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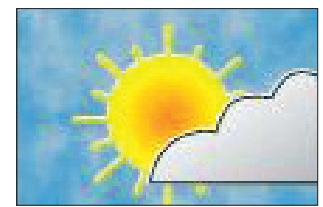


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Work crews prepare to pour concrete to extend the curb area at the intersection of Main and Fourth streets Wednesday afternoon.

Outside the box

United Way sets golf tournament as fund-raiser

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

To paraphrase Yogi Berra, it isn't over 'til it's over.

The United Way of Howard County's 2009 campaign has long been over, but officials are still looking for ways to meet their \$300,000 goal.

The latest effort to raise money for the campaign will occur the weekend of March 27, when the United Way will host a two-day benefit golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club.

Jeannie Coor, executive director of



Coor

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Snake, rattle and roll ... roundup coming

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

What do you get when you put hundreds, if not thousands, of poisonous snakes in an enclosed space? One of this area's longest-running attractions.

Final preparations are under way for the American Business Club's 46th Rattlesnake Roundup, which returns to the Howard County Fair Barns March 28 and 29.

Hunters will begin bringing snakes in the day before the

events begins. Day passes to the event will be \$5 for visitors ages 12 and older and \$3 for younger children. Admission is free to the arts and crafts section of the event.

If Mother Nature cooperates, visitors to the roundup will get the opportunity to get a lot closer to large numbers of rattlesnakes than they probably would under normal circumstances.

But organizers are hoping for a break from the recent cool weather.

"It really is an educational program. We show them that these snakes can be really dangerous ... and the best way to handle yourself when and if you come up on one."



Alexander

"The warmer it is, the better the chance we'll have of catching a large number of snakes," said Ray Alexander, secretary/treasurer of the local AMBUCS.

Simply put, rattlers, which

are cold-blooded animals, will go where it's warm. The warmer the weather, the better the chance of catching them outside.

"Last year, we had a lot fewer snakes because the weath-

er was cooler and they stayed in their dens," said AMBUCS member Dennis Burns. "Hopefully, we'll get a break in the weather and bring in a lot more snakes this year."

Regardless of the number of snakes on display, however, organizers promise many of the same attractions as in previous years.

For starters, club members will go ankle-deep into the snake pit to give handling demonstrations and tips on

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'Jihad Jane' due in federal court today in Philadelphia

MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Whether she was seeking love or vengeance, or just an escape from her dreary, small-town existence, Colleen LaRose searched the Internet and found Muslim extremists eager to engage the unhappy American.

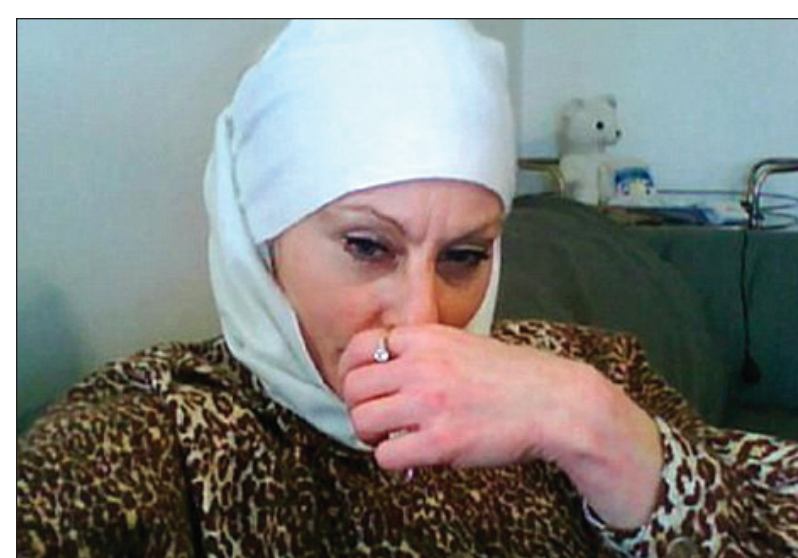
LaRose, 46, spent long days chained to her Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, apartment caring for an elderly parent. Now, "Jihad Jane" may spend her life in prison — unless she persuades a U.S. judge she is not a security threat.

On Thursday, LaRose makes

her first court appearance since a stunning indictment last week that charged that she plotted with terror suspects abroad to kill a Swedish artist who had offended Muslims.

LaRose's arraignment hearing, during which she could enter a plea, may offer clues to her mental state after six months in a Philadelphia prison.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations has questioned the religious devotion of alleged converts like LaRose, given her live-in boy-



AFP/Getty Images

Former Texas resident Colleen LaRose is charged with plotting to kill a Swedish artist.

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The next Stephen Curry? Step right up

Associated Press

It happens nearly every year: An unheralded player, maybe from a school few people know about, goes on a scoring tear or single-handedly carries his team through a couple of rounds of the NCAA tournament.

Two years ago, little Stephen Curry from Davidson dashed his way through the bracket, shooting the

Wildcats past Gonzaga, Georgetown and Wisconsin on the way to the regional finals.

There was Wally Szczerbiak taking Miami (Ohio) to the 1999 Sweet Sixteen, Bo Kimble carrying Loyola Marymount into the 1990 regional finals after the death of Hank Gathers, Fennis Dembo hoisting Wyoming to the regional semis in 1987.

Perhaps the great-

est one-man show was Larry Bird in 1979, leading Indiana State to the title game against Magic Johnson and Michigan State.

So who could be this year's Curry, Kimble or Bird? The guys who aren't Evan Turner, Sherron Collins, John Wall or Scottie Reynolds?

Here are a few to keep on eye on. Actually, five from each region.

WEST

Derrick Carcter, UTEP, Jr., 6-9, 280 — Randy Culpepper was the Conference USA player of the year, but Carcter made the Miners an inside-out team after transferring from Louisville. He's a lane-clogger who can be a game-changer.

Jordan Crawford, Xavier, So., 6-4, 195 — Remember the secret video of someone dunk-

ing on LeBron James? That was Crawford. Turns out, he's far more than just a dunker. The leading scorer in the Atlantic-10 has a great all-around game.

Jimmer Fredette, BYU, Jr., 6-2, 195 — The only D-I player to score 40 points twice this season, Fredette patterns his game after John Stockton, but is a better scorer. He can change a game shooting or pass-

ing. **Derick Nelson**, Oakland, Sr., 6-5, 236 — You might want to keep an eye on a guy scores 36 points in the Summit League title game — with a broken nose.

Dominique Sutton, Kansas St., Jr., 6-5, 210 — It's not always the scorers who make a difference. Sutton doesn't have much range outside

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Howard gets past first round 73-61

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Locked in a stalemate Wednesday against Southeastern Illinois, the Howard Hawks needed a spark off the bench to put the Falcons away.

They got it from Damion McGee, who scored 11 points off the bench as the Hawks won their NJCAA National Tournament 73-61 at Hutchinson Community College.

Lamont Austin, a Topeka, Kan., native, led the Hawks with 18 points. Jae Crowder scored 16 and Josh Watkins had 14.

The Hawks move on to play Walters State at 8:30 p.m. today in the second round.

"I thought our unsung hero was Damion McGee," said Hawks coach Mark Adams. "He's been a spot player for us this year, but he stepped up, made a big three for us, and he was really our main guy off the bench. He gave us a bunch of support."

Austin said after the game he didn't feel at home in his native state until he saw his parents. But he looked at home against the Falcons defense, which he beat multiple times to the basket for plus-one opportunities.

"We set up some plays coming off a pick and there were open cuts, so I took it to the rim and then I was concentrating on finishing," said Austin, who also came up with two steals and two assists.

Joe Bright hauled in 11 rebounds to go with his four points and Crowder had nine in a dogfight with a taller Falcons



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Lamont Austin lays a ball up for two of his 18 points Wednesday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. The Hawks won 73-61 over Southeastern Illinois and play at 8 p.m. today.

squad. The Hawks were edged 39-35 in the rebounding department.

"You have to expect (them) all to be close games," Crowder said. "These teams are all champions in some way. They're going to fight, and it's not going to be easy."

Both teams looked like they had been sitting in a hotel for days as the game got off to a sluggish start. The teams traded sporadic baskets through the first 12 minutes until the Hawks slowly pulled away as

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LIGHTS OUT



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Katie Dunn pitches Wednesday in Snyder. Dunn shut out the Lady Tigers in the circle and went 4-for-4 at the plate, knocking in three of the Bulldogettes' 15 runs.

Coahoma pounds Snyder 15-0 on road

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — The Coahoma Bulldogettes rebounded from a loss Tuesday to pound Snyder 15-0 Wednesday on the road.

Katie Dunn pitched for the Bulldogettes, allowing two hits and striking out eight over the five-inning game.

Dunn also went 4-for-4 at the plate, knocking in three runs on two doubles. Heather Newton notched three hits and

knocked in two runs, and Jennifer Castilaw had two RBI to go with two hits.

Jordan Martin, Kylie Gee and Brandi Smith each had a RBI for the Bulldogettes, who improved to 14-6 on the season.

The Bulldogettes will open district play at Jim Ned on Tuesday. First pitch is 6:30 p.m. in Tuscola.

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Dunn and Castilaw. W- Dunn

Rangers reliever O'Day proving his reliable arm in Texas bullpen

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Darren O'Day was wearing someone else's jersey when he was introduced to his new manager and catcher on the mound. He then gave up a game-winning hit to the first batter he faced for the Texas Rangers.

In a sullen clubhouse after that extra-inning loss, O'Day finally got to meet the rest of his teammates.

"We lost the game, I made my debut, gave

up the winning hit," O'Day said. "But it kind of helped ease my transition to the team. All the guys came up to me, and never had met me before, and said don't worry about it. ... The rest of the year went a little better."

Since his inauspicious debut last April in Toronto, on the same day he was claimed off waivers from the New York Mets, O'Day has become one of the Rangers' most reliable relievers.

Now the 27-year-old

O'Day goes into this season expected to be a vital part of the Texas bullpen.

"It's exciting, it's a first for me," O'Day said. "I want to repeat the success I had last year. That's the main goal."

The side-armed right-hander went 2-1 with a 1.94 ERA in 64 appearances for the Rangers, striking out 56 and walking 17 in 55 2-3 innings. Opposing batters hit .188 and he allowed only three home runs, both among

the best figures for AL relievers who faced at least 150 batters.

"He's come in and got us some very important outs," manager Ron Washington said. "We got lucky when our scouts went out and found him, and brought him in. Maybe his first game wasn't all of that, but he built on it, and that's what you do."

O'Day was home in Florida when he found out he had been claimed by Texas. He flew to Canada, through Memphis, Tenn., and

landed about 9:45 p.m. Within an hour after that, he was at the stadium instead of the hotel. The Rangers had summoned him for possible action since they were in a tie game.

With no time to get a personalized uniform, O'Day put on minor leaguer Kason Gabbard's No. 30 jersey and went to the bullpen.

About 20 minutes after arriving, he met Washington and catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia on the mound. Kevin

Millar then ended the Blue Jays' 8-7 victory with an RBI double.

O'Day worked 5 1-3 scoreless innings over his next six appearances for Texas. He had a 0.78 ERA through his first 20 games, establishing himself as a primary setup guy for Frank Francisco and C.J. Wilson.

"If I can do that for our bullpen, we're going to have a good bullpen," O'Day said. "We have a lot of talent

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Sports in brief

Rag Ball tournament to benefit BSISD students

Big Spring students are putting on a rag ball tournament to raise money for their trip to the World Strides "Science in Motion" festival.

The tournament will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the Cotton Mize Ball Field at Comance Trail Park.

Sign up early by calling 935-2371 after 6 p.m. or show up to the tournament for registration from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$75 per team.

Watch NJCAA tournament live via Web feed

The NJCAA national tournament will be available live on the Web via NJCAA TV.

Howard plays its second game at the tournament at 8:30 p.m. today against Walters State of Tennessee.

Log on to www.njcaa.org/tv to find out how to watch the game live from your computer.

Check the *Herald* for game recaps and photos from Hutchinson.

Big Spring Country Club to hold United Way fund-raiser

Big Spring Country Club and the United Way invite the public to participate in a 3-person scramble March 27-28 at the Country Club.

Entrance fee is \$60 per player plus a cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday at noon and a 19th hole party on the patio. Call 267-5354 for more information.

Take Note

• Cornell Corrections Relay For Life team, Team Lockout, will host a shrimp boil at 11:30 a.m. Friday. The event will be held at the Building 35 Warehouse, 1701 Apron Drive in front of Western Container. Eat in or carry out. Large dishes are \$15; small dishes are \$10.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the post, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Carry-outs will be available. Plates are \$10 each. Everyone is welcome.

• The Howard County Democratic Party will hold its precinct meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, call 466-3073.

• The city of Big Spring will close Goliad Street from 11th Place to 12th Street until Monday in order to facilitate roadway repairs. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Todd Darden at 264-2501.

• The Cornerstone Covenant Youth Group will have a fund raiser at 5 p.m. Monday at the Pizza Inn. Proceeds will help our youth ministries attend our annual trip to church camp in the Huntsville area. The youth of our town are future leaders of tomorrow.

• Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• A Dinner Theatre is slated for March 27 at KoKopelli's to benefit the Big Spring Educational Science Trip, aka the Big Spring UFO'S. The meal will consist of brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, Texas toast, lemonade, water or tea. Price is \$10 a person or \$18 per couple. Purchase tickets from Medicine Center Pharmacy; ask for Monika. A silent auction will be held as well.

• A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

Police blotter

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

The police department reported there were no arrests made during the corresponding period and was unable to provide an activities report due to computer problems.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

• ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER, 32, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

• BLAKE RYAN LYLE, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution and possession of a dangerous drug.

• JOHN LEWIS, 17, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

• HOLLY DENISE JENNINGS, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault — family violence.

• MANUEL JUNIOR MATA, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOHN HOWARD SMITH, 61, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, running a stop sign, failure to appear (two counts) and no driver's license.

• LITA CHRISTINE GREEN, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JAMES VERNON SNOW, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• KARRI DAWN TINDOL, 37, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated — open container, third or more offense and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• CODY DWIGHT MCCANN, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and driving while intoxicated.

• ADAM SCOTT JOHNSON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• SHAWN MICHAEL JONES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Main and 20th Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Amber Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Main and 20th Street. Service was refused.

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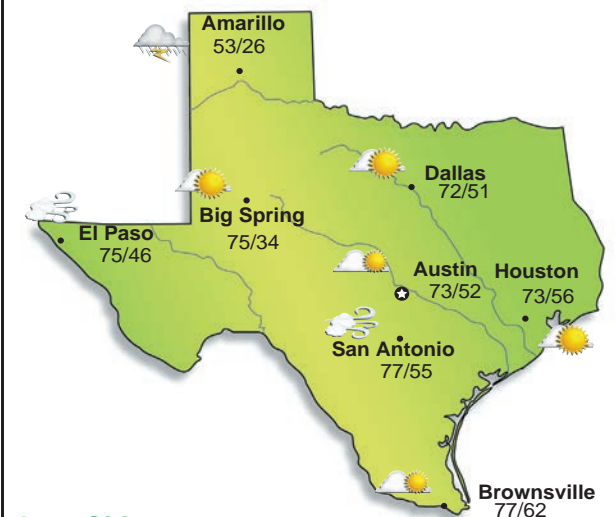
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/19	Sat 3/20	Sun 3/21	Mon 3/22	Tue 3/23
75/34 Sunny along with a few clouds. High around 75F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.	52/29 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	65/36 Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	71/45 A few clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	74/48 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM

Texas At A Glance



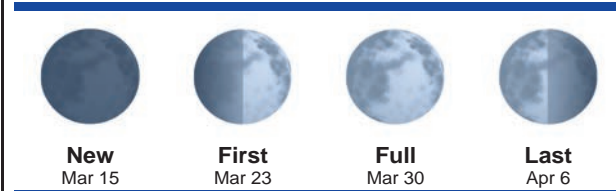
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	72	37	mst sunny	Kingsville	79	60	mst sunny
Amarillo	53	26	t-storm	Livingston	73	50	sunny
Austin	73	52	pt sunny	Longview	72	51	sunny
Beaumont	71	55	sunny	Lubbock	68	30	mst sunny
Brownsville	77	62	pt sunny	Lufkin	74	51	sunny
Brownwood	74	45	mst sunny	Midland	77	38	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	75	61	mst sunny	Raymondville	79	60	pt sunny
Corsicana	71	50	mst sunny	Rosenberg	73	55	mst sunny
Dallas	72	51	mst sunny	San Antonio	77	55	windy
Del Rio	80	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	75	53	pt sunny
El Paso	75	46	windy	Sulphur Springs	71	50	sunny
Fort Stockton	80	41	mst sunny	Sweetwater	73	36	mst sunny
Gainesville	70	43	mst sunny	Tyler	72	51	sunny
Greenville	70	48	mst sunny	Weatherford	71	44	mst sunny
Houston	73	56	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	71	37	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	44	sunny	Minneapolis	41	26	mixed
Boston	62	43	sunny	New York	70	48	sunny
Chicago	63	38	cloudy	Phoenix	76	50	mst sunny
Dallas	72	51	mst sunny	San Francisco	72	47	mst sunny
Denver	33	18	snow	Seattle	63	39	pt sunny
Houston	73	56	mst sunny	St. Louis	68	46	pt sunny
Los Angeles	77	53	sunny	Washington, DC	73	50	sunny
Miami	73	57	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 3/19	Sat 3/20	Sun 3/21	Mon 3/22	Tue 3/23
8	8	8	8	8
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 being the highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-24-32-38-42-48. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-22-24-25. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,699. Winning ticket purchased in: Balch Springs.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 9-9-5-0.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 3-2-4.

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Sports in brief

Rangers manager admits use of cocaine last year

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington admitted he made a “huge mistake” when he used cocaine and failed a Major League Baseball drug test last season. In his first public acknowledgment, Washington apologized for his behavior, eight months after he told Rangers president Nolan Ryan, who turned down the manager’s offer to resign. Washington said he used cocaine only once and called it “stupid” and “shameful.”

The failed test first was reported by SI.com. Washington said he told the commissioner’s office and Rangers officials about using cocaine before he had a routine drug test.

Lee suspended first 5 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Seattle pitcher Cliff Lee was suspended for the first five games of the regular season for throwing over the head of a hitter, possibly delaying his highly anticipated debut with the Mariners. Lee also was fined by Major League Baseball vice president of discipline Bob Watson.

The former AL Cy Young winner was ejected from Monday’s exhibition game against Arizona after throwing inside to Chris Snyder, then zipping a fastball over his helmet.

Owners to vote on overtime rule

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL owners will vote next week whether to allow each team a possession in overtime in the playoffs if the team winning the OT coin toss kicks a field goal on the first series. Previously, the game would end whenever either side scores, as happened in the NFC champi-

onship game in January, with New Orleans beating Minnesota on Garrett Hartley’s kick. But NFL competition committee chairman Rich McKay says a trend has developed showing too strong an advantage for teams winning the coin toss to start overtime. If the team that falls behind by three points on the first series also kicks a field goal, then the game would continue under current sudden death rules. The proposal is only for the postseason.

Grossman signs with Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) —

Free-agent quarterback Rex Grossman signed a one-year contract with the Washington Redskins. Grossman spent last season with the Houston Texans, where he worked with new Redskins offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan. Shanahan held the same position with the Texans and now will be an assistant to his father, new Redskins head coach Mike Shanahan. Redskins general manager Bruce Allen deflected a question whether Grossman would be a backup in Washington or get a chance to compete for the starting QB job, saying: “We’re

going to continue to try and add competition for every position.”

Cardinals sign QB Anderson

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals have agreed to terms on a two-year contract with free agent quarterback Derek Anderson. The one-time Pro Bowl quarterback comes to Arizona as the Cardinals look for someone to compete with Matt Leinart, the only quarterback the team has under contract after Kurt Warner’s retirement. Anderson was released by Cleveland on March 9.

NCAA

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inside 12 feet, but can change a game with defense and rebounding. He’s a shutdown cornerback in a hoops jersey.

MIDWEST

James Anderson, Oklahoma State, Jr., 6-6, 210 — It’s hard to be unheralded as the Big 12’s player of the year, but Anderson doesn’t get the same attention as other scorers in the

country. Don’t be surprised if he drops 40 on someone.

Armon Bassett, Ohio, Jr., 6-2, 180 — Explosive scorer who led the Bobcats to a surprise win in the Mid-American Conference tournament, scoring a record 119 points in four games.

Jordan Eglseder, Northern Iowa, Jr., 7-0, 280 — The big fella has a good touch ‘around the basket and is a force in the lane at both ends.

Aubrey Coleman, Houston, Sr., 6-4, 200 —

Might be the most likely player to go on a Curry-like run. The nation’s leading scorer (25.6 points) will be ready to fire after going 4 for 20 in the Conference USA title game.

Brady Morningstar, Kansas, Jr., 6-3, 185 — OK, OK, he plays on the nation’s No. 1 team, but Morningstar’s contributions often go unnoticed. He makes the Jayhawks go with his entry passes, spot-up shooting and denying defense.

SOUTH

Kevin Anderson, Richmond, Jr., 6-0, 175 — The Atlantic-10 player of the year has given opponents a case of arachnophobia, averaging 17.8 points a game this season to help the seventh-seeded Spiders win 12 of their last 13.

Lace Darius Dunn, Baylor, Jr., 6-4, 205 — Dunn honed his skills by tying his left hand behind his back at the urging of a middle-school PE teacher. It

worked. He’s the leading 3-point shooter in the tournament at 42.5 percent and has a sneeze-quick release.

Ronald Moore, Siena, Sr., 6-0, 156 — This kid knows how to dish. The scrappy guard leads the nation with 7.8 assists per game, close to what some teams averaged this season. Plus, he was there when the Saints knocked off Vanderbilt in the 2008 tournament and Ohio State last year.

Jerome Randle, Cal, Sr., 5-10, 172 — If you don’t know the Pac-10 player of the year, you will. The gritty point guard can put up points in bunches, hands out assists with the best of them and is one of the nation’s best free-throw shooters.

Donald Sloan, Texas A&M, Sr., 6-3, 205 — Sloan has become the go-to player for the Aggies since his childhood friend, Derrick Roland, suffered a gruesome leg injury in December. He scores

and usually guards the opponent’s best perimeter player — a rare all-around combination.

EAST

Demontez Stitt, Clemson, Jr., 6-2, 175 — The driving force behind the Tigers who’s usually lost in Trevor Booker’s shadow. When Stitt penetrates and hits jumpers, it forces teams to back off Booker and they pay for it along the baseline.

Ryan Wittman, Cornell, Sr., 6-7, 215 — The Ivy League player of the year, Wittman is the key to the Big Red’s attack, averaging 17.5 points. He’s hit 100 3-pointers this season and 368 in his college career. An NBA career could await him.

Kevin Thompson, Morgan State, So., 6-9, 240 — The sophomore was the MEAC’s defensive player of the year, ranks fourth in the nation with 11.9 rebounds per game and leads the team with 50 blocks this season.

Oh, and he’s second in scoring at 12.9 points per game.

Noah Dahlman, Wofford, Jr., 6-6, 215 — The Terriers are making their first NCAA appearance in big part due to this Southern Conference player of the year, who leads the team in scoring (16.8 ppg) and has scored in double figures in all 34 games this season. He doesn’t miss much, ranking 11th in the nation by hitting 58 percent of his shots.

Brian Qvale, Montana, Jr. 6-11, 265 — Averages 9.7 points on 60 percent shooting and posts 6.9 rebounds and nearly two blocks per game. When the Grizzlies rallied from a 22-point deficit against Weber State to win the Big Sky tournament, Qvale pulled down 14 rebounds and blocked six shots. Hey, Montana guard Anthony Johnson needed someone else to hit the boards so he could put up a tournament-record 42 points.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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HAWKS

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the half wound down. Austin drained a three-pointer at the 1:28 mark to give Howard its largest lead at nine. The Howard lead was seven at the break after an Austin layup rolled around the rim and out at the buzzer. “We didn’t have a lot of rhythm in the first half,” Adams said.

“Because they’re bigger than we are, and when we got the ball inside I thought we were getting fouled, but we weren’t.”

Southeastern would erase the deficit quickly with a 7-0 run to start the second half. The margin stayed within two until the 7:20 mark, when Howard slowly began to pull away as the Hawks began to find open lanes to the basket. “I thought that was the difference between

the first and second half play,” Adams said. “We just started taking some drives.”

Southeastern Illinois, which knocked off several ranked teams on its way to the tournament as the No. 5 seed in Region 16, couldn’t keep pace with Howard down the stretch. “I thought we had our chances,” Falcons coach Todd Franklin said. “They made more plays than we did, they

stayed disciplined for longer than we did and that proved to be the difference.”

The Hawks admittedly didn’t play their best game to start the tournament, but they’ll take the win. “We didn’t play well individually,” Adams said. “I give our opponent credit for that, but at the same time, when we needed to make plays, we came up with them.”

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Battle for Trump Control

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	Q 9 3		
♥	K Q 7		
♦	K Q 10 6		
♣	9 8 5		

EAST			
♠	7		
♥	10 8 6 4 3 2		
♦	8 5 4		
♣	Q 7 2		

SOUTH			
♠	K J 10 8 2		
♥	A J		
♦	A J 7 3		
♣	6 4		

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

One of the great advantages of playing in a suit contract, rather than notrump, is that the trump suit neutralizes at least some of the tricks the defenders would otherwise be able to take with their high cards or long suits. However, this advantage does not protect a declarer in every case. If the defenders persist in attacking with their long suit, they might eventually

run declarer out of trumps and then be able to score whatever tricks they have left in their main suit. Here is a case where the defenders can prevail in that manner, provided they play carefully. West leads three rounds of clubs, forcing declarer to ruff. Superficially, it seems that South is now on solid ground, since he has four sure trump tricks, three heart tricks and four diamond tricks. Nevertheless, the contract will fail if West defends correctly. At trick four, declarer leads the king of trumps. If West takes the king with the ace, South easily wins the rest of the tricks. But if West ducks the king of trumps, leaving himself with the A-6-5 while South still has the J-10-8, West retains control of the trump suit. When South continues with the jack, West ducks again, thus sealing declarer’s fate. South cannot afford to lead another trump, because West would win with the ace and return a club to force out declarer’s last trump and so defeat the contract two tricks. The best South can do, after West ducks the first two trumps, is to cash as many tricks as he can in diamonds and hearts. Sooner or later, West ruffs one of them with the six of trumps, and the contract goes down one.

Tomorrow: Combinations and percentages.
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O'DAY

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down there.” Undrafted after being a closer for Florida team that made it to the

College World Series in 2005, and having passed the entrance exam to get into medical school, O’Day still decided to pursue baseball.

The Los Angeles Angels signed O’Day

in 2006, and he was on their opening-day roster in 2008.

He made 30 appearances for Angels, but the Mets got him in the Rule 5 draft that winter.

O’Day allowed two unearned runs in four appearances after making New York’s opening day roster.

The Mets had designated O’Day for assignment when the Rangers picked him up.

With a pretty good chance of staying put this time, O’Day is getting to work on his

pitching rather than worrying about where he might be playing this season.

“I can tinker a little bit, maybe make myself better in the long run if I don’t get results in the short run,” he said.

Washington said O’Day has even “taken over a leadership role” on a team filled with youngsters.

Through his first two spring training appearances, O’Day had four strikeouts and allowed one run in three innings.

“He certainly knows how to use his stuff, and he certainly has an awkward motion, and it does give hitters some trouble,” Washington said. “When we give him the ball out there, we’re very comfortable he can get us the outs we’re looking for.”

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Texas briefs

Appeal rejected for convicted Selena killer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has affirmed the conviction of a fan serving life in prison for the 1995 killing of Tejano singing star Selena.

The appeals court in Austin on Wednesday denied a petition challenging the conviction of Yolanda Saldivar, who formerly led the entertainer's fan club.

Selena was shot and killed on March 31, 1995, at a Corpus Christi motel. Prosecutors say Selena had confronted Saldivar about embezzlement allegations.

A jury in Houston, where the trial was moved due to extensive publicity about the case, convicted Saldivar of murder.

Saldivar in June 2009 lost an appeal before the court in Austin because it was filed in the wrong county.

About \$50,000 damage to cemetery

CORSICANA (AP) — Three Corsicana men face charges after vandalism at a cemetery damaged more than 80 tombstones and caused at least \$50,000 in damage.

The Navarro County Sheriff's Department says the three men, ranging in age from 19 to 21, were arrested Wednesday and face felony criminal mischief charges in excess of \$20,000.

Pete Goodin with the Hopewell Cemetery Association is urging volunteers to meet at the cemetery on Saturday to work on repairs. Some of the broken tombstones date to the 1800s.

Detective Hank Bailey says the suspects in this month's vandalism were located based on items left at the scene, which showed evidence of a party.

Bailey told the Corsicana Daily Sun that all three suspects are unemployed.

Preliminary damage estimates topped \$50,000, but some investigators say the destruction could add up to twice that amount.

About 200 dead bats at library

PEARSALL (AP) — Hundreds of unwelcome bats have turned up in the Public Library.

Mayor Ray Martinez says the problem reached a point where the city last week had to hire a professional bat exclusionist. The expert sealed off openings where the bats were slipping into the building. Martinez says the bats are no longer a problem.

KENS-TV reports more than 200 dead bats, some just skeletons, were found inside the columns of the library during the examination.

State health officials, in a letter to library card holders and posted on the building's door, warned of potential risks for visitors.

A town hall meeting will be held Monday night at Pearsall city hall to discuss health concerns.

Beach buzzed by small plane

GALVESTON (AP) — Federal investigators want to talk to the pilot of a small plane that buzzed a beach in Galveston County at a reported altitude as low as 15 feet.

Video of the single-engine plane shows the aircraft flying low over dozens of people and vehicles at a Jeep club rally on Crystal Beach. Witness Terry Rodery of Santa Fe says the plane was just 15 to 20 feet off the ground on Saturday.

Rodery says he thought the plane was going to crash, until he saw the pilot smile and buzz the group at least twice. Rodery provided the tail number to law officers.

UW

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the United Way, said the three-man scramble will start at 1 p.m. both March 27 and 28. Cost is \$60 per team and includes a barbecue lunch Saturday and a "19th hole" party on the country club's patio.

Coor said the golf tournament is just the latest example of campaign officials finding unique ways to raise money in the face of a down economy.

"We feel like we have to go outside the box a little bit to meet our goal," Coor said. "So we're doing a few special events we don't normally do ... and we've great turnout from sponsors helping us out."

Several different area firms bought sponsorships for the tournament, including Alon USA, Pollard's Chevrolet, Coor's Distributing, Flying E Spraying Service, Hughes Joint Farm Venture, Leonard's Pharmacy, Harris Construction, Cowboy Construction, Western Bank, Wal-Mart and Key Energy.

Several of these special events have allowed the campaign to close in on its goal. Although the formal campaign ended in November with officials \$120,000 short of the \$300,000 goal, Coor reported Wednesday that \$225,000 has been raised to date.

With the area's economy still feeling the effects of recession, campaign officials said special events such as the golf tournament may become the norm for future United Way drives.

"We're definitely going to have to think outside the box," UW board member Eve Nieto said last November. "It's definitely tougher this year than in the past. At the same time, our agencies are stretched ... so we're going to have to do some special things to get to our goal."

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SNAKES

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how to avoid getting bitten if you happen across one of the creatures.

"It really is an educational program," Alexander said. "We show them that these

snakes can be really dangerous ... and the best way to handle yourself when and if you come up on one."

Ken Darnell of Alabama will return this year and present a milking demonstration — venom extracted from rattlers is routinely used in medical research. Venom collected at this year's event will

be sold to BioTech, a medical firm.

A major draw, as always, will be professional snake handler Jackie Bilby of Fort Worth, who will perform a variety of stunts, including crawling into a sleeping bag full of snakes and putting several rattlers into his mouth.

And, if you prefer your rat-

lesnakes dead, skinned and cooked, fried snake meat will be on sale.

Alexander said he expects up to 50 vendors for the arts and crafts show, which will be held in conjunction with the roundup.

"It'll be a mixture of items," he said. "There will be jewelry, there will be caps and

other clothing items, candles

and lots of other things."

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LAROSE

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friend and apparent failure to ever pledge her faith at a mosque.

"Maybe it's not the Islamic faith that is making them do this; maybe it's just their personal demons," said Ibrahim Hooper, national communications director for CAIR.

LaRose spent most of her life in Texas, where she dropped out of high school, married at 16 and again at 24, and racked up a few minor arrests. After a second divorce, she followed a boyfriend to Pennsylvania in about 2004 and began caring for his father while he worked long hours, sometimes on the road.

In 2005, she swallowed a handful of pills in a

failed suicide attempt, telling police she was upset over the death of her father — but did not want to die.

As she moved through her 40s without a job or any outside hobbies, her boyfriend said, she started spending more time online.

Though her boyfriend, Kurt Gorman, did not consider her religious, and she apparently never joined a mosque, LaRose had by 2008 declared herself "desperate" to help suffering Muslims in a video she posted on YouTube.

"In my view, she sort of slipped sideways into Islam. ... There may have been some seduction into it, by one or more people," said Temple University psychologist Frank Farley.

LaRose and Gorman shared an apartment

with his father in Pennsylvania, a quaint if isolated town an hour northwest of Philadelphia.

Just days after the father died last August, she stole Gorman's passport and fled to Europe without telling him, making good on her online pledge to try to kill in the name of Allah, according to the indictment.

From June 2008 through her Aug. 23, 2009, departure, the woman who also called herself "Fatima Rose" went online to recruit male fighters for the cause, recruit women with western passports to marry them, and raise money for the holy war, the indictment charged.

She had also agreed to marry one of her overseas contacts, a man from South Asia who said he could deal bombs

and explosives, according to e-mails recovered by authorities.

He also told her in a March 2009 e-mail to go to Sweden to find the artist, Lars Vilks.

"I will make this my goal till i achieve it or die trying," she wrote back, adding that her blonde American looks would help her blend in.

Vilks questioned the sophistication of the plotters, seven of whom were rounded up in Ireland last week, just before LaRose's indictment was unsealed. Still, he said he was glad LaRose never got to him. Although she had written the Swedish embassy in March 2009 to ask how to obtain residency, and joined his online artists group in September, there is no evidence from court

documents that she ever made it to Sweden. Instead, she was arrested returning to Philadelphia on Oct. 15.

Some terrorism experts wonder if LaRose posed any serious threat to Vilks or the United States — or was simply a lost soul.

"People in distress blame the government, and now blaming the government means taking the side of these Muslim terrorists," said Ian Lustick, a University of Pennsylvania political science professor. "They're about as

jihadist as you and me, but they're a lot less happy."

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 By Eddy Pitchford

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OUR VIEW

Powwow's organizers need help

The call has gone out: The Big Spring Powwow Committee has plans on making the 2010 edition of the powwow the biggest and best ever, but to do so, they're in need of a few things — donations, sponsors and volunteers.

Committee members are still in the process of trying to line up dancers, vendors and other entertainment for the annual event, slated for April 17-18 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

"Donations and sponsors are what keep the powwow going each year," said Committee Treasurer Connie Lesser. "It costs anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to put it on each year, so donations are always a huge help, even if it's just a few dollars here and there. Our local businesses, who help sponsor the event, are also a huge part of what we do. We'll be taking business sponsors right up until about a week before the powwow, so it's not too late to show your support for this great event."

Lesser said another commodity to the annual Big Spring Powwow is volunteers, who play a huge role in making sure the two-day event runs smoothly.

"We need volunteers to help us run some of the minor parts of the powwow," said Lesser. "Things like helping to run the front desk and some of the contests, and monitor some of the different stations. It's a lot of fun and it gives people a chance to get a birds-eye view of what goes on during the powwow."

For more information about the powwow, contact Lesser at 264-8203, or visit the Powwow Committee's Web site at www.powwowbigspring.com.

Arena director is Fabian Galvan of Lubbock and emcee for the event is Tim Harjo of Ada, Okla., both of whom are returning after participating in last year's powwow.

"It's always a help to be able to bring folks back from the previous year. They already have a feel for how things are run, and that can be a tremendous help," said Lesser.

But just because some of the key players will be returning doesn't mean those who attend the powwow won't be experiencing something new this year.

"We want the event to feel fresh and fun for everyone," Lesser explained. "When we sat down and started planning the 2010 powwow, that was our main focus."

"The powwow is a social event and there is no Native American religion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies," explained committee member Randy McKinney. "A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drum alone will lift your heart and make your feet want to dance."

Vendors offering many different Native American wares, from jewelry to food, will be on hand. In addition, a silent auction is scheduled and a food drive is also planned with all donated canned goods given to local food banks.

So it should be a lot of fun for everyone.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are the inspiration we need in this world.

Amen

To fight for immigration reform, don't show up in the last round

They seemed almost embarrassed to acknowledge it. Yet one after another, the same immigrant rights leaders who encouraged us to vote for Barack Obama were telling us that the president had betrayed them — and all of us who believed that he would fix our broken immigration system.

At a Washington news conference last week, they finally took off their politically correct gloves and slapped the president around for failing to keep his promise to fight for comprehensive immigration reform.

It took them a long time. If they had started protesting this way last summer, perhaps they could have pressured the president and Congress to take up this controversial matter long before this year's midterm elections. Yet now that they are nearly out of time — in the last round — the pro-immigrant leaders finally have come out swinging.

They charged that Obama broke George W. Bush's deportation record, that the Obama administration "seems proud to out-enforce the Bush administration" and that many things Obama could have improved for undocumented immigrants — even without the consent of Congress — have actually worsened under his administration. They said that even in their wildest nightmares, they never imagined that Obama would deport more than 387,000 immigrants during his first year as president or that on any given day on Obama's watch, there would be 32,000 immigrants detained in U.S. prisons and awaiting deportation.

"These are the same enforcement practices that we marched against during the Bush administration," said Angelica Salas, director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

She and other members of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement called on Obama to halt immigration raids and deportations and to fight for a legalization plan for some 11 million undocumented immigrants. They called on all Americans to join them in a pro-immigration

march in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, March 21, to pressure the president and Congress to come up with "concrete" immigration reform proposals immediately.

That was on Monday, March 8. Three days later, some of the same leaders actually met with the president and came out of the White House claiming that they were encouraged once again by Obama's alleged commitment to overhaul our immigration system. Really? On the same day they were meeting with the president, major raids against undocumented immigrants were being conducted in Maryland, as the Obama administration continues to beat Bush on Draconian policies that could be stopped by executive order.

Before meeting with pro-immigrant advocates Thursday, March 11, Obama also met with the two senators — Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. — who have been procrastinating artfully on the creation of a new "bipartisan" immigration reform bill.

And though the pro-immigrant advocates keep demanding to see a concrete proposal from the president and Congress before their March 21 demonstration, all we've gotten has been a statement in which Obama said he would "review" the "promising framework" drafted by the two senators.

Obviously, the Schumer-Graham bill is far from ready — and much farther from being introduced, approved by Congress and signed by Obama this year.

As opposed to the comprehensive immigration reform bill already introduced in the House — by Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill. — the Schumer-Graham bill would attempt to control future illegal immigration by creating a national biometric identification card for all American citizens and legal immigrants — a new issue that by itself could take a year to debate in Congress and perhaps even longer in the courts. There certainly will be many Americans who will argue that a national ID card would allow the government to violate their right to privacy.

Surely Schumer, Graham and Obama are aware that such a measure would totally derail comprehensive immigration reform for months, if not years. Is that their objective? Can they be trusted at this point?

While the president was telling

pro-immigrant advocates that he needs to rally the support of some Republicans in order to pass an immigration reform bill, Graham was issuing a statement saying that he told Obama "in no uncertain terms" that immigration reform "could come to a halt for the year" if Obama persisted on passing health care legislation by using the reconciliation method, which requires a 51-vote majority in the Senate instead of 60 votes. "Using reconciliation to push health care through will make it much harder for Congress to come together on a topic as important as immigration," Graham noted.

Of course, we all know that Obama is indeed "using reconciliation to push health care through." In fact, he is spending all his political capital to attain the 216 House votes needed to pass the health care bill this week — the same week when pro-immigrant advocates expect him to come up with "concrete" immigration proposals.

It's too late — and they know it! Everyone knows that the obstacles to immigration reform are insurmountable right now. Everyone knows that once health care is out of the way, the president and Congress have other huge priorities, such as job creation, waiting in line.

Yet they show up in the last round, while their opponent is still busy with another tough rival, and they expect Obama to fight for health care and immigration at the same time.

They stayed loyal to Obama and the Democratic Party for too long, and now they will go to Washington to pretend that they are the independent leaders they should have been since last summer.

I'm sorry. I wish this were truly a grass-roots effort to condemn Obama and the Democratic leadership in Congress for betraying the immigrants they promised to help. Better yet, I wish it were still possible to pressure Democrats to "do the right thing" for immigrants this year. But this is all a farce.

The White House meetings with senators and advocates and even the demonstration on Sunday — it's all a show, make-believe, so that both the backstabbing politicians and the betrayed pro-immigrant leaders can pretend that at least they tried.

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Real geniuses make mistakes, too

A year ago, David Axelrod, the president's senior adviser, was a genius. A year ago, Rahm Emanuel, the president's chief of staff, was a wizard.

Axelrod was at President Obama's side for the long campaign, managing the strategy that resulted in Obama's victories over Hillary Clinton and John Edwards in the primaries, and John McCain in the general election.

Anyone who thinks doing that is easy ought to try it: I have, and it isn't.

Emanuel, a veteran White House aide and congressman, managed to push through a stimulus bill in the president's first weeks in office and was credited with the skills and know-how to guide a first-term senator through the Washington snake pit.

Now, both of these men are the focus of scathing articles in major publications, the subject of backbiting and sniping, second-guessed for their strategy and toughness.

What happened? How did two geniuses suddenly become such out-and-out fools?

This is the short answer: They didn't. They are still the guys they were last year. If they weren't in these jobs, people would be saying they should be and blaming the guys (or gals) who were. Welcome to the cruel

world of politics.

Working in the highest levels of politics is a little bit like having an affair with a married person. It's bound to end badly, not because (as is the case with the affair) it's a bad move in the first place, but because democracy is so darn difficult.

No matter what you do, you're bound to fail sooner or later. And when you do, it's merciless.

In Hollywood, failure is also inevitable. Even Steven Spielberg makes a dog now and then, and he's among the best in the game. But failure in Tinseltown is not nearly as cruel; the joke is that you fail and get promoted. You show me an Academy Award winner, and I'll show you someone who's made almost as many dogs as hits.

This year's obvious example is Sandra Bullock, who won an Oscar for best actress and a Razzie for worst.

It did not diminish her smile on election night, nor will it cut into her paycheck for her next film.

Not so in Washington. The town itself — and by that I mean not just the place and the people who work there, but the thousands more who spend their days opining or reporting on what they did wrong — has only grown more vicious over the years. In Washington, the national pastime is not baseball but gotcha. And the more you try to do, the more likely you are to be gotten.

Axelrod is being criticized for allowing the president to try to do too much. But if he hadn't, if Obama had decided earlier this year to put off his health care

initiative until better economic times, I can promise you he would be criticized for allowing the president to do too little, for wasting the mandate and neglecting the commitments made during the campaign.

Emanuel is being criticized for being too tough, playing the inside game with too much vigor and too sharp elbows. But I'm old enough to remember when Jimmy Carter came to town with the Georgians, who were roundly criticized for not knowing or playing the Washington game with the toughness required. President Clinton was criticized for trying to shove a health care bill that Congress had no role in formulating down their throats. Emanuel is being criticized for doing just the opposite.

Heads you lose, tails you lose. Indeed, I can't tell you how many Democrats have come up to me in recent weeks to tell me I was "right" — that Hillary Clinton would have been the better president.

Now, no one is a bigger fan of Hillary than I am, but I can promise you that if she were president, there would be plenty of Democrats longing for Barack. Everyone makes mistakes, including presidents and their top advisers. But Axelrod and Emanuel were among the best in the business last year, and they still are.

Their recent stumbles, if that's the right word, are not a sign that they have lost their touch, but only of just how hard their jobs are.

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News in brief

Democrats struggle over final details of health bill ahead of weekend vote as support grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pushing toward a history-making vote, Democrats struggled to eliminate lingering complications standing in the way of House action this weekend on President Barack Obama's landmark health care overhaul.

Their drive to make the nation's health care system more efficient and extend coverage to millions of uninsured Americans took on a growing sense of inevitability, picking up endorsements from a longtime liberal holdout and from a retired Roman Catholic bishop and nuns who broke with church leaders over the bill's abortion provisions.

At the same time, last-minute snags related to costs delayed formal release of the legislation and an analysis from the Congressional Budget Office at least until Thursday. Democratic lawmakers had hoped to see those details last week.

Since Democrats are promising 72 hours for lawmakers and the public to review the legislation once it's released, that would push a House vote on the bill until Sunday at the earliest — the same day Obama plans to leave for an overseas trip. Obama already has delayed the trip once so he can be present for the vote and help with the 11th-hour arm-twisting that inevitably will precede it.

"You've got to realize how complicated this is and how focused we are on getting it right," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Wednesday near the end of a long day of meetings on the legislation. "We're waiting to get a real confidence level."

Clinton joins top diplomats for talks on Mideast peace, separate arms talks with Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday opened two days of talks with Russian leaders on nuclear arms control and other security issues, and separately with top international diplomats on the outlook for bringing Israel and the Palestinians back to peace talks.

Clinton arrived in the Russian capital after an overnight flight from Washington and was to be joined by the Obama administration's special envoy for Mideast peace, George Mitchell, to participate in talks with diplomats from Russia, the European Union and the United Nations. They were discussing the crisis in U.S.-Israeli relations and stalled efforts to restart Mideast peace negotiations.

Clinton was meeting one-on-one with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and the two were then dining with their U.N. and E.U. colleagues. Together they form the so-called Quartet of Mideast peacemakers; they are scheduled to hold formal talks on Friday.

The Quartet meeting was intended to lend support for the start this week of indirect talks between the Israelis and Palestinians. But those talks fell apart before they began — a casualty of Israel's provocative approval of new housing in east Jerusalem.

The diplomatic crisis erupted last Tuesday, when Israel announced during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden that it would build 1,600 apartments for Jews in disputed east Jerusalem, the sector of the holy city that the Palestinians claim for a future capital. Clinton called the announcement an insult and "a deeply negative signal" for the peace process; she even questioned Israel's commitment to its relationship with the U.S.

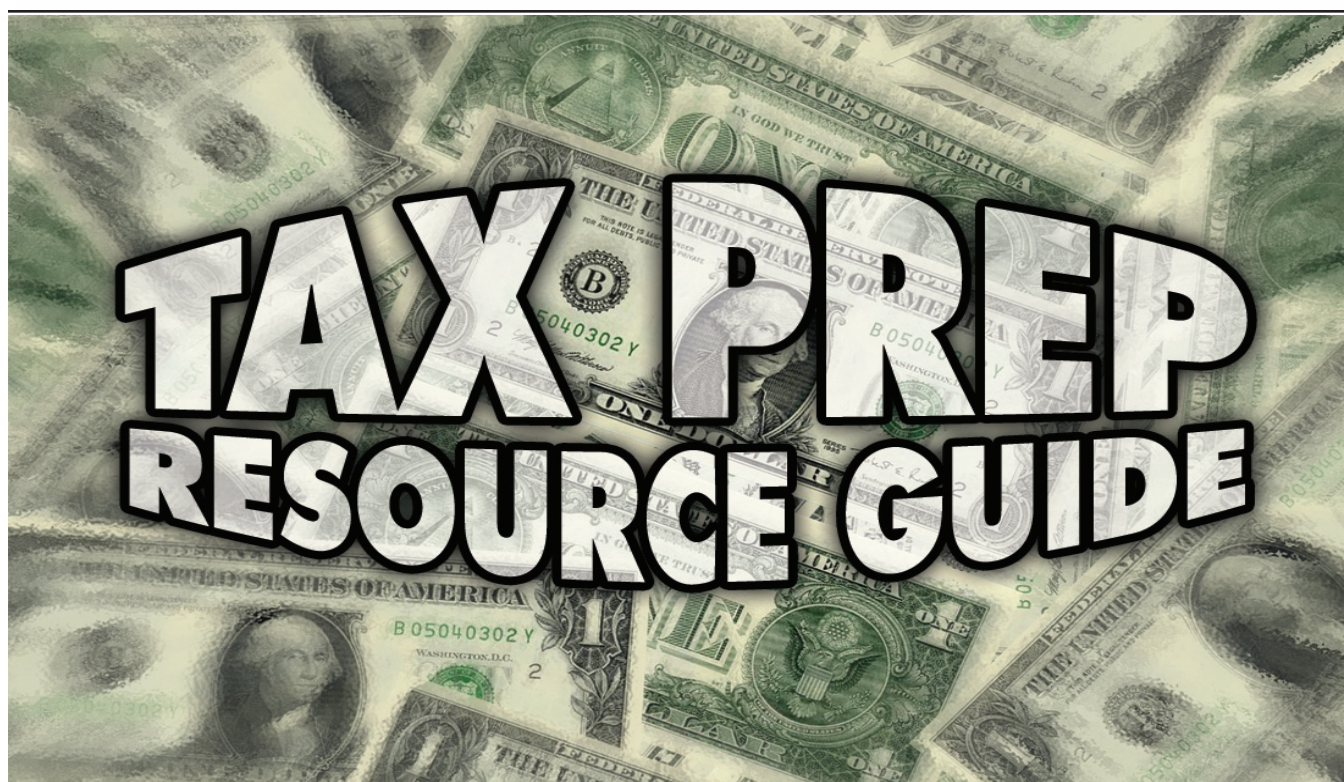
Government bank regulators got big bonuses despite missing warnings signs of crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks weren't the only ones giving big bonuses in the boom years before the worst financial crisis in generations. The government also was handing out millions of dollars to bank regulators, rewarding "superior" work even as an avalanche of risky mortgages helped create the meltdown.

The payments, detailed in payroll data released to The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act, are the latest evidence of the government's false sense of security during the go-go days of the financial boom. Just as bank executives got bonuses despite taking on dangerous amounts of risk, regulators got taxpayer-funded bonuses despite missing or ignoring signs that the system was on the verge of a meltdown.

The bonuses were part of a reward program little known outside the government. Some government regulators got tens of thousands of dollars in perks, boosting their salaries by almost 25 percent. Often, though, rewards amounted to just a few hundred dollars for employees who came up with good ideas.

During the 2003-06 boom, the three agencies that supervise most U.S. banks — the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency — gave out at least \$19 million in bonuses, records show.



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The moon transits from Aries, the warrior, into Taurus, the sign of money and luxury. You might be willing to pay more for the goods that delight your senses, and you won't be the only one. For those who are in the business of moving merchandise that makes others feel pampered, beautiful and rich, today the products will sell themselves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The warmth you naturally radiate today enhances your relationships. Social happenings bring out your best and remind you how good it feels to be around nice people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The timing is right to spend a little money on your physical aspect. Be it a massage or a spa treatment, some TLC will yield tangible benefits for at least two weeks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Come to think of it, your mischievous side hasn't been out in a while. You used to be known for your jovial pranks. Bring it back for a second, and make a few friends smile.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When someone tells a joke in a group and you laugh, the others will laugh, too — not because it's hilarious, but because you are a leader and your attitude is contagious. You'll bring people up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get the chance to show your true grit. Your

Tomorrow's Horoscope

perseverance earns you a favorable review among your bosses and colleagues. You are becoming known as the person who gets the job done, no matter what.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You worry that a recent concern may hurt someone you care about, even though you feel it was handled well. Don't worry. The most important thing is to stay true to your vision. In the long run, your friend will understand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be spreading that easy charm and good will you're so famous for. And it's a good time for it, too, because a lot of people around you need some inspiration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might not be Rachael Ray, but you know your way around the kitchen and even have a few things you make really well. Once in a while, it's good to make food for people. It's the original social networking application.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are willing to risk more than the average Joe. You're not walking a tightrope; you're running it. Who knows how long you can keep that up? Slow down! The view is nice from your current height.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you were playing dice, you would have already gotten four Yahtzees. Things are just clicking for you today. Do something that takes guts and timing now, because the force is with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel like revisiting your old stomping grounds. Is that a sentimental plea to return to a simpler time?

No, you just like those places because they made you who you are today. And you like who you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are two kinds of people in the world: doers and talkers. You know which one you are. Don't be distracted by all the hubbub around you. You have somewhere to go, and you know what you need to do to get there.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18). You will succeed due to your increased powers of observation. You notice more than you normally would and, therefore, will make powerful connections with those who will love you or help you move to the next level in your career, or both! Your family thrives because of your help and loyalty through the fall. Gemini and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 16, 14, 28 and 10.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Some people say the fourth house represents mother, and some say it represents father. Which is it?"

Well, that depends on which parent was the most prominent in your childhood development. In so-called "traditional" families, this is usually the mother, but your situation may be different. In general, the fourth house represents "home." This is your sanctuary, the place where you feel safe and snug — whether that's the childhood home of your memories or your current 3-story walkup apartment with the view of an alleyway; whichever has the most

emotional tug on your heart. It could even be, say, your grandmother's house, where the family used to gather for holiday dinners back in the day. The nurturing, touchy-feely moon is the natural ruler of the fourth house — no wonder! If you're using the fourth house to symbolize your mother, then the 10th house (directly opposite) would symbolize your father. Children who moved around a lot often have Mercury, the planet of travel, in their fourth house. If you have Saturn in your fourth house, it could symbolize that you were raised by a grandparent or your mother had you late in life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She went from working at Burger King to finding her own royal title and taking the entertainment industry by storm. Queen Latifah's work in music, film and television has earned her a Golden Globe, a Grammy and two Screen Actors Guild awards. She has an excellent chart for an artist, with her natal sun and Mercury in intuitive Pisces and her moon in the sign of the entertainer — Leo.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been happy together for 25 years.

When her adult son lost his job, we let him move in with us so he could get back on his feet.

Three years later, he is no better off than the day he arrived. "Joe" will find a good job, work for a while and then quit.

Sometimes he won't get out of bed until the afternoon. He contributes absolutely nothing toward the bills.

I am angry that we are living paycheck to paycheck because of the extra money we spend to feed and house Joe.

He is wasting his life. I've suggested he move in with his father, who lives in another state. My wife says, "If it bothers you, say something to him."

Annie, I resent that she is putting this problem in my hands instead of dealing with it herself.

I know it bothers her, too. I want my home back without the extra baggage. What do I do? — *Lost in My Own Home*

Dear Lost: Your wife is asking you to be the bad guy so she doesn't have to be. We recommend you take her up on it.

First make sure you and your wife agree on the message. Then tell Joe you can no longer afford to support him.

Insist he get some type of job within two weeks and begin paying a reasonable amount of rent.

If he doesn't like it, he is welcome to live elsewhere. Joe should not be able to appeal to Mom for a better deal, so make sure she backs you up.

Dear Annie: Boy, did I see our family when I read the letter from "Frustrated Mom in Michigan City," whose 14-year-old son doesn't turn in his homework or feed the dog, but spends hours on computer games.

When our son was 14, the computer games seemed harmless. He is 21 now. He dropped out of college and has an entry-level job and no future.

I wish we had cut the games off completely when his marks were low. — *My Avatar is General Mom*

Dear General: Our readers had an interesting mix of responses to that letter, but many recommended unplugging the computer. Read on:

From South Bend, Ind.: My 16-year-old daughter is a high-functioning autistic.

She has delusions that she will be a marine biologist, but has to have an assistant simply to keep her on task. Her psychiatrist said she may improve with intense behavioral therapy, but reality will never come close to meshing with her fantasy world.

Many of these high-functioning children suffer from ADD to OCD-like behaviors. They seem so intelligent, but they have no common sense.

I suggest this mom take

her son to their family doctor.

Davenport, Iowa: I would recommend she find a good neurosurgeon and schedule a spine transplant.

She should then tell her son he gets one hour per day of gaming, after which he can read a book or throw a Frisbee. There is only one activity that can compete with the allure of computers for teenage boys: a Ping-Pong table with a good stereo next to it.

Chicago: My son was also very bright and absolutely unmotivated to do anything but play computer games.

I know now he was addicted. He ballooned to 280 pounds, was irritable, lied about schoolwork and would have spent every minute at his computer eating fast food in his underwear if we had let him.

Mom must be in charge of computer access and food. He'll make life a living hell until he knows you won't back down.

Montana: As a teacher, I have seen many children with the same problems. Parents need to reserve computer games as a reward after a child has finished all homework and chores.

Many children this age retreat into the alternate reality of computer games because they find success in that world.

Parents need to help them find success in the real world.



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2010 Malibu

*Chevy mid-size sedan
very impressive ride*

For consumers in the market for a mid-size sedan, the 2010 Chevrolet Malibu is a solid contender in the segment.

With a base price starting at \$21,395, the five-passenger, front-wheel drive Malibu provides a great deal of interior room while delivering exceptional fuel economy.

After earning North American Car of the Year honors in 2008, Chevy continues to enhance its popular mid-size sedan, which by the way, continues to rack up accolades.

New for 2010 features include a bevy of new exterior colors, 17-inch Chrome Tech aluminum wheels, and a driver power-adjustable lumbar.

Standard safety features now include head-curtain side airbags and front seat-mounted thorax protection airbags, StabiliTrak electronic stability control with brake assist and traction control as standard across the Malibu lineup.

Produced at GM's Fairfax (Kansas) and Orion (Michigan) assembly plants, the

Malibu is designed to go head-to-head against the Toyota Camry, Ford Fusion, Hyundai Sonata and Honda Accord.

For the 2010 model year, the Malibu is available in three trim levels — LS, LT and LTZ.

A 2.4-liter I-4 engine producing 169 horsepower powers the Malibu LS and LT models. Mated to a four-speed

automatic transmission, it has an EPA fuel economy rating of 22 mpg city, 33 mpg highway using regular unleaded gasoline.

A 3.6-liter V-6 engine is available on LT trim lines and standard on Malibu

LTZ models. Producing 252 horsepower using regular unleaded gasoline, the V-6 is mated to a new six-speed automatic transmission and has an EPA fuel economy rating of 17 mpg city, 26 mpg highway.

Chevrolet is also producing a hybrid version of the Malibu for fleet sales only. Likewise for the E85-capable I-4 engine.



The 2010 Chevrolet Malibu sedan.

While these models will no doubt come on the previously owned market in the next few years, these alternative fuel models are not a current option for consumers looking to purchase a new Malibu from the dealership.

For this week's review, I had the opportunity to log seat time in the 2010 Malibu LT equipped with the standard I-4 engine.

I was very impressed with the base engine. It has a lot of get up and go, especially when you need quick acceleration.

And you have to love the fuel economy. In a normal week of driving, I still had more than a half a tank of gas left when the driver came to pick up the car.

While nicely equipped, the test vehicle came with three optional features totaling \$875.

The power convenience

package (\$525) added a six-way power driver's seat and remote start feature.

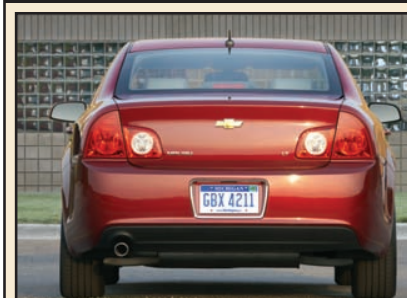
The Bluetooth interface package (\$250) allows for hands-free connection to your cell phone, allowing the driver to place and receive calls from their phone via the car's speaker system without having to take their hands off the wheel. It also includes a USB port and a rear seat 110V outlet.

The final option was a compact spare tire (\$100) to replace the tire sealant and inflator kit that comes standard. I highly recommend this \$100 option.

For those in the market for a mid-size sedan, the 2010 Chevy Malibu is highly recommended for a test drive.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 20 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL:
2010 Chevrolet Malibu
5-seat mid-size sedan
Front-wheel drive
Trim packages:
LS, LT, LTZ
PRICE RANGE:
\$22,000-\$29,000
ENGINE:
2.4-L I4 (169 hp/158 T)
3.6-L V6 (252 hp/251 T)
TRANSMISSION:
4-speed automatic
6-speed automatic
EPA: 22/17 mpg city, 33/26 mpg highway (I-4/V-6)
FUEL: Regular unleaded

SUSPENSION:

MacPherson strut with aluminum L-shaped control arms, direct-acting 22-mm hollow stabilizer bar (front); four-link independent with twin-tube gas shocks, dual-rate mini-block coil springs, direct-acting 19-mm solid stabilizer bar

(rear).

TRACTION CONTROL:

StabiliTrak electronic stability control with brake assist and traction control

BRAKES:

ABS
LENGTH: 191.8 inches

WHEELBASE: 112.3 inches

WIDTH: 70.3 inches

HEIGHT: 57.1 inches

WEIGHT: 3,415-3,649 lbs.

TRACK: 59.6/60

(front/rear)

FUEL TANK: 16.3 gallons

TIRES: 17-, or 18-inch

TRUNK: 15.1 cubic feet

New CFO says GM has chance to make 2010 profit

DETROIT (AP) — If the economy cooperates and auto sales recover a bit, General Motors Co. has a reasonable chance of turning a full-year profit in 2010, its new chief financial officer said this week.

Former Microsoft Corp. CFO Chris Liddell, at his first meeting with reporters in Detroit, said the automaker is making money in Brazil and China, in the middle in North America and struggling in Europe.

"Relative to where we were a couple of years ago, that's enormous progress," he said in

a conference room at GM's downtown Detroit headquarters.

He also said it's possible that GM will sell shares to the public in the second half of 2010. But he won't set a timetable because GM must be making money, auto sales and the economy have to recover and the financial markets must be receptive.

GM also has to be selling its cars and trucks well within a recovering market, he said.

GM exited bankruptcy protection last year and has received \$52 billion in U.S. government aid. Liddell says he would

like to repay the \$6.7 billion loan portion of the aid before June. He would not predict how much of the remainder would be repaid from the stock offering.

Porsche H1 profit skids 83 percent on VW merger costs

BERLIN (AP) — A dip in sales and costs from its failed attempt to take over Volkswagen pushed sports car maker Porsche's six-month net profit down by 83 percent.

The maker of the 911,

Cayenne and Panamera, said it earned \$957 million (\$1.3 billion) in the first six months of its fiscal year ending Jan. 31. That's well below the \$5.5 billion it reported the same time a year earlier.

Investors were not impressed, sending Porsche shares down 2 percent to \$42.89 in Frankfurt trading as the wider DAX gained nearly 1 percent.

Porsche had launched an ambitious takeover of Volkswagen last year only to see it fail as Volkswagen, Europe's biggest auto maker by sales, mounted its own

acquisition of Porsche.

The subsequent failure by Porsche caused it to post its first loss since 1994 after it was forced to write down options on VW shares it held.

Likewise, Porsche said it expects the fallout from the deal to cause a second annual loss, noting in its report that "forecasts are for an overall negative result of a low single-digit billion-euro figure" to be incurred.

Sales of its cars were down 1.7 percent in the half-year, with 33,670 cars delivered.

The automaker's Cayenne, an SUV-inspired model, was its best-selling model, with 13,454 cars sold though that was a decline of 19.8 percent from a year earlier.

Declines were reported in all of its key markets, including North America and Europe.

The sporty and expensive 911 saw its sales

drop nearly 45 percent with 7,493 of the cars sold. Its two-seat Boxster model gained 11.3 percent with nearly 4,400 of them sold in the six-month period.

Looking ahead, Porsche Automobil Holding SE, based in Stuttgart, expects sales "to pick up" as it makes more of its four-seat Panamera models available, with an eye to stabilizing and "rise slightly."

Renault, Nissan inaugurate first India plant

MUMBAI, India (AP) — Renault SA and Nissan Motor Co. inaugurated their first joint car factory in India this week, the companies said.

The plant in the southern Indian city of Chennai is part of a \$990 million joint investment and will be able to produce up to 400,000 vehicles a year by 2015.

Production of Nissan's new sub-compact Micra will start in May 2010, with an initial workforce of 1,500, the companies said.

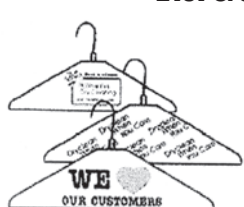
The Micra is Nissan's first attempt to tap India's fast-growing market for small cars. It will also be exported to over 100 countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Production of Renault's Koleos and Fluence cars, both for India's domestic market, is scheduled to start in 2011.

"With the new Micra, we have the start of a product offensive in India that is supported by a localized manufacturing facility capable of making products for both Renault and Nissan," Nissan chief Carlos Ghosn said.

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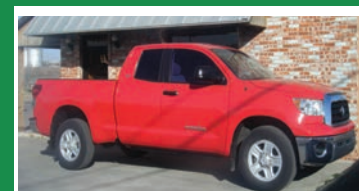
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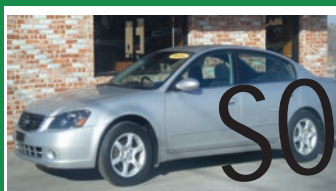
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 18, the 77th day of 2010. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1910, the first filmed adaptation of Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein," produced by Thomas Edison's New York movie studio, was released, with Charles Ogle as the Monster.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1938, Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized his country's petroleum reserves and took control of foreign-owned oil facilities.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

In 1962, France and Algerian rebels signed a cease-fire agreement, which took effect the next day.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 83. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 74. Country singer Charley Pride is 72. Actor Kevin Dobson is 67. Actor Brad Dourif is 60. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 59. Singer Irene Cara is 51. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 51. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 48. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 48. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 47. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 46. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 46. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 44. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 43. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 40. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 38. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 33. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 31.

Thought for Today: "I take a simple view of living. It is keep your eyes open and get on with it." — Laurence Olivier, British actor (1907-1989).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Powerful presidential appointee
- 5 Midday ritual
- 10 Wild guess
- 14 ___ fide
- 15 Get used (to)
- 16 Wholesale quantity
- 17 Shower bar
- 18 Bishop's hat
- 19 Sore spot
- 20 Like tempered glass
- 23 New Orleans sandwich
- 26 Wd. division
- 27 Takes time off
- 28 Overturns
- 30 Outfield material
- 31 Easy-to-read book format
- 35 Will Smith biopic
- 38 Goes wrong
- 39 Chad neighbor
- 40 Lost one's footing
- 41 Porcine pad
- 42 Uncommon blood type
- 44 Space-bar neighbor
- 46 Conjures up
- 47 Protuberance
- 50 RR stop
- 53 Pole vault or long jump
- 54 Too much publicity
- 57 Sports sled
- 58 Arrested
- 59 Manx cat's lack
- 63 Balm ingredient
- 64 Annoyed

DOWN

- 1 Cold Case network
- 2 Place to see pandas
- 3 Santa __, CA
- 4 Some Grammy nominees
- 5 Bean town?
- 6 Military divisions
- 7 Like pralines
- 8 Angler's basket
- 9 Frau's mate
- 10 Terror-stricken
- 11 Tex-Mex meal
- 12 Like ___ (quickly)
- 13 Complaints
- 21 Literary alter ego
- 22 Paid player
- 23 Whimpers
- 24 Dizzying paintings
- 25 Preserves ingredient
- 29 Soft-impact sound
- 30 Place for a drama
- 32 Barbecue offering
- 33 "Son of" in Arabic names
- 34 "Science Guy" of TV
- 35 Similarly
- 36 Perk up
- 37 What "i.e." stands for
- 40 Saucepan's spot
- 43 State positively
- 44 Reaches an accord
- 45 Second Manassas victor
- 47 Gaucho weapons
- 48 Throat dangler
- 49 Kids' building blocks
- 50 Onrush
- 51 Scale parts
- 52 Cuisine category
- 55 Diagnostic device
- 56 Biblical preposition
- 60 Imitate
- 61 Make angry
- 62 Strong cleaning solution

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