Croft converted the first PAT kick, to arrive at the final margin of 34-6.

Coahoma's defense limited Stanton to 113 yards of total offense. Kelly was the bright spot for the Buffaloes, rushing for 111 yards on 15 carries.

The Bulldogs improved to 2-6 on the year and 1-1 in District 4-2A, while Stanton dropped to 1-7 and 1-1.

Coahoma hosts Hawley next Friday, while Stanton hosts district leading Colorado City.

a playoff spot for the second straight year and at least a share of the district title Friday with a home win



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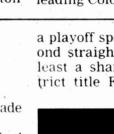
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## breakout night at Texas Tech

Howard steer wrestlers have

#### By TROY HYDE

#### Sports Editor

LUBBOCK - With several participants still left to go in determining the short round competitions, the Howard College rodeo team busted out some performances solid Friday.

The lone short-round

qualifier thus far for the

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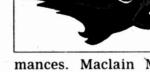
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mances. Maclain Miles scored an impressive 4.6. while Laramie Hall and Wayne Schaffeld recorded

times of 5.1 and 6.6. Kasey Kramps is currently sitting in fifth place after recording a time of 7.8 in the goat tying event Friday.

Several participants also competed in the past Howard, but won't be competing in the short round Saturday.

Cody Heiner and Kevin Morrisey scored a 9.1 in See RODEO, Page 4B

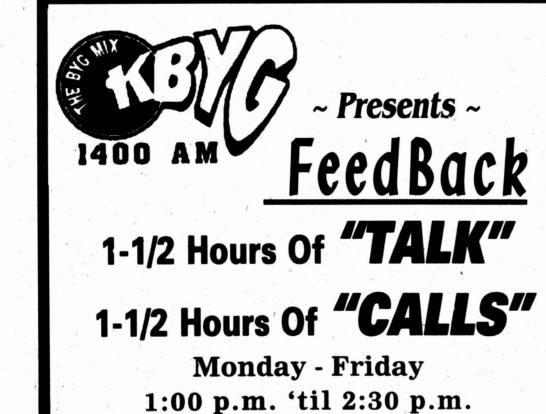
team roping, but the short round cutoff was 8.3.

Shelly Combs competed in two events Friday, but failed to qualify in both. She rolled in a 17.77 in barrel racing and scored a 3.6 in the breakaway roping competition.

Jessica Tex competed competed in the breakaway roping event Thursday, but after scoring a 3.7 was given 10 extra seconds due to barrier penalty. Juan Alcazar and Sloan Smallwood were up couple of days for Thursday in team roping as well and the duo scored an 8.7, but was given five extra seconds



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junior running back Wesley Newcomb, who through the ran Hermleigh defense like an actual Buffalo through a flock of Cardinals.

Hermleigh found out after just the first quarter what sort of night they were in for as Newcomb scored three times, all on the ground.

In a matter of about five minutes, Newcomb, led by the stellar blocking of his teammates, scored on runs of 30, 85 and 25 to give the Buffs a 21-6 lead. In the second quarter, Newcomb deferred to his partner in crime, senior Mitchell Murray, and watched him dash into the end zone for a 10-yard score, widening the margin to 21 points.

But after a fumble recovery by sophomore Adam Bailey, Newcomb ended the first half scoring, touching paydirt again from two yards out for his fourth score of the night.

The Cardinals tried to mount a last-minute drive for a score, but a huge tackle for loss by Jarret Reyna quickly made them think otherwise and time ran out in the second.

"The first half was much like we expected. They did not surprise us on that first dive," Thompson said. "We calmed down and got into the game after that and Newcomb was huge. He showed a lot of speed and patience. We knew if we got our backs past their front seven we would be explosive."

Forsan took the ball first in the second half and started at midfield.

The one-two combo of Newcomb and Murray quickly went to work as Murray took the ball and went 20 yards on the first play.

One good turn deserves another and Newcomb responded with a 30-yard jaunt to the end zone for his fifth touchdown of the game, making the score, 41-6. Newcomb would finish the game with 223 yards rushing on 10 carries.

The Cardinals were unable to move the ball and were quickly forced to punt.

When the Buffs' offense took the field this time they presented a new threat in the form of sophomore Jace Sandridge, who provided a nifty run of 20 yards down to the goal line.

Not to be outdone by his backfield, senior quarterback Tye Baker kept the ball in his hands this time and outran the defense around the left end for the final score of the contest.

Junior Seth Johnson found the mark on the extra point as the scoreboard read 48-6 in favor of the Buffs.

In the fourth quarter, Thompson called in the relief as several players got their hands on the ball including Sandridge, Anthony Acosta and Clint Stanley.

The Buffaloes compiled 516 yards of total offense on the night, virtually all of which were on the ground.

Murray ended his night running 16 times for 173 and the one score, while Sandridge, a junior varsity standout, gained 55 yards on six carries. Acosta also had a nice effort, picking up 32 yards on five carries.

"After we felt we had the win secured we wanted to get some guys a chance to touch the ball." Thompson said, "It was good to get some experience for young guys and Acosta ran like we knew he could all along."

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Defensively the Buffs were solid all night, giving up the only Cardinal points on the first drive. After the way they stuffed the Birds the rest of the game that one score appeared to be Forsan's version of a get out of jail free card, but unfortunately for Hermleigh,

there was only one in the Buffs' deck. The Buffs allowed 11 first downs and gave up just more than 200 yards of offense to Hermleigh. The defense was led by

several nice performances. Stanley turned in a nine

tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery in the game.

Claiming two fumble recoveries was Bailey, who had six tackles on the night, as well.

Colegrove and Reyna had several tackles, including a tackle for loss each.

"The defense played really well," said Thompson. "Hermleigh doesn't have a real complex offense and Coach (Dave) Park had a great gameplan."

Forsan will wrap up the 2005 season next Friday night against the Roby Lions and Thompson figures his team will be ready to play.

"We hope to have our seniors fired up for their last game," Thompson said. "We plan to finish on a high note and start to build some winning tradition.



The Big Spring band's drumline entertains the crowd in Lubbock Friday night during the Steers' 23-14 win over the Matadors. Big Spring clinched a playoff spot with the win, its first since 2002.

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because they grabbed a

leg and finished with a 13.7 and did not qualify for the short round.

Paul Young, Ryan Parker and Kyle Earhart all competed in bull riding Thursday night, but each one



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"Everything is going good so far," said Kernick. "The steer wrestlers kind of had a breakout night Friday. We just have to see where we go from here with Saturday's short round."

There were some slack participants Saturday morning before the short round Saturday night. Results from both were unavailable at press time.

## **Bledsoe no longer** secret to rest of NFL

#### **By GREGG BELL**

**AP Sports Writer** SEATTLE (AP) - In 1993, New England introduced golden-armed quarterback Drew Bledsoe to its region as the NFL's top overall draft choice. It was as if Boston was welcoming back Paul Revere.

**Celebrations. Relentless** hype. Promises Bledsoe was New England's savior.

Nine years later, Buffalo introduced Drew **Bledsoe to Western New** York as the Bills' worthy heir — finally — to Hallof-Fame passer Jim Kelly. It was as if Buffalo had just announced snow there was canceled. Forever.

Then, last February, 12 years after the first mania and one day after the Bills essentially told him he was washed up by releasing him after three playoff-free seasons, 33-

year-old Drew Bledsoe walked deep into the heart of football-mad Texas.

You could have heard a career drop.

When he was reminded of that last week, days before Sunday's showdown of NFC division leaders Seattle and Bledsoe-rejuvenated Dallas at Qwest Field, he laughed.

"Yeah, it was very different," Bledsoe said of signing his three-year, \$14 million Cowboys contract to play for the coach who drafted him with the Patriots, Bill Parcells. "I just kind of came in under the radar and signed the deal and did a quick little press conference. And that was it.

"There was a little skepticism about whether I still had something to offer."



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rothers Johnny Jimmy and Peterson asked that the Make **A Wish Foundation grant** them a shopping spree at Wal-Mart and a visit to Disney World in Florida, a typical request from teen-age boys.

But nothing is typical for these 15-year-old identical twins, who suffer from a rare genetic disorder diagnosed in only 11 other children in the world.

have "They been diagnosed with Myhre (mire) Syndrome, which is so rare there are no foundations, support groups or even research being done to discover the cause or cure," said their mother, Missy Townsend.

"All we can do is treat manage and the symptoms. I've been told they will never grow any taller, their eyes are sunk in and they only weigh 94 pounds,," she said.

But for the boys, life is as normal as Townsend can provide. They attend school; Johnny is a freshman at Big Spring High School and is being

mainstreamed into regular classes and Jimmy, an eighth grader at Big Spring Junior High School was just named an eighth grade football manager.

"We found that Johnny was being taken out of Life Skills classes and that Jimmy was the new manager the same day, so that was a great day for us,' Townsend said.

The brothers have typical interests as well, from playing in a band to surfing the Internet to homework and playing video games on their television.

But their health problems and limitations do not bode for a typical lifestyle. The family moved from Ohio in May because of their health-issues.

"They would stand in front of the air condition at our home in Ohio, gasping for air. The boys couldn't breathe in the humidity and I knew the climate here was dry, so we moved to Big Spring,' Townsend said.





cowboys. So naturally they added some cowboy boots and hats to their wardrobe during their Make A wish trip to Wal-Mart.

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"The Wal-Mart employees in Midland were so great. They met the boys at the door and gave them a Wal-Mart vest with their name on it," Townsend said.

Along with a drum set, the boys received electric scooters along with helmets, gloves, knee and elbow pads, a kareoke machine, a CD player, a fishing pole, CDs, a DVD player, poker chips and cards, home bowling alleys and a trampoline.

And when they time came for the family to travel to Florida for their Disney World vacation, Townsend squelched her fear of flying and made the trip, along with the boys' sister, Wendy Peterson, 18, their younger brother, David Peterson, a seventh grader at BSJHS, and their stepfather, Fred Townsend.

"It was phenomenal and I cannot tell you how well

all of us were treated. The boys were treated just like kings, and they kept us busy from the time we arrived until we left six days later. We had so many things to choose from — the Epcot Center, Sea World, MGM Studios, as well as Disney World. It was a once-ina-lifetime experience," Townsend said.

Now back in Big Spring, the family continues to enjoy their every day lives, living each one as fully as possible. Johnny recently won first place in Special Olympics bowling and will travel to Midland for the next competition. The family is planning a Special Olympic float for the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade.

They are raising chickens supplied through a neighbor. And the doctors have told Townsend that a horse would be ideal therapy for her sons, but there is no extra income to purchase an animal.

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Johnny has had two heart surgeries to place stints in his aortic valve and he has had to have his gall bladder removed. Both brothers are on medication to control their blood pressure and they have been in physical therapy their entire lives.

"I knew something was wrong when they were 3 months old and couldn't hold their heads up; they had no control. We just learned this year they are identical - I'd always been told they were fraternal twins and we thought they suffered from mucopolyridosis seven, or MPS 7, but we found out they do not have that when we learned they're identical,' Townsend said.

and they will say it affects "everything."

They have leather-like-skin, tougher and thicker than normal and they suffer from mild to moderate developmental delays. The disorder affects their nerves, bones, joints and muscles, thickens their tongue and mental comprehension is difficult for the twins. They had 11 different doctors in Ohio and have four in Texas thus far. At least twice each year the family must travel back to Ohio to see the geneticist. Then there's the pediatrician in Abilene, the

Johnny and Jimmy Peterson have been diagnosed with Myhre Syndrome, a condition so rare only 11 other children in the world carry the same diagnosis. Above sitting with their family, sister Wendy, left, Johnny, mother, Missy Townsend and stepfather, Fred Townsend and Jimmy. In the center photo, Missy and Johnny look at the Intinerary before their Make A Wish Foundation September trip to Disney World in Florida.

Ask the brothers about their disorder cardiologist in Lubbock and a genetic research center in Houston.

> "The hardest part is that we have no support, no foundation, nothing. I do not even know what the life expectancy is, because I cannot find out whether the other 11 children are living.

> "I can't keep a job because nobody can give me the time off I need to take the boys to the doctors. So we depend on each other," Townsend said.

> But other that endless rounds of doctor's appointments coupled with the limitations imposed by the syndrome, the brothers enjoy their family and live full lives.

"I hope to be a country and western singer or a hockey player or a baseball coach," Johnny said.

And Jimmy added, "I hope to be a bull rider or president or in the United States Army or a teacher or an inventor of a time machine and a car that runs on water.'

And both boys want to be real Texas

'We've asked the Make A Wish Foundation about getting the boys a horse but we will also need the saddle and tack and riding lessons," Townsend said.

While the obstacles may seem insurmountable, the lack of information and prognosis weighs heavily on Townsend. But she continues to teach her family to persevere, to make the best of their situation and to be thankful for their blessings.

"God doesn't give me more than I can handle," she said.

To learn more about the Peterson twins, visit www.caringbridge.com and click on the link jimandjohnpeterson.

Or to offer support, encouragement or information, e-mail cooltwinbrothers@ yahoo.com

They respond to each and every email.

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#### **Ethan Riley French**

Than Riley French, a boy, was born Sept. 28, 2005, at 7:43 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

His parents are Jason French and Ashley Martinez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Margie Martinez and Tomasa French.

urora Alexis Ramirez, a girl, was born Oct. 14, 2005, at 7:55 a.m. weighing six pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Stefani Wilson and Roejelio Ramirez, both of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Delores Sheppard, Frank Wilson, Anne Torres, all of Big Spring and Aljandro Ramirez of Hereford.

Aurora was welcomed home by siblings Nathan Ramirez and Naughtia Rockwell.

lek Diego Rodriguez, a boy, was born Oct. 14, 2005, at 11:35 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. His parents are Adrian and Daayana Rodriguez of

Big Spring. His grandparents are Enrique and Dora De La Rosa of Big Spring, Diann and Mario Martinez of Big Lake and Johnny and Elvira Rodriguez of

lek was welcomed home by siblings Aaron and



#### Kendall Hannah Brooks

endall Hannah Brooks, a girl, was born Sept. 28, 2005, at 10:43 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Her parents are Scott and Zenaida (Sandy) Brooks of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Oscar and Judy Trevino, Kristy Brooks, all of Big Spring and Jerry Ronald Brooks of Garland.

Kendall was welcomed home by sibling Lindsey Brott.

**Tamuel Ray De Leon, a boy, born Oct.** 7, 2005, at 9:17 p.m. weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.



#### Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, apple juice, milk; Lunch. ravioli, broccoli with cheese, garden salad,

French toast, syrup, apple juice, sausage, milk; meat loaf, Lunch, creamed potatoes, bread, baby carrots, milk, hot milk. pockets.

Wednesday: Breakfast,

spaghetti and meat sauce, Friday: Breakfast, ceresalad, milk, garlie bread, al, juice, milk; Lunch, fruit.

pizza, corn salad, fruit, Tuesday: Lunch, steak and onions, rice, black eyed peas, salad, milk, rolls, cake.

His parents are Ray and JoAnn De Leon Jr. of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jaine Cuellar and the late Jackie Berry, Ray De Leon Sr. and Victoria De

Leon. Samuel was welcomed home by big brother Jackie.



#### **Rudy Allen Carpenter III**

udy Allen Carpenter III, a boy, was born Oct. 7, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Rudy Jr. and Samantha Carpenter of **Big Spring**. His grandparents are Mary and Lorenzo Juarez, Rudy Carpenter Sr. and Irene Talamantez, all of Big Spring.

Rudy was welcomed home by big sister Brissa.

arah Claire Arenson, a girl, was born Oct. 12, 2005, at 7:04 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Azure and Keith Arenson of Round Rock. Her grandparents are Robert and Mary Miller of Big Spring and Linda Miller of Fredricksburg.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church The annual stew and cornbread supper and book sale at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and continues until 7 p.m. or until the stew is gone.



MONDAY-FRIDAY

pineapple tidbits, garlic rolls (high school second choice, bacon burger.)

Tuesday: Breakfast, peanut butter treat. apples, milk; Lunch, chicken fajita, arroz con queso, pinto beans, peaches, tortilla, (high school second choice, Sloppy Joe.)

Wednesday: Breakfast, tortilla, sausage links. orange juice, milk; Lunch, pigs-in-blankets, green beans, seasoned new potatoes, rosey red applesauce, (high school second choice, pizza.)

Thursday: Breakfast, apple turnover, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, black eyed-peas, pears, rolls, (high school second choice, ham and cheese pockets.)

Friday: Breakfast, super donut, cheese bits, milk; cheeseburger Lunch, salad, ranch-style beans, French fries, chocolate pie (high school second choice, steak fingers.)

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Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal, sausage, orange juice, milk, Lunch, enchiladas, ranch beans, pears, milk, burritos. Tuesday: Breakfast,

pancakes, sausage-on-astick, applesauce cups, milk; Lunch, pizza, apples, salad, milk. milk;

Thursday: Breakfast. Pop Tarts, sausage, fruit punch juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger pockets, pinto beans, peaches, milk, corndogs.

Breakfast. Friday: sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, fruit cups, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast, biscuits and sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, hot dogs with chili, ranch-style beans, oven fries, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets with gravy, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, rolls, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajita salad, cheese, ranch-style beans, crackers, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, soup and sandwiches, chips, crackers,

cookies, milk.

Monday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, brownies, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, nachos with meat and cheese, salsa, peppers, pinto beans, fruit cup, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, homemade hotdogs with chilli and cheese, scalloped potatoes, pork-n-beans, peaches, milk.

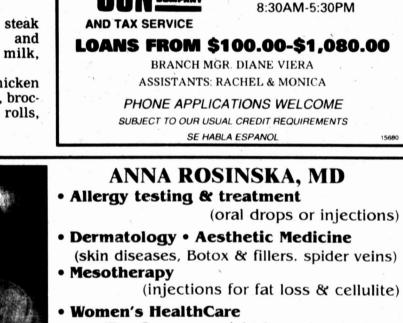
Thursday: Breakfast, sausage-n-blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue-on-bun, French fries, onions, pickle spears, applesauce, milk. Friday: Breakfast, pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, beef stew with vegetables, peanut butter, pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, banana pudding, milk.

Spring City **Senior Center** Monday: Lunch,

Wednesday: Lunch, catfish, French fries, beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruit salad. Thursday: Lunch, steak

fingers, macaroni and cheese, carrots, milk, rolls, pudding.

Friday: Lunch, chicken fried steak, noodles, broccoli, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.



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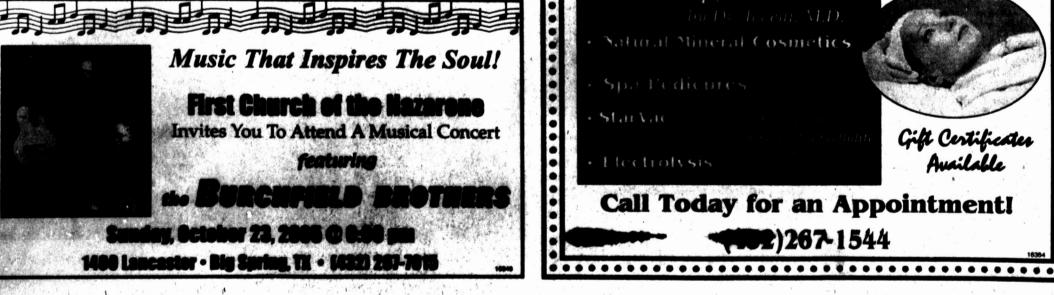
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leven volunteers and Big Spring Hospital State employees toured **Abilene State School and** networked with other volunteers during the Sept. 9-10 Volunteer Services Council

**Regional meeting.** We always look forward to visiting other state facilities and sharing strategies and ideas with volunteers who envision the same goals as our 100-volunteer-

strong force. The time spent at regional and state meetings is encouraging and invigorates us when we

return for our continuing mission at Big Spring State Hospital. Many interesting work-

shops were presented during the meeting and we particularly enjoyed the fund-raising workshop on our last day. The Sept. 22 Chalet

work-day was one huge closet-cleaning mission multiplied.

Summer clothing items and shoes were exchanged for fall and winter items.

While I'm on the subject of The Chalet, I'd like to announce our new co-chair. Ruth Nanny, who has already been a huge help at the downtown location.

Veteran co-chairs Murlene Williams and JoBeth and Tommy Corwin have their hands full with the added space, new merchandise and volunteer additional help. The additional responsibilities needed an extra set of hands and we thought Ruth would

be a perfect addition New volunteers are still needed to work each afternoon on a variety of projects. Please call our office at 268-7535 to volunteer for The Chalet or any of our other projects. **The Volunteer Services** Council would like to

Poetry

play when we host our fundraisers. He did a great job. The State Employee Charitable Campaign

Luncheon Sept. 29 kicked off this year's employees' charitable campaign drive. The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is excited to be listed as one of the recipients for this year's charitable campaign organized by state employees.

We want to say goodbye to long time volunteers Ruth Stephenson and Lou Vincent as they embark on new adventures in their lives. We truly will miss them for their contributions of thousands of hours of service to Big Spring State Hospital.

A big thank you goes out to the Optimist Club for the hot dog cookout and bingo party they hosted for our patients Aug. 20. It was a huge success.

Our monthly board meetings resumed Sept. 14 and VSC projects were accepted for fiscal year 2006.

Officers elected are Doris Huibregtse, president; Robin Hallman, vice-president; Lee decretary; Emerson, Lucy Flores, treasurer; Stacy Barr, Denim & Diamonds co-chair; and Lucy Griffith, family lodge chair and nursing scholarship fund chair. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering to serve.

Dorothy Sheppard, who is chair of the Christmas card project, has asked for donations of Christmas cards and small baskets for flower

arrangements. We would love to have you as a volunteer. If you have some extra time to spare. call



Navy Airman Recruit Angelo G. Garcia

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#### **Navy Airman Recruit** Angelo G. Garcia

Navy Airman Recruit Angelo G. Garcia, son of Irma D. and Sammy Ortega of Big Spring recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, m.

During the eight-week program, Garcia completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

Battle Stations is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

#### Its distinctly Navy flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Garcia is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High

## **Army Pfc. James**

Wilkerson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

He is the son of James E. and Beverly A. Wilkerson of Big Spring and a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School.

## Pastor recounts 60 years of service "Living the Extraordinary Life: Nine Principles to Discover It"

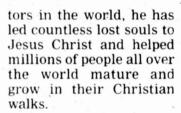
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A New York Times bestselling author, Stanley has written more than 45 books including "Living in the Power of the Holy "When the Spirit," Enemy Strikes," "Finding Peace," "How to Listen to God" and "Walking Wisely."

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"Living the Extraordinary Life: Nine Principles to Discover It" by the Rev. Dr. Charles Stanley is available this month from Nelson Books.



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(Nelson Books, October 2005). In this new book, Stanley, who is founder and president of In Touch Ministries, an organization whose television and radio programs are viewed or heard across the United States on 374 television stations and 546 radio affiliates and whose monthly magazine is distributed to more than one million subscribers, delivers his life message of how to live an extraordinary life: a message that is the culmination of his experience and years in

In his straight-from-theheart style, Stanley

reveals how those who

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> these time-tested truths will enable them to develop and sustain an inner peace "regardless of their circumstances or what storms they may face" for the rest of their lives. At the end of each chapter, readers will find a suggested Bible reading, a prayer and a place to record thoughts on the lesson.

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## Holiday Showcase registration deadline is Wednesday

#### Heraid Staff Report

Wednesday is the deadline for area business owners interested in participating in the Taste Spring Holiday Big of Showcase.

The event is set for Nov. 8 at the Dora Roberts Community Center and will help area businesses and restaurants start the Debbye ValVerde, chamber holiday season with a bang. It executive director. "It's a members and \$100 for non-

the Big Spring Area Chamber Commerce. "We want to

encourage chamber members and nonmembers to come and promote their ValVerde businesses," said

is co-sponsored by chance to show off any special items they will be selling this holiday season.

"Every year it's surprising how few people know what kind of special gifts we have for sale right here in the Big Spring area."

Booths are 10 feet by 10 feet and a table will be provided. The cost is \$50 for chamber

members.

ValVerde said the showcase is a great opportunity for businesses to promote themselves before the holiday season.

"This is an excellent chance for local businesses to show off what they have. A lot of places will be taking advance orders during the showcase," she said. "We're also encouraging the

businesses to offer coupon

books. It should be a lot of fun." The showcase is set from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and is being co-sponsored by the Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau.

For more information or to register for the showcase, contact ValVerde at 263-7641 or drop by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third Street.



La Donna Torres, manager of The Fillin' Station located at 1506 E. FM 700, scrapes tape off the walf at the store, which recently came under new ownership and management.



### 'Finest' to open evenings

New York's Finest Hot Dogs on Second Street is expanding its hours to week nights.

Beginning Monday, the restaurant will open at 5 p.m. and serve spaghetti with meatballs or sausage. On Fridays, the fare is chicken parmesan, baked ziti or spaghetti. A word to the hot dog fans: Hog dogs and New York's Finest other staples — such as the philly cheese steak sandwich — won't be offered in the evenings.

Likewise, spaghetti and other evening dinners won't be available during the restaurant's other hours of operation, which are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

New York's Finest Hot Dogs offers an assortment of burgers, a meatball dog and barbecue on a bun along with those famous hot dogs with your choice of sauerkraut, onion sauce, chili, cheese, onions, jalapenos, relish, coleslaw, mustard, ketchup and anything else you want.

To phone in an order, call 264-1627.

### Advance to sponsor Car Fest

Advance Auto Parts will sponsor the Big Spring Cruisers Fall Car Fest Fund-raiser set from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at the store's parking lot, 701 Gregg St.

Winners will be decided by public cash donations. No entry fee; open classes. There will be trophies and door prizes and a Sonic cruise will follow at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Dickie or Helen Partlow at 263-4909 or 270-1900 or e-mail dpartlow@apex2000.net

### Dakota's earns recognition

Dakota's Flowers and Gifts has been recognized by Teleflora, the world's leading floral services and product company, as a TOP 2000 for the year 2004.

The award is given annually to Teleflora member retail florists who have transmitted a record number of floral wire orders throughout the year.

The award recognizes that Dakota's Flowers and Gifts is in the top 1 percent of all U.S. florist shops sending orders through Teleflora.

Dakota's has been a member of the community for many years and is located at 1110 East 11th Place. To contact Dakota's or have them send flowers world wide, call 432 263-8323.

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## **TDA endorsement needed** before depositing checks

#### **Special to the Herald**

Permian Basin producers who recently sold cotton and were given a check with the Texas Department of Agriculture named as a joint payee must obtain an endorsement from TDA before cashing or depositing the check.

Endorsements may be obtained at the TDA and foundation locations listed below. For other office locations that may be nearer to you, call Abilene Headquarters at (866) 672-2800.

In general, assessments must be paid before an endorsement will be given, but if other parties are named on the check, producers should call one of the offices listed below to find out what procedures to follow.

TDA and the foundation will make every attempt to be as accessible as possible, but producers are highly encouraged to call before going to any office. This will help ensure someone is available to assist them and that their

See CHECKS, Page 5C

## Karla Nix hopes all the hard work will pay off

#### By THOMAS JENKINS

#### Staff Writer

Local resident Karla Nix is staking her claim in Big Spring, as she recently took over the gas station and convenience store located at 1506 E. FM 700.

Armed with the new name "The Fillin' Station" and plenty of power tools, Nix, along with friends and family, has begun the process of turning the store into her own.

"We have a lot going on right now. It's been really difficult," said Nix, pointing around the store. "We're trying to refurbish and get more items to sell in the store. We're going to be offering \$200 of free gas each month and we're always giving gifts away — things like fishing items, tables and chairs."

Nix is no stranger to hard work, however, and taking over as owner of the establishment, which is located next-door to Comet Cleaners, is just one more in a long list of current responsibilities.

"I've been with Carolyn and Cecil Stephens for five years," said Nix. "I take care of all of their businesses. I'm also a bondsman with A-1 Bail Bonds and AZ Bail Bonds out of Burnet."

Of course, Nix isn't alone in the endeavor. Her niece, La Donna Torres, is the new manager of the store. Torres said it's been a challenge, going from the role of nursing student to manager of the business.

"It's been a challenge," said Torres with a laugh. "I had to learn a lot. It's not the type of work that I'm used to, so I had to work at it.

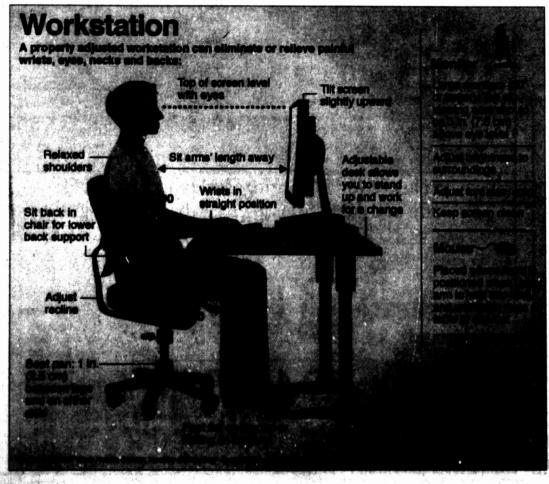
"I've basically just been a student. I have a degree in science for nursing, so this is really a change of pace for me. I love it, though. I like meeting all the people who come in the store. Every day I meet someone new.'

Nix said having Torres run things is a huge help.

"It was difficult, trying to find people to work," said Nix. "Of course, La Donna is my niece and she's the manager.

"She's running things and she takes care of things for me. That helps a lot."

The store is open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.



## Workers grapple with the sick-leave malaise

#### **By MARY ELLEN SLAYTER**

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#### The Washington Post

Christine, a receptionist in western Iowa, doesn't want to make her coworkers sick.

But the alternative isn't very appealing either: Skip a day's pay.

She has been at her job for only three months, so she doesn't have any sick leave or vacation time. "It puts me in a bad spot. I was feeling crummy the other morning but came to work anyway, and as the day wore on got worse and worse. I sure don't like potentially spreading something to my few coworkers, but is being

"As a supervisor I'm frustrated by those who call in sick to recover from a hangover, entertain visitors from the mainland, welcome back their partners who have returned from a trip, etc."

altruistic worth one day's pay? Since I'm raising five kids on \$10 an hour. the obvious answer is NO," she wrote in a recent e-mail. She spoke on condition that her last name not be published.

"No one ended up getting sick from me, which was quite a relief. I would have felt very guilty if they had, but still, it's not worth one day's pay to avoid others getting sick. Is that mean? Perhaps, but it's pragmatic, and I'm sure I'm not the only low-wage earner who has to make this sort of decision," she said.

The best employers provide paid sick leave precisely so that their workers don't get stuck making such a choice.

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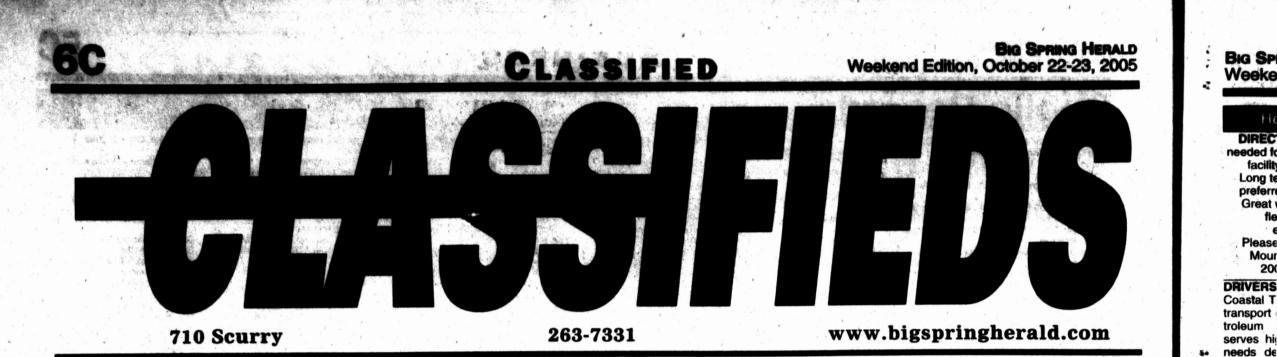
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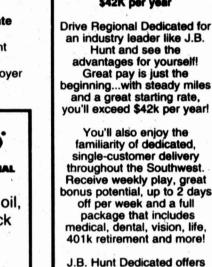
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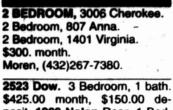
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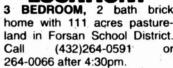


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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

John W. Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal

Water District, will be received at

Colorado River Municipal

Water District

P.O. Box 869

400 E. 24th Street

Big Spring, Texas 79720 Until 3:00 PM, Tuesday,

November 15, 2005

for the purchase of the following

**Utility Vehicle** 

3/4 ton Trucks

At this time and place the propos-

als will be publicly opened and

read aloud. Any bid received after

Specifications are on file and may

be examined without charge in the

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specifications are to be directed to

Ralph Truszkowski, P.E., Opera-

In case of ambiguity of lack of

clearness in stating proposal

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pal Water District reserves the right

to adopt the most advantageous

combination thereof, to reject any

or all bids, and to waive formalities.

The District anticipates that it will

notify the successful bidder(s) by

issuing a Purchase Order(s) within

thirty (30) days after the bid date.

No bid may be withdrawn within

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COLORADO RIVER

John W. Grant, General Manager

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### 2 - 6 Bedroom Brick Homes FOR SALE FOR RENT No Down Payment

- Bad Credit OK
- 6 Month Warranty

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The sun enters Scorpio, and it's like the end of a magic trick.

The velvet cloth is lifted, and "oohs" and "aahs" are the response what's to revealed The weird and wonder-

finally 💳 exposed has to do with something that was in

PUBLIC NOTICE THE **BIG SPRING HOUSING** AUTHORITY (BSHA) has completed the base document of its 2005-2009 Annual & 5 year plan and seeking citizen input for its 2005-2009 plan.

The five year plan describes the mission over the next five years while the annual plan provides details about immediate operations, resources, program participants strategy for operational concerns, & goals for the upcoming year.

The BSHA is requesting community input identifying local housing needs, gaps in housing & service related input. The BSHA will further examine existing operations & needs. The plan will also serve as a planning tool and community guide to policy, program activities, & submission to HUD for future grant activities. The PHA will submit any changes to the plan directly to HUD.

Additional comments will be used to address goals and concerns in the upcoming 2006 Annual Plan. The BSHA will hold a Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2005 at the Big Spring Housing Authority, 711 E. 3rd St., Big Spring, Texas. All written me-

dium comments must include contact name and address. Please address questions, comments to this notice to: Paul Pryor, Executive Director at (432) 263-4090, or Fax (432)263-4098, #4755 October 23, 2005.

## Tomorrow's **Horoscop**e

Coming to terms with such surprises will ultimately set us free. HARIES (March 21-April

19). When you value what you have, others will, too. Your property (intellectual or physical) could net you a hefty profit. Be willing to sell to the highest bidder. Your timing couldn't be better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Still afraid of creating a spectacle, you are tempted to remain quiet. However, going forward halfway or half-heartedly will only make you feel small. Go all the way with your whole heart, regardless of who will

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars align to

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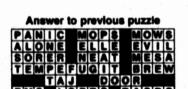
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following: RFB# 06-004

#### Portable Basketball Floor Resurfacing

Documents may be obtained form Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2005, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, 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 gualified vendors concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future

board meeting Technical and bidding questions are directed to Stan Feaster, Coliseum Director, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Spring, ΤХ 79720 (432)264-5040, e-mail feaster@howardcollege.edu. All bidding questions are to be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: <u>dchurch</u>: well@howardcollege.edu.Howard County Junior College District re-serves the right to reject any and all bids

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remind you that enemies are a part of your team, just like friends are. That person who makes you notice your weaknesses is a stronger motivating force than any other you'll encounter today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Doing your own thing is admirable, but if three people tell you there's something in your teeth, it's time to look in the mirror. Listen to the cues the universe provides. It won't be hard. They're not subtle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your money circulates at top velocity — you've spent it before you've made it, and that's nothing to feel guilty about. If you didn't want so much, you wouldn't be motivated to work as hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Name-dropping is so Hollywood. Yet it works. You'll need to let people know you are serious and legitimate - your ideas deserve respect. If you can't find someone else to talk you up, you'll have to do the talking yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your most ambitious aim is reachable if you let go of any force that opposes it. Someone who does things you no longer agree with must be kept in their proper place away from you or anyone/anything dear to you. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In your desire to get where you want to go, you may accidentally turn a deaf ear to good advice. Your trusted mentors, friends and family won't steer you wrong if you remember to tune in. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New sources of positive energy are available. (Darn, you say ... I wish she'd written, "New sources of MONEY are available.") Believe it -

precious than gold. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone will say "no" to you. Accept it quickly, without rebuttal,

sure you have what it takes. True, you have too much of some elements and not enough of others. But somehow strengths compensate for weaknesses, and you get through with a great deal of grace!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March** 20). Become a bigger fan of yourself. You'll need more bravado to make the most of the opportunities presented to you this week. Practice talking about yourself in very favorable terms.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Scorpio solar reign begins! Scorpio is a complex energy — so complex that while other signs have one symbol, Scorpio has three: the phoenix, the eagle and, of course, the scorpion. In the B.C. era, the constellation Scorpio included several stars that are now designated as part of Libra, making it the largest constellation. The changes that Scorpio has been through and its many symbols are representative of this sign's energy — the energy of transformation. Consider the story of the phoenix, a mythological creature (some version of which appears in many cultural mythologies including Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Native American) that is basically immortal, but there's a catch. Every millennium or so, the great bird builds a pyre-nest, bursts into flames, and then three days later, rises from the ashes. The message is one for the ages: No matter how beloved, beautiful and powerful (as the phoenix is certainly all three) one is, in order to remain relevant, one must reinvent oneself every so often. Use this first Scorpio week to positive energy is more, assess your life and see where you might need to metaphorically burn and rebuild. The stars support even drastic efforts!

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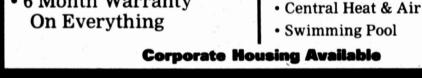
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