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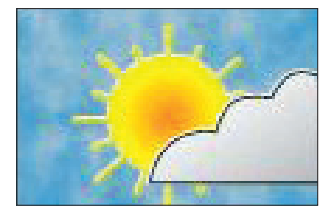


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'Warriors' battle Saturday

Second annual triathlon planned at Comanche Trail Park

Herald Staff Report

For a second consecutive year, Big Spring will welcome a multitude of athletes this weekend as they flock to Comanche Trail Park for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon. The race is set to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. Like any other



triathlon, the race is made up of three parts — a 500-meter open swim, a 30-kilometer bike ride and 5-kilometer run. The swimming part of the race will take place in Comanche Trail Lake. Participants

will swim out to a buoy in the middle of the lake and then make their way back. As soon as they come out of the water, it's time to saddle up on a bicycle and take off on a 30-kilometer ride that will take the athletes to one of the highest elevations in Howard County. Once that trek is completed,

racers will make their way back to the starting line on a 5-kilometer run on closed trails and roads in Comanche Trail Park. Participants can pick up their information packet and register onsite from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Comanche Trail Lake. Anyone not able to make it Friday night can

take care of the registration process at 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning. A pre-race meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. All entrants are encouraged to attend for important race information. For the committee who See **RACE**, Page 3A

Authorities say...

Abductor may have tried to rekindle flame

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Investigators with the Howard County Sheriff's Office say Tuesday's kidnapping of an 18-year-old Big Spring woman was the result of a domestic dispute gone awry.



Calloway

Arthur Calloway Sr., 41, was arrested near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700 at approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday on a charge of kidnapping after law enforcement officials say he abducted a local woman from a halfway house in 1700 block of Highway 350.

According to Sheriff Stan Parker, the story that has unfolded since then has been anything short of clear.

"In our initial reports, we were under the impression the victim was the ex-girlfriend of Calloway's son, who was being held at the county jail at the time of the abduction," said Parker. "Since then, however, we've discovered the former relationship was instead between the victim and Cal-

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Emergency medical responders prepare a woman to be transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday afternoon following a traffic accident at the intersection of 13th Street and State. According to Big Spring EMS reports, three people were transported as a result of the accident, which yielded only minor damage to both vehicles.

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Record enrollment at HC ... again

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Another year, another record enrollment for Howard College.

In what is becoming something of a happy habit, the college reported an all-time high enrollment for the fall semester at its four campuses.

"In the 10 years previous, we grew from 2,000 students to more than (4,000), so basically, we've doubled our numbers in the past decade."

—Barbara Walker,
Howard College director of institutional effectiveness

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said that, as of today, a total of 4,059 students were enrolled at HC, up from 3,524 a year ago.

Enrollment by campus, along with percentage of enrollment increase, is as follows:

- Big Spring — 1,505 (up 10 percent).
- San Angelo — 2,316 (up 16 percent).
- Lamesa — 122 (up 17 percent).

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Walk hopes to raise Alzheimer's awareness

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Memories. They make up a large part of who we are, and they will be one of the focuses Sept. 19 when the Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association holds its annual Memory

Walk to help fight the dreaded disease.

And while the local Alzheimer's Association group's goal this year is to raise \$12,500, coordinator Nancy Jones said the Memory Walk is about a lot more than just raising funds. "Our goal is down quite a

bit from a few years ago, but that's just a sign of the economic times," said Jones. "However, money isn't the end-all be-all of the Memory Walk or the Alzheimer's Association. We're also hoping to increase awareness. That's just as important as bringing in funds."

Jones said the walk will get under way at 9 a.m. at the Alice Haynes Pavillion in Comanche Trail Park — located behind the Kids' Zone playground — with registration set from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. "We will gather for a nice

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

On the road again

Steers make long trip to Pampa for first away game of season

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

In the 2008 football season, the Big Spring Steers certainly took on the role of road warriors.

They didn't really have a choice, though. Four of the first five games were on the road, including a 360-mile trip to Denison. Later in the season, the Steers made a 350-mile trek to El Paso for a playoff game.

In all, Big Spring played nine of its 13 games away from home, traveling more than 2,700 miles in the process.

The Steers got a break from the road in 2009 with only four road trips on the regular season schedule. However, when the Steers do get on the road, there's not a short trip on the schedule.

Big Spring (2-0) plays its first road game of the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday night, making the long 285-mile trek north to Pampa (0-2).

Head Coach Phillip Ritchey says last year's experiences with long road trips to Denison and El Paso were simply a bless-

ing in disguise.

"This group knows what it has to do in order to get off the bus after a long trip and put together a strong performance on the field," said Ritchey. "I want this trip to be as routine as possible. I've been on long road trips with them before where the coaches wouldn't hardly let the players look at each other. That's not our philosophy. We want these guys to enjoy this trip. When we get about two hours from game time, then we'll settle them

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Big Spring at Pampa



When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Harvester Field in Pampa
Game-time weather: Partly cloudy, 70° F
Radio: KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490, www.kbst.com, KBYG AM 1400.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers running back Monte Anderson runs down the sideline away from several Denison defenders during the Steers' 27-21 win over Denison Friday at Memorial Stadium.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Coahoma Bulldogs running back Isaac Garcia (right) fights off Forsan's Kolton Self during the Bulldogs' 34-6 win over the Buffs Friday night at Bulldog Stadium.

Coming off emotional win, Bulldogs meet tough Eagles

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Sometimes a victory holds more importance than just chalking up a mark in the win column.

Last week's rivalry game between the Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes dubbed the Howard County Showdown, had an underlying meaning for both communities.

The Bulldogs won the game, 34-6, but their hearts were with the family of Arnoldo "Chubby" Abrego, who passed away Sept. 7. Chubby was a mainstay within the Coahoma community and his son, Lupe, is a senior wide receiver and linebacker on the Bulldogs football team.

"Our guys played inspired football Friday night. There were a lot of them thinking about Chubby.

He was a popular figure in our community and out in Forsan as well," said Coahoma Head Coach Stacey Martin. "Last week was a very emotional week for us. Lupe was at some of the practices. He didn't make them all, which is understandable, but I don't think he ever thought twice about not playing. According to him, it's

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Coahoma at Seagraves



When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Eagle Stadium in Seagraves
Game-time weather: Isolated T-Storms, 75° F

Young Buffs head to Mertzon still searching for 1st victory

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

FORSAN — A victory can go a long way for a young football team.

The Forsan Buffaloes (0-2) are hoping to find their first win of the 2009 season at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they travel to Mertzon to take on the Irion County Hornets (0-2).

The Buffs are coming off a 34-6 loss to Coahoma last week in the Howard County Showdown. The Bulldogs jumped on the Buffs early and Forsan was never able to fully recover.

This after Forsan came close to winning its season opener with

Eldorado, falling short, 20-13.

Irion County is coming off a bye week after taking it on the chin from Roby,

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Forsan at Irion Co.



When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: O.K. Wolfenbarger Field in Mertzon
Game-time weather: Scattered T-Storms, 80° F



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan Buffaloes running back Aaron Valle heads upfield during the Buffs' 34-6 loss to Coahoma Friday at Bulldog Stadium.

CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 2

Big Spring (2-0) at Pampa (0-2)

Coahoma (2-0) at Seagraves (2-0)

Forsan (0-2) at Irion Co. (0-2)

Stanton (1-1) at Colorado City (2-0)

New Home (0-2) at Grady (1-1)

Sands (2-0) at Trent (0-1)

Garden City (1-1) at Robert Lee (0-2)

Obituaries

Jim Don Williams

RANKIN — On Sept. 7, 2009, Jim Don Williams, of Midland and Rankin passed from this earthly plane to rest in the arms of God. Jim was born June 10, 1941, at the Cowper Hospital in Big Spring to A.C. "Shorty" Williams and Vela Elms Williams. He was the fourth child of that union.

Jim went to school in Big Spring's East Ward and attended high school both in Big Spring and Farmington, N.M. Over the years, Jim worked in a variety of locations and occupations. He loved kids, baseball, football, fishing and raising animals.

In 1991, he met the love of his life at Midland College while studying respiratory therapy. On Jan. 2, 1995, he married Elizabeth "Kay" Rankin. They made their home in Rankin while finishing college and taking care of her parents.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; step-father, John Cate; sisters, Toka (Williams) MacArthur and Joyce (Williams) Sly; and brother, Billy Coleman Williams.

He is survived by his wife of the home. He leaves sons, John Williams and wife, Debbie, of New Braunfels, William Williams and wife, Jamie, and Michael Rankin and Suzanne Farrer of San Antonio. He loved his four grandchildren, Barret, Shelby, Samantha and Erin Williams, and his four godchildren, Sarah, Andrew, Hanna and Rebeka Potter.

The family wishes to express gratitude for the love and support extended by the Potter family and to the nursing staffs of the Eldergarden of Manor Park and Hospice of Midland for the gentle and respectful care during his illness. We also wish to thank doctors Richard Reese, Douglas Park, Joseph Abijay, Bart Mayron, Russell Sawyer, Sirisha Yarlagadda and Family Nurse Practitioner Bryan Allen for their diligent and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Hospice Midland, John F. Younger Special Care Unit of Midland or any children's charity.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Rankin with the Rev. Randy Bush officiating, with interment at Rankin Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Paid obituary

Fred Moore

Fred Moore, 56, of Andrews passed from this life Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at Hospice House of Odessa. He was born July 10, 1953, in Post to Joseph Ingram and Vivian Sylvester (McIntosh) Moore. He was a plant operator for Pure Flow in Andrews.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Vance Moore and wife, Christine, of Des Moines, Iowa; daughter, Dara Moore and husband, J.T. "Julio" Arnold, of Odessa; brother, James Moore and wife, Evelyn, of Stanton; two sisters, Dean Baker and husband, Bill, and Flute Lloyd and husband, Leslie, all of Big Spring; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd., Odessa, officiated by Dan Galloway. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel of Odessa.

Take Note

• United Way for Big Spring and Howard County Dine-Out Restaurant for the week is Domino's Pizza. Domino's will donate 50 cents for every pizza sold Friday. Next week's restaurant will be Cowboy's Steakhouse.

• Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Roberts's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728. All donations are appreciated.

• DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the third annual 9/11 Memorial at the Mall at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 in front of the yellow ribbons at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call Mike Tarpley, DAV junior vice commander at (432) 556-2227.

Correction

In a story appearing in the Tuesday edition of the Herald, officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office incorrectly identified the location a Big Spring woman who was kidnapped from on Highway 350 as a halfway house for the Big Spring State Hospital. According to BSSH officials, the state agency does not maintain a halfway house in Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- REBECCA RIVAS, 30, of 501 E. 17th St., was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

Sheriff

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

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

- DAVALINE ADAMS, 39, was arrested Friday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA JR., 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- DONALD BAKER, 75, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- JULIAN ACOSTA BURCIAGA, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to pay child support.
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TINA BUTLER, 46, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ARTHUR EARL CALLOWAY, 41, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of kidnapping.
- GARY CHRANE, 58, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container third or more offense.
- KIMBERLY GATSON COGBURN, 41, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- AMELIA COLLINS, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to pay child support.
- JAMERE COOPER, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of traffic violation – no seat belts.
- JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention, open container and violation of a promise to appear.
- JAMES CLIFTON EDWARDS, 55, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- GEORGE GANDER, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKY CARDELL GREEN, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JOE CRUZ GUTIERREZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft, resisting arrest, search or transportation, assault on a public servant and harassment.
- ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 30, was arrested Saturday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of public intoxication.
- LORY IVEZIC, 43, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of injury to a child/elderly/disabled – reckless bodily injury.
- RONALD JONES, 54, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDREW JUAREZ JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft, assault Class C (two counts) and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JENNY JUAREZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct – vulgar language and interfering with the duties of a police officer.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY JUAREZ, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief, disorderly conduct – language, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- MARYBETH KLINGENBERG, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and failure to appear.
- JAMES KRAMER, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

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Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:53 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:52 PM

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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of S. Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 13th Street and State. Three people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Adams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 100 block of S. Second Street in Coahoma. The fire was out upon arrival.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-14-21-30-33-37.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 06-16-21-26-37
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,060.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 3-6-2-9; Sum It Up: 20.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 1-8-2; Sum It Up: 11.

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This week's games



Jonathan Hull



Jeff Lane



Robert Smith



Bill Norris



Tim Larson



Tim Knox

Big Spring at Pampa
Coahoma at Seagraves
Forsan at Irion County
Stanton at Colorado City
Sands at Trent
New Home at Grady
Garden City at Robert Lee
Abilene Cooper at Abilene High
Fort Stockton at Andrews
Frenship at Abilene Wylie
Monahans at Sweetwater
Texas at Wyoming
Rice at Texas Tech
Houston at Oklahoma State
Kansas at UTEP
TCU at Virginia
Notre Dame at Michigan
USC at Ohio State
Cowboys at Buccaneers
Jets at Texans
Titans at Steelers
Bears at Packers
Redskins at Giants
Bills at Patriots
Chargers at Raiders

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ENROLL

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• SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf — 116 (up 3 percent). Sparks said the numbers could go up or down in the next few days until final census numbers are locked in Monday, but college officials still expect the final figures to eclipse last year's mark.

Although the new record is certainly good news, it is part of a 10-year trend that has effectively doubled Howard's enrollment.

"Over the past 10 years, there was only one year where we didn't have a record enrollment," said Barbara Walker, director of institutional effectiveness for the college. "But don't get us wrong — this is a very big deal. In the 10 years previous, we grew from 2,000 students to more than (4,000), so basically, we've doubled our numbers in the past decade."

The reason officials haven't become blasé over the ever-growing numbers is simple: More students on campus means more contact hours — the time students are physically in classes or labs — and that means more financial aid from the state.

Walker said a variety of factors has fueled the enrollment growth. The addition of dual-credit classes (which allow high school students to earn college credits) at the San Angelo campus has caused an enrollment surge there, from 1,200 in 2003 to today's mark of 2,316.

"But Big Spring is growing, too," Walker added. "It's just growing at a smaller rate than San Angelo."

Other factors are at work to explain the increase, she said.

"Another of the trends is that more students are staying here to get a degree or certificate," she said. "Students start out here, they feel more comfortable here and they just take a few more courses and get their associate's degree before moving on."

"But definitely," she quickly added, "dual-credit courses are a huge part of the trend."

Historically, community college enrollment increases when economic times worsen and shrink when conditions improve, but the addition of dual-credit courses may help Howard buck that trend, Walker said.

"Dual-credit courses don't care about the economy," she said. "As long as kids keep going to high school, they'll keep taking dual-credit classes."

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WALK

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walk in the park, hot dogs and prizes," said Jones. "Many will come with a team named to memorialize someone who had the disease and others will come to honor someone who is currently battling against the disease."

"The money we raise each year stays in Howard County. It goes to help the families dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease."

Walkers looking to heel-toe express through the park won't be disappointed, as the Memory Walk will feature some variety.

"We have two main courses we'll walk," said Jones. "The long course is about two miles, while the short course is about a mile. Of course, that doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance. We have some people who come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

The annual walk has had a positive impact on the Crossroads area, according to Jones, helping raise awareness among not just adults.

"We get more phone calls and more people attending the workshops, but it's seeing the kids get up and lend their help that really makes you proud," said said. "The Patsy Sanchez Cavaliers from Goliad Intermediate School bring 60 or more children out for the walk every year, so they are

SHERIFF

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• ELIAS SOL LEDESMA, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to pay child support.

• TOMMY LINDSEY, 35, was arrested Sunday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

• ZACHARY SCOTT LYON, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age, open container and failure to appear.

• CANDIDAMORENO, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct — vulgar language.

• JESSICA ARLENE MORENO, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid/suspended.

• VIRGINIA HINOJOS MORENO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to appear and failure to correctly register vehicle.

• BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, 63, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C — family violence.

• ISSAC NATHAN RIOS, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.

• LUIS RIOS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• MICHAEL RIVERA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C — family violence.

• JEREMIAH JAMES ROBERTS, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation and aggravated robbery.

• MARCOS AURELIO SALINAS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of animal at large and no vaccination or license for animal.

• MICHAEL ALLEN SEAY, 31, was arrested

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loway Sr."

The victim, 18-year-old Angelea Nicole Cortez, was recovered minutes after her abduction from the Highway 350 residence.

"After talking to all of the witnesses, it appears Calloway showed up to try to rekindle some sort of romance between himself and Cortez," said Parker. "When Cortez didn't respond the way he wanted, he just decided she needed to go with him, whether she wanted to or not."

According to investigators, Calloway then pushed Cortez into a Suddenlink cable company van.

"My understanding is Calloway works for Suddenlink, but we're still verifying everything," said Parker, who added, "Cortez suffered only minor injuries during the altercation. However, the injuries were consistent with being forcibly detained."

Approximately 20 minutes after the abduction, Calloway's Suddenlink van was spotted near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700, where he was taken into custody and Cortez was rescued.

Parker said several HCSO deputies responded to the kidnapping report, as well as officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

While the motivation for the kidnapping has been illuminated, Parker said it doesn't bring him or investigators any closer to understanding it.

"She obviously didn't want a relationship with the suspect," said Parker. "Why someone would do something like that is beyond me. You would think that would tell someone it's time to go out and find a new girlfriend."

Calloway remains in the custody of the Howard County Jail, according to law enforcement officials.

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RACE

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made the first race possible last year, there is a desire to build off the success found in 2008.

"(Last year's) triathlon was a great event. We received a number of compliments from participants on how well organized the race was, as well as the race amenities we offered," said Tom Tompkins, a local financial services professional and event co-chair. "Our city park provides a venue unique to West Texas, with a variety of challenging elevations and scenic views. I look forward to the upcoming race."

The Comanche Warrior Triathlon is a USA Triathlon sanctioned race and is sponsored by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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one of our biggest supporters."

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

According to Jones, if the disease hasn't already touched your life in some way, it most likely will.

"A person is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease every 71 seconds in this country," said Jones. "That means more than 1,217 people will be struck by Alzheimer's in the next 24 hours in the United States alone. Last year it was every 72 seconds, so we are losing ground."

"There is hope, hope for future generations. Research for a cure, medication and a preventative measure are ongoing. But the sobering fact is that until then, 1,217 people are being diagnosed each day. And those are just the ones who are reported. The physical and mental effects ravage more than just the patient. Spouses, children, families and friends are affected. You will be touched by this disease."

According to statistics provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number of people in Texas diagnosed with the disease is expected to rise 76 percent by 2025.

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• LINDSAY SHAFFER, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

• WILLIAM LYNN SIMMONS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, assault Class C — family violence.

• MARCUS DANIEL SMITH, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault — family violence.

• VICTORIA TAYLOR, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• SHALYN NICOLE WALTON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of minor in possession of alcohol and theft.

• SHELBY THOMAS WALTON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of theft, no driver's license, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to control speed.

• PATRICIA WHITE, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of injury to a child/elderly/disabled — reckless bodily injury.

• JAMES MARCEEN WILLIAMS, 42, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C — family violence.

• LAKESHA WILLIAMS, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft with a previous conviction.

• TIMOTHY WILSON, 48, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

• RICKY YANEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, search or transportation, possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Due to the economic situation, some people are looking for new jobs. They want to be honest, as they send resumes to companies across the nation. They refuse to pad their qualifications but they want to stand out to prospective employers. They prayerfully hope their credentials will open doors of opportunity.

Sadly, some folks use the same approach with the Lord. They think they must come up with enough goodness and religion to impress God. They believe the Lord will smile at them if they can learn to sing good enough or pray enough prayers. They confuse sincere worship with theatrical performance.

Reflect on the simple thought of Micah 6:8, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

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Area roundup: Grady celebrates homecoming

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor
LENORAH — Alumni will make their way back to Lenorah Friday as the Grady Wildcats host New Home (0-2) in their annual homecoming celebration at 7:30 p.m.

Grady (1-1) is hoping to rebound from a 40-30 loss to the No. 4 Meadow Broncos last week. Following the win, the Broncos shot up to No. 2 in the polls, while Grady moved to No. 8.

Last season, the Wildcats edged New Home, 50-46, after Joe Cook scored on a 17-yard touchdown run with 4:56 remaining to play.

Quarterback Dylan Cox has shined in 2009 for the Wildcats, tossing for 153 and 215 yards, respectively, in the first two games. Last year against New Home, Cox threw for 251 yards on 20-of-29 passing with two touchdown passes.

New Home has struggled

thus far in 2009, falling to Dawson, 85-51, and Borden County, 58-8.

Sands (2-0) at Trent (0-1)

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs have the good fortune of playing on the only artificial turf field dedicated only to six-man football in the state at 7:30 p.m. today when they pay a visit to the Trent Gorillas.

The Mustangs, currently ranked seventh in Division II, have steamrolled to easy victories over Wilson and Hermleigh already this season.

The Mustangs are led by Johnny Rogers and Daniel Armendariz, who have combined to score all but one touchdown for Sands this season.

Last week, the Mustangs defeated Wilson, 61-13, with Rogers having a hand in eight touchdowns — four rushing

and four passing.

Trent is coming off a bye week, but fell to Guthrie, 48-46, to open the season.

Last year, Sands ended the game vs. Trent in the third quarter with a 48-0 win.

Stanton (1-1) at Colorado City (2-0)

STANTON — Natural rivals Stanton and Colorado City meet up at 7:30 p.m. Friday with the Buffaloes making the short trip east down I-20 to renew the conflict.

Both squads have a measuring stick for an opponent as each has garnered a victory over Reagan County this season.

Colorado City shut out Reagan County, 29-0, in the first game of the season. The Owls then paid a visit to the Buffs, who overcame a 13-0 halftime deficit and pulled out a 22-13 victory.

Tyler Fulton shined in the win, rushing for 130 yards

and a score on 19 touches. Fulton also passed for a touchdown and returned a punt three yards for another score.

The Buffs are second away from being undefeated at this point in the season after losing to Grape Creek in the season opener, 25-19. Grape Creek returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown with just three seconds left to play in the game.

Colorado City followed up its shutout victory over Reagan County with a 20-9 win over Anson last week.

Last season, the Wolves got out to a strong start and scored in each quarter on their way to a 26-13 win over the Buffs.

Garden City (1-1) at Robert Lee (0-2)

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats made short work of their opponent last week, routing El Paso Jesus

Chapel, 70-0. The game was over at halftime.

However, the Bearkats won't expect the same type of outing at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they travel to take on rival Robert Lee.

No matter their record, the Steers always play Garden City tight, as evidenced by last year's results.

Garden City went into Robert Lee heavily favored, but found itself down 38-16 after the first quarter. The Bearkats outscored Robert Lee 50-22 in the final three periods and pulled out a 66-60 victory.

Robert Lee has been pounded by two highly-ranked Division II opponents so far in 2009. Fourth-ranked Panther Creek ripped the Steers, 53-26, last week after No. 2 Highland pounded them, 56-8, to open the season.

STEERS

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down and start focusing on the task at hand. It's just about the same as they'd do for a home game."

The long road trip is just one of the challenges the Steers will face from the game with Pampa. A second challenge is one that developed naturally after the Steers knocked off No. 4 Denison last week, 27-21.

"I want to make sure we're not overconfident after that win. I don't think it will be a problem," said Ritchey. "Pampa knows what we just accomplished and it's going to put a target on our backs. We've got to be prepared. We can't take Pampa lightly at

all. They're capable of beating us."

The Harvesters come into the game still looking for their first win of the season. They lost their first game of the year to Borger, 45-43, and were dropped by Lubbock Estacado last week, 41-14.

Pampa's offense represents a new challenge for the Steers. It's the first time Big Spring will see an offense built around the passing game.

Alex Clendening is a dual-threat quarterback who has thrown for 543 yards in two games on 37-of-65 passing with five touchdowns and one interception. Clendening has also rushed for two scores.

Against Borger, Clendening threw for 366 yards and five touchdowns, while also running in a score and a 2-point conversion.

"They really like to air it out and

Clendening is a very capable quarterback of making plays with his arm and his legs," said Ritchey. "This is a challenge we need to see. We are inexperienced in the secondary and Pampa is going to be able to show us some things we can't simulate in practice. How our pass defense responds is going to be important in preparing us for Hereford and Abilene Cooper once we get to district play."

Offensively, the Steers have shown they're capable of running the ball against even highly-touted opponents. Running back Monte Anderson has 416 yards on 53 carries on the season after rushing for 155 yards against Denison last week. Denison featured two players on its defensive line who have given verbal commitments to the Kansas Jayhawks.

"We know we can run the ball on

anyone, but I'd like to see us start to attack down the field more with our passing game," acknowledged Ritchey. "We've been efficient in the passing game, but I think our largest gain has been about 30 yards. Tyler (Tannehill) is doing a nice job of spreading the ball around and keeping defenses from focusing on one receiver. I just think it's time for us to develop some bigger plays with our passing game. It's the next step we need to take offensively."

Last season, the Steers defeated Pampa, 43-21, at Memorial Stadium in what served as the 2008 homecoming game.

All time, the Steers have played Pampa five times, winning three of those matchups. Pampa's last win over the Steers came in 1953.

BULLDOGS

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what his dad would have wanted. In a situation like this one, it can go one of two ways with high school kids. I'm glad they responded the way they did and played with the amount of heart they did."

A fundraiser to benefit the Abrego family was held before the game, and in the end, more than \$16,000 was raised.

"Both communities were great," said Martin. "We have a rivalry with Forsan, but it's more of a friendly rivalry. This event proved that."

While heavy hearts still remain a week later, the Bulldogs prepare for perhaps their toughest challenge to date, a road game against the Seagraves Eagles (2-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"Seagraves is probably the best team we will have faced so far," admitted Martin. "They look really good on film. They've got more speed than we've seen, so it's going to be a challenge for us."

Seagraves has routed its first two opponents, thrashing McCamey, 46-13, before handling Morton, 41-7, last week.

"They're getting ahead of their opponents early and putting themselves in great position to come away with easy wins," said Martin. "We have to get off to a strong start and keep the game close early. It's going to be a different test for us because it is a hostile environment. It's the first time we've been in this situation this

season."

Coahoma was expected to have some hiccups in the early part of the season due to an inexperienced defense and a brand new offensive scheme. However, Martin is pleasantly surprised with the way the players have taken to new schemes and positions.

"I think our learning curve is a little less than we expected it to be," said Martin. "I've been surprised at how well we've played. Our passing game has really clicked and our front seven has caught on much quicker than I expected it to. These kids have really bought into the system and are rallying around each other. When mistakes happen, no one is pointing blame anywhere. Everyone just rallies together to make sure that same mistake doesn't take place again."

The Bulldogs have been keyed offensively by the presence of senior Josh Paniagua at quarterback. Paniagua passed for 288 yards in the season opener against Van Horn and threw for another 217 yards in less than three quarters against Forsan in a game that was shortened by lightning.

However, it's not Paniagua's progression that is exciting Martin most.

"I can't say enough about our offensive line," said Martin. "We've got guys on the offensive line that came into the season without much experience. Neither of our tackles played football last season. They're all answering the call and giving Josh plenty of time to make plays."

Last season, the Bulldogs delivered a shutout to a young Seagraves team, winning 19-0.

Hornets 42 plays against the Lions were run plays.

Forsan had success stopping a predominant run game in its first contest of the year against Eldorado. The Buffs shut down the Eagles explosive running back Wes Brown, holding the former all-district performer out of 29-A — the same league Irion County competes in — to 51 yards on 11 carries. All but three of Brown's yards came on one play, though — a 48-yard touchdown scamper.

Last season, Forsan lost to Irion County, 20-0. It was one of just two wins for the Hornets in 2008.

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44-12, in its only game of the season. It was the first win for Roby since 2007.

The Hornets gave 358 yards of offense to Roby with 257 of those yards coming on the ground. Roby averaged 6.4 yards per carry against Irion County, which could bode well for the Buffs.

Senior Aaron Valle gained 79 yards on 20 carries against a stout Coahoma run defense last week.

Irion County's offense is built around running back Bryan Kenley, who had a 72-yard touchdown run against Roby. Thirty-two of the

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Glasscock County conducted public hearings on 09/03/2009 and 09/09/2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Glasscock County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.99 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .2634 for each \$100 of taxable value was 2,856,788.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .3420 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 3,083,796.00.

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The Glasscock County is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 14, 2009 Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom at 9:00 AM.

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEW

Let's all fly the flag on Friday

Once again, it's time to fly the flag ... here in Big Spring and Howard County ... and all across America. And it's time for all of us to not only show our patriotism, but to also remember the thousands who died eight years ago in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.

Furthermore, we should fly our flags tomorrow to remember the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who sacrificed themselves in thwarting terrorists who skyjacked their plane that day.

We, like a great many others, believe an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and business in the United States tomorrow.

And we encourage every individual to make it their duty to display an American flag on this sixth anniversary of our country's worst tragedy.

We will not only do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, but also for those who today are doing their duty, fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following Sept. 11, 2001, our entire nation was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the horrible loss of life and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism.

Sadly, those flags seem to have all but disappeared.

Our patriotism has always pulled us through some tough times for our nation and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

So, regardless of your political affiliation or lack of same. Pro-war or anti-war. Pro-life or pro-choice. None of that matters ... it really doesn't.

What matters is that we all remember those who lost their lives eight years ago on what has now become Patriots Day by flying the red, white and blue.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we trust in You, it is easy to stay on top of unavoidable changes.

Amen

Who says you can't go back?

I've always been told you can't go back. Things can never be exactly the way they were. This is because the nature of life is always moving forward — is always changing. Nothing stays the same.

But what if I understand that things today are different from things yesterday? What if I know going back would be a very different experience? And what if I realize that I am a different person today than I was twenty years ago? Why can't I go back and begin again?

Today I visited the church I attended as a child. I've attended there occasionally through the years, but it's been over thirty years since I was a member.

Yet I have to say that every time I go back and walk those familiar pathways and enter familiar rooms, I feel like I'm home.

I find myself asking, "Why couldn't I go back to this church?" And I can't help but feel that I could. I know my experiences today would be very different from my youth, but that doesn't mean they couldn't

be equally meaningful.

A couple of days ago I was at a party and became reacquainted with an old friend. She was the mother of one of my daughter's kindergarten classmates. We used to spend hours and hours together eating breakfast, talking, laughing and shopping.

After her daughter was killed in a horrible accident a few short years later, we lost touch with each other. I've missed our friendship, and I've harbored much regret and guilt for not trying harder to stay friends.

I've longed to tell her this and finally seized the opportunity at this party.

I can't help but wonder what it will be like for us to rekindle our friendship. I know it will be different and perhaps not easy. But surely it would be better to renew our friendship than to just leave it to the past.

And do I really need a good reason to go back to school? I've often said my college days are some of my fondest memories. And I know that college would be a different experience today than it was 30 years ago.

The desire to go back doesn't mean I expect or want things to be the same. But there is comfort in going back to what is familiar.

Again and again, I go back to the same restaurants, to the

same hair and nail salon and even the same vacation spots. It feels very natural to go back to what I know best, to what has been consistent and good, to what has gained my confidence, to what has always brought me happiness. Going back to that which I trust can't be a wrong thing.

Jesus often spoke of his ministry as seeking and saving that which was lost (Luke 19:10). He told a parable about a man who had 100 sheep. In Luke 15:4, he questioned that if this man lost one of his sheep, wouldn't he leave his 99 sheep to go find the one that was missing?

Of course he would! Wouldn't you?

So if the purpose to go back is to find and restore lost hope, peace, confidence, joy or to find and reestablish a dear friendship. Surely this is a good and right thing to do.

If someone is telling you not to go back — that you can't — go back, examine your motive. When the desire to return is to regain, recover and resurrect, you can't be wrong.

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ANNETTE BRIDGES

IF YOU'LL LET A LITTLE BLOOD I THINK WE CAN GET OBAMA TO PAY FOR THIS.



Obama's shameless reversal

President Barack Obama is either extraordinarily politically tone-deaf or arrogant beyond bounds, as indicated by his relentless pursuit of policies strongly rejected by the American people. His decision or acquiescence in the Department of Justice's decision to reinvestigate CIA terrorist interrogators is the latest outrage.

Obama's approval ratings have cratered even further since my most recent column, and he's either Mr. Magoo, driving along in blissful oblivion, or Fearless Leader, who will do what he wants, American people be damned.

Based on Obama's oft-articulated mindset — "I won, so the other side should just quit talking" — I think it's safe to say he's closer to dictator than to Magoo. Besides, Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to begin a new investigation of the CIA interrogators has Obama's national security-emasculating fingerprints all over it.

Obama has been railing against alleged "torture" of terrorist detainees since early in the presidential campaign. He has endlessly apologized for American "imperialism," even going so far as to castigate our policy toward Iran of more than three decades ago, but giving that mullah-run state a pass for its egregiously hostile policies and behavior toward us.

On top of this, Obama is closing Gitmo with no plan to relocate the dangerous prisoners; he has directed that many of these terrorists be tried in civilian courts; he's abandoned the term "war on terror" in favor of "overseas contingency operations"; his administration has

ordered that captured terrorists be Mirandized on the battlefield; and he's now going to further weaken the CIA by reassigning terrorist interrogation duties to an interagency entity operated out of the White House.

What more evidence do we need that this decision is Obama's handiwork?

"Heavens, no," say his defenders. "Obama is to be commended for distancing himself from the Department of Justice, which has finally achieved some independence, unlike during the Bush years." Eric Holder, they say, is being guided by the law, not politics, and Obama is choosing not to intervene, despite his earlier promise that he would "look forward and not backward" with regard to the CIA torture issues.

Nice try, but Obama chose Holder precisely because he shares Obama's worldview. Obama might feign detachment from this decision, but the American people aren't nearly as gullible as he thinks, as witnessed by their informed vocal opposition to his Obamacare scheme.

To suggest that Eric Holder is not a political animal is laughable.

Just consider, among the litany, his instrumental role in the pardoning of Marc Rich, his decision to dismiss an already-won case against New Black Panther Party members for voter intimidation activities, and his decision to get a second opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel on his own Justice Department's apolitical decision that granting voters in the District of Columbia a voting representative in the House would be unconstitutional.

Even more telling than Holder's MO of selectively putting politics above the law is his decision in this case, which reeks of politics and not blind justice. The Justice Department already

conducted a thorough review of these dozen or so cases and, with one exception, affirmatively concluded that they should not be prosecuted. In its "declination memos," the department stated that there was "insufficient evidence of criminal conduct; insufficient evidence of the subject's involvement; insufficient evidence of criminal intent; (and) low probability of conviction."

Jennifer Rubin, for The Weekly Standard, reports that many former Justice attorneys stated that the federal prosecutors who reviewed these cases "were seasoned professionals" who would have blown the whistle had political appointees pressured them. Another former Justice lawyer said that a new prosecution would probably encounter "an insurmountable problem" unless "new facts" emerged. Yet as Rubin notes, there's no hint that Holder has reviewed the former task force's findings or conducted interviews himself.

Adding insult to injury, Holder has delegated the task of second-opinion making to the Office of Professional Responsibility, which is an odd choice to conduct an investigation of non-lawyer CIA agents because its job, as Rubin observes, is to oversee lawyers' professional and ethical conduct.

The question of whether to prosecute the interrogators has been asked and answered by career professionals, who insist Obama couldn't get a conviction if he were to decide to prosecute.

If Obama proceeds with this outrage on top of all the rest, he might just secure approval ratings so low that even ACORN and the New Black Panthers won't be able to gerrymander and intimidate his party to victory in 2010.

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DAVID LIMBAUGH

Feldman wins 16th as Rangers pound Indians, 10-0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Scott Feldman started the season in the bullpen. He'll end it as a Cy Young award candidate.

Feldman (16-4) pitched seven shut-out innings, Estaban German went 5 for 5 and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run homer as the Texas Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 10-0 on Wednesday, completing a three-game sweep within 24 hours.

Feldman tied New York's CC Sabathia and Detroit's Justin Verlander for the AL lead in victories despite not entering Texas' rotation until April 25. Verlander was scheduled to pitch Wednesday night at Kansas City.

Feldman allowed five hits and struck out five to win his eighth consecutive road start, a new club record. His 12 road victories this year are also a new team mark and tops in the AL.

"I think it's a pretty humbling game, so you can't get too high or low," Feldman said. "I just try to focus on my next start and stay prepared."

Feldman has been one of the biggest surprises in the AL after entering this season with a 7-13 career mark and a 4.97 ERA.

He has allowed one earned run in his last four starts, going 4-0 with a 0.34 ERA.

"I know he's getting credit in Texas, I don't know if he's getting it other places," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "As long as he keeps winning ball games, I couldn't care less if he gets (attention) nationally. It'd be nice for Feldman, but it's all about us right now."

The victory assures Texas will keep pace with Boston in the AL wild card standings. The Rangers entered the day two games behind the Red Sox, who host Baltimore Wednesday night.

The Rangers, who started the day 4½ games behind the division-leading Angels, return home Friday to open a nine-game homestand against AL West opponents. Texas is 24-13 within the division this year.

"It's a big one," Washington said. "It's going to be a tough nine days. It's going to be huge."

The Rangers can only hope to hit the ball as well as they did against the Indians.

Even without sluggers Josh Hamilton and Michael Young, who are out with injuries, Texas battered

Cleveland pitching during Tuesday's doubleheader and then again on Wednesday. Indians starters Carlos Carrasco, Aaron Laffey and Carmona combined to give up 16 earned runs in just nine innings. The Rangers scored 31 runs on 48 hits, including seven homers, in the three games.

"We certainly have been looking for this to happen with our offense," Washington said. "I'm glad they're feeling good about themselves because it's been awhile since we really put some runs up. Hopefully this offense is finally putting it together."

Texas knocked out Tribe starter Fausto Carmona (3-10) with a five-run first inning, then added five more in the ninth. Three of the game's first four batters scored on Byrd's three-run homer, his second in as many nights.

Byrd, who had been 0 for 12 lifetime off Carmona, went 9 for 14 in the series with two homers and seven RBIs. Ivan Rodriguez also hit a two-run homer in the first inning and finished with three RBIs.

Carmona lasted just two-thirds of an inning, the shortest start of his career. He has battled with his mechanics this year, being demoted

to rookie ball in June.

"Today was a step back" for Carmona, Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "That goes without saying. Today was not a good day."

Carmona left without speaking to reporters.

German more than doubled his batting average to .320 with his perfect day at the plate. The five hits are a new career high after he entered with three hits for the season.

It marked the first time Texas swept a series in Cleveland since 1992. Texas improved to 8-1 against the Indians this year.

Notes: SS Elvis Andrus extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a single in the first. ... Hamilton is questionable for the start of the Rangers' homestand Friday. He received a second shot for a pinched nerve in his back Monday. ... 3B Michael Young (strained left hamstring) could return during the Rangers' homestand. He's playing catch, but has yet to resume other baseball activities. ... Indians OF Grady Sizemore had surgery on Wednesday to relieve inflammation in his left elbow. He will have lower abdominal surgery next Wednesday.

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Tired of talking, Texans want to make playoffs

HOUSTON (AP) — Andre Johnson is more serious than ever about helping the Houston Texans reach the post-season for the first time in their eight NFL seasons.

He just doesn't want to talk about it.

"You can't get there by talking," he said. "We're going to have to go out and win games."

An 8-8 record in 2007 had the Texans thinking last year would be their breakthrough season. Those hopes evaporated quickly when Houston started 0-4 — playing three of the first four games on the road after Hurricane Ike rearranged the schedule.

They rebounded to finish 8-8 again, but it wasn't enough to make the playoffs in the ultra-competitive AFC South.

This year they'll play three of their first four games at home, beginning with Sunday's opener against the New York Jets. The key will be taking advantage of the favorable early-season schedule.

"I think that's real big," Johnson said. "We can't start the season like we started last year. We have to start off on a good pace."

Johnson is looking to build on what he did last year, when he led the NFL with 115 receptions for 1,575 yards. Perhaps most important in that goal will be the health of quarterback Matt Schaub.

Schaub missed five games in each of his first two seasons with the team. He is recovering from a sprained ankle, but is expected to start against the Jets.

"When everyone's healthy and going, the sky is the limit for this offense," Schaub said.

Coach Gary Kubiak wasn't impressed with Houston's running game in the preseason, when Steve Slaton and Chris Brown each averaged a paltry 2.9 yards a carry.

"That's the cornerstone of our offense," Kubiak said. "When we

run the ball well, our play-actions are good, our boots are good, all those things."

Slaton exceeded expectations last season when he went from a projected third-down back to leading all rookies and setting a franchise record with 1,282 yards rushing. He'll have to be better in pass protection and in the red zone this season to help the offense improve.

Houston also is planning to use Brown, who missed last season with a back injury, as a complement to Slaton in short-yardage situations.

While Houston's offense is largely unchanged from a year ago, the defense is looking to establish a new identity in the first year under coordinator Frank Bush. The unit ranked 22nd and allowed more than 336 yards a game last season.

The Texans added defensive end Antonio Smith to play opposite Mario Williams, giving the team a legitimate pass rusher on the left side for the first time since Williams was taken with the top overall pick in 2006.

Williams improved in each of his first three

seasons and is looking to take another big step this year.

"I think regardless of what happens you've always got pressure on yourself," he said. "We take it with open arms and that's all we want to do is just go ahead and play and try to perform."

Another new face is rookie first-round pick Brian Cushing. The former Southern California standout is expected to start at strong side linebacker despite missing all four preseason games with a knee injury.

"It's unusual, but I think that this situation called for us doing it a certain way," Kubiak said. "We just needed to make sure we got him to game week, and we've kind of put him through his preseason on the practice field in our own kind of way."

Cushing should be helped by the presence of middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans, who is known to teammates as a coach on the field.

Another player who will likely start Sunday after missing the entire preseason is cornerback Dunta Robinson. A contract dispute kept him away from the team until signing his franchise tender on Sunday.

Robinson's return is a boost to a secondary that is missing cornerback Jacques Reeves, who broke his leg early in training camp. It keeps the Texans from relying on sixth-round pick Brice McCain to start on opening day.

The defense will benefit from the experience of Robinson, who is entering his sixth season, but it's unclear how he'll fare after working with the team for just a week before the season begins.

While most of Houston's players have adopted a "playoffs or bust" attitude, owner Bob McNair is more tempered in his expectations for the season.

"I don't feel that it's 'playoffs or bust,'" he said. "I think it's time for the playoffs (but) it's not going to be the end of the world. We're not going to go away and disband if we don't make it. We're going to keep working harder every day and try and get better and I know we are a better team."

"I think we are a playoff team and hopefully that is where we'll wind up," he added.

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Opening lead — king of spades.

When declarer has an unusually long suit to run, he is often able to exert so much pressure on one or both opponents that it results in his gaining an extra trick.

Sometimes the trick falls into declarer's lap because the defenders cannot tell which suits to keep. At other times, the defenders are at declarer's mercy because there is

actually no way they can discard successfully.

Here is a case of the latter sort where declarer took full advantage of a favorable lie of the cards. West led the king of spades and continued with the ace.

Declarer ruffed, drew three rounds of trumps and led a low club toward dummy. West could not afford to take the ace, which would have handed South the contract immediately, so he followed low.

Declarer won with the queen, ruffed another spade and then ran all his remaining trumps, reducing his hand to the Q-6 of hearts and king of clubs. Dummy's last three cards were the A-8-5 of hearts.

West, in the meantime, had been forced to come down to the K-J of hearts and ace of clubs. South now conceded the king of clubs to West's ace, forcing him to return a heart and thus yield the last two tricks. The only tricks South lost were a spade and a club.

West could have defeated the contract only by leading a low spade at trick one, followed by a heart return by East. West certainly can't be faulted for having failed to find this exotic defense.

Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.

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News in brief

Days ahead will tell whether Obama's health care pitch swayed lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's leadership in the days ahead will determine whether his forceful health care address to Congress heralds the kind of sweeping change he promised while campaigning for the White House. Addressing Democrats and Republicans in the House chamber, along with Washington insiders and Americans with and without health insurance, Obama spelled out where he stands on key issues in dispute as Congress struggles to revamp the nation's health care system. While some of his explanations — notably on costs — were incomplete, he left no doubt he's taking ownership.

"To this date, the health care debate has looked like a tennis match between leaders in Congress, with the president sort of watching as it goes back and forth," said Robert Blendon, a public opinion expert at the Harvard School of Public Health. "He's taken control of this issue for now, and into the future it looks like there's a plan, and he's leading it."

If the summer belonged to opponents of his health care overhaul, Obama is hoping to lay claim to the rest of the year — and close it by getting a bill on his desk.

A CNN/Opinion Research Corp. snap poll of people interviewed before and after Wednesday night's speech indicated that the president shifted

public opinion in his favor. After the speech, two-thirds said they supported Obama's health care proposals, compared with 53 percent in a survey days before the president spoke.

Moderate Democrats responded positively, while Republicans said Obama came up short, even if he showered them with attention. Liberals seemed to take it in stride that Obama signaled flexibility on the government-sponsored plan they want to create to compete with private insurers.

Officials say truck bomb kills at least 19, injures 30 in northern Iraqi village

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide truck bomber hit a residential area of a Kurdish village in northern Iraq before dawn Thursday, killing at least 19 people and injuring 30 others, officials said, in what appeared to be the latest in a string of ethnic attacks in the region.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni insurgents who remain active in Mosul and surrounding areas.

A police officer and health official in Mosul said the bomb went off around 12:30 a.m. in the village of Wardek, about 35 miles southeast of the city — a region where U.S. commanders have warned that insurgents appear to be trying to stoke an Arab-Kurdish conflict.

The blast took down a number of houses and the

casualty toll was expected to rise because many people are still missing in the rubble, the officials said.

Local security forces intercepted a second suicide truck bomber, killing the driver and defusing the bomb before it could be detonated, they said.

Insurgents in northern Iraq, who have maintained a stronghold in the city of Mosul, have frequently targeted remote villages and towns that depend on small security forces for protection.

The violence that continues to plague Iraq's north and the capital has forced the government in Baghdad to acknowledge gaps in security.

Federal Reserve survey of businesses shows recession may be over

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recession is ending and the economy is finally growing again. That's the message implicit in the Federal Reserve's latest survey of businesses around the country, which found economic activity stabilizing or improving in most regions.

Economists warn the expansion is fragile and will have staying power only if consumers start spending more money. Rising unemployment that keeps Americans cautious could make for a plodding recovery in the months ahead.

All but one of the Fed's 12 regions indicated economic activity either was "stable," showed "signs of stabilization" or had "firmed," according to the Fed's survey. The one exception was the St. Louis region, which reported the economic decline is "moderating."

Businesses in most Fed regions said they were "cautiously positive" about the economic road ahead. The survey, known as the Beige Book, does not include precise figures.

Analysts predict the economy is growing in the current quarter, which ends Sept. 30, at an annual rate of 3 percent to 4 percent. That's mostly because businesses, which had slashed investments during the recession, are spending more.

Commission probing vote fraud issues order to exclude ballots from count

KABUL (AP) — The U.N.-backed commission investigating fraud in Afghanistan's election issued its first orders Thursday to exclude some ballots from the final tally.

The Aug. 20 poll has been increasingly marred by reports of ballot-box stuffing and suspicious tallies. A U.S. monitoring group has said "large numbers of polling stations" had more than 100 percent turnout and President Hamid Karzai's top challenger has accused him of "state-engineered" fraud.

All ballots from five polling stations in Paktika province should be voided because they show clear evidence of fraud, the Electoral Complaints Commission said in a statement.

This is a more severe step than ordering a recount, in which the votes could eventually be included.

Decisions by the commission are final under Afghanistan's electoral law. The group is releasing decisions from each province as investigations finish.

Amateur images, videos of 9/11 and aftermath to become new exhibit

NEW YORK (AP) — A camera in Brooklyn points through a chain-link fence at black smoke pouring from one skyscraper, while a plane pierces another. Papers fly through the sky; some of them end up in the filmmakers' hands.

That evening — Sept. 11, 2001 — another camera finds firefighters trudging through dust-caked streets, carrying their helmets or a spare pair of shoes. The spindly facade of the World Trade Center is before them.

The new views of the terrorist attacks — one of the most recorded events of all time — are among hundreds of hours of amateur videos, images and stories gathered by the foundation building the memorial.

The National Sept. 11 Memorial & Museum is launching a Web site Thursday with its collection of citizen journalism of the tragedy and is appealing for more 9/11 stories from all over the world.

"They say that 9/11 was the most digitally documented event of all time," said Alice Greenwald, director of the planned museum.

"There were vigils in Tehran, Berlin, London, Moscow, Tokyo. ... We're asking people everywhere to help us tell the story."

The foundation planned to announce its "Make History" campaign later Thursday.

Its Web site includes a collection of dramatic, chaotically shot footage of the attacks.

Afghan reporters blame foreign forces for kidnapped colleague's death


KABUL (AP) — Afghan journalists blamed international troops Thursday for the death of a kidnapped colleague during a rescue operation and said British commandos showed a "double standard" by leaving his body while retrieving a foreign New York Times writer.

The newly formed Media Club of Afghanistan — a group of Afghan reporters who work with international news outlets — also condemned the Taliban for abducting both men last week in northern Afghanistan as they investigated reports of civilian deaths in a German-ordered airstrike.

Local journalists laid flowers Thursday at the grave of reporter and translator Sultan Munadi in Kabul. Munadi, 34, was killed by gunfire during a British commando raid Wednesday to free him and New York Times writer Stephen Farrell.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: My nephew "Ken" is 29 years old, a high-school graduate and still lives at home with his mother -- along with his pit bull that his mother reluctantly takes care of. Ken periodically works as a carpenter and has racked up a lot of debt. He is also an alcoholic.

My sister is single and helps him financially but does not have the money to continue. Ken broke his hip last year while riding with a friend who was drunk. He recovered but is unable to climb ladders. His attorney told him not to work since they are suing the insurance company. Now Ken mows my mother's lawn or does odd jobs for a little spending cash. He is not happy, and my sister is miserable. She claims she feels too guilty to kick him out, and his grandmother has already offered to let him move in with her if necessary. Is there any hope for this man? -- Concerned Aunt

Dear Aunt: When Mom and

Grandma get tired of supporting a grown man, they will cut him loose. That will provide the incentive for him to grow up, although the longer they wait the harder it will be for Ken. We know you find this situation frustrating, but please stay out of it. These are not your choices to make.

Dear Annie: Four years ago, my sister "Karen" moved to our area to assist our ailing mother, who died a year later. Karen stayed, and I helped get her a job working with me. She has no car or driver's license, so for four years, I've been taking her to and from work and driving her around to do her errands. I've also had to change plans to accommodate her.

I am tired of doing this. She needs to get her license back. She lost it over 10 years ago because of DUIs. I have hinted to her that she needs her own transportation, but it hasn't sunk in. What can I do? Am I unreasonable to not want to go through another year of being her chauffeur?



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

-- Unwilling Driver

Dear Driver: You are not being unreasonable, but Karen doesn't want to change her convenient set-up. She also may be worried that she won't be able to get her license after all these years. (We trust she no longer drinks and drives.)

Stop hinting. Tell your sister you can no longer drive her everywhere, and offer to help her work on the driver's test. Give her two months to apply for a new license, and then

hand her the bus schedule and say she's on her own. If she sees that you mean it, she will work on other forms of transportation.

Dear Annie: My blood pressure rose after reading your response to "New York Employee," whose elderly boss berates the staff.

The federal government has imposed rules and regulations for companies. The boss has created a hostile work environment at the company using intimidation tactics. The employees can file charges with the EEOC and labor board. It didn't sound like there was a Human Resources Department (which also should be made aware of the situation, as it is their legal responsibility to correct it).

Illegal practices are not tolerated in a work environment. Employees have rights. Your advice, in my opinion, was essentially to ignore the problem, but each employee, by not doing anything, is an enabler to a boss who is breaking workplace laws.

Please correct your position. -- Research Assistant in Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Buffalo: You have stated a common misperception (which we, too, have made). It is illegal for a boss to create a hostile work environment based on someone's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or age. It does not protect employees from a boss who is an equal-opportunity pain in the behind. Sorry.

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'Old Farmer's Almanac' keeps up with Web age

BOSTON (AP) — Doris Smith Mills often comes across past editions of the "Old Farmer's Almanac" lying around her family's 110-year-old Westport, Mass., farm. She believes previous Smiths read it for entertainment and its yearly weather predictions to ready for New England's fickle climate changes.

Today, the 78-year-old has the 24-hour Weather Channel and various weather Web sites at her fingertips, and her farm has technology to handle all sorts of extreme weather. But she still reads the Dublin, N.H.-

based almanac because it's been reliable for generations, she said.

"It helps us prepare," said Smith, whose family owns Noquochoke Orchards along the Westport River. "It's interesting. I like reading it."

Despite the accessibility of forecasts that rely more heavily on traditional science, the 218-year-old "Old Farmer's Almanac" and its longtime New England competitor, the Maine-based "Farmer's Almanac," still draw droves of fans. The books, which predict weather based on sun-

spots, planetary positions and meteorology, still are popular at farmers markets and bookstores. Each has a circulation of 3.5 million.

"Old Farmer's Almanac" Editor Janice Stillman said her publication, the latest edition of which was released this week, is even looking into creating an iPhone application. "We've always been state of the art since 1792," Stillman said.

Based on their own calculations, both almanacs are predicting a colder-than-usual winter. That conflicts with the long-range forecast

by the National Weather Service, which is calling for warmer-than-normal temperatures across much of the country because of an El Nino system in the tropical Pacific Ocean, said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the NOAA Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md.

The "Old Farmer's Almanac" also predicts a cooler summer and says a major hurricane will hit Florida next September. Stillman said upcoming solar activity, such as sunspots, are one of the factors in the almanac's predictions.

John Nielsen-Gammon, an atmospheric science professor at Texas A&M University, said predicting long-range weather is a challenge for scientists and

laymen alike. But El Nino and La Nina systems have proven to be good indicators of what to expect, he said.

"There is no known evidence that sunspots have but a small effect on the earth's climate," said Nielsen-Gammon. "And we're talking about a couple of tenths of a degree Celsius difference."

Still, Judson Hale, the semiretired chairman and longtime pitchman for the "Old Farmer's Almanac," said there have always been almanac doubters. Hale, 76, said the almanac uses a combination of science and a "secret formula" created by founder Robert B. Thomas. That combination, Hale said, has produced what he calls an "80 percent accuracy rate" in predicting

long-range weather.

The secret formula, according to the almanac's Web site, is kept in a black box that is locked away in the New Hampshire offices and can only be accessed by a handful of employees.

Besides its weather predictions, the "Old Farmer's Almanac" also is known for its quirky stories and advice tidbits. For example, in the 2010 edition, the almanac advises readers on how to prevent their suitcases from collecting an odor when traveling.

It advises travelers to put their socks and underwear in plastic bags and place the bags inside their shoes. Then put the shoes inside old, clean socks before packing them in the suitcase.

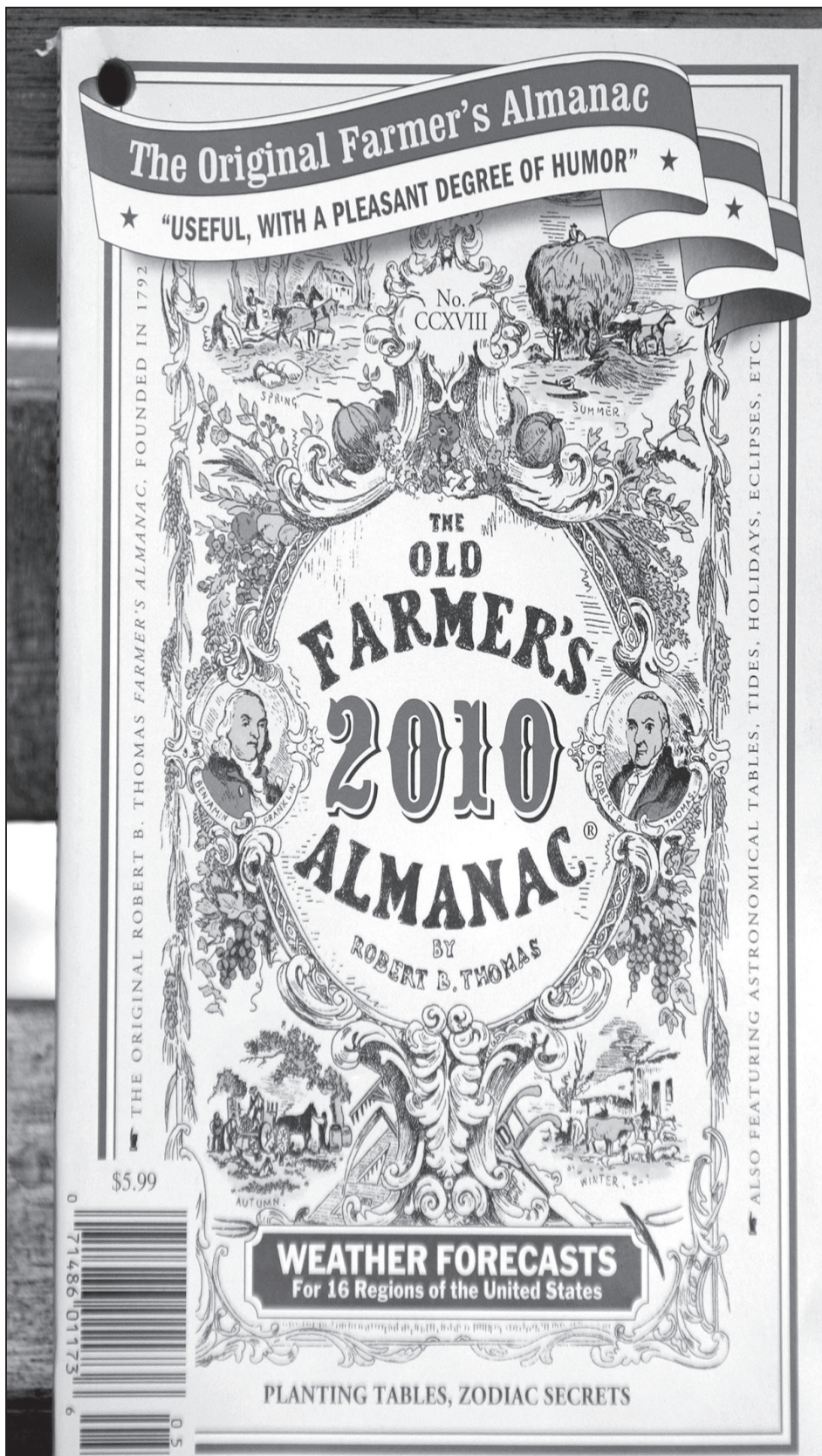
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v.
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Case No.: 2:08cv00243 Judge

Clark Waddoups United States District Court, District of Utah, Central Division

On March 28, 2008, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Utah (District Court) against the Madison Real Estate Group, LLC. ("Madison"), Richard Ames Higgins ("Higgins"), Brandon S. Higgins ("Brandon") and Allan D. Christensen ("Christensen") alleging, among other things, fraud in connection with the sale or purchase of securities. The District Court appointed Roger J. McConkie as the Receiver (the "Receiver") of Madison and of all affiliated limited partnerships, properties, and/or other business entities. The Receiver was tasked with taking control of and marshaling the assets of Madison and its entities (hereafter the "Receivership Estate") for eventual distribution to defrauded investors and creditors. The Receiver now anticipates that some funds may become available for distribution.

If you believe that you are an investor, and/or creditor of Madison or any of the following entities or properties or have provided materials and/or services to them for which you have not been paid, you are hereby notified and instructed to prepare and send a "Madison Claim Form and Questionnaire" to the Receiver Roger J. McConkie, Prince Yeates & Geldzahler, 175 East 400 South, No. 900, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111, postmarked on or before October 27, 2009. For those who have already submitted information and materials to the Receiver, you also have the option of simply affirming under penalty of perjury your previous submission using a "Madison Affirmation of Prior Submission of Claim." Claims not submitted and/or affirmed in

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- Wellington Texas LP
- Oklahoma Oakridge Village LP
- Lubbock Riviera LP
- Coronado Hills Big Spring LP
- Abilene Meridian LP
- Lubbock Treehouse LP
- Lubbock Aspen Village LP
- Gallatin Group LLC
- Castlerock Investments, LLC
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- Overlake Apartments (Oklahoma City)
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Watch your words. Contrary to the popular saying, talk is not cheap. Everyone will pay for what they say in some way or another, and today it's more costly than usual. For some, being held accountable to words will have a monetary consequence. Others will pay with their time — the minutes that slip away in idle chatter cannot be returned.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Unlike others around you, you won't be too quick to label your experiences as "good" or "bad." What someone else considers a negative circumstance could prove to be a profoundly creative and insightful experience for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In order to find your niche, you'll have to work at understanding a boss's or client's authority. Your job suddenly gets easier when you simply accept the hierarchy of the situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know how to change your feelings in a snap. All you have to do is hold on to the focus that makes you feel good. Once you decide it's not acceptable to feel anything less than cheerful, you'll maintain your happy glow.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When your priorities are right, all falls into place. It would be a shame to let the little stuff get in the way of your accomplishing a major goal. As for potential time wasters,

Tomorrow's Horoscope

don't walk — run away from them!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're likely to tune in to what's going on inside you, instead of being outwardly focused. This temporary bout of introspection could lead you to laugh when no one else is, or to have a different reaction to things than others do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might feel a bit like Alice down the rabbit hole, as the characters you meet only make sense in the context of their own crazy world. Try not to feel out of place, though. You're an important player in the scene.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wonderful happenings should not be one-time events. When a bit of good drops into your life, figure out what you did right and turn that action into a habit. You'll find a simple way to integrate new behaviors into your daily routine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Rest. Downtime is essential to feeling healthy and joyful. If you let yourself get tired, you might lose perspective and get overly hard on yourself and others. Take adequate time to sleep and lie around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is nothing harmful about asking an honest question. Still, think it over first. What do you really want and need to know? Some discussions are better not to endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not only do you know what you want, but you are acting as though you already have it. Why not? It feels fantastic to be appreciative of your

great fortune. Whether or not it has actually occurred yet is quite irrelevant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If there's not enough to do, you'll work slowly, take detours and possibly still wait until the last second to meet a deadline. If you have too much to do, you'll work quickly, take shortcuts and meet your deadlines just as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How do you make big plans even bigger? By focusing in smaller. Tend to the details. The fine touches guarantee that you will create an unforgettable experience for yourself and others.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 10). Your quest for beauty continues. Your inner life will mirror an external transformation. There's a favorable shift in your personal life in the next six weeks. In October, you'll be working to create an environment that's as inspiring as it is tranquil. December brings new friends who give you the keys to their world. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 12, 45, 31 and 40.

How To Work This Mercury Retrograde (Instead Of Letting It Work You.) Part Two: We still have almost three weeks of Mercury's retrograde transit through the relationship sign of Libra, and there's plenty of time left to turn this omen in your favor. By Sept. 29, you just might decide that this has been your favorite time of the year thus far. Here's how to work it:

GEMINI: Account for what is right in relationships. Think of all of the things you love about relationships —

even the ones that aren't going so right — and make a list. Review this list daily over the next three weeks. Your focus on the positive will make it grow and overtake any negativity that's there.

CANCER: Honor your own process, and let others have theirs. Each person operates according to his or her unique perception of the world. You are one of a kind and, therefore, cannot expect others to do things the way you would or the way you want them to. Letting go of the need to judge or control anyone but yourself will liberate your energy and put you in a more loving, receptive mode. Everything gets better when you live by the motto, "To each his own."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Soap opera work is considered among the most difficult for actors because of the daily schedule. But with three luminaries in Virgo, Ryan Phillippe isn't afraid of hard work, which is why he skyrocketed from daytime television to major movie stardom. Though he's a leading man, his work in films like the Oscar-winning "Crash" shows a willingness to be part of an ensemble of masters.

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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2009. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana

politics, died in Baton Rouge two days after being shot in the state Capitol.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad the next month).

In 1963, 20 black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Governor George C. Wallace.

In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be executed by the guillotine in France.

In 1979, four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned for a 1954 attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and a 1950 attempt on the life of President Harry S. Truman were freed from prison after being granted clemency by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1983, John Vorster, prime minister of white-ruled South Africa from 1966 to 1978, died in Cape Town at age 67.

Today's Birthdays: Golfer Arnold Palmer is 80. Actor Philip Baker Hall is 78. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 72. Actor Greg Mullavey is 70. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 69.

Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 67. Singer Jose Feliciano is 64. Actor Tom Ligon is 64. Actress Judy Geeson is 61. Former Canadian first lady Margaret Trudeau is 61. Political commentator Bill O'Reilly is 60. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 59. Actress Amy Irving is 56. Country singer Rosie Flores is 53. Actress Kate Burton is 52. Movie director Chris Columbus is 51. Actor Colin Firth is 49. Rock singer-musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 49. Pitcher Randy Johnson is 46. Rock musician Stevie D. (Buckcherry) is 43. Rock musician Robin Goodridge (Bush) is 43. Rock singer-musician Miles Zuniga (Fastball) is 43.

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AGNES

I SIT IN MY CHAIR EXUDING THE ESSENCE OF PURE CONFIDENCE. I EXUDE AND EXUDE!

BACK STRAIGHT... SHOULDERS BACK. A SLIGHT SMILE TEASES AT THE CORNERS OF MY MOUTH. I HAVE THE LOOK THAT ALL LOOK TO FOR GOOD ADVICE AND CALM LEADERSHIP.

HEY! DID YOU JUST TOOT?!

CONFIDENCE IS VERY LIBERATING.

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Out of style | 1 It's history | 54 Half-___ (coffee order) | 1 Swindle, so to speak |
| 6 Gas-bill unit | 2 Big Apple | 55 Bread, proverbially | 8 Anthony's "I" |
| 11 Sky-safety org. | 3 Dumbfound | 58 Select, with "for" | 9 Rink official |
| 14 Sean of the Tolkien movies | 4 Pan for gold | 59 Marisa of <i>Alfie</i> | 10 Handy guy |
| 15 Radioer's reply | 5 Carry out, as laws | 60 Football great | 11 Giant's incantation |
| 16 Curly-shoe wearer | 6 Religious tenet | 61 Author Josephine | 12 <i>Cassandra's Dream</i> director |
| 17 Leaves, so to speak | 31 Weather, poetically | 62 Give rise to | 13 Passionate |
| 19 Ivy Leaguer | 32 Started a hand | 63 Nose-in-the-air sort | 18 Artist's apartment |
| 20 Fairly long odds | 33 "___ y Plata" (Montana motto) | | 22 GPS direction |
| 21 Conclude logically | 36 Test the weight of | | 24 Theater fixtures |
| 23 Farm address abbr. | 37 Cruise stops | | 25 Sorry situations |
| 24 NBAer's height, perhaps | 38 Page sent by computer | | 26 Need liniment |
| 26 Have an impact on | 39 Tel. no. add-on | | 27 Bend |
| 30 Religious tenet | 40 Madison or Monroe | | 28 Evenly split |
| 31 Weather, poetically | 41 Hostilities ender | | 29 CPR expert |
| 32 Started a hand | 42 "Absolutely!" | | 30 Parisian topper |
| 33 "___ y Plata" (Montana motto) | 44 Bizet masterwork | | 32 Mosque |
| 36 Test the weight of | 45 To the extent that | | 37 Current fashion |
| 37 Cruise stops | 47 Musical asset | | |
| 38 Page sent by computer | 48 Asimov genre | | |
| 39 Tel. no. add-on | 49 Civil War battle site | | |
| 40 Madison or Monroe | | | |
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Answer to previous puzzle

MATH	OMAR	BOSOM
ACHE	HORA	EVITA
PEER	DROP	HALTS
SERGEANT	BILKO	
RAY	RNS	
PARKER	ATAD	BOB
AWAIT	SNOW	BOZO
CAPTAIN	KANGAROO	
ERIE	MOLD	IRENE
RED	BEBE	LANDED
FLA	SON	
COLONEL	POTTER	
COLIN	PEAK	OXEN
URGED	INRE	NINE
TEASE	COED	STOW

HI AND LOIS

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

SORRY, DITTO. IT'S THE LAW.

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO, LOCK ME UP?

SCHOOL. JAIL. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

THE OTHER COAST

TRY THIS TOOTHPASTE. IT'S RECOMMENDED BY FOUR OUT OF FIVE DENTISTS.

AND THE FIFTH DENTIST?

HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY TEETH.

SNUFFY SMITH

HOW DOES THIS TREE LOOK TO YA, LUKEY?

STRAIGHT, TALL AN' JEST TH' RIGHT SIZE-- IT'S PERFECT !!

YEP, THAT'S WHAT I THINK, TOO !!

BETLE BAILEY

I'M HUNGRY

I WONDER WHEN DINNER WILL BE READY?

IT'S READY

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