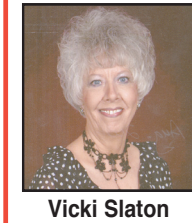




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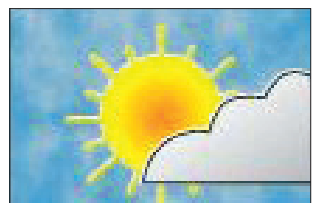


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Local man charged with kidnapping

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man led local law enforcement officers on a short chase Tuesday morning after allegedly abducting his son's former girlfriend from a Big Spring State Hospital halfway house on Highway 350.

Arthur Calloway Sr., 40, was arrested near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700 at approximately 9 a.m. on a charge of kidnapping, accord-

ing to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker.

"The investigation is ongoing, but my understanding is Calloway forcibly removed the victim from an address in the 1700 block of Highway 350 shortly after 8:30 a.m.," said Parker. "The suspect was located approximately 20 minutes later and taken into custody."

The abductee, an 18-year-old female, sustained minor injuries in the altercation, according to Parker.

"The injuries she suffered were consistent with being forcibly detained," said Parker. "However, none of them were major."

According to Parker, Calloway pulled up in front of the Highway 350 home and forced Cortez — who law enforcement officials believe to be the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the suspect's son, who goes by the same name — into a Suddenlink van.

"My understanding is Calloway works for Suddenlink,

but we're still verifying everything," said Parker just minutes after the victim was rescued. "Initial reports were she had been abducted by her boyfriend, but the suspect's son is currently being held in the Howard County Jail. We're not sure at this time why Calloway abducted the girl, but the situation is still under investigation."

According to dispatchers with the HCSO, Calloway is believed to have been working for Suddenlink out of An-

draws. Shortly after his arrest — at approximately 8:55 a.m. — deputies requested the local cable company send a licensed driver to pick up the van.

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

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BSISD aces report card on finances

Receives Superior ranking from TEA

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District's string of perfect financial report cards continues.

As it has ever year since the program's inception, BSISD received a Superior ranking from Texas Education Agency as part of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) program.

FIRST serves the same purpose for school district business offices that the TEA accountability system serves for academic programs, said Sandra Waggoner, BSISD chief financial officer.

"This is the business office side of the accountability equation," Waggoner said. "The only difference is that we don't face any sanctions."

The rating system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to manage their financial resources better in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes, according to information released by TEA. The system will also disclose the quality of local management and decision-making processes that impact the allocation of financial resources in Texas public schools.

Under FIRST, the state measures about 25 special indicators to gauge a school district's

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Construction crews work on removing old concrete from in front of Klasic Kleaners on Gregg Street this morning. The work is part of the overall Gregg Street renovation project.

Got books? FOL wants 'em

Organization getting ready for annual fund-raiser

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Have some old books just gathering dust around the house? The Friends of the Howard County Library have a way to help you clear space and help the library at the same time.

The organization is requesting book donations for its annual book sale, scheduled for Sept. 18-20 in the library basement.

Hours for the book sale will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. the first two days and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20.

Although the organization supports the library throughout the year with various activities, the book sale is its biggest fund-raiser.

Persons wishing to donate books or audio/visual items such as DVDs, books on tape or video tapes are requested to bring them to the library during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Members ask that no periodicals or condensed books be donated.

The Friends of the Library use

proceeds from the sale to help fund programs such as the library's summer reading program, as well as to purchase items such as chairs, computer software and book drops.

The group is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the library outside the budget furnished by Howard County.

"Our budget from the county has decreased the past couple of

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Obituaries

Melissa Flores

Melissa Flores, 39, of Watauga, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Mona Lue Tonn, of Spring Tabernacle, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1960, in Waco. She grew up in Temple and Houston and lived in Big Spring from 1993 until 2006. She attended A&M University, was a Christian and a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Sean Michael Poffenbarger of Anaheim, Calif., and Joshua Daniel Brown of Big Spring; parents, Elma and Alex A. Flores Sr. of Big Spring; one sister, Erin Beth Skillett and husband, Kenneth, of Flower Mound; one brother, Alex Flores Jr. of Lubbock; two nieces and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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



Police blotter

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

- SHAYLN WALTON, 21, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 123, was arrested Monday on a local warrant and a charge of theft – more than \$50, less than \$500.
- SHELBY WALTON, 20, of 1804 Settles, was arrested Monday on four local warrants and a warrant from another agency.
- JAMES WILLIAMS, 42, of 2412 Alabama, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- VIRGINIA MORENO, 45, of 100 N.W. Third St., was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 1800 block of Settles. in the 100 block of Whipkey.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of Third Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported: in the 700 block of Creighton. in the 2400 block of Alabama.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — An arrest log for the corresponding dates was not available at press time.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of W. Sixth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2200 block of Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700. Three people were transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of N.W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad. Service refused.

Support Groups

TODAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	67	t-storm	Kingsville	92	74	t-storm
Amarillo	84	61	t-storm	Livingston	93	69	t-storm
Austin	94	70	t-storm	Longview	92	70	t-storm
Beaumont	91	71	t-storm	Lubbock	88	64	t-storm
Brownsville	88	74	t-storm	Lufkin	93	70	t-storm
Brownwood	93	67	t-storm	Midland	87	68	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	76	t-storm	Raymondville	90	73	t-storm
Corsicana	95	70	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	71	t-storm
Dallas	96	72	t-storm	San Antonio	93	73	t-storm
Del Rio	91	73	t-storm	San Marcos	95	70	t-storm
El Paso	90	69	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	70	t-storm
Fort Stockton	86	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	66	t-storm
Gainesville	94	70	t-storm	Tyler	92	69	t-storm
Greenville	93	68	t-storm	Weatherford	95	70	t-storm
Houston	91	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	68	t-storm

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 25 - 27 - 29 - 35. Bonus Ball: 26. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$225,000.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2 - 3 - 1 - 4. Sum It Up: 10.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5 - 4 - 1. Sum It Up: 10.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14 - 15 - 19 - 22 - 26.

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Bipartisan Senate group to meet on health care as time winds down for compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time is running out for a two-party compromise on health care as a bipartisan group of six Finance Committee senators considers a new proposal that might be the last, best hope for an overhaul agreement.

The six were to meet Tuesday on Sen. Max Baucus' proposal to create nonprofit insurance plans to compete with those offered by profit-making companies. The proposal by the committee chairman is noteworthy for the piece that's missing: a government-run alternative favored by liberal Democrats.

President Barack Obama, who will address Congress and the nation on health care Wednesday night, told a Labor Day audience that it's time for insurance companies to share accountability for problems in the system. He was not addressing the Baucus plan.

Four congressional committees so far have produced partisan plans for revamping the nation's health care system. Baucus, D-Mont., said he would move forward with a plan if there's no bipartisan agreement by Sept. 15.

Baucus would impose a fee on insurance companies to help finance coverage for uninsured Americans.

U.N.-backed commission finds fraud in Afghan election results

KABUL (AP) — The U.N.-backed commission charged with investigating Afghanistan's election says it has found "clear and convincing evidence of fraud" and has ordered a recount of questionable polling stations.

The commission did not say Tuesday how many would need to be recounted, but noted it had identified questionable results in Ghazni, Paktika and Kandahar provinces and that investigations were continuing. Stations showing 100 percent turnout or with a presidential candidate receiving more than 95 percent of the vote will need to be recounted, it said.

Widespread allegations of ballot-box stuffing and suspicious tallies are threatening the legitimacy of the Aug. 20 vote.

The commission comprises three international members appointed by the U.N. and two Afghans.

Taliban car bomb outside Kabul airport kills at least 3

KABUL (AP) — A car bomb exploded near the entrance to the military airport in Kabul early Tuesday in an apparent attack on a NATO convoy, killing at least three civilians, Afghan officials said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast, the third major attack by insurgents in the capital in four weeks.

U.S. and NATO forces said they did not

yet have details on the incident or casualties, but the chief of Kabul's criminal investigation department, Abdul Ghafar Sayadzada, said three Afghan civilians were killed and six wounded.

Sayadzada said he was briefed by NATO forces, who said at least one international soldier was wounded.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility and said a suicide car bomber rammed into a NATO convoy and destroyed three Land Cruisers.

Saudi oil minister says crude markets 'in good shape,' output cut seen unlikely

VIENNA (AP) — Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Tuesday that crude markets were "in good shape," boosting expectations OPEC will use its meeting this week to stress compliance with output quotas instead of cutting production.

The comments by Saudi Arabia's Ali Naimi, echoed by Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheik Ahmed Al Abdullah Al Sabah, were the latest indications that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is comfortable with the rebound in crude prices that came about after members announced in December a record 4.2 million barrel per day output cut from September 2008 levels.

Since that meeting, prices have roughly doubled, and are holding between \$68 and \$71. Analysts have said they expect the group to hold fast at its current production level, which is just under 25 million barrels per day.

"Everything is in good shape," said Naimi, whose country is OPEC's top producer and widely seen as the group's kingpin. Crude's current price "is good for everybody: consumers and producers," he told reporters in Vienna on Tuesday, as ministers of the 12-member group began to arrive ahead of the Wednesday meeting.

Saudi Arabia has said a price of about \$75 per barrel was fair for the market — a level that would encourage further investment in boosting global supplies while at the same time not straining a world economy struggling to come out from the worst global recession in decades.

Obama to urge students to 'make us all proud'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Take responsibility for your education. Go to class and listen. Don't let failures define you.

That's the advice President Barack Obama will give schoolchildren Tuesday in a speech that drew fire even before he delivered it.

"We need every single one of you to develop your talents, skills and intellect so you can help solve our most difficult problems," Obama said. "If you don't do that — if you quit on school — you're not just quitting on yourself, you're quitting on your country."

The White House posted Obama's re-

marks on its Web site Monday.

The president was to deliver the talk at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va., a Washington suburb. The speech will be broadcast live on C-SPAN and on the White House Web site.

Milwaukee police: Man's DNA found on 9 slain women

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Milwaukee man authorities say is linked by DNA to the slayings of nine women since 1986 had shown angry tendencies in the past, but nothing that suggested he was responsible for deaths that terrorized local prostitutes for more than two decades, police said.

Walter E. Ellis, 49, has been charged in the deaths of two of the nine victims, and more charges are expected this week, prosecutors said Monday.

Ellis had been in trouble with the law before. He pleaded no contest in 1998 to a reduced charge of second-degree reckless injury and served three years of a five-year sentence, police Chief Edward Flynn said. That wasn't enough to raise red flags, he added, without providing additional details about that crime.

"Yes, he does have a criminal history," Flynn said. "His criminal history, however, does not lend one to immediately say, you know, 'prime suspect.'"

It was only in recent years that DNA technology evolved enough to connect the cases to the suspect, the chief said.

Prominent alumni, professors criticize Yale for removing Muslim cartoons from book

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Yale University has removed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad from an upcoming book about how they caused outrage across the Muslim world, drawing criticism from prominent alumni and a national group of university professors.

Yale cited fears of violence. Yale University Press, which the university owns, removed the 12 caricatures from the book "The Cartoons That Shook the World" by Brandeis University professor Jytte Klausen. The book is scheduled to be released next week.

A Danish newspaper originally published the cartoons — including one depicting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban — in 2005. Other Western publications reprinted them.

The following year, the cartoons triggered massive protests from Morocco to Indonesia. Rioters torched Danish and other Western diplomatic missions. Some Muslim countries boycotted Danish products.

Space shuttle, station crews say goodbye

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The farewell hugs and handshakes are over. Now all that's left for the crews of the

space shuttle and space station is the release of the docking latches.

Discovery will pull away from the international space station Tuesday afternoon, ending a resupply visit that spanned just over a week. The shuttle will bring home seven astronauts and a Buzz Lightyear doll that was launched last year.

The hatches between the spacecraft were closed late Monday.

NASA, meanwhile, is eyeing another piece of space junk, this one a Chinese satellite fragment that could come too close to the space station Wednesday.

DPS, deputies raid two large marijuana farms

AUSTIN (AP) — State agents and local deputies have raided two large farms containing what they estimate to be about 15,000 marijuana plants.

A statement from the Texas Department of Public Safety says DPS troopers and deputies from the Ellis and Navarro counties' sheriff's offices conducted the raids on Thursday.

According to the DPS, the Navarro County plots were a half-mile from Interstate 45 in Rice. The statement says the plants were concealed and irrigated by miles of pipes running from stock tanks.

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years," Howard County Library Hollis McCright said earlier. "The Friends help us supple-

ment our budget by purchasing equipment such as tables and chairs, plus they use funds from the sale to finance the summer reading program."

Contributions will be accepted up until the

week of the book sale, McCright said.

Anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Library is encouraged to stop by the library for an application. Dues are

\$5 per year and meetings are held at noon on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For more information, contact the library at 264-2260.

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BSISD

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financial well-being, Waggoner said.

"They check everything from the amount of money we have in our (reserve) fund to the average number of students in classes. It's a little bit of everything."

The latest ranking covers the 2007-2008 school year, Waggoner said.

BSISD earned Superior ratings on each indicator, just as it has since the program's inception. Coahoma and Forsan districts also received top ratings under the FIRST rankings.

"We look over the report and check each indicator to see what we need to do to improve in the future," Waggoner said, "but the overall report shows we're where we need to be to take care of business here.

BSISD trustees will receive a full report on the FIRST rankings when

they hold their regular meeting later this week.

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OTHER VIEWS

Texas Democrats need to look at down ticket races

The filing period for the March primaries starts Dec. 3 and ends Jan. 4. But last call may be closer than you realize and the fields are forming now.

And for Texas Democrats, eager to get back in the game, it's a crucial time as the party tries to put together a top-to-bottom ticket for the November 2010 general election in which voters will pick major statewide officeholders.

"I think 2010 is going to be a great year to be a Democrat in Texas," said Waco Rep. Jim Dunnam, leader of the House Democrats.

Could be, and all the more reason it's important for the Democrats to find and field credible candidates, if they can, for all statewide races on the ballot.

On the GOP side, there will be major contenders in those races. The only question is who will be in which race. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's upcoming resignation to pursue her gubernatorial campaign will trigger a shuffle in which current GOP officeholders will look to move up.

The shakeout also will affect Democratic candidates as folks in the party out of power wait to see the Republican lineup.

Texans deserve November choices. It's been many years since they've had those. Democrats, who have not won a Texas statewide race since 1994, have not been fielding deep tickets.

"I think it is very important to try to have qualified candidates across the spectrum, and I'm hopeful we will be able to do that," said Tom Schieffer of Fort Worth, the leading and, so far, only top-tier contender for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Schieffer is correct, both for his party and his state.

We favor a two-party Texas, something it's never really been. We went from generations of being a one-party state (Democratic) to about 15 years now of being the other party state as the GOP has dominated. The voters are best served by vibrant contests that highlight the differences.

Having been out of power for so long, it's going to be tough for Democrats to come up with ready-for-prime-time statewide candidates. Some potential contenders would have to make the difficult decision between keeping a safe legislative seat and tackling an underdog bid for statewide office.

The only thing that seems clear at this point on the Democratic side is that Schieffer seems destined for the gubernatorial nomination. He recently picked up significant endorsements from significant players in the House on issues of importance to all Texans.

That leaves Schieffer and even-lesser-knowns Hank Gilbert, Felix Alvarado and Mark Thompson.

Other Democrats in mulling mode for the gubernatorial race are former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle and musician/humorist/successful 2006 gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman.

We urge Democrats to take serious looks at the down-ballot races for statewide offices including lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner and agriculture commissioner.

All are significant jobs. The first four are even more important in the first legislative session after the 2010 census because that is when redistricting is done. Those four officials, along with the House speaker, sit on the Legislative Redistricting Board that sets congressional and legislative boundaries if lawmakers can't agree on a plan.

"Clearly, we will be competitive in every one of those races," Coleman said, adding, "We don't believe in unilateral disarmament."

Texas is counting on that.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Even when we are rushed, Lord, may we say a quick "thank You Lord" to You.

Amen

New relief for disabled vets

Texas state government is doing the right thing by offering a new tax exemption to a group that truly deserves our respect: disabled U.S. military veterans.

Veterans who meet the highest threshold of qualifications will be exempt from paying any property taxes on their homesteads. To qualify for a full exemption, veterans must be classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as being unemployable or having a 100 percent disability rating. Veterans must also have received 100 percent disability compensation from the VA. Veterans wishing to claim the exemption can begin the process by contacting their county appraisal districts. House Bill 3613 from the 81st



SUSAN COMBS

Texas Legislature allows the complete property tax exemption, which is effective for 2009 and onward. The law, however, does not allow the surviving spouse of eligible veterans to receive the homestead exemption. Surviving spouses do remain eligible for the exemptions for people with disabilities and for people age 65 and older.

Another exemption is also available for disabled veterans, including those classified by the VA as less than 100 percent disabled and those qualified for the full homestead property tax exemption. Beginning at a 10 percent VA disability rating, a veteran can get an exemption of \$5,000 to \$12,000 for any one property he or she owns. For veterans receiving the full homestead property tax exemption, the additional exemption could be applied to non-homestead property.

If you or someone you know is a disabled veteran living in Texas, please learn all you can

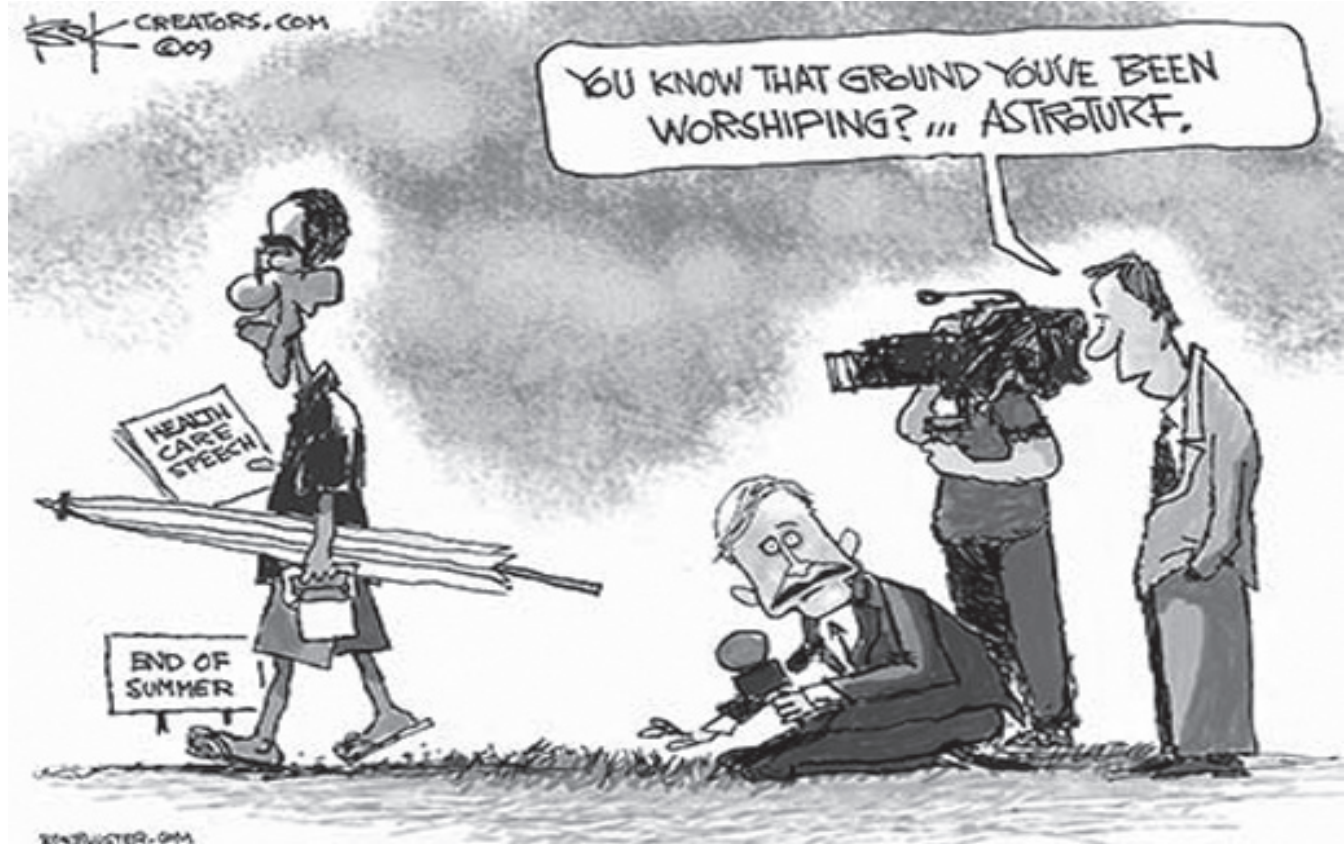
about this important property tax exemption. During these uncertain economic times, it has true potential to help those who have made tremendous sacrifices make ends meet.

Veterans wishing to apply for the homestead exemption should contact their county appraisal districts. To find information about disability ratings or employability from the VA, call (800) 827-1000 or visit www.va.gov.

Disabled veterans receiving a homestead exemption may need to contact their mortgage lenders to adjust their escrow payments.

For more information on Texas property tax issues, including detailed information about the homestead exemption for disabled Texas veterans, visit <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/> or call (800) 252-9121

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Class warfare: The poor lost

Well, the Great Recession has at least brought us one piece of good news — we don't need immigrants anymore. The press now reports that native-born Americans have finally become so financially desperate that they are accepting those famous jobs that were previously too dangerous, filthy, exhausting, underpaid, poisonous and demeaning for civilized people to agree to.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

Hunger will do that to you.

This level of destitution was widely visible and understood during the Depression, but today is generally considered a bit too unpleasant for the media to dwell on. It's much tidier to describe the economy in terms of housing starts, GDP, stock market fluctuations and auto sales.

Unemployment news is grudgingly reported too, but rarely the fact that our U.S. definition of it is designed to make it still look as rosy as possible.

Relegated to even greater obscurity is the shredding of the social safety net, begun under President Ronald Reagan and refined under both George Bushes and Bill Clinton. This purposeful abandonment of the poor has left them constantly in conditions closer to the 1930s than the 1960s. Other players also loom large

in their lives. Our food industry, for example, has discovered that while the cheapest ingredients may be the most fattening, they do make the most profit. Thus, corn syrup, sugar and grease make up a heavy share of the poverty diet.

Obesity and diabetes then follow as night the day. With good food being unaffordable and good health care being unavailable, sickness and death are afflicting today's slums.

Additional avaricious industries, both in manufacturing and the service sector, have similarly long relished the malevolent job-destroying charms of "free trade."

And why not? Sending jobs abroad generates major profits.

Consequently, prestigious think tanks, distinguished editors and leading business schools all do their level best to make free trade axiomatic with the welfare of the nation. Having graduated from one of those schools, I remember well the emphasis on cutting labor costs. Today that emphasis is touted as a national good.

And so it goes the world over. The race to the top for the wealthy has unleashed a race to the bottom for the poor.

In this country the partial removal of the safety net has caused lives at the lower end of the scale to become mean, brutal, and short. These lower classes no longer have a serious production function in society and are useful mainly as consumers.

We can even get along without them entirely if they become too expensive to maintain. Their menial tasks are better performed by immigrants anyway, who are generally more afraid to complain.

Most of this news slips beneath the radar of the press. Yes, they occasionally admit it is sad that so many citizens go hungry, have to skip their meds, live off extended family and lose their possessions in eviction.

Unfortunately though, advertisers don't care. They need readers who can spend. Thus the news focuses on folks in the upper two-thirds of the wealth scale. Those are the ones who can often afford homes and new cars, even if not right now.

Nor is this descent into economic wretchedness just a result of the recession. That unpleasantness only speeds it along. The growing disparity between rich and poor, along with the shrinkage of the middle class, has been gnawing at our society for decades.

We are returning now to the economic framework of the 1920s, while many of FDR's works have been repealed.

Unfortunately President Barack Obama seems less of a Roosevelt than a Clinton, which may just permanently solidify the rock-bottom role of our nation's underclass.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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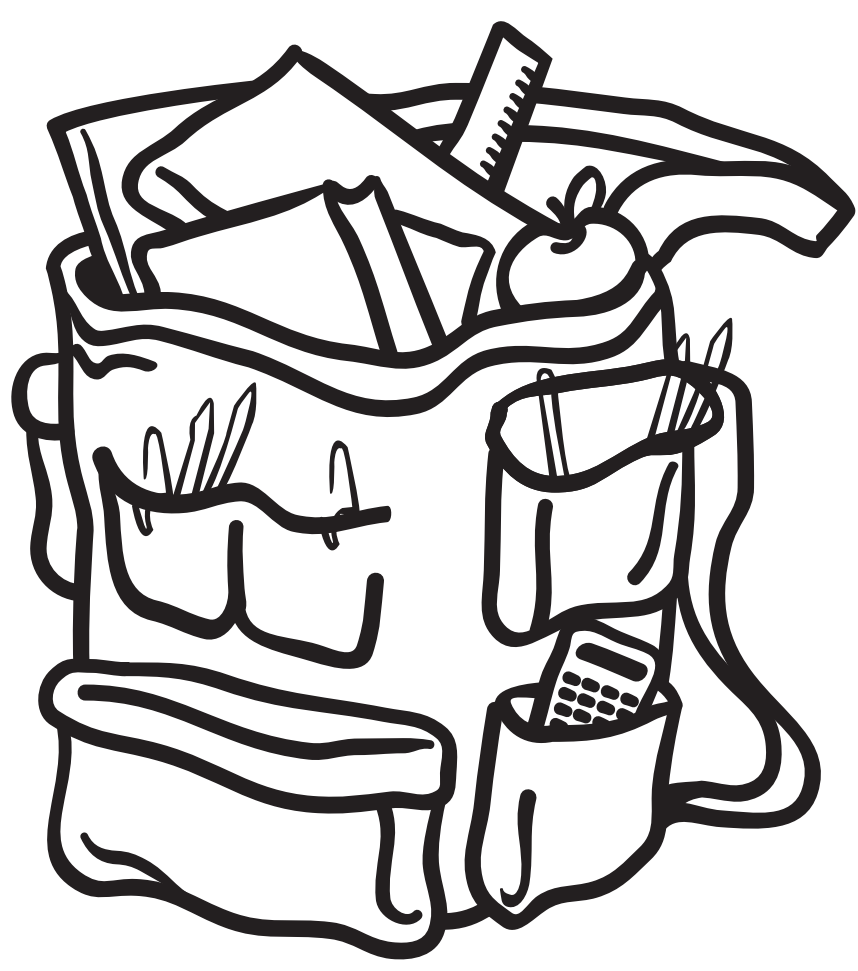
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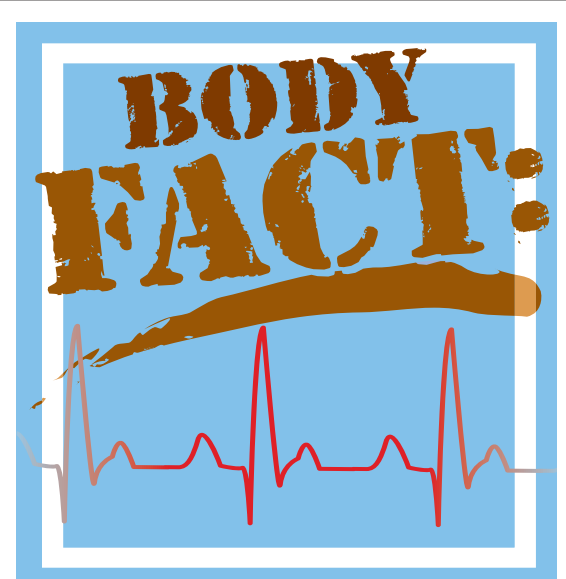


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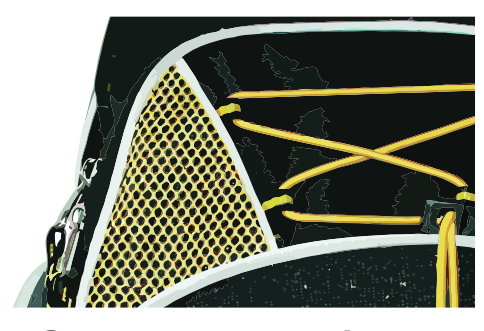
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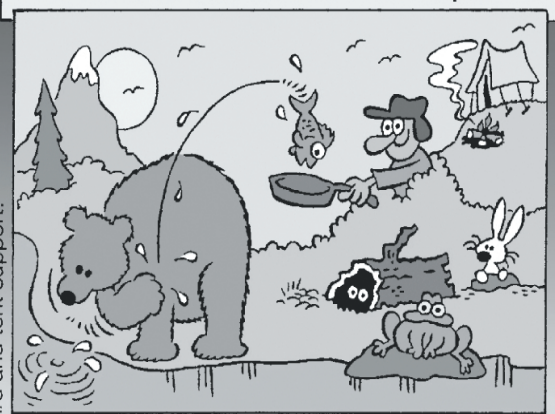
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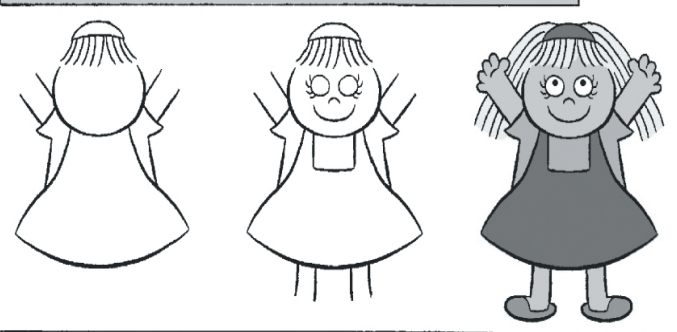
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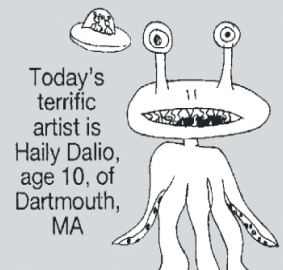
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Bird Poop:

Mysterious baby hawks really mockingbirds

Finally, their season was ending. No longer circling above the neighborhood trees, the gray birds of prey were migrating. Left behind were memories conveyed to game wardens, residents who found the birds and those who cared for their young and injured.

In addition to being hot and dry, July and August brought numerous calls concerning "those hawks in the top of my tree," "in my flowerbed," or "flew right at me!" As summer waned, several homeowners, who had watched the young as their downy covering changed to feathers were seeking information as to their ultimate outcome.

A drive to Odessa for an injured burrowing owl on a Friday afternoon was, at last, a change from the usual Mississippi kite request. Entering the Animal Control building through a side door, we realized they had lost their air-conditioning. Officers were trying to keep the receiving area from being hotter than it was outside.

As we placed the owl in our carrier, a voice from behind asked us to wait while the dispatcher talked to a caller about some baby hawks. Looking at each other, Art and I immediately knew what the other was thinking. To our knowledge, no hawks would have nestlings this late in summer.

Interrupting her conversation, the dispatcher said a man who lived in Midland County was going to take baby hawks from a nest so the

mother would leave. When I asked if she had referred him to a game warden, she had already contacted Texas Parks & Wildlife, but no wardens were in his vicinity.

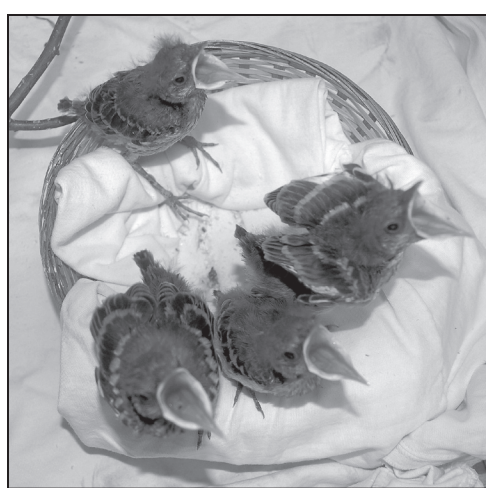
Since the man lived in Midland County, the dispatcher advised him to take the young to Midland Animal Control the next morning. The facility would be open until noon on Saturday.

Thanking the woman for the owl and her efforts in regard to the baby hawks, we headed home. Waiting for us was a call from Odessa. The man's growing frustration with the parent bird had caused him to take the baby hawks from their nest. Since he was closer to Odessa Animal Control than the Midland facility, he had delivered the birds to them.

With the youngsters crying for food, one of the officers had taken them home for feeding.

Contemplating a drive back to Odessa on Saturday morning, I was surprised by a call while trying to fix our evening meal. Another Odessa officer had found a hawk with an injured wing. Telling him we were coming back on Saturday to pick up some nestlings, I asked him to keep this hawk separate. If they were different species, the larger hawk might dine on the babies.

Welcoming us back on Saturday morning, the Odessa Animal Control officers were all smiles. Their air-conditioning had been restored. As we entered the area where birds are held, I was once again thankful for the physical arrangement of their facility. What once must have been an office was perfect for birds. Glassed off from the main lobby, the room was entered through a glass door.



Courtesy photo

In a makeshift nest, the four northern mockingbirds resemble their parents with gray wings and white wing bars and patches.

Away from the usual noise and stress of a shelter, birds could rest in this quiet environment.

As the door closed behind us, I noticed the injured hawk in its carrier to my left. A cardboard box held what I guessed would be the baby hawks. Glancing over the edge of the box, I saw four gapping, yellow mouths on extended necks. Their insistent, impatient cries for food were well known to most rehabbers.

Backing away from the box, I started laughing. Curious, Art looked in the box, then at me, and shook his head. Outside the glass wall, one, then another officer, saw us laughing. It seemed to be contagious as they grinned and wondered what was so funny.

Soon, as one of the officers entered the room, I told him the babies were mockingbirds.

Having convinced the dispatcher the attacking bird was the parent of baby hawks, the man, who may have heard stories of kites attacking golfers, had set in motion a belief that untrained personnel accepted as fact. To discover the noisy foursome were not hawks led to the question of why the man would be so frightened of a mockingbird.

Telling one of the officers that not only Mississippi kites, but also western kingbirds and northern mockingbirds, could be relentless and aggressive when young are in the nest, I imagined the mother bird had probably pecked the man's head enough to get his attention. To illustrate it further, I mentioned the locking of the east entry doors of our county courthouse for two weeks one summer, when kingbirds attacked anyone on that side of the building.

Once home, our "hawkish" mockers readily dined on crickets. Instead of being babies, they were actually on the verge of leaving their nest when the man intervened. Three days later, we watched them discover their large enclosure and the various perches awaiting them. Needing the space of an aviary where they could exercise even more, we delivered our "hawks" to a South Plains volunteer, who met us in Lamesa.

Relieved that kite season was finally ending, we had been entertained briefly by the fearsome-foursome. What the man might never realize was his gray menace, and others just like it, had been declared our state bird some 82 years ago.

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Former Steer Valle wins first college meet

Herald Staff Report

CORPUS CHRISTI — Former Big Spring High School cross country standout Jordan Valle started his college running career by taking a familiar spot on the podium Friday. Valle, who is competing for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, placed first with junior teammate Ari Perez at the Texas A&M-Corpus



Valle

Christi Invitational. Valle and Perez, who ran together as a tandem, finished with time of 41:03. The TAMU-CC cross country coach was complimentary of Valle's performance. "Ari and Jordan

looked really good," said Shawn Flanagan. "The rest of (the team) have a lot of work to do, but it's a good start. We'll take it." Valle graduated from Big Spring this past May. During his senior year, Valle won the Class 4A state. Valle's next meet is set for Friday, Sept. 25, when he'll take part in TAMU-CC's 9th Annual Islander Splash.

BSHS cross country solid in first meet

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — A young cross country squad represented Big Spring High School Saturday in its first meet of the season. While the squad is lacking numbers and experience, the athletes who did run represented well, attempting to carry on the strong tradition of Big Spring cross country.

"We're a small team," said coach Dana Jones, who is filling in for long-time Randy Britton while he recovers from major surgery, "but I thought we did well."

Marisol Rodriguez was the top girls competitor, placing 10th. Rodriguez finished the 2-mile course in 13:31.

Morgan Mitchell came in 28th with a time of 14:17.

Elias Bihl was the lone boys competitor, finishing 35th with a time of 19:08.

The cross country team runs again Saturday at the W. T. Micro-Graphics Invitational at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. This is the first of four times the team will compete at Mae Simmons, which is also the host site of the District 4-4A and Class 4A, Region I meets.

OU QB out 2-4 weeks

Stoops says Bradford will not need surgery

JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford is not expected to need surgery on his sprained right shoulder and the quarterback could play again for No. 3 Oklahoma in two to four weeks.

"Everyone's different in how they heal, the soreness, how they handle it and how quickly it dissipates where he can move and be comfortable again throwing the ball," Stoops said after the Sooners' practice Monday. "Anywhere from two to four weeks is what we're anticipating."

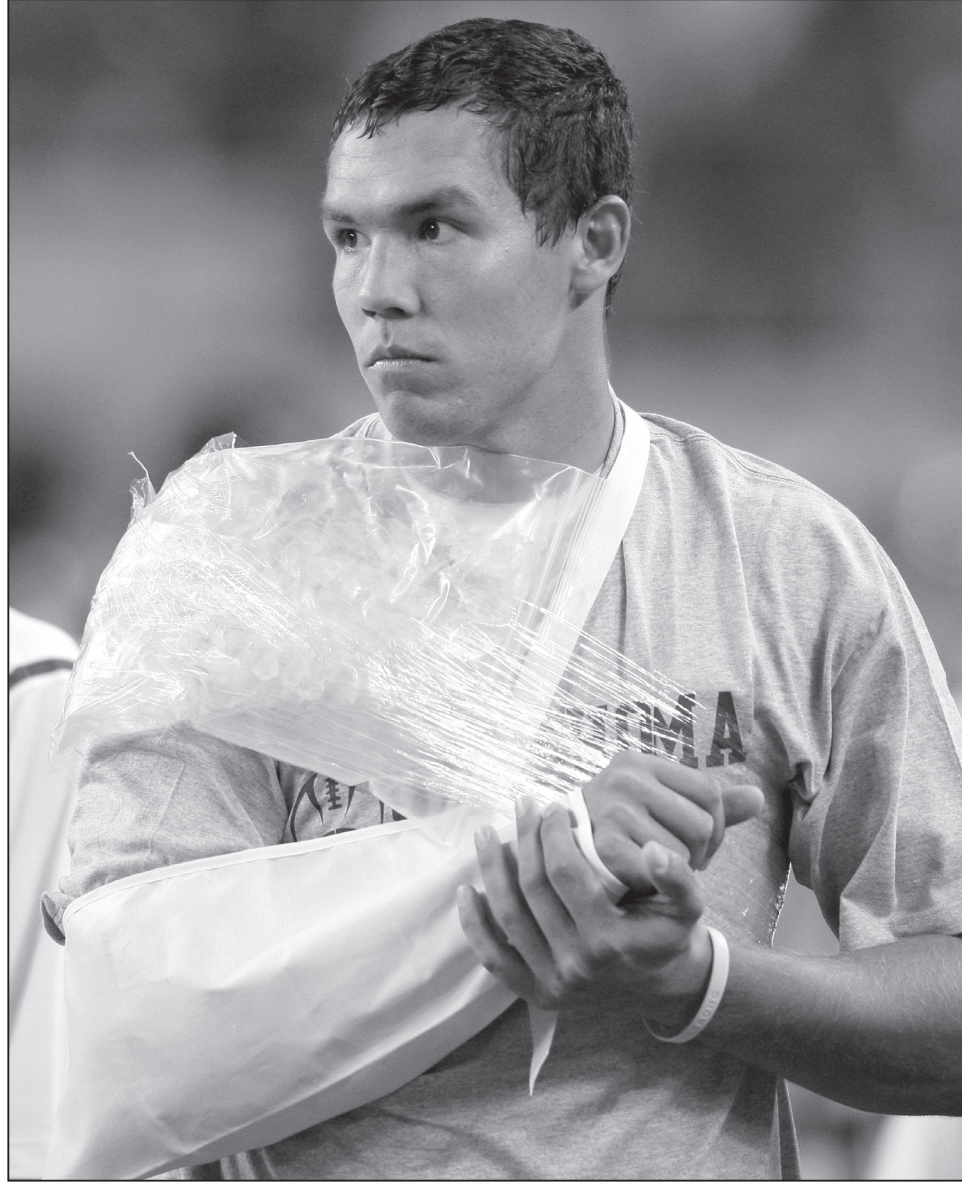
Stoops said the initial evaluations by doctors showed that Bradford did not suffer any damage to his collarbone, rotator cuff or other parts of his shoulder when he sprained his AC joint just before halftime in Oklahoma's 14-13 loss to No. 20 BYU on Saturday. Those evaluations also did not suggest surgery, although another doctor's opinion is due in on Tuesday.

"In my mind, that's completely out. That's probably a little biased because obviously I want to be out there playing," Bradford said. "After that opinion does come in, I probably will have to sit down with the coaches and my family one more time just to make sure that getting back out there is the right decision for me."

Stoops said he expected to make an announcement Tuesday on the status of second-team All-America tight end Jermaine Gresham, who missed the BYU game with cartilage damage in his right knee.

Bradford said he spoke Sunday with New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning, who had a bruised AC joint during his team's run to the Super Bowl two years ago. Bradford has been told he has a Grade 3 sprain. He already started rehabbing Sunday, trying to improve the range of motion in his shoulder.

"It does feel a lot better today, not



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford stands by the team bench with his shoulder wrapped after leaving the NCAA football game against BYU Saturday in Arlington. BYU won 14-13. Bradford is going to be out for 2-4 weeks with the injury, but will not require surgery, according to Sooners Coach Bob Stoops.

nearly as painful as it was Saturday," Bradford said. "Hopefully I can keep progressing like this."

Bradford has also received get-well wishes from the quarterbacks who finished second and third in last year's Heisman Trophy balloting.

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, who became friends with Bradford during the Heisman festivities last December and then while rooming together at the Manning Camp for high school players over the summer, said Monday he sent his Sooners counterpart a text message.

"I told him I'd be praying for him and hope that he gets better soon. ... I wish him the speediest recovery possible," McCoy said. "I hope that

he gets back and plays as soon as he can, whether that's for us or next week. I want him to be able to play because he's a great football player."

Florida's Tim Tebow, who won the 2007 Heisman and finished third last year, called it "a tough injury."

"Obviously, no one wants him to get hurt. No one wants that," said Tebow, whose Gators beat Bradford's Sooners 24-14 for the BCS title in January. "We wish that he has a speedy recovery and gets back to playing. He came back for his (junior) year to do some great things, so I wish that he could come back and play it, too."

Bradford was considered a

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Cowboys CBs OK with sharing starting job

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — In the only position battle of the Dallas Cowboys' preseason, cornerbacks Mike Jenkins and Orlando Scandrick fought to a draw.

That's right, a tie.

As in, Jenkins is starting the opener against Tampa Bay and Scandrick is starting the following game, against the New York Giants in the home opener. Then it'll be back to Jenkins and so on.

Unorthodox as it may be, the arrangement makes perfect sense to Wade Phillips, Dallas' head coach and defensive coordinator. He considers it the only fair way to resolve a race that was too close to call.

"If one of them had played a lot better than the other one, then it would've been different, or if one of them had played poorly. But both of them played well and we need both of them," Phillips said. "I thought both of them played well enough to start."

Jenkins drummed up interest in their preseason competition by declaring "it's my job to lose" on his blog a few weeks before training camp. Scandrick replied by saying it was up to coaches, not Jenkins, and that he hoped to sway them. Then Scandrick made some of the biggest hits of training camp, although most of them seemed to come against the team's new No. 1 receiver, Roy Williams.

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Monroe could be speed, new weapon for Longhorns

JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — The Texas coaches had hinted at what they were seeing in practice.

D.J. Monroe was fast, they said. Really fast.

Everyone else finally got to see that when Monroe got his first chance to touch the ball.

The former Texas state high school 100 meters champion zipped to an 89-yard touchdown on a second-quarter kickoff return in the No. 2 Longhorns' 59-20 win over Louisiana-Monroe.

"It's totally different," Monroe said. "In the 100, you run a straight line. Here, you're able to make a couple of moves."

He was making plenty Saturday night. After his electrifying return, Monroe also rushed for 64 yards on nine carries in a big debut for a 5-foot-9 redshirt freshman who weighs 170 pounds on a good day.

"We're excited about what he can bring us," coach Mack Brown said. "We think that he can be a real fac-

tor for us as we get more used to what he can do best."

Expect Monroe's playbook to rapidly expand. His slashing runs and two fumbles and a dropped pass by starting tailback Vondrell McGee could open the door for more playing time in the backfield.

McGee rushed for a team-high 70 yards and a late touchdown, but Monroe's 7.1-yard average was impressive.

"I did not think McGee hit the creases in the first half that he'd been hitting in camp. I thought early in the third quarter he really looked like what we'd seen him look like every day," Brown said. "Hopefully he can take care of the ball better and do a better job of relaxing and do what he did in the third."

Monroe isn't pressing for more carries yet.

"Right now, I'm really not looking for a role like that," Monroe said. "I'm not even halfway through the whole offense."

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Texas' D.J. Monroe (26) returns a kickoff for a touchdown during the second quarter of a NCAA football game against Louisiana, Monroe in Austin Saturday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sweetly harmonious Virgo sun and Taurus moon will create the kind of practical magic that keeps us on track with our aims. Like fairy godmothers, these two will bippity-boppity-boo our resources together and send us on our way with a new look, the right transportation and anything else we need in order to arrive at the ball in style.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

21-April 19). New introductions will be made virtually or through written correspondence. You'll get a pretty good feel for where the person is coming from, but this can't be better than what you could glean from a face-to-face meeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a strong reaction to things. Remember that your powerful emotions can be harnessed for good, even if they don't start out so wonderful. If you can take charge of your feelings, you'll rule your world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Friends make recommendations. It's nice that they want to help

you, but do keep in mind that their opinions and preferences are likely to be quite different from yours. Take their suggestions with a grain of salt.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When a lull in the action happens, don't rush to fill it. Inactivity brings moments of insight. Tonight: If you can be easily talked out of something, it's probably a sign that it wasn't right for you to begin with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What you currently view as a problem may only be a symptom of the real problem, which has gone long undetected. Luckily, you're a master sleuth now, especially when it comes to your own mind and heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't wait to be given the chance to talk about yourself — just take it. Create it. People

are far too self-involved today to put anyone new on their radar out of politeness, but once you start talking, they will want to know more about you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll encounter outsiders who want to get inside your world. You'll deal in a compassionate way because you've been in a similar position and remember what that felt like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll meet those who could take your project to the next level. You want to make a strong impression because you know you're capable of living up to it. Give them something to be deeply impressed about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though there are other people on your team, you may as well be on a solo mission because you're doing all of the work. You need to tell the oth-

ers how they can help. Be the leader.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are very few people who understand how to make your job easier for you. You have to show them exactly what to do and how to do it. It will be worth the effort, though, because the training you give will be lasting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll get bored unless you give yourself an exciting objective. And be sure to attach a reward to this goal, as well. A prize gleaming in the distance will motivate you to new heights.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone has to have fun, so it may as well be you. If you think you have too much work to do, think again. With your playful antics, you'll teach the others how to loosen up and enjoy life.

things up in the next few weeks. Sure, communication will be disrupted, but that can be positive. Have you ever been trapped in a horrible conversation and suddenly the perfect interruption gets you out of it? Well, that, or some version of it, could happen. Also, an unexpected circumstance could wake you up to the fact that you've been sleepwalking through a relationship. If you've been half-listening to a loved one, the challenges that relationships will now face will illuminate the error of your ways so that you can fully tune into what the other person is trying to express. You may also recognize that you've been sending someone a bag of mixed messages, and this Mercury retrograde will help you figure out your true feelings and how to best convey them.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 8). You become more powerful because you find supporters. Enthusiastic, passionate and purposeful relationships will carry you to new heights. You'll enjoy the hard work in store for you through the fall. March through May is for study. In January, you give back with a remarkable act of philanthropy. Sagittarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 42, 6, 18, 30 and 11.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Pop music's poster child for dysfunctional relationships comes in a punky-pretty package. Pink is a hard-working Virgo with a passionate Aries moon and natal Jupiter nestled in show-stopping Leo. With Mars in caring Cancer, Pink may seem tough, but she has a huge heart. The proof is in her considerable charity work with PETA, the Red Cross and many other organizations.

M E R C U R Y R E T R O G R A D E ALERT: Of all the planetary transits, Mercury retrograde seems to get the worst press. It's really not so bad. In fact, there will be millions of happy outcomes from the current Mercury retrograde in Libra, which will last through the 29th. Libra rules relationships, and that's where the planet of communication will mix

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
The Uppercut

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ A K Q 10 5

WEST
♠ J 10 5
♥ A 6 4
♦ A K Q 7 6
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 5 3
♣ 9 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A 9 6
♥ K Q J 10 3 2
♦ J 8
♣ J 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ 2♣ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The **uppercut** is a colorful term used to describe the creation of a defensive trump trick that does not exist naturally. The play would be equally effective by any other name, and in most cases it leaves declarer with the feeling that the rug has been pulled out from under him.

In today's deal, for example, it might seem that South should make four hearts. His only apparent losers are two diamonds and the ace of trumps. Nevertheless, the contract is

sure to fail against best defense. West starts with the K-Q of diamonds, then plays a low diamond that East ruffs with the eight. Declarer overruffs with the ten and continues with the jack. This presents West with a problem of sorts. He might conceivably duck in the hope that his partner can win the trick. But if West is a practical player, he should conclude that South's leap to four hearts was most likely based on the K-Q-J-10, as well as the ace of spades.

So West takes the heart jack with the ace and leads another low diamond, hoping East has the nine of hearts and will ruff with it.

East does not let him down. When he ruffs with the nine, it forces the queen, leaving South with the K-3-2 of hearts and West with the 6-4. So West makes a second trump trick, and South's apparently solid trumps prove to be an optical illusion.

Note that West's defensive campaign, though it takes a long time to come to fruition, is very sound. He has a far greater chance of finding East with two trumps higher than dummy's seven than he has of finding East with a high-card trick.

West plans the double uppercut from the very start, aiming to establish his lowly six as the setting trick.

Tomorrow: It only hurts for a minute.
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6			2		9			3
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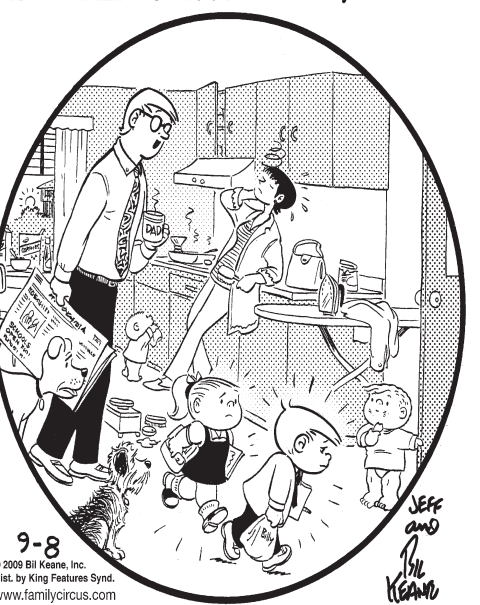
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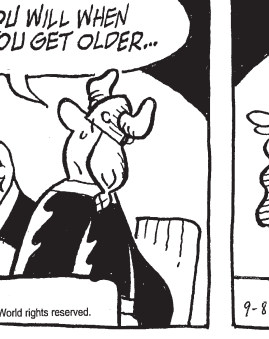
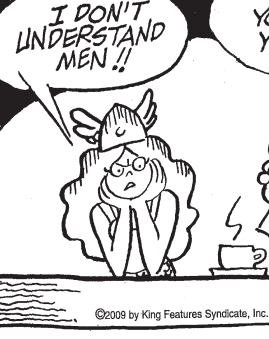
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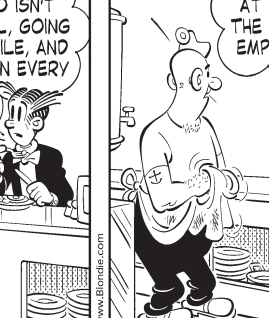
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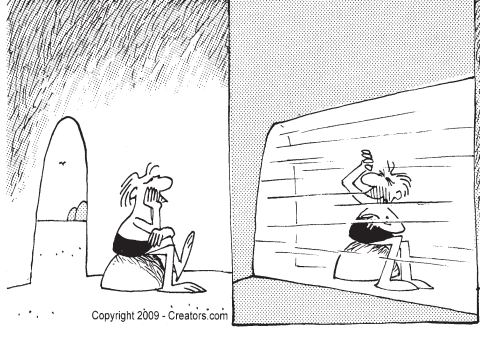
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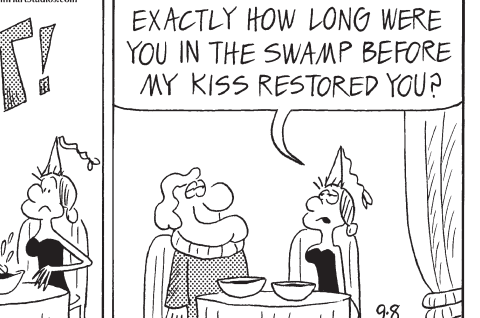
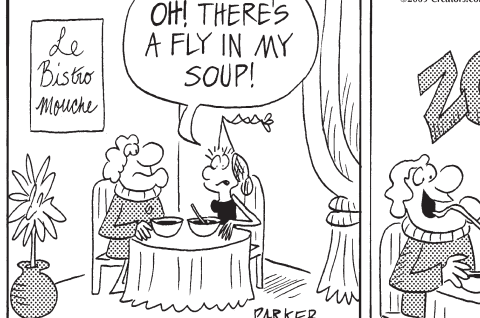
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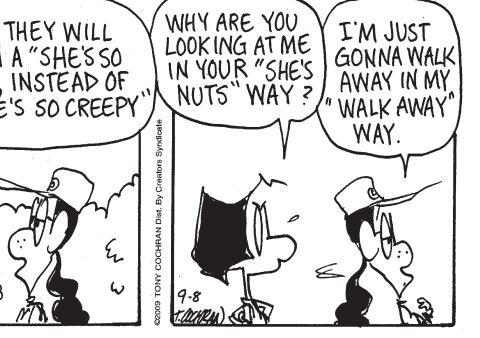
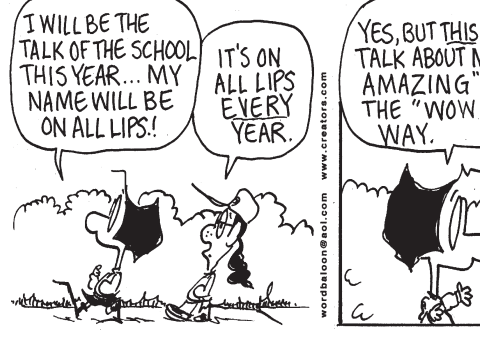
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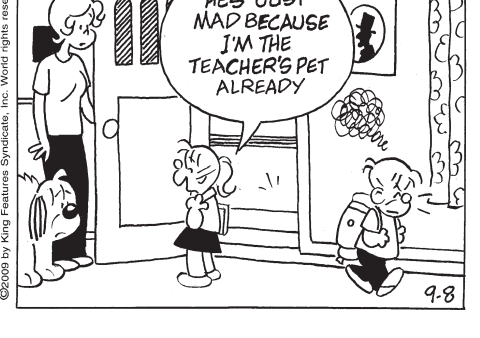
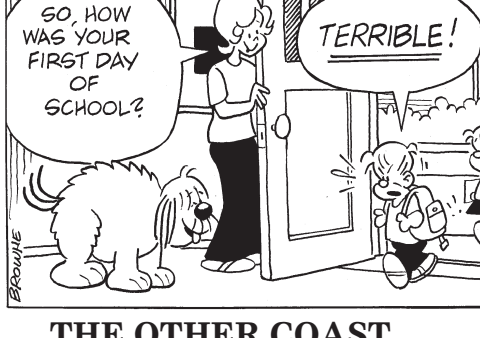
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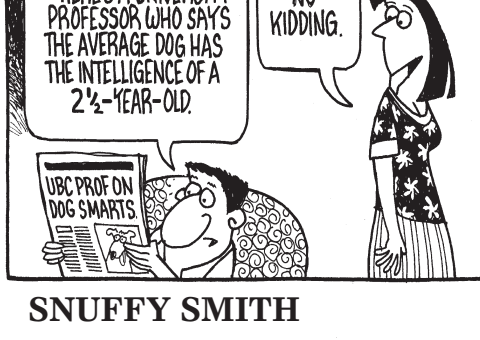
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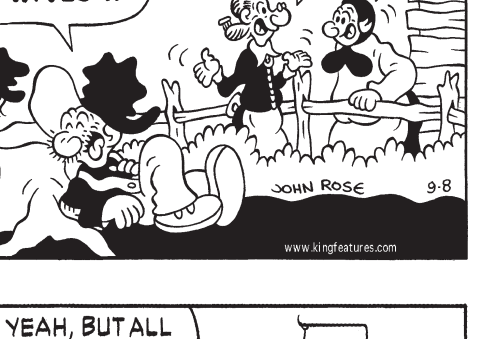
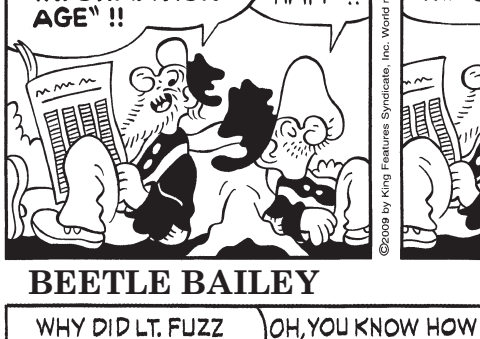
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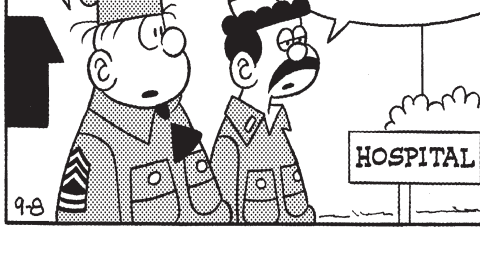
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2009. There are 114 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 8, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared a "limited national emergency" in response to the outbreak of war in Europe.
On this date:
In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.
In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.
In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.
In 1930, the comic strip "Blondie," created by Chic Young, was first published.
In 1934, more than 130 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner SS Morro Castle off

the New Jersey coast.
In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.
In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 49 nations in San Francisco.
In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Richard Nixon.
In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.
In 1998, Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals broke major league baseball's record for home runs in a single season, hitting his 62nd off Chicago Cubs pitcher Steve Trachsel and eclipsing the 37-year-old record held by Roger Maris.
Today's Birthdays: Comedian Sid Caesar is 87. Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 69. Actor Alan Feinstein is 68. Pop singer Sal Valentino (The Beau Brummels) is 67. Author Ann Beattie is 62. Cajun singer Zachary Richard is 59. Musician Will Lee ("Late Show with David Letterman") is 57. Actress Heather Thomas is 52. Singer Aimee Mann is 49. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 49.

Actor Thomas Kretschmann is 47. R&B singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 45. Gospel singer Darlene Zschech is 44. Alternative country singer Neko Case is 39. TV personality Brooke Burke is 38. Actor Martin Freeman is 38. Actor Henry Thomas is 38. Actor David Arquette is 38. Rock musician Richard Hughes (Keane) is 34. Actor Larenz Tate is 34. Actor Nathan Corrdry is 32. R&B singer Pink is 30. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas is 28.
Thought for Today: "Censorship is the height of vanity." — Martha Graham, American modern dance pioneer (1893-1991).
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Answer to previous puzzle

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- Facts
 - Prepare a present
 - Word of warning
 - Located above
 - Angel topper
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 - Supreme Court count
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 - Run out of
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 - Computer-desktop symbols
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 - Número
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 - Chinese antique
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 - Fleming's spy
 - Greek vowels
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 - Overwhelming victory
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 - Late-night flight
 - Bro's sib
 - Wide shoe
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potential No. 1 overall pick in this year's NFL draft before he decided instead to return for his junior year at Oklahoma, with his primary goal to win the national championship he narrowly missed a year earlier.

Only one game into the season, that dream is in jeopardy.

"I don't know if I can really put that into words, how big of a disappointment it is," Bradford said. "But that's in the past now. There's nothing I can do about that. There's nothing we as a team can do about that game."

Now, Bradford's task is to serve as a mentor to redshirt freshman Landry Jones, who made his college debut

while replacing the Heisman winner. He led five second-half drives, leading to a single field goal, as the Sooners struggled with undisciplined play and penalties.

"I thought Landry did a great job in the second half, carried himself great with his demeanor. Everything he did, I thought he handled it as well as you could expect and better," Stoops said. "Believe me, in the game, I thought his execution and what he did was good."

"He needed supported in a better way. He needed some guys around him not making penalties and dropping the ball."

AP Sports Writers Jim Vertuno in Austin, Texas, and Mark Long in Gainesville, Fla., contributed to this report.

Lions to open season with Stafford at QB

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions, coming off the NFL's first 0-16 season, desperately hope their new coach, quarterback and general manager can guide the team to respectability.

Detroit's offense looks like it might possibly be good. Its defense appears vulnerable.

As capable as Jim Schwartz, Matthew Stafford and Martin Mayhew appear to be, the mess Matt Millen left behind seems to be too big for them to clean up in 2009.

Schwartz, though, doesn't see it that way.

"I don't expect to get beat up and beaten down this year," Schwartz said Monday. "I expect a lot out of this football team and I'm not going to concede anything to expectations outside this building, outside this locker

room."

If the Lions can win a game early in the season to snap a losing streak that dates back to the last game of the 2007 season, they might start believing in their confident coach, QB and GM.

If Detroit opens with a loss at New Orleans and can't bounce back with a win at home in the following weeks against Minnesota or Washington, a here-we-go-again mentality and unwanted attention might compound its many problems.

The franchise has had the worst winning percentage over an eight-season stretch in the NFL since World War II because the Millen-led front office — which still looks a lot like it did when he was fired early last season — drafted busts in the first round and failed to find many players

elsewhere in the draft.

Mayhew, who was promoted after being Millen's top assistant, overhauled more than half of the roster with input from Schwartz.

"You can't stand pat on what happened last year. The players knew that," said Schwartz, who earned his first job as a head coach at any level after Detroit fired Rod Marinelli. "We were clear from the time that we hit the ground here that there were going to have to be changes. There were coaching staff changes, there were administration changes, there's going to be locker room changes."

It was also essential for Detroit to draft a playmaker to take snaps with the No. 1 pick in the draft. Since 1957 the franchise has had only one Pro Bowl QB.

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Monroe was expected to be a wide receiver, but first caught the coaches' attention last season when he played some tailback on the scout team mimicking the speedy backs of upcoming opponents. He then missed spring practice because of academic problems.

Missing spring ball left him struggling to break through the depth chart at wide receiver.

Realizing the potential weapon he had, Brown figured Monroe could be a good fit in the backfield and the switch was made in training camp.

"The defense couldn't tackle him (last year)," Brown said. "When it wasn't working for him at receiver, when we said, 'What the heck, let's put the ball in his hands.' He gives us a lot of versatility as a receiver and a running back."

Monroe welcomed the move.

"I was just trying to fit in anywhere, wherever I was needed," he said.

Most of Texas' practices were

closed to the media, but Brown often mentioned that he liked what he was seeing. So did Texas fans Saturday night.

Louisiana-Monroe had cut the lead to 21-10 with a long TD pass. Seconds later, Monroe was streaking toward the other end in front of a record crowd of 101,096 at Royal-Memorial Stadium.

The Texas media guide says Monroe has been clocked in the 100 meters at 10.31 seconds. He said he's gone lower than that with a 10.08, a world-class mark.

"D.J. looked like he was in a track meet," Brown said.

COWBOYS

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All along, coaches said the race was too close to call. So, they didn't.

"I'm really not here to say if it's right or wrong because it doesn't matter," Scandrick said. "At this point, we're sharing time and that's what it's going to be. It's going to give us both opportunities to be on the field and help this team win."

Jenkins claims this wasn't really a competition — even though there were two of them and one job — and insists his blog post was misinterpreted. He thinks the story should be about the Cowboys' abundance of capable cornerbacks.

"I have a lot of confidence in myself and also in Orlando," he said. "I feel like we both can go anywhere else and start."

Jenkins and Scandrick are both 5-foot-10 guys going into their second season. Jenkins weighs about 5 pounds more, has much longer hair (dreadlocks pulled into

a ponytail, as opposed to Scandrick's shaven look) and is two years older.

The biggest difference might be what the Cowboys have invested in them. Jenkins was a first-round pick and Scandrick a fifth-round pick, a distinction that also means a huge difference in salaries. Jenkins' signing bonus alone was bigger than the value of Scandrick's four-year rookie contract.

Still, they've been competing since the day they arrived, both carrying a chip on their shoulders. Jenkins was upset to have lasted

until the 25th pick, while Scandrick left school a year early, only to last until the second day of the draft.

They started out stuck behind Terence Newman, Anthony Henry and Adam "Pacman" Jones, then moved up the depth chart quickly because of injuries and a suspension, all the while measuring their progress against each other.

Scandrick started first and became reliable covering slot receivers when Dallas used three cornerbacks. He played all 16 games and had the most tackles among the team's rookies, plus a sack of Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger.

Jenkins ended up starting just as many games and was the first to get an interception and a touchdown. However, the play he's most remembered for was a disinterested attempt at stopping receiver Derrick Ward at the end of a lopsided loss to the Giants.

When the offseason began, the Cowboys thought highly enough of the duo to trade Henry and dump Jones. The only thing coaches weren't sure about was whether Jenkins or Scandrick would emerge as the main man opposite Newman.

They still haven't figured it out.

One key point to this is that both will play a lot every game regardless of who starts. Whenever Dallas goes with three cornerbacks, Scandrick will still cover the slot receiver and Jenkins will line up on the outside guy.

"As long as you have good players, you want them playing," Phillips said.

There's no telling how long this arrangement will last. Maybe one of them pulls ahead or falls behind. Maybe someone gets hurt, perhaps even Newman, who has missed games because of injuries each of the last two years.

"If one guy is intercepting for touchdowns and playing great, that's just the rub of the grain," Phillips said. "I think it keeps them both into it, which they should be."

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