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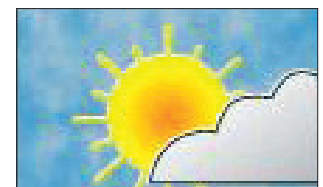
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BSISD trustees accept Lubbock firm's bid

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District will hire a Lubbock firm to oversee several school construction projects over the course of the next couple of years.

Lee Lewis Construction of Lubbock was awarded the "construction manager at risk" contract over

six other submissions by BSISD trustees during their Thursday night meeting.

The firm will supervise more than \$60 million in construction projects at BSISD the next two years, including construction of three new elementary buildings and extensive renovations at two other campuses.

The awarding of the construction

manager contract allowed the district to take a large step toward the start of actual construction, which is scheduled to begin in April or May.

An evaluation committee comprised of three trustees, three administrators and project architects evaluated seven bids for the job, including proposals from firms in Amarillo, Dallas-Fort Worth, Temple and the immediate

West Texas area.

Jay Edwards, an architect with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper who is helping design the BSISD projects, said Lewis Construction's proposal best fit local needs.

"We felt like (Lewis Construction's) detailed construction schedule was

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Thank you, veterans

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

United States military veterans received a 300-person strong "thank you" from the community Thursday morning.

The annual Community-Wide Veteran's Day observance included patriotic music and speeches from local dignitaries. Most of all, however, attendees were urged to thank this country's veterans for their service and sacrifice.

"A sincere 'thank you' means more to veterans than any other reward," said John Fisher of the local VA Medical Center, who served as master of ceremonies at the event.

"While I'm not the first to thank you for your service, I want to ensure that I certainly won't be the last."

Representatives from the community's business, church and education sectors took turns expressing their gratitude to those who have served in the military.

"In war, you defended your homes, your country and your people," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director



HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins

The Coahoma Choir Kids (top photo) wave U.S. flags as they perform a patriotic song during the annual Community Veteran's Day Ceremony at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday. At bottom left, an honor guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo presents the colors during the ceremony. At bottom right, Big Spring VA Medical Center Director Daniel Marsh, right, addresses the crowd.



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Playoffs 2010

Taking care of business

GCHS ousts Robert Lee in bi-district action



Photo Courtesy of Cynthia Esparza/San Angelo Standard-Times

Garden City's Blayne Batla scrambles on a play during the Bearkats' 66-20 win over Robert Lee in bi-district playoff action Thursday in Robert Lee.

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

ROBERT LEE — When Robert Lee's Foster Allen caught a 6-yard pass from Justin Gartman to give the Steers a 16-14 lead over defending state champion Garden City, the emotion and excitement was clear on their sideline.

But the composure and calmness was evident on Garden City's sideline.

Thanks to key picks, big runs from Josh Colunga and a stout second-half defensive performance, the Bearkats fought off an early rally from Robert Lee to thump the Steers 66-20 in bi-district playoff action Thursday in Robert Lee.

The Bearkats have seen a lot of different offenses, but one they probably seen a lot of is the spread. GCHS head coach Vance Jones said he was glad Robert Lee tested his squad Thursday night. It will come in handy.

"They're a pretty good spread team," he said. "They can throw the ball

fairly well and they've got some guys who can catch it. You've got an 80 by 40 field here with six people trying to guard it and it's hard to cover a good spread game."

All Garden City had to do is adjust and keep applying the pressure on offense. Defensively, however, the Bearkats turned in a solid performance.

Josh Colunga started the game on a good note with a 55-yard interception returned for a touchdown at the 8:55 mark in the first quarter. Up 30-20 at the half, the Bearkats shut out the Steers the rest of the way. Another pick from Peyton Schaefer sealed the win for Garden City.

"We went into half-time and we pumped everybody up," Colunga said. "We knew we could do a lot better than that and we had to come out and prove it and that's exactly what we did. The interceptions were big on our part. I had a pick on the first drive, it pumped us up and we

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Coahoma attempts to erase recent playoff woes

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner describes playoff time like some children describe their favorite holiday.

After all, he has said making it to the playoffs is like Christmas coming early for him.

But the Bulldogs are hoping the joy doesn't end so soon when they take on Spearman in bi-district playoff action at 8 p.m. today in Plainview.

Coahoma's last appearance in the playoffs was in 2007, but their last win was in 2003.

"It's kind of an oddity," Gardner said. "Somebody was asking me about the playoffs, well it's been a long time since I haven't been in the playoffs. For our kids, that's a different story. That's one of the things that concerns me the most. You never know exactly how you're kids are going to react."

"I don't want to have the Minnie Pearl syndrome. I know a lot of people don't know who that is, Minnie Pearl sang, "we're just happy to be here." I don't want to be just happy to be here."

The Bulldogs have a chance to do something they haven't in a seven years with a playoff win tonight, but to do it, they'll have to go against a Spearman team that



File Photo

Coahoma's Tanner Ruiz lines up to run a play during the Bulldogs' game against Greenwood earlier this season. Coahoma will try to win its first playoff game since 2003 against Spearman at 8 p.m. today in Plainview.

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Sports in brief

Coahoma Youth Basketball

Sign-ups for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League will be Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium in Coahoma. Boys and girls in the third through sixth grade in the local area are invited to participate. The cost is \$40. Teams will be chosen before the Christmas break and games will start when school resumes

from the holidays. Additional opportunities to sign up will be announced at a later date. Contact Brian or Karen Moore at 432-517-4006 for more information.

Coahoma playoffs

Coahoma ISD will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. today to al-

low for additional travel time for parents and fans to Plainview. The Bulldogs play at 8 p.m. today at Greg Sherwood Memorial Bulldog Stadium on West 24th Street at Yonkers in Plainview. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. District football passes and THSCA passes accepted. No noise makers in the stands, only the victory bell. The band cannot be on the field.



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Obituaries

Shirley Lawrence and
Kevin Lawrence

A memorial service will be held for Shirley Lawrence and her son, Kevin Lawrence, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, in the Chapel at Mount Olive Memorial Park. The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will officiate.



Shirley McCrary Lawrence, 67, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, at the Hospice House in Odessa.

She was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Big Spring to Hazel and John Grady McCrary. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1961 and attended Howard College. She was a switchboard operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone. She lived in El Paso and Rosenberg for much of her life. She was married for many years to Ken Lawrence, BSHS Class of 1961. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by one sister, Marilyn Mason of Lubbock; two nieces, Melinda Mason of Lubbock and Susanna Mason of Waco; and one nephew, Greg Mason of

LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Kevin Lawrence, who died in 2005.

Kevin was born in El Paso, on Sept. 7, 1973, to Shirley and Kennard Lawrence. He graduated from Coronado High School in El Paso and attended the University of Missouri and the University of Texas at El Paso. He was a movie critic whose reviews were published in the El Paso Times and elsewhere. He moved to Houston in 1998 and died Feb. 7, 2005.

He is survived by his father, Kennard Lawrence of Burton, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hazel and Kelley Lawrence and Hazel and John Grady McCrary, all of Big Spring.

His cremated remains will be buried next to his mother at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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

Paid obituary

Larry Dean Williams

Larry Dean Williams, 46, of Gorman, formerly of Big Spring, died at his home Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Barry Schahn officiating. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

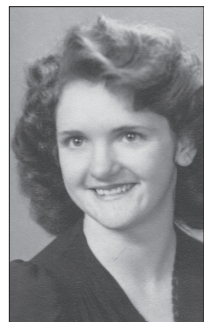
Larry was born June 30, 1964, in Big Spring to Danelle Williams and Glenda Nell Shipman Williams. He married Connie Renee Rone on Oct. 21, 2006, in Big Spring. He worked as a driver in the oilfield. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Williams of Gorman; two daughters, Lauren Williams of Cibolo, and Raney Williams of Gorman; a son, Lane Williams of Big Spring; two stepsons, Colton Wheeler and Justin Wheeler, both of Gorman; his mother, Glenda Williams of Big Spring; two brothers, Mack Williams and Donnie Williams, both of Big Spring; a sister, Nelda Gerstenberger of Big Spring; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Danelle Williams.

Velda Loubel Robins Dickens

Velda Loubel Robins Dickens, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Walter McCall of Compass Hospice officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Loubel was born Dec. 13, 1929, near Forgan, Okla., on the family farm. Her parents were Lowell Washburn and Virgie Grady

Robins. She was the granddaughter of pioneer families who filed on the land that had been opened in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

She graduated at Forgan High School in 1947 as valedictorian, all around girl and captain of the basketball team. Loubel attended the Woodard Photography School in Memphis, Tenn., in 1947-1948. She then worked in a photo shop in Guymon, Okla., for 2-1/2 years.

While in Guyman, Loubel met a young man by the name of Elmer Dickens who worked for Cabot Corporation. The plant was closed and moved to Big Spring. After Elmer was established with Cabot in Big Spring, he returned to Guymon and married Miss Loubel.

Loubel had many interests in her lifetime. She loved basketball, reading, gardening, painting and children. She babysat 11 small children until they were school age. She and Elmer had a ministry at the Federal Prison Chapel teaching the Bible for 30 years. Also, she was a Sunday School teacher for 54 years. A passion for the heavenly Father, Son, the Holy Spirit, the Bible and her family were the center of her life.

Loubel is survived by her husband of 59 years, Elmer; her sister, Roberta Oldfield of Sayre, Okla.; two sons, Randall Craig and his wife, Jann Dickens, of Big Spring and Chris Dalton of Granbury; two daughters, Stephanie Nelson and Charlesta Dickens, both of Big Spring; five granddaughters; one grandson; six great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Faye Robins of Forgan, Okla.; and three special friends, Marty and Todd Badgett and Pattie Wright.

Loubel was preceded in death by her mother, Virgie Mayo; her father, Lowell Robins; and her brother, Lyndal Robins.

Mrs. Dickens was a lover, a reader and a student of the Word of God. She is now no longer just reading the Word of God — she's living it!

Pallbearers will be Don Brodie, Ronnie Oldfield, Ray Robins, Gary Sleight, Tommy McMurtrey and Jesse Morgan.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to their favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Enrique 'Ricky' Garza Sr.

Enrique "Ricky" Garza Sr., 46, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 11/13	Sun 11/14	Mon 11/15	Tue 11/16	Wed 11/17
65/38 Sunny skies. High around 65F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.	64/37 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	60/34 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	69/41 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	71/37 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM

Police blotter

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

• ZYON GONZALEZ, 33, of 811 Debra Lane, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRITNEY IRENE MCINTIRE, 22, of 1410 S. Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on warrants for speeding, defective head lamps and failure to appear (two counts).

• TINA LYNNE JUNKIN, 50, of 1410 S. Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of S. Runnels.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Hillside Drive.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 800 block of Lancaster.

In the 400 block of Circle.

In the 700 block of Tulsa

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

• BRYAN DILWORTH HARP, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of revocation of probation — burglary of a habitation.

• EUSEBIO LEO RODRIGUEZ-AMARO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by INS on a Maricopa County, Ariz., warrant.

• SERGIO DAVID ALVAREZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear and a Midland warrant for probation

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November 13th-14th
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United Way event at
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There will be a memorial service for Patricia Albert Fortney and Jack W. Fortney at Trinity Memorial Park Chapel on Saturday, 11/13/10 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Fortney were long time residents of Big Spring before moving to Georgia. Mrs. Fortney is a 1954 graduate of Big Spring High and Mr. Fortney is from Martinsburg, WV. Jack Fortney passed away on 4/4/2004 and Patricia passed away on 3/27/2010. Mrs. Fortney is survived by a brother, Glen Albert of Big Spring. They will be interred after the service. The family will receive friends and relatives after the service at the La Quinta Inn on I-20.

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Defense key in Stanton-Abernathy matchup

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

STANTON — The playoffs were already in hand, but Stanton didn't want to end the season with a loss at Anson. It looked like the Buffaloes were going to have to abort that plan, down 15 at halftime.

The Buffs never wavered though, scoring 36 unanswered points in the second half to win in Week 10.

"I think it was just a matter of these kids here have always believed in what we do," Stanton head coach John Peterson said. "We did get behind, they didn't lose their composure, the coaches didn't lose theirs. We went in at halftime and made some adjustments. We were able to come out and get going. We've done that several times in the past and they believe in it."

"They wouldn't expect anything less of themselves."

Peterson doesn't think a performance like that will necessarily carry into the playoffs. But it may take that kind of persistence and attitude to advance in the play-

offs this season. First on the list though, the Buffs will try to take down Abernathy in the bi-district round at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wigwam Stadium in Seminole.

This one looks like it's going to be a matchup of strong defenses.

That's been Stanton's calling card all year. The most points the Buffs have allowed all season has been 23 in a loss to Idalou. That was one of three times Stanton (9-1, 5-1 in District 2-2A Division II play) allowed opponents to score in the double-digits.

Peterson said Abernathy (6-4, 4-2 in District 1-2A Division II) has the speed on defense to disrupt offenses and the Antelopes fly to the ball. The second-year coach hopes a defense-heavy game favors the Buffs.

In the playoffs, it's going to take a little bit of everything for Stanton to get through.

The key, Peterson said, is improving each week in the playoffs just like his team would during the non-district slate during the regular season. That will help the Buffs prepare for



Stanton head coach John Peterson is pictured instructing his team in practice. The Buffaloes face Abernathy in bi-district playoff action at 7:30 p.m. today in Seminole.

whatever each team's strengths are in the playoffs.

"Hopefully your team is just getting better and better each week by playing good teams," he said. "I think we have and we've been fortunate to keep the injuries to a minimum and be

healthy as much as we can and fight through these weeks."

The Buffs are in a good spot on the bracket, too. With Coahoma and Idalou — Stanton's district opponents — in the lower part of Region 1 of the Class 2A Division II bracket, Peterson said

his team has a favorable route to state.

The winner of the Stanton-Abernathy game faces Holiday in the regional round.

Peterson had Stanton in the playoffs for the second consecutive time since he took over the team last season.

The playoff berth in 2009 was memorable, it was Peterson's first year at the helm.

This one is different, and Peterson is hoping for a deep run.

"This year is special in its own way," he said. "These seniors have had a great season at 9-1."

Area football playoff schedule

Thursday
Garden City 66
Robert Lee 20

Today
Spearman
vs. Coahoma
8 p.m. Plainview
Greg Sherwood
Memorial Bulldog
Stadium

Stanton
vs. Abernathy
7:30 p.m.
Wigwam Stadium
Seminole

Grady
vs. Ira
7:30 p.m.
Big Spring
Memorial Stadium

Undefeated Ira on tap for Grady in playoffs

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

LENORAH — Things are already tough for Grady as the bi-district round of the UIL state football playoffs begin.

The 10-0 Ira Bulldogs will aim to end the Wildcats' playoff run immediately at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium here in Big Spring.

Sounds like a tall order for the Wildcats to knock off a team that hasn't lost all season, but head coach Brad Cox isn't rattled by the thought of facing an undefeated team to start the playoffs.

He and the Wildcats are excited and, honestly, accustomed to having to beat the odds.

"Yeah we are the underdogs. We've been the underdog in most of our games this year, surprisingly," Cox said. "I guess we're kind of used to it. I think we've talked about gaining a little bit of respect all year. We probably haven't done that yet, because we're always picked to lose by most people."

"We definitely think we have a good team, so we want to show that everybody."

The Wildcats (8-2, 3-1 in six-man District 5 play) got the win they needed to set themselves up for a playoff spot when they beat Sands 48-30 in Week 8.

Outside of losses to Meadow and district rival Borden County, the Wildcats have handily reached eight wins this season. Some of the credit can go to Grady's three-headed monster in quarterback Shane Teague, running back Joe Cook and receiver Jacob Rodriguez, who have consistently sparked the Wildcats week in and week out.

Now they face their biggest challenge Friday, an Ira team Cox said is just as explosive on offense and solid on defense.

What could get Grady through this game is the same thing that's helped them win eight games: the seniors.

Cox said the seniors understood the importance of getting to this point in the season and while a playoff berth is an added bonus to the season, the Wildcats are not content.

Making it this far is enough motivation for the seniors to carry this team through the toughest part of the season.

"We had a big senior class so we tried to

make them understand the importance of getting there," the first-year head coach said. "Now that we've done that, we're just trying to maintain concentration. Hopefully we'll advance."

Cox knows Teague, Cook and Rodriguez will be the focus for Ira, but on the other side, John Ramirez and Riley Pinkerton should disrupt Ira's offense.

It takes more than skill to advance in the playoffs though, Cox said.

He said the Wildcats will have to execute well in Friday's game, but the teams that advance in the playoffs are somewhat lucky.

Grady might need a few breaks to get out of the bi-district round.

"The teams that get a few breaks are usually the teams that advance," Cox said. "But to get those breaks, you have to create those for yourself. We've just been trying to tell our kids to play hard on every play and be ready."

The winner of this one has the winner of the Water Valley-Rankin game in the next round of the playoffs.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237

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knew we could do it after that."

Robert Lee couldn't keep up offensively. Outside of the picks, the magic the Steers had in the first half was gone as they had trouble completing passing and converting fourth downs.

Meanwhile, Colunga's two touch-

down runs Blayne Batla's touchdown pass to Brian Hirt helped Garden City gain a considerable lead heading into the fourth.

No one can blame Robert Lee for feeling confident at halftime though. The Steers had led once in the first half and were down by 10 heading into the third quarter.

"That was big for us, real big for us," Robert Lee head coach Shay Avants said of the 16-14 lead. "... Our emotions were good. We went into halftime down 30-20 with the No. 1 team in the state of Texas, so we felt pretty good at halftime."

GARDEN CITY 66, ROBERT LEE 20
Garden City 14 16 22 14 - 66
Robert Lee 8 12 0 0 - 20

First Quarter
GCHS - Josh Colunga 55 interception return (kick failed), 8:55
GCHS - Brian Hirt 10 pass from Blayne Batla (Brett Chudej kick), 6:31
RLHS - Foster Allen 1 pass from Gartman (Estrada kick), 2:37

Second Quarter
RLHS - Allen 6 pass from Gartman (Estrada kick), 8:07
GCHS - Colunga 13 run (Chudej kick), 2:13
RLHS - FG Will Howard 17, :58
GCHS - Hirt 2 pass from Batla (Chudej kick), :07

Third Quarter
GCHS - Hirt 10 pass from Batla (Chudej kick), 7:02
GCHS - Colunga 23 run (kick failed), 3:35
GCHS - Colunga 75 run (Ruben Mir kick), 1:29

Fourth Quarter
GCHS - Chudej 6 pass from Batla (Mir kick), 9:53
GCHS - Peyton Schaefer 15 interception return (no PAT attempted), 7:30

	GC	RL
First Downs	13	10
Rushes-Yds.	15-171	14-(-34)
Passing Yds.	125	254
Comp.-Att.-Int.	7-11-0	17-34-2
Punts-Avg.	0-0	2-15.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds.	4-45	5-50

Individual Leaders
RUSHING -- Garden City: Josh Colunga 12-174
PASSING -- Garden City: Blayne Batla 7-11-0-125. Robert Lee: Justin Gartman 8-13-1-156
RECEIVING -- Garden City: Brian Hirt 2-50. Robert Lee: Allen 6-101

COAHOMA

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attacks defenses in many different ways. Coahoma defensive

coordinator Raul Sanchez said Spearman's multiple formations on offense allows the Lynx to adjust if needed.

Spearman's ability to choose from many formations will keep Coahoma on its toes.

"They run between 35 and 45 formations," Sanchez said. "It's just kind of whatever is working for them, they're going to likely try to get into. I'm anxious to see what they're going to try to do against us."

Coahoma may have to throw the ball more

than usual, too.

Gardner said the 3-3 stack on defense for Spearman could force Coahoma quarterback Tanner Ruiz and maybe even Pete Acosta to put the ball in the air. This defense leaves little room for the Bulldogs to run, and with the multiple-back Wing-T system Coahoma runs, throwing the ball may open up the running attack.

"We've thrown the ball fairly well," Gardner said. "We threw it well in the Forsan game. At times when we've had to, we've been OK in that respect. So we might have to do that to get them out of the box a little bit. We also feel when you put eight guys

in the box there are some holes they present."

This Coahoma team, particularly the seniors, are aware of the to make history. Sanchez said the message this week has been to play physical and enjoy the moment. It doesn't happen to everyone.

"We told them it's kind of an opportunity of a lifetime," he said. "You don't want to let this one pass you by. We tell them there's not a promise this will happen again, so enjoy it and let's keep playing."

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Florida-based artist Maverick Fisher, a veteran of the U.S. Army, left, gets a "freedom" tattoo from local artist Scott Klarer at Mom & Pop's Tattoos Thursday afternoon. Mom & Pop's is currently conducting "Tats for Troops" and donating all the funds raised from services this weekend to purchase care packages for soldiers currently serving in Afghanistan. For more information, call (432) 714-4828.

THANKS

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of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "We are proud you live and do business in our community. You are an integral piece of the quilt that covers our community. Whatever your situation may be, you have joined our business community in some way and you have made your mark. "In countless ways,

you have laid the foundation of our business community, and we are the better for it," ValVerde added.

Michael Willard, pastor of Cornerstone Church (and an Army veteran), said veterans' sacrifices have ensured that U.S. citizens continue to enjoy their rights and freedoms.

"What unifies us are our core values ... we share a devotion to timeless values, values such as commitment, duty and devotion, faith,

forgiveness and hope," Willard said. "Because veterans provide a 'wall of valor and shield of defense,' the rest of us can continue to appreciate those values and teach them to others."

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks lauded veterans for embodying the country's best principles.

"Veterans teach us the real essence and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance," Sparks

said. "For being faithful to our country — to the point of being willing to give that ultimate sacrifice — the teachers and students of this community say, 'thank you' to our veterans."

Daniel Marsh, director of the Big Spring VAMC, said the community's appreciation of its veterans should not just be limited Veteran's Day.

"Every day is Veteran's Day," Marsh said. "This just happens to be the day our country pauses

SHERIFF

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violation — theft of property — more than \$50, less than \$1,500.

- DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA JR., 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property — more than \$50, less than \$500.

- MICHAEL GILES COMBS, 60, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- JASON RANDALL PORTER, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief — more than \$500, less than \$1,500, interfering with the duties of a public servant and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

- RUBEN DOMINGUEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- RANDY BEARDEN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by Andrews County on warrants for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (two counts).

- ZYON GONZALEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- BRITNEY MCINTIRE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, defective headlamps and violation of a promise to appear (two counts).

- TINA LYNNE JUNKIN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- SUSAN ETTA OVERTON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR., 40, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

BSISD

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well thought out," Edwards said. "And they've worked on a very similar ... elementary school project in Lubbock a couple of years ago. So their experience was very applicable to what they'll be doing here."

Representatives from Lewis and BSISD will meet during the next few weeks to formalize the contract, then will begin preparing in earnest for the project.

During the next few years, the district will receive a massive facelift. Projects include:

- Threenewelementary campuses, housing students in grades kindergarten through 5, to replace Washington, Marcy and Goliad.

- Demolition of those three campuses, plus the vacant College Heights building and parts of the campus at Bauer Elementary, which is scheduled for closure.

- Extensiverenovations at Moss Elementary, which will allow that campus to house grades K-5, and Big Spring Junior High, which will be modified to house students in grades 6 through 8.

- Big Spring High School also will be renovated, receiving new science labs, an expanded band hall and other improvements.

First up for the construction team is to firm up the blueprints for the new campuses.

"We haven't completed the final design of the buildings," Edwards said. "After we get Lewis Construction under contract, they'll work with us to confirm the construction budget, timeline and system (materials). They'll help us finalize all that so that it's the most cost-effective approach that still meets the district's needs."

Lewis' proposal calls for groundbreaking on the new campuses in either late April or May, with completion estimated in July 2012.

Because all four elementary projects will be ongoing at the same time, it was necessary to hire a firm large enough to be able to provide four qualified construction superintendents, a factor Edwards said weighed heavily in Lewis Construction's favor.

The first project, however, will be demolition of College Heights, which must be completed before construction of a new campus at Goliad can

begin, Edwards said. That project should begin in February or March, he added.

Lewis' proposal did not cover renovations at the high school. Edwards said the district's first priority was to upgrade the elementary and junior high campuses.

"One of the things we'd like to do is confirm our budget at the elementary schools before we finalize the high school plans," he said. "So we don't have a firm timeline there, yet."

In other business Thursday, trustees

approved:

- Bids for drug testing services, food service and maintenance and transportation.

- The district's tax roll and annual investment report.

- Final plans for the installation of artificial turf at the district's baseball field. That project should be completed around Jan. 31, 2011.

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and says thanks in an extra-special way."

Thursday's program also included patriotic music from the Goliad Intermediate School and Coahoma Elementary School choirs, as well as a presentation from Forsan students on the origin of "Taps" and a wreath-laying by Gold Star Mothers Belinda Garcia and Melissa Volker.

Afterward, a free lunch, courtesy of the Stan Partee family, was provided to veterans and their families.

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Loubel Dickens, 80, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Enrique "Ricky" Garza, Sr., 46, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Joint memorial services for Shirley McCrary Lawrence (died 10/23/2010) and her son Kevin Lawrence (died 2/7/2005) will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

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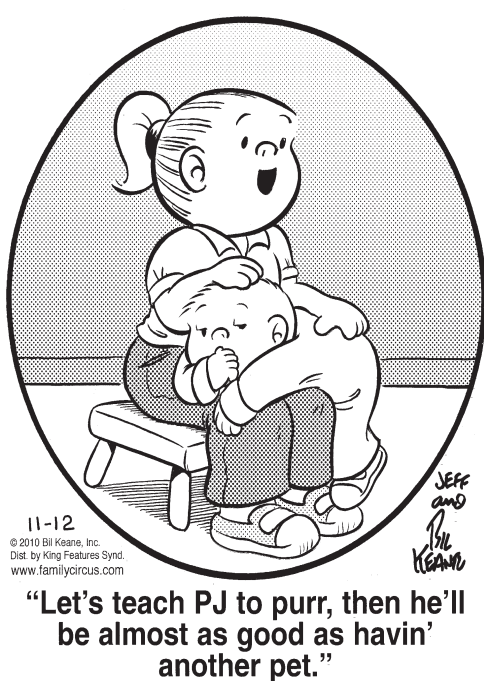
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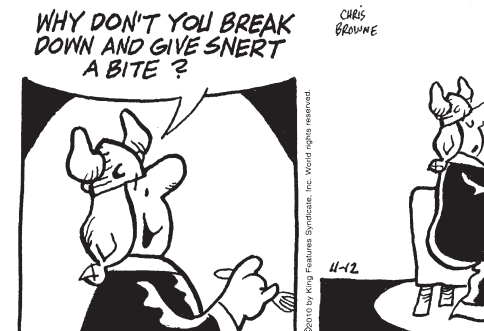
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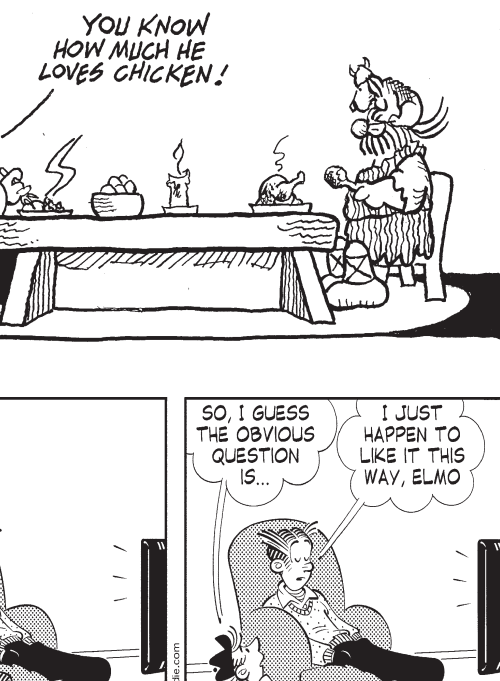
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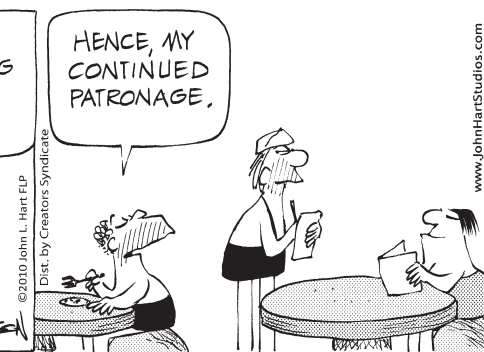
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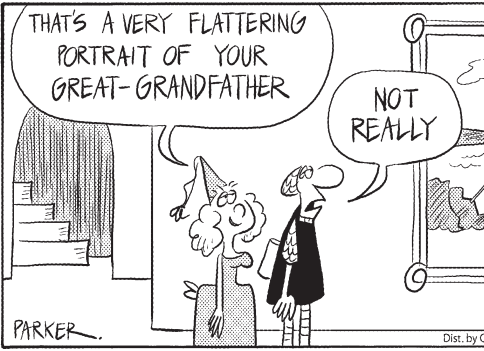
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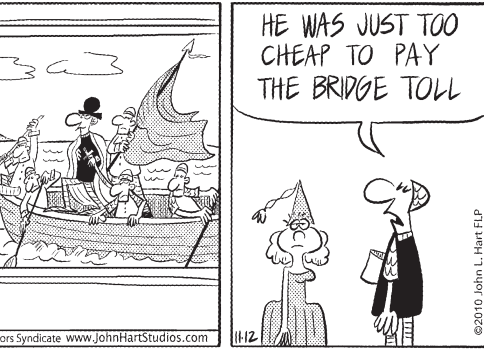
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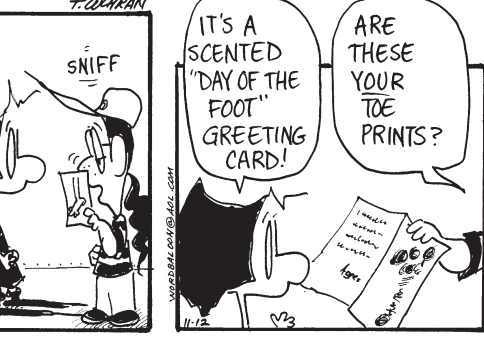
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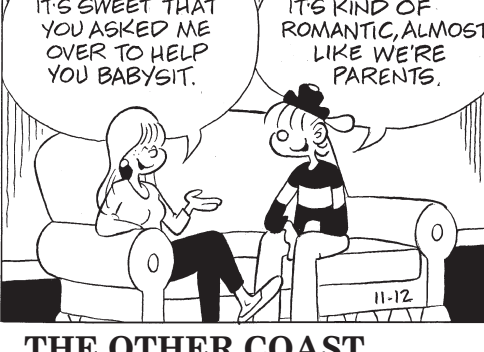
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2010. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over the Japanese.)

On this date:

In 1815, American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, N.Y.

In 1908, Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun was born in Nashville, Ill.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1970, the Bhola cyclone struck East Pakistan; it's believed half a million people, possibly more, were killed.

Anthony Shaffer thriller "Sleuth" opened on Broadway.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov (ahm-DROH-pawf) was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne. Actress Eve Arden died in Beverly Hills, Calif. at age 82.

In 1996, a Saudi Boeing 747 jetliner collided shortly after takeoff from New Delhi, India, with a Kazak Ilyushin-76 cargo plane, killing 349 people.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, en route from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff, killing 265 people.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ruby Nash Curtis (Ruby and the Romantics) is 71. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 67. Singer Brian Hyland is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 67. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 66. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 66. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 65. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 63. Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) is 61. Country/gospel singer Barbara Fairchild is 60. Actress Megan Mullally is 52. Actor Vincent Irizarry (TV: "All My Children") is 51. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci (koh-muh-NEECH') is 49. Actor Sam Lloyd is 47. Rock musician David Ellefson is 46. Former MLB player Sammy Sosa is 42. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 40. Actress Radha Mitchell is 37. Actress Lourdes Benedicto is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hitting
 - 6 A ways away
 - 10 Assures, with "up"
 - 14 One of Grafton's novel keywords
 - 15 Texas city
 - 16 Skating feat
 - 17 Dentist's boat?
 - 19 Film-rating org.
 - 20 Banderillero's foe
 - 21 Take in again
 - 23 Out of the ordinary
 - 25 High-five
 - 26 Babe in the woods
 - 29 Word to a waiter
 - 31 Position on an issue
 - 35 Card game
 - 36 Beyond question
 - 38 Box or proof preceder
 - 39 Inexpensive boat?
 - 43 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 44 Thorn in one's side
 - 45 Caviar source
 - 46 Dinner garnishes
 - 48 Mandolin kin
 - 50 Crew's control
 - 51 Broadway debut of '82
 - 53 Fails to be
 - 55 Paid attention
 - 59 Constructs
 - 63 Where a leaf may land
 - 64 Agricultural boat?
- DOWN**
- 1 Pay to hold hands
 - 2 Saw, say
 - 3 Toss out
 - 4 Fur tycoon
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 - 6 Bowl over
 - 7 M*A*S*H star
 - 8 Parts of plots
 - 9 Palace personages
 - 10 Hammett hero
 - 11 World's fair
 - 12 Sign of use
 - 13 Building foundation, perhaps
 - 18 Robin Hood's hangout
 - 22 Dyeing technique
 - 24 Long-distance commuter's home
 - 26 Zodiacal boundaries
 - 27 Square
 - 28 Displeased spectator
 - 30 Boston Legal excerpt
 - 32 Part of TNT
 - 33 Shade of brown
 - 34 Heavens, poetically
 - 37 Ho-hum feeling
 - 40 Paperless reservations
 - 41 Cosmos creator
 - 42 Prepare oneself
 - 47 "Enough!"
 - 49 Sign up
 - 52 Something put in a sling
 - 54 Electric-car company
 - 55 Software expert
 - 56 Aloha Stadium site
 - 57 Part of a range
 - 58 LAX listings
 - 60 Online exchange
 - 61 Cable-box display
 - 62 Bandy words
 - 65 Malfunction, with "up"

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Back-door searches

One area that government power has grown the most in recent decades is occupational licensing. Fifty years ago, less than 5 percent of the nation's workforce needed to obtain a license to work. Today, that figure has increased to more than 20 percent. More than 1,000 occupations are regulated by the states, from doctors and lawyers to nail technicians and tour guides. Florida credentials more than 100 professions.

These licenses serve as government-erected obstacles to entrepreneurship, effectively limiting competition to existing businesses because they increase the costs of entry into the market.

If that wasn't bad enough, now those licenses are being used by law enforcement as a method of executing warrantless searches in the War on Drugs.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, the Orange County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office has been conducting armed raids on barbershops in predominantly African-American and Hispanic neighborhoods on the pretext that they are unlicensed by the state. The operations were conducted without warrants, under the authority of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation inspectors, who can enter salons at will.

That's an excessive use of force for such a minor regulatory violation. Barbering without a license is a misdemeanor with a \$500 fine, and the Sentinel reports that Florida records show only 38 jail bookings on the charge across the entire state in the past 10 years — but only three of those arrests occurred before the Orange County operations during the past few months.

However, it appears the Sheriff's Office was doing more than protecting the public from bad haircuts.

According to the Sentinel, barbers and witnesses at several shops said deputies shouted and cursed during the raids, demanding the location of illegal drugs.

One series of raids found nothing more than misdemeanor amounts of marijuana at eight of nine shops. At the ninth, deputies found two baggies of cocaine in the barber's office.

Raids on two other shops turned up evidence of gambling, equipment "that appeared to be used" to make pirated DVDs and CDs, "some sort of tax service," two handguns and misdemeanor amounts of marijuana. No one was charged with any crimes beyond the misdemeanor possession of pot.

These look like law enforcement fishing expeditions. Police don't have enough probable cause to get a proper search warrant for these businesses, so they raid the barbershops under the guise of enforcing the state's licensing laws — which don't require warrants. While checking each barber's license, the deputies just happen to notice other alleged illegal activity or contraband.

This is an end-run around the law. It's as transparent as the State Patrol conducting roadside "safety checks" of automobiles in hopes of catching motorists with invalid IDs or other violations unrelated to driving. And courts have properly taken a dim view of it.

For example, in 2009 the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled that using a SWAT team to conduct an administrative or regulatory search is a violation of the Fourth Amendment. A Louisiana sheriff's department had conducted a drug raid on a bar under the auspices of an alcohol control inspection, which doesn't require a warrant.

The Orange County raids are patently bogus, and likely unconstitutional, and shouldn't be duplicated anywhere else.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we pay close attention, Lord, to You and Your word for our life.

Amen

Attention: 'Chocoholics...'

My Uncle Mort's mind is awash in theories, and most of them — if tossed into the Throne Room of Great Ideas — would languish in the darkest corner, unclaimed by the rest of humanity.

The 98-year-old guy down in the thicket is used to the linkage of his life rhythms to the beat of a far distant drum. His mind spins with "what ifs" during most waking moments and in some hours of sleep as well.

He recently spoke of dramatic changes made by the new ownership of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club. The new bunch cut prices for parking, concessions and assorted souvenir items before ink dried on the sales contract. Granted, most of the "cuts" were in the 10-20 percent range. Charge for one item, however — hot chocolate — was lowered by two-thirds — from \$3 to \$1.

A \$1 concession item, Mort contends, is as rare as a skunk on a trampoline, a duck on skates or championship flags at the Ballpark in Arlington.

He figures that oceans of the drink could usher in yet another new ritual.

After fans flash the signs of antlers and claws, they can wipe away their chocolate mustaches. Then, expect a chant about "milk doing a body good."

Maybe hot chocolate at a buck a shot is as valid as dozens of other reasons bubbling to the top about the Rangers' unprecedented success this season.

There's no bigger Ranger fan than Dr. Dan Crawford. The retired seminary prof could easily

have become disenchanted with the sport a half-century ago.

In 1960, the late Dr. Guy D. Newman, longtime president of Howard Payne University, offered a few young men partial scholarships in baseball. Ever the visionary, he wanted to resurrect the sport that had been dropped earlier by the Lone Star Athletic Conference.

Crawford signed on, finishing his degree in the then-typical four years. Sadly, the team never materialized.

Some 30 years and four presidents later, the sport was reinstated at HPU on a non-scholarship basis.

Dr. Crawford's tongue-in-cheek letter to the president's office detailed his baseball "scholarship misadventures" and included a willingness to "throw out the first pitch" for the initial game of the renewed sport.

President at the time and a longtime friend of Crawford's, I took a different view. Since he had enjoyed the benefits of an athletic scholarship without lifting a finger, perhaps he should first start paying back unearned scholarship benefits. That ended the vignette, or so I thought.

More recently, as president of the HPU Alumni Association, Dr. Crawford shared his story. With a new season at hand, he was invited to throw out the first pitch. At last, thought he, his participation in an HPU athletic event would come to pass.

Alas, it did not; the game was rained out.

Fast forward to real time.

Dr. Crawford attended a World Series game in Arlington. If you happened to sit on either side of him — or behind him — or in front of him — you may have gotten earfuls of his "baseball scholarship" details.

I chronicle it only because mine is the absolutely truthful version. If he stretched it a bit,

no worries.

Remember, baseball offers scads of memories, many of them worth both "fetching" and stretching.

Baseball "buffs" joke that when the 2010 series is history, a million fans will claim to have been eye witnesses for at least one of the historic games at the Ballpark.

If hot chocolate for a buck helped the Rangers to World Series play, look for Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to start giving it away.

With their football fortunes spiraling downward, Cowboy players will find that fame is indeed fleeting. (Plumbers who came up with the name of "Romo Rooters" for the Tony Romo Fan Club are thinking of changing the name to the "Romo Brooders.")

After a recent Cowboys loss, several players scrambled to get autographs from fans.

When Mort gets the "news" — and it could be as far away as Christmas — he'll be shocked to learn that for at least one week of the 2010 intercollegiate football season, only two Texas schools — Texas Christian University and Baylor University — made the Top 25.

He'll re-read it, grumbling about typographical errors being with us always.

If he verifies this truth, he'll swallow hard, then make a comment akin to this: "If the Horned Frogs and Bears are the only two Texas teams ranked nationally, we can expect snow to collect on the hottest hinges of Hades, or at least they'll have their first-ever frost down there."

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Walking on water? No problem

Ten years ago, Leanna and I decided to do something radical. It seems silly to me now, that it was so far out of our box back then, but we decided to host a ladies conference on a five-day cruise in the Caribbean.

At that time we had never done the cruise thing and our ladies' meetings had been land locked.

I had only been on the ocean a couple of times to fish, and although I had caught a 9-foot, 7-inch sailfish, I brought it on board while losing my lunch. The Brewer tends to get seasick.

So, I wasn't sure if a long cruise would have me making a technicolor tribute to Disney, or inspire me into talking to God on the big white telephone, but I was afraid it would. I hate to be seasick.

Nearly a dozen cruises later, I can tell you my fears were unwarranted and a big waist of valuable brain space.

CASTING BREAD

So we began to save for that first big trip and the Lord put it on my heart to send another couple, too. We were honored to have them with us, and they could not have gone unless we had paid for them to go. They

had a time and we had a time.

The next year we did it again, and again Leanna and I secretly paid for a couple to go the cruise. See, we started doing marriage retreats after that, and every year Leanna and I would prayerfully consider a couple to sponsor for a week-long cruise. We did this for at least seven trips without telling anybody.

There is a reason I am telling you now.

About six months ago, a couple in our church approached me and asked me if I would be willing to remarry them for their 20th anniversary as they renewed their vows.

When I told them I would, they then told me they wanted to get married in Greece on a 12-night cruise through the Mediterranean. They would pay for the cruise for Leanna and I and for the plane tickets to Rome and back. A few minutes later, I woke up to smelling sauce, and yes, it was true. A dream come true.

SMOKE ON THE WATER

Two days ago, I returned from this trip, and let me tell you, it was far better than any trip I had given to anyone else. We toured the Colosseum in Rome and threw coins in the fountain. We saw Mount Vesuvius and walked the ruins of Pompeii. I got my girls and my mom a cameo near Naples. Went to the Isle of Capri — and I'm not talking about the one in Shreveport.

We also went to Athens, ancient Corinth and even Ephesus in Turkey. I married my friends in Lindos Bay on the Isle of Rhodes where Paul preached and where they filmed the Guns of Navarone. I mean come on! Not only had Paul the apostle been there, but Gregory Peck and David Niven, too!

Leanna rode a camel at the Pyramids in Giza and I ate pizza in Sicily. On top of all this, we had a balcony stateroom on the Navigator of the Seas and perfect weather all the way. A hundred dreams came true for me on this trip because of the generosity and love of some very selfless friends — and I tell you it all started with God giving us hearts to give a trip to some of our friends.

You are not going to out-give God. You can't out-God God. You can't be nicer than Him or more generous than Him. Take it from a guy that has tasted and seen, the Lord is good — give in a radical way when He tells you too. And believe me when I tell you, it won't make you sick like you are afraid that it will.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" — 2 Corinthians 9:7

The Rev. Troy Brewer is the pastor of Open Door Ministries and can be found online at www.freshfromthebrewer.com.



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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Tonight's the night the Young Families play host to "Fun-for-the-entire-congregation-hour." It all begins with a pizza supper at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. This particular church event is designed to help families grow closer to each other and to God. Participants will watch exclusive, never-before-seen clips from the latest Narnia adventure, "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader." Come join the fun as we learn something new about each other and create great memories of our time together.

Tomorrow the Young Families will be traveling to Midland for an exciting visit to Fiddlestick Farm. Earlier on Saturday, Eddie will be leading the first rehearsal of the 32nd annual Living Christmas Tree. Practice begins at 10 a.m. in Garrett Hall. Lunch and child care will be provided. Tree performances are scheduled for Dec. 4-5. Free tickets are available in the church office.

On Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will lead both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Her sermon will be "One Plus One Equals?" with scripture readings from Acts 3:1-10. We will also have several young members confirmed and will welcome guests from the Methodist Home.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by our Youth has been rescheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21. At that time they will also have their bake sale and auction. This is also the date for "A Walk Thru

the Bible, New Testament," which will begin in the 10:50 a.m. service and continue following the dinner.

This is the time when we want to say special thanks to our financial secretary, Helen Metcalf. She has just completed her final week with us after having so ably served us for 18 years. Congratulations on your retirement, Helen, you will be missed.

Remember your donations to the Christmas boxes for our service men and women. The box is in the foyer just outside the sanctuary; let's fill it to overflowing and let those serving our country know we appreciate them and hold them in our prayers.

It's a wonderful time of year and God has blessed this area with bountiful crops. If you are searching for a place to worship and thank God for great country, you have an open invitation to any and all the activities down on our corner of the world at Fourth and Scurry. We're First Methodist, growing and serving Christ.

We're back on schedule Sunday evening with a snack supper, Bible study and youth activities. We rejoice that the plumbing renovation has been completed in the Garrett Hall kitchen and we're back in our assigned locations, although we are always thankful to have that Youth Hall and adjoining kitchen.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, invite anyone to come and worship with us. We

meet at 11 on Sunday morning to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and the Rev. Craig Holstedt, meets in the church library at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Session meeting is rescheduled for Thursday in the church social hall.

Tom wishes to thank Dan Miracle for leading the congregation in Sunday's service and all the members for being the church they know how to be. Tom and Nancy appreciate all the good wishes and prayers during the past week.

The lectionary for Sunday is Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; and Luke 21:5-19. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the worship service. We will have our covered dish Holiday Meal after worship on Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. in the church library; choir practice was at 6 p.m. The Youth Group met at First Presbyterian Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the church office or the narthex for people who will volunteer to provide a meal for the youth when they meet at our church on Wednesday evenings during November.

The Session will hold its monthly meeting in the library on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Women have

moved their monthly meeting up one week due to Thanksgiving. They will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the library. The Rev. Craig Holstedt is leading the study of lessons 3 and 4 from Revelation, chapters 4, 5 and 6, entitled "Worshiping God and the Lamb" and "Diagnosing the Crises of Empire."

The Working Women's Bible Study group met Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The children's Sunday school classes continue their study of Moses. Ellen Austin leads the discovery workshop this Sunday, and Paula Farquhar will conclude the unit with an audio/visual workshop. Beginning Nov. 28, the first Sunday in Advent, the children will be on the computers for a three-session unit, "Fluffy and God's Amazing Christmas Adventure," which takes them from the Old Testament prophets through the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi.

The Adult Covenant Class will conclude its study of Psalms, called "God Protects." The Adult Video Class will finish its study of "The Power of a Whisper," by Bill Hybels, on learning about listening for God. They begin a new eight-session study from the Efrd Bible Studies on The Birth Narrative.

Please set aside time Sunday, Dec. 5, for a special Advent program, called "Nativity," which is for the whole congregation. We will begin the program at 4 p.m. and follow with a soup/cornbread supper.

Lane Reynolds will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning; ushers for

the month are James F. Little, Don Boling, Pat Fleming and Monika Robinson. Janie Conley is liturgist for the month.

The lectionary for Sunday is Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; and Luke 21:5-19. Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer the anthem "All Good Things" by Douglas Wagner and "I Will Sing Glad Songs" by Gordon Young during the offertory. We will meet for worship in the chapel this week, to examine the condition of the stained glass windows there. The Service Committee will be distributing bags with the list of items to provide a family of four with nutritional meals for three day. If you do not get a bag this Sunday, they will be available in the church office. They should be filled and returned between Nov. 18-22.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST-AM 1490 beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

REVENUES

Local and Intermediate Sources	\$8,499,222
State Program Revenues	487,824
Federal Program Revenues	612,156
Total Revenues	<u>9,599,202</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current:	
Instruction	3,412,024
Instruction Resources & Media Services	158,515
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	38,391
School Leadership	372,809
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	106,430
Health Services	37,870
Student Transportation	273,396
Food Services	357,008
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	352,347
General Administration	382,740
Plant Maintenance & Operations	719,881
Security & Monitoring Services	10,294
Data Processing Services	96,357
Community Services	15,149
Debt Service:	
Principal On Long-Term Debt	295,000
Interest On Long-Term Debt	155,741
Bond Issuance Cost & Fees	323
Capital Outlay:	
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,874,446
Intergovernmental:	
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	900,035
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	115,700
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed Program	6,000
Other Intergovernmental Charges	183,201
Total Expenditures	<u>9,863,657</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over(Under) Expenditures	<u>(264,455)</u>

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):

Transfers In	34,598
Transfers Out (Use)	(34,598)
Other (Uses)	(755,970)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(755,970)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,020,425)
Fund Balance - Sept. 1 (Beginning)	6,066,765
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(63,397)
Fund Balance - Aug. 31 (Ending)	<u>\$4,982,943</u>

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CHURCHES

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meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is Dec. 9. Mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2010 Walks: Women's Walk 54, , Lorinda Herrod and Men's Walk 55, Terry Nichols.. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Greetings from the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church. We invite you to worship with us on this Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary, located at 810 Scurry St., when we celebrate Holy Communion with Pastor Don Rosentreter. Sunday school follows in the parish hall,

Ladies, our Wednesday noon luncheon study is now taking up the study of the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians in the parish hall. Lunch is served, followed by a lively discussion.

St. Paul is a drop-off point for "Christmas for our Troops." Should you need information about this wonderful ministry, contact our office, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Paul member Nancy Michaelis retired from teaching and was asked to help establish an English speaking school in Seoul, South Korea. She lived and worked in Seoul for 18 months and has a fascinating insight into this interesting country and culture. Nancy will share her experience with an all-new photographic presentation here at St. Paul on Thursday. The parish hall will be open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin promptly at 7. Come join Nancy for this tour of South Korea.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for safety for our servicemen, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment, seasonable rain and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

College Baptist Church

This week is the week of prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is an offering taken during November and December in Southern Baptist churches. To insure that we keep missionaries on the field, every cent of this offering is used for this purpose. None goes for administration.

The senior adults of our church enjoyed a trip to the Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post this past Saturday. They heard wonderful music by Chip Polk and watched a play starring his brother, Glenn Polk. The play was, "The Sermon on the Mount." There were church buses and vans from all over Texas and even one from Jal, N.M. The theater was about full for this play.

The King's Kids, a

group of children from kindergarten through sixth grade, sang a patriotic song during the morning church services last Sunday and did a great job. This group meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. to practice for singing and plays. They always do a good job and the kids have lots of fun.

Pastor Ken McMeans brought an inspiring and up-beat sermon Sunday morning. We are so thankful for him and his family.

With Thanksgiving coming up, we are planning a church-wide Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. It is good that we have a special time for giving thanks for all our blessings. It seems we can always find things to complain about, so it is a good reminder of how much we have to be truly thankful for.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Our motto is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. Our church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchriststx.

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following around 10:15.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching on the sermon topic "See That You Are Not Misled," from Luke 21: 5-36 and today's readings.

This week's flowers have been given to the glory of God by James and Shele Gilbert. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be McKenna Alsobrooks. Our elders for this week are Darren Byrd and Bobby Roever.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Jill Alsobrooks. The readings for this week are Malachi 4:1-6, Psalm 98, 2 Thesalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13; and Luke 21:5-28 (29-36). Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The Sunday school lesson for this Sunday is about the evangelists, apostles and their symbols within the church. This Sunday, the youth will study Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40).

Mid Week School begins at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday. The focus for the next few weeks will be on Daniel. Next Wednesday's lesson is from Daniel 1:3-17, titled "Daniel Refuses to Eat Tainted Food." The meals are served at 6:30 p.m. Last Wednesday's meal was provided by Breanna Conner. Audrey Abel will provide the meal this week. There will no Wednesday Mid Week School or Bible study Nov. 24. If you are interested with helping with a meal, please contact Dana Byrd. Thank you very much to all of those who serve God in this way.

The LWML has decided to help Debbie Burrows and our Big Spring area with support for the CFOT (Christmas for Our Troops) with donations of toiletries and medical items. Donations of items and money for shipping costs can be made at the church.

The Board of Evangelism has begun preparations for our Thanksgiving celebration. It needs cooks/grocery getters. If you are interested, contact Richard Knocke.

Nominees for the various boards are now being considered by the Executive Committee.

This Sunday the LWML will host an "in-house" bake sale between church and Sunday School.

The Executive Board will meet Thursday. All boards need to have their budgets ready for this meeting. The nominating committee will also present its recommendations for the slate of officers and the various boards.

The Board of Evangelism has scheduled a Thanksgiving Dinner for Nov. 25. If you are interested in attending, inviting someone, or helping, please fill in the half-sheet or contact a member of the board.

Mark your calendars for the Advent season which will begin Nov. 28. Advent services will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. On Dec. 1, 8 and 15, Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching.

On Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., the LWML Salad/Christmas Ornament Exchange evening will be hosted by Kathy Laning. Come join us at her home at 4214 Theo. Remember to bring both your salad and your Christmas ornament.

The next Voters' Assembly will be Dec. 12. The budgets, officers and boards will be the main focus for this

meeting.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be at 10 a.m. in the church. Our Annual Meeting, Part I, will take place this Sunday after the morning service. Also, we will have a potluck luncheon, so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone.

The Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Then, Holy Eucharist is at noon in the chapel.

All youth from sixth through 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at First Presbyterian Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad St.

First Church of the Nazarene

Do you ever feel like there has to be more to life? Have you ever thought that you were made for so much more than this? During the next few weeks we will discover that God has placed the desire for adventure and romance in our hearts and is wooing us to join him in a relationship where these desires are fulfilled. Join us as we discover more about the "Sacred Romance" Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

In the next few weeks we will discover that God has placed the desire for adventure and romance in our hearts and is wooing us to join him in a relationship First Church of the Nazarene has lots of new classes to check out.

On Sunday evenings, join us for Truth Seekers class (a leadership class developing teens and adults to strengthen, present and defend their faith); or "Each One, Disciple One," a class is for new Christians.

And on Wednesday evenings in overflow there is a class for couples to study the "Love Dare."

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the Commons at 9:30 a.m. Adventure Bay sets sail in the fellowship hall for Grades 2-6 and Critter Land lifts off for those in the second grade to 4 years old with class in the Kindergarten room.

The Critter Land Nursery for ages 3 and under starts at 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Join us on Wednesday evening for Small Groups. A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with groups meeting in various classrooms at 6:30. Children and youth classes are offered for all ages. Children sixth grade to nursery all meet in the sanctuary for opening with 10 minutes of praise and worship prior to going to classrooms.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish serves the Howard County Catholic faith community. The church office is located at 610 S. Main. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can reach us at 432-714-4390; e-mail us at htch@crcom.net or fax us at 432-714-4932. Saturday service is at 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus campus, located at 508 N. Aylesford St. Confessions are offered from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays before mass.

Sunday services are at:

• 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus campus (bilingual).

* 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary campus, located at 1009 Hearn St.

This year's fall festival was a great success. We would like to thank all who participated, volunteered their time and those who attended and supported the event. It would not have been possible without each of you.

Our first ever washer tournament was a smashing hit. Manual Ontiveros took first place, Tino Rodriguez was second and Rene Villa was third. Well done, Larry Lara, for all your work in putting the event together.

Stop by and visit our pastor, Msgr. Bernard Gully, and the associate pastor, the Rev. G.C. Arockriaraj (Father Raj) anytime.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You choose to be a fan of someone for good reason. Whether it's a celebrity, a prominent member of your community or someone in your family, you have something in common with the one you admire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is not your first time to the rodeo, and yet someone who is very much your equal in terms of experience might make the mistake of talking to you as though it were. Stand up for yourself, and set the dynamic straight now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In the same way that you are comforted by certain foods, you have a set of go-to thoughts that always seem to make you feel better. Do you consciously know what they are? Find out so you can draw them up at any time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to learn, but what will probably be most apparent by the end of the day is the abundant knowledge you have already acquired. You haven't been giving yourself enough credit, and now you will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are not impervious to the opinions and sharp remarks of others, though you seldom base your information you gather in a critique. You are wise to take all comments with a grain of salt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are respected and needed. You also encourage your loved ones to think things through for themselves instead of relying on you to weigh in on their every decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You have a great deal of natural affection for those younger than you, and your interaction with them will raise your energy levels and increase your creativity and optimism.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationships are important, and you will certainly be served by who you know. But once you get in the door, ultimately, what makes an impact is the merit of your work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will learn from those who have been there, done that and lived to write about it. However, reading is not your favorite way of gaining knowledge. It's more fun to dive in and have your own experience.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 12). Financially, things are looking up. Your special way of communicating will have a mesmerizing effect on some. You'll talk your way into an exclusive and most fortuitous arrangement in December. February brings an emphasis on developing your skill set. You'll celebrate family in May. Invest in June. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 43, 25, 31 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: In order to understand the object of your affection, you must understand what he or she does in a day's time. TAURUS: Friends might influence your romantic choices, but at the end of the day, you'll be happier following your own instincts. GEMINI: Loved ones endear themselves to you through kind comments and compassionate ways. CANCER: You will have more offers than time to accommodate them. LEO: No one can pin down your free spirit, but it doesn't keep certain

people from trying. VIRGO: You will selflessly give your love without even thinking about how it's going to come back to you. LIBRA: Your private life is a romantic comedy, complete with hilarious misunderstandings — all's well that ends well. SCORPIO: You are not in the mood to be pursued. You're more intrigued by the one who stands at a distance and waits for you to come. SAGITTARIUS: Loved ones help to make your domestic life run more smoothly, a sweet gift. CAPRICORN: Someone is checking you out, so bring your A-game. AQUARIUS: You don't have to have all of the same interests as your potential date. But if you have at least three things in common, things will go well. PISCES: You hit it off with the family of your beloved, and this makes him or her love you even more.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Taurus people should observe each other closely before they get involved. Smolderingly passionate Scorpio can watch and learn from the deliberate and controlled way that Taurus goes about the business of life, and Taurus can take a lesson from Scorpio's intuitive awareness. They are both sensual creatures who appreciate fine food, transcendent music and beautiful environments.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

Obama rips China on trade, currency; says global economy 'back on the path to recovery'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Barack Obama claimed a stronger hand on the world stage Friday despite electoral defeats at home, failure to get a free-trade agreement with South Korea and lackluster international support for his get-tough policy with China on trade and currency disputes.

"It wasn't any easier to talk about currency when I was first elected and my poll numbers were at 65 percent," Obama argued at the close of the G-20 summit, after bluntly accusing Beijing of undervaluing its currency.

The president headed to Japan without the coveted trade pact with Korea or a united front with other countries against China's currency policy. He also endured a gusher of criticism from other countries about a decision by the U.S. central bank to pump \$600 billion into the U.S. economy, something China, Germany and others believe could weaken the dollar and lead to inflation.

After another economic summit in Yokohama, Japan, beginning Saturday, Obama will return to the U.S. to confront Republicans empowered by their gains in this month's midterm elections.

G-20 leaders refuse to endorse U.S. push against China's rate

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Leaders of 20 major economies on Friday refused to endorse a U.S. push to get China to let its currency rise, keeping alive a dispute that has raised the specter of a global trade war amid criticism that cheap Chinese exports are costing American jobs.

A joint statement issued by the Group of 20 leaders including President Barack Obama and China's Hu Jintao tried to recreate the unity that was evident when the group of rich and developing nations held its first leaders' summit two years ago during the global financial meltdown.

But deep divisions, especially over the U.S.-China currency dispute, left officials negotiating all night to draft the watered-down statement for the leaders to endorse.

The biggest disappointment for the United States was the pledge by the leaders to refrain from "competitive devaluation" of currencies. Such a statement is of little consequence since countries usually only devalue their currencies — making it less worth against the dollar — in extreme situations like a severe financial crisis.

Using a slightly different wording favored by the U.S. — "competitive undervaluation" — would have shown the G-20 taking a stronger stance on China's currency policy.

The crux of the dispute is Washington's allegations that Beijing is artificially keeping its currency, the yuan, weak to gain a trade advan-

tage. But the U.S. position has been undermined by its own recent policy of printing money to boost a sluggish economy, which is weakening the dollar.

Passengers of disabled cruise return home with memories of smoke-filled halls, long lines

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Karen Blocker's dream cruise began disintegrating at dawn when her cabin started rattling "like an earthquake."

"I told my daughter: 'This boat is not moving anymore. We've got to get out,'" Blocker said.

She opened the door to find a hallway filled with smoke and crew members telling passengers to head for the lifeboats.

The boats turned out to be unnecessary, but the scare was just the start of a three-day ordeal for the 50-year-old Blocker and nearly 4,500 other passengers and crew aboard the stricken Carnival Splendor.

It wasn't until tugboats hauled the 952-foot cruise liner into a San Diego dock Thursday that weary passengers were able to tell their stories to the world.

Their ship lost power after an engine fire Monday and was adrift about 200 miles outside San Diego and 44 miles off the coast of Mexico.

At that distance from land, it was out of cell phone range for much of the ordeal. The fire left the ship without air conditioning, hot water or hot food. The casino was closed and, for a time, so were the bars. Toilets backed up. And the swimming pool was off-limits because the pumps wouldn't work.

California man hopes to turn beating case against priest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Will Lynch is looking for justice in an unusual way. Charged with savagely beating the priest he says molested him as a child, he plans to try to use his trial to publicly shame the Rev. Jerold Lindner in court.

Law experts say he faces an uphill battle. However, priest abuse victims are cheering Lynch on and offering to donate to his defense fund.

"Somebody needs to be a face for this abuse and I'm prepared to put myself on the line," Lynch told The Associated Press in the first interview since his arrest last month. "There's nothing they can take from me that they haven't already taken."

Lynch is accused of luring Lindner to the lobby of a retirement home in May and beating him bloody in front of horrified witnesses. Lynch, 43, plans to plead not guilty at his arraignment on an assault charge Friday.

Lynch accuses the 65-year-old Jesuit priest of sexually abusing him and his younger brother in 1975 during weekend camping trips in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The boys, 7 and 4 at the time, were raped and forced to have oral sex with each other while Lindner watched, Lynch said.

Lindner has repeatedly denied

abusing anyone and has never been criminally charged. He hung up Wednesday when the AP called him for comment.

Murkowski camp claims Miller observers challenging legitimate ballots in Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's campaign declared she's headed for re-election, saying her rival's unverified voter fraud claims and frivolous challenges of write-in ballots are pointing to his desperation.

Murkowski, whose hopes for another term hinge on her winning a write-in effort, undisputedly held 89.8 percent of that vote with 45,132 ballots counted so far. That's enough for her campaign to feel she's poised to win, in spite of thousands of outstanding ballots yet to be uncounted and a pending legal case.

Another 9.5 percent of write-in ballots were challenged, though most of those were counted toward Murkowski's tally — coming on objections over misspellings or penmanship.

Shortly after the second day of write-in ballot counting began on Thursday, a Miller observer challenged a vote for Murkowski that appeared to have her name spelled and printed correctly, though the "L" in "Lisa" was in cursive handwriting. Later, at least 10 ballots in which Murkowski's name appeared readable were challenged, including one in which the vote read: "Lisa Murkowski Republican."

Miller's campaign said observers are simply challenging votes that don't meet the strict letter of the law.

Supporters preparing for release of Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — An ally of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi said an order for her release has been signed by Myanmar's ruling generals, as hundreds of supporters gathered Friday at her political party headquarters and near her residence in anticipation.

Suu Kyi's house arrest officially

ends Saturday, but rumors swept Yangon that she might be freed as early as Friday. Riot police with assault rifles were seen near Suu Kyi's house as about 200 supporters gathered at a nearby barbed-wire barricade.

Jailed or under house arrest for more than 15 of the last 21 years, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate has become a symbol for a struggle to rid the Southeast Asian country of decades of military rule.

"My sources tell me that the release order has been signed," said Tin Oo, vice chairman of Suu Kyi's party. "I hope she will be released."

Obama praises 'inclusive' Iraqi government, but Sunnis show friction over power-sharing

BAGHDAD (AP) — President Barack Obama praised Iraqi moves to form an "inclusive" government on Friday, but a two-day-old power-sharing deal was already looking fragile after Sunni lawmakers walked out of parliament, clouding the possibilities for working with Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Members of the Sunni-backed Iraqiya bloc have accused al-Maliki's Shiite coalition of breaking promises under the deal, which aimed to break an eight-month deadlock and allow the creation of a new Iraqi government. Sunni lawmakers said they intended to press al-Maliki for explanations on Friday.

The power-sharing agreement paved the way for a parliament session Thursday in which the first steps were taken toward forming the new government: Lawmakers re-elected Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani as president, and he then asked al-Maliki to start putting together his coalition administration, a process that could take several weeks.

But the session was marred by the walkout by most of Iraqiya's lawmakers, including the bloc's leader, Ayad Allawi, the man who wanted the prime minister spot.

The agreement gives Sunnis a role in the new government and gives Allawi a position as head of a still-undefined council to handle security.

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Courtesy photos
It's been a pretty good month for Big Spring High School student Jackson Watkins. In photo at left, he is congratulated by Howard County Republican Chairman Craig Bailey on becoming the second recipient of the Howard County Republicans' Student of the Month honor. He is the son of Rick and Susan Watkins. He is a varsity football captain at BSHS, has been the Student Council president for the past two years, has served as the United Way Teen president, participates in varsity track and is a member of the UIL number sense team. At right, Jackson is pictured with Troy Tompkins, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club literacy chairman, his parents, BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey and Club President Debbie Wegman, after he was recognized by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club as its Outstanding Student of the Month. Jackson plans on attending Texas Tech University and obtaining a masters degree in chemical engineering. This Republicans' recognition award qualifies him for a chance to win the \$500 scholarship from the Howard County Republicans at the end of this school year.

A Decorator Touch For The Holidays

Holiday Open House
Sunday, November 14
1-4 pm
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The Coahoma High School cheerleaders partnered with the Coahoma Booster Club to raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. By selling pink breast cancer awareness shirts that say "Bulldogs for the Cure," the cheerleaders were able to donate \$5,000 to the Komen fund. Coahoma ISD and the community of Coahoma would like to express their appreciation to the cheerleaders for their hard work and dedication to this cause. Pictured, from left, are: Shelbie Reid, Brandi Smith, Joanna Gonzales, Minnie Goodblanket and Kaitlyn Hector.

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