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Alert officer foils robbers' getaway

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring police officer who happened to be in the right place at the right time helped foil a robbery late Thursday night, as two Big

Spring men were arrested shortly after robbing the Exxon gas station on N. Highway 87.

Enrique Sabedra Jr., 39, of 1509 Sycamore, was arrested just after 2 a.m. and charged

with robbery. Also arrested was Michael Lee Munoz, 50, of 904 Abrams, who was apprehended alongside Sabedra and charged with robbery.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information of-

ficer with the BSPD, a police officer was getting ready to taking a meal break at the Travel Centers of America truck stop when he spotted the two suspects running from the gas station.

"Officer Mike Calley saw the two suspects running along Interstate Highway 20," said Everett. "It appeared the two were looking for a way to

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Needed: \$60 mil for BSISD

District facilities in bad shape, officials say

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

New schools don't come cheap. That's the message Big Spring Independent School District trustees heard as they discussed ways to update local campuses during their monthly meeting Thursday night.

Dr. Michael Stevens, special assistant to the superintendent, told trustees that estimates to do necessary replacement and/or renovation to identified buildings range as high as \$60 million.

District officials have been in consultation with architects, prioritizing the district's facility needs, especially at the elementary level.

"Our biggest needs are at the elementary campuses," Stevens said. "Bauer is not fixable ... and Washington and Marcy need to be replaced."

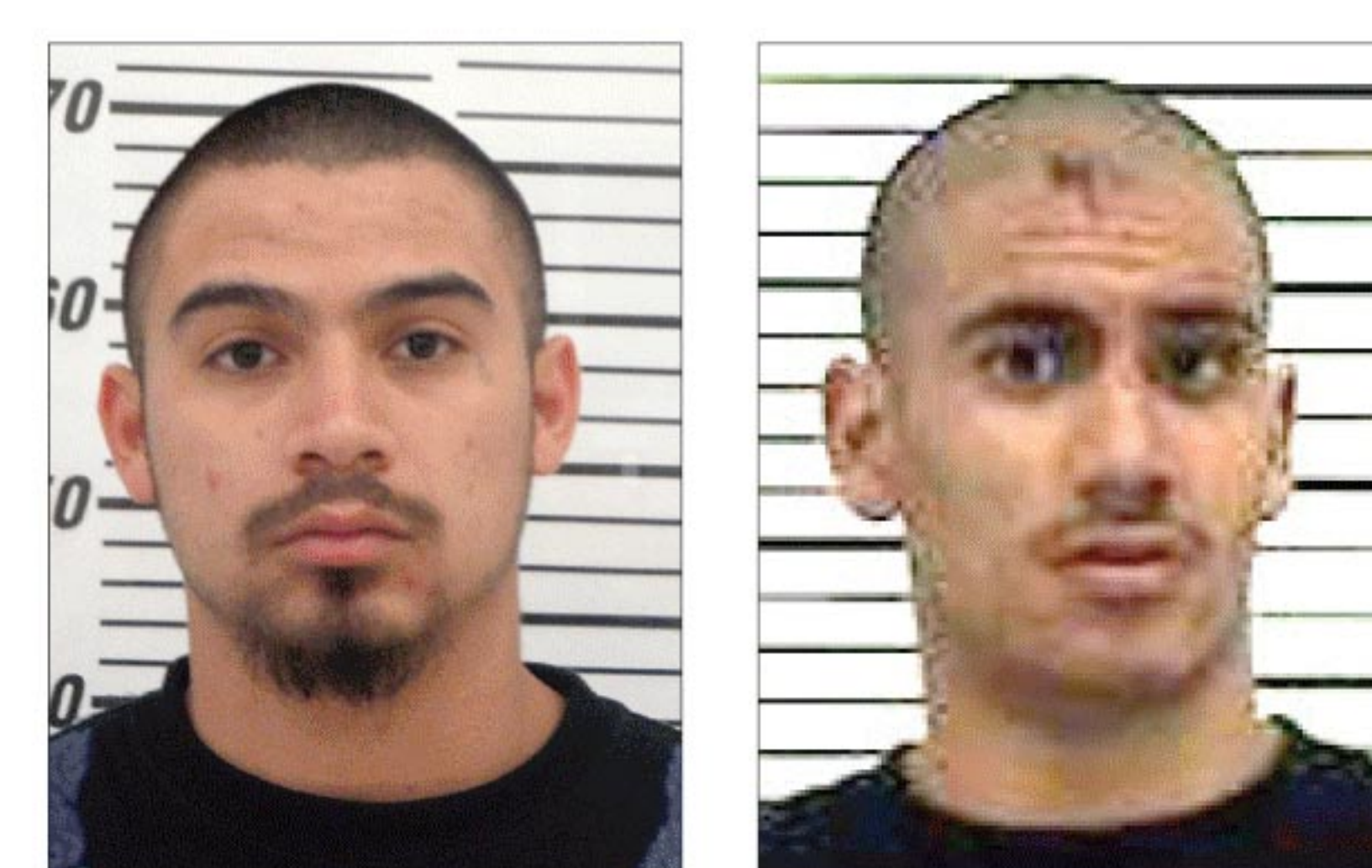
Officials want to close those three campuses, build two new elementary buildings, convert Goliad Intermediate to an elementary campus, have local

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Even the historic Settles Hotel is getting in the holiday spirit, as officials with the Settles Hotels Development Company unveiled a red and white Christmas pattern in the building's lights. Thursday night's lighting marks the first time the building — which is currently undergoing renovations — has been lit up in decades.



Juarez Rodriquez

2 indicted on multiple counts here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring men were indicted Wednesday on charges stemming from their Nov. 18 standoff with local law enforcement officers that caused a Howard County Sheriff's Deputy to sustain minor injuries.

Miguel Enrique Juarez, 21, currently in the Howard County Jail, was indicted on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony), aggravated assault against a public servant (first-degree felony) and assault against a public servant (third-degree felony).

Also indicted as a result of the incident was Joe Luis Rodriquez, 17, currently in the Howard County Jail, on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony) and aggravated as

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Holiday traditions continue this Saturday with concert

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring is big on holiday traditions. You've seen the lighted parade, the living tree and the living nativity. You might have made it out to the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park. If not, there's still time.

The tradition continues Saturday with "A Symphonic Christmas," the Big Spring Symphony's annual holiday extravaganza in music. Joined by the always popular Coahoma Choir Kids, the symphony takes stage at Trinity Baptist Church, beginning at 8 p.m.



Graumann

Tickets are available at the Big Spring Herald, KBST Radio, Western Bank, Faye's Flowers, Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Dr. Keith Graumann, music director and conductor, anticipates Saturday's concert will be a treat for the public.

"We hope it will be the highlight

of the holidays for many of our listeners," he said.

The evening will open with works based on familiar carols, including "Carol of the Bells," "Silver Bells" and "Carol of the Drum," also known as "The Little Drummer Boy." The movie classic "March of the Toys" by Victor Herbert will follow.

The symphony will perform three arrangements by Mannheim Steamroller before the audience gets involved by singing a selection of mostly secular Christmas music in a pop sing-a-long.

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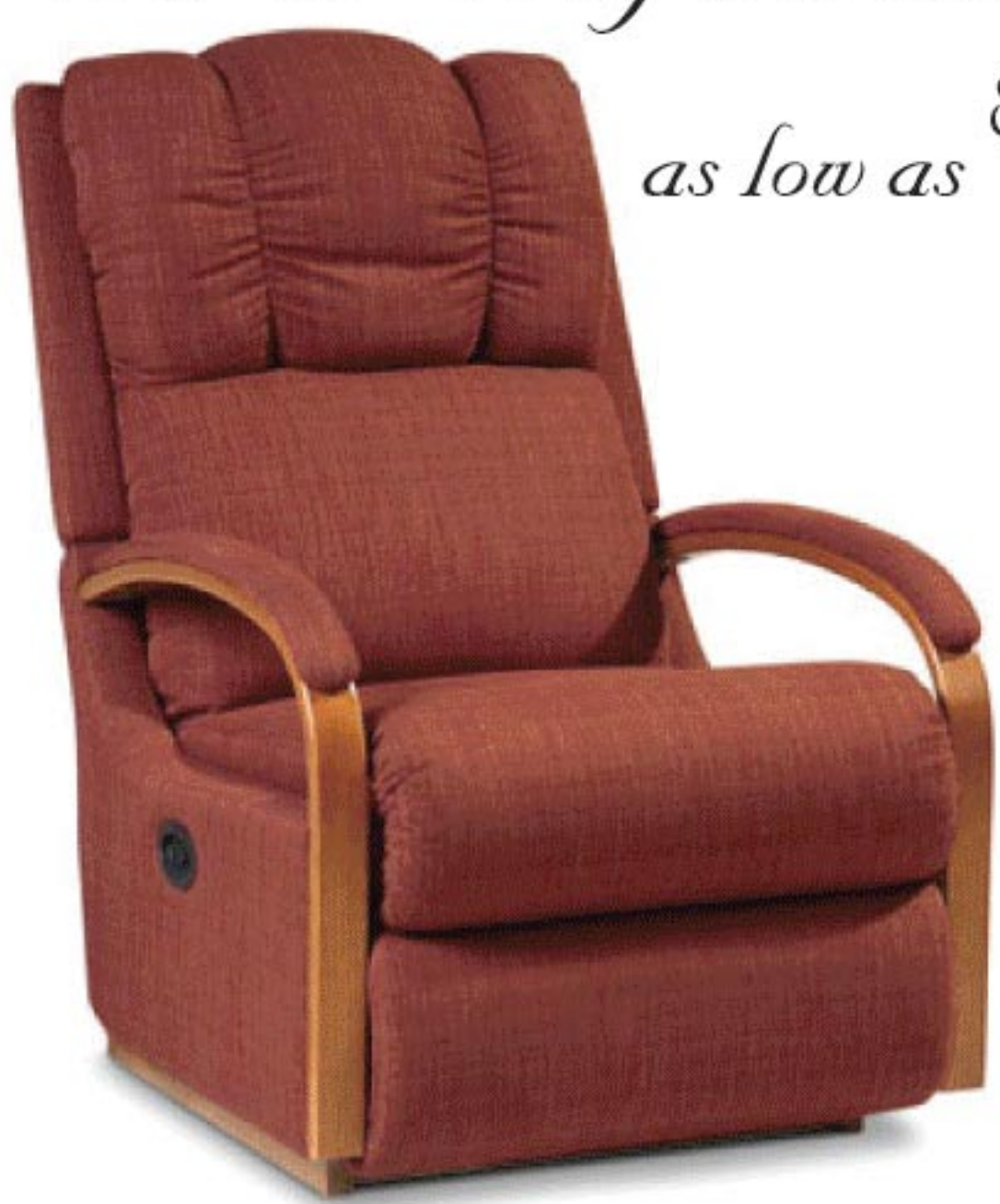


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