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Next A&M-Kingsville astronomy public viewing to highlight elements of winter sky

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Classic elements of the night winter sky, including the Great Nebula in Orion, Betelgeuse and Hinds Crimson Star, will be the focus of the second public viewing of the semester at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville observatory.

The viewing begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the university's 16-inch telescope in Lon C. Hill Hall. In the event of cloudy or rainy weather, an alternative presentation, including a tour of the university's telescope, will be available.

Parking is available behind the Memorial Student Union Building, on the corner of Santa Gertrudis Avenue and University Boulevard.

Hill Hall is the aluminum-domed building adjacent to the parking lot.

For more information, call 361-593-2622.

Students

their new school community. For the outgoing student, the team assists in helping outbound students better prepare for transitioning to another school.

"MCEC is responsible for military liaisons such as Mrs. Alexander who assists military children in KISD, it was through Mrs. Alexander that I learned about this program and we decided we would try it out," Ramirez said.

"Right now our two students, Max and Brittany, are in the process out acquiring teacher recommendations for a group of about 20 students to assist them with the program," Ramirez said. "We were given a timeline by MCEC and are right on track with the development of the organization."

Once the student volunteers have been assembled, they will go around town introducing themselves to the community and make the citizens aware of this new program, Ramirez said.

NAS Kingsville Youth Center Director Brent Edwards, SFC Frank Guerra and Gretchen Williams from H.M. King High School will be the supervisors at the campus.

NAS Kingsville will also help donate school supplies to the students in the program as a way of helping out.

"We are currently looking for funding for t-shirts and possibly a laptop to assist with activities so hopefully we can get those things for the students soon," Ramirez said.

This program is a first of its kind in KISD and Ramirez said she is hoping it will bring in new families and students to the community.

"We are going to put a logo for this program on our website and are hoping that people who are looking to move here will see that we have this program in place for their children and can feel at ease that there will be students looking out for their children," Ramirez said.

"I think this program will be really successful and we are excited to see how it works out."

Guilty

the prescription drugs when they were passed around at the party, and had also planned to do this while his parents were out of town, Hubert said.

The defendant left the party with several friends, one of whom was driving, according to the district attorney; however, that friend wrecked his car on Caesar Street.

After the wreck, all three walked to the Cardenas's home where he borrowed his sister's car and attempted to take his friends home when he struck the car driven by Hernandez.

Statements in the courtroom showed that the defendant could have stayed home or even asked a relative to drive, Hubert said.

"All too often, we see teenagers involved in this type of behavior. I hope that this case will help kids realize that there will be consequences to their actions," Hubert said.

While the evidence was not strong enough to show intoxication, it did demonstrate severe exhaustion due to the ingestion of the abused prescription drugs and alcohol, Hubert noted.

"The defendant drove in spite of the knowledge of this exhaustion, crossed into an oncoming lane and struck the vehicle containing Mrs. Hernandez," Hubert said.

Hernandez's family was present at the hearing.

Later, the family agreed that their mother would have forgiven Cardenas but that he needed to take this chance to live a drug free life and do things for others that their mother could no longer do, Hubert said.

"Any traffic accident involving a death is a difficult case to evaluate. The evidence showed that this was more than a mere accident; it was something that the defendant should have known was going to happen in his driving condition," Hubert said.

"Mrs. Hernandez was a pillar of the community. We have lost a great deal with her death. I can only hope that Mr. Cardenas uses this opportunity to better his life and follow the wishes of her family," Hubert said.

Elections

members from among one of the seven members.

If the charter amendment is placed on the May 8 ballot and approved by voters, it would become effective with the 2012 city election.

Meanwhile, over at KISD, the administration was advised that it must stick to the 5 p.m. deadline after someone applied as a candidate for the school trustee election about 15 minutes after the 5 p.m. deadline on Monday.

City of Kingsville

In addition to Mayor Fugate, all four city commissioners filed for another term.

They are Charles Wilson, Arturo Pecos, Alfonso Garcia, and Stanley Laskowski.

Also filing as city commission candidates in the at-large city race were Tomas R. Sanchez, Ruben G. Soliz, Jesse Rios, and Octavio Xavier "Sonny" Alvarez.

The top four candidates who receive the most votes will join the mayor as to make up the five-member city commission.

Kingsville ISD

KISD board positions up for re-election include Position 1, which will be open with the retirement of Jilma Vidaurri; Position 2, held by Annabelle M. Garza; and Position 3, held by Joe R. Trevino.

Garza and Trevino have filed for re-election.

Six candidates have filed for Place 1 including, Ruben G. Soliz, Marty Ontiveros, Alberto Ruiz, Juan Manuel Sandoval, John Edward Moreno and Melissa Ann Windham.

In Place 2, incumbent Annabelle M. Garza will face Rudy Macareno.

In Place 3, incumbent Joe R. Trevino will be running against Luis Gilberto "LG" Canales.

City of Bishop and Bishop CISD

Three positions for both the Bishop City Council and Bishop Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees will be up for re-election in a joint election May 8.

Bishop City Council members up for re-election are Mayor Victor Ramos, Council Member Rafaelita Cardenas, running in Place 2, and Council Member LeeRoy Kieschnick, running in Place 4.

All three city incumbents have filed for reelection. Mayor Ramos and Cardenas are running unopposed, and Kieschnick is being challenged by Benito Reyes.

Bishop CISD board members up for re-election are Norma Jean Flores in Place 1, Gracie Barreto in Place 3, and Judy Murdoch in Place 5.

All three incumbents have filed for re-election.

Flores and Barreto are running unopposed, and Murdoch is being challenged by Marc Morales.

City of Driscoll

One position for Driscoll City Council is up for re-election in May.

City Commissioner Marcos Zavala's place is up for re-election, and he is running unopposed.

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A spiritual home

About 40 percent of Americans have an ancestor who came to this country through Ellis Island. It represented a spiritual home for their beginnings as Americans. For the rest of us, Ellis Island is a symbol of welcome and opportunity. Plus, the emerald hunter and lime and coconut cheesecake.

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