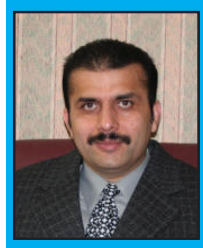




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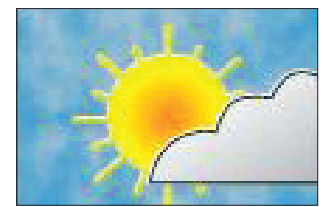


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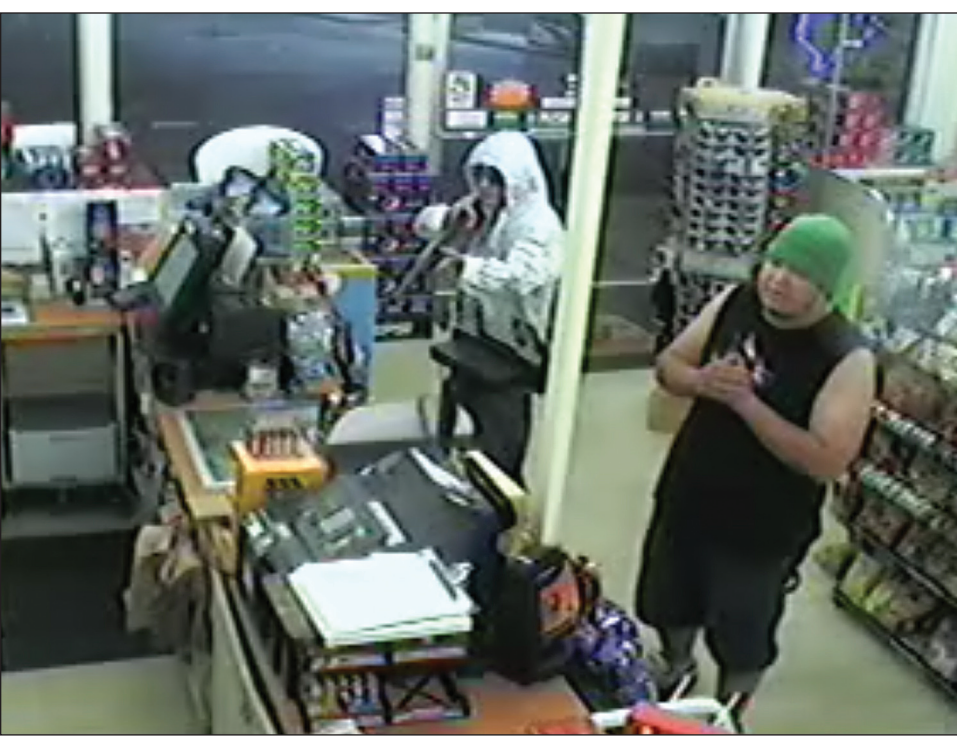


Photo courtesy of the BSPD

Two suspects are caught on film during a robbery at the 7-Eleven convenience store located at the corner of 18th Street and Gregg early Thursday morning.

Search continues for two suspects wanted in robbery

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials are searching for a pair of suspects who allegedly robbed a 7-Eleven convenience store at gunpoint last Thursday morning.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, two white male suspects entered the 7-Eleven convenience store located in the 1800 block of Gregg Street at approximately

4:28 a.m.

"One suspect was armed with a shotgun. He's believed to be in his late teens or early 20s with a slender build," Everett said. "He is believed to have dark, curly, short hair, and was wearing a hoodie and sunglasses. The second suspect is in his mid-teens with a large build and red, curly hair. He was wearing a black sleeveless T-shirt and green toboggan cap. The suspect

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Speaker series to feature Ali Vincent

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Losing a lot of weight on national television did more than just improve Ali Vincent's physical appearance — it also changed her mental outlook on life.

Vincent, who won the fifth season competition on NBC's "Biggest Loser" reality show, will be the featured speaker of a joint Howard College Foundation Speaker Series/Scenic

Mountain Medical Center Healy Woman event set for 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Hall Center for the Arts at the college campus.

The former synchronized swimmer saw her weight increase to 230 pounds before entering the TV competition, then gained national fame by losing 112 pounds to become that season's "Biggest Loser."

"I lost half of me," Vincent joked.



Vincent

she said. "It created within me the determination and the knowledge that I could accomplish anything I set my mind to."

But winning the competition did more for Vincent than just the obvious health benefits.

"In a very real sense, I found my way back to me, one step at a time," she said. "It created within me the determination and the knowledge that I could accomplish anything I set my mind to."

Since her brush with TV fame, Vincent has parlayed her can-do attitude into a career as a motivational speaker, book author and women's and children's health advocate.

Her message, summarized by the title of her book, "Believe It, Be It," is simple — people can effect all sorts of positive changes in their lives.

"This is all about creating the life you were meant to

have," she said, "knowing it's OK to reach into yourself and create a plan to create a new you."

The same determination that fueled Vincent's dramatic weight loss can be applied to other important life areas.

"You can use it to improve your finances, your relationships, your career, everywhere," Vincent said. "Often, you find yourself in a

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President will honor troops at Fort Bliss as combat mission ends

By **JULIE PACE**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As President Barack Obama prepares to officially end the lengthy and divisive U.S. combat operation in Iraq, he'll personally thank some of the soldiers who fought there for their service to a mission he forcefully opposed from the start.

Many of those soldiers deployed from Fort Bliss, the sprawling Army base in El Paso, that Obama will visit Tuesday. After speaking with the troops, Obama will return to Washington to address the

nation and formally end a combat mission in Iraq that lasted more than seven years, leaving more than 4,400 U.S. troops dead and thousands more wounded.

Obama was an early critic of the war, speaking out against it during the U.S. invasion in early 2003 and promising during his presidential campaign to bring the conflict to an end. The White House sees Tuesday's benchmark as a promise kept and has gone to great lengths to promote it as such,

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

10-year-old McKenzie Schrecengost and 8-year-old Samantha Raney stand ready to pass out treats at the Heritage Museum, which is featuring "Let's All Go to the Movies." The exhibit traces the history of movie theaters in Big Spring from 1909 to the 1950s. The exhibit will continue through Nov. 2. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry. For more information on this or other upcoming exhibits, call (432) 267-8255.

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Obituaries

Broadway Broadrick

Broadway Broadrick, M.D., 89, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring passed away Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Sharon Wiese officiating.

He was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Blair, Okla., to Leona and Jack Broadrick. The family later moved to Chickasha, Okla., where he was raised, working at the family's farm and dry goods store along with his parents and two brothers.

He attended college at the University Of Oklahoma School Of Medicine. In 1943 he was inducted as a private into the U.S. Army Medical Corp as a part of the Army's new specialist training program. He graduated from medical school in 1945 after completing nine months residency at Dallas Methodist Hospital. He was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Corp.

He was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, and retired as a captain after two years of service. He returned to Dallas Methodist Hospital to finish his residency, where he met and soon married Big Spring native Jo Barnaby. The couple moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he completed an advanced residency in internal medicine.

They moved to Big Spring in 1951, where he was a staff physician at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital. In 1958, he began practicing internal medicine at Cowper Clinic in Big Spring. He was loved by all his patients and the nursing staff.

He moved to the V.A. Hospital of Big Spring in 1971, where he served as a staff physician for five years. After retiring from medicine in 1965, he began to enjoy many of his hobbies with his wife Jo. They had many great fishing trips with their long time friends from Big Spring. He purchased a ranch in Brady in 1986 and began his mission of improving the land.

He spent many hours hand-chopping cactus and soon became known as "Cactus Doc" by friends and family. Broad and Jo spent many years enjoying friends and family gatherings at the ranch. He also enjoyed the quiet times watching the deer and other wildlife.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Jo Broadrick; parents, Leona and Jack Broadrick; brothers, King Broadrick and Myron Broadrick.

He is survived by his children, Linda Jo Kue and Ingrid Broadrick, both of Austin, and Ronnie Broadrick of Big Spring. He also leaves behind his granddaughter, Jennifer Molodia and husband Lars; and great-grandson, Beck Melodia all of San Jose, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to the Diana Currie Nichols Nursing Scholarship fund at Howard College or any charity of their choice.

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

Paid obituary

Lucille Henderson Hooper

Lucille Henderson Hooper, 92, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Sept. 25, 1917, in Howard County and married Willis E. Hooper on June 17, 1936, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death March 2, 1988.

She was a homemaker and had worked for Merle Norman Cosmetics for 15 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Bobbie and Janet Hooper of Lake Coleman; one sister, Doris Benton of Oklahoma; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ruby Nix; and one grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Cheyenne Rainer Burris

Cheyenne Rainer Burris, 38, of Muleshoe, formerly of Big Spring passed away Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, in Muleshoe. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park with Mike Moates officiating.



She was born June 29, 1972, in El Paso to Janie Sue and Raymond Lee Swafford. She was a resident of Big Spring from 1980 until 1995. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. She later resided in Abnernathy, recently relocating to Muleshoe. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Shane Burris of Muleshoe; two sons, Kenley Edwards of Midland, and Ryley Burris of Muleshoe; three daughters, Kaileigh Edwards, Keeley Burris and Lindsey Burris, all of Muleshoe; her father, Raymond Swafford and wife Debbie of Midland; one brother, Cash Rainer and wife Whittney of Gunter; one sister, Tracy Barnett and husband Brad of Water Valley; grandparents, Neoma Clanton of Big Spring and Vernon Swafford of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janie Swafford, and maternal grandparents, Norma Sue and Noah Jack Begley.

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

Police blotter

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

- KENNETH LLOYD HOPPER, 60, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 2, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- SHARLETTE J. WEBB, 44, of 209 N. First St. in Coahoma, was arrested Monday on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription.
- VICTOR RAYMOND DOMINGUEZ, 34, of 813 Anna, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and a warrant from another agency.
- JENNIFER ROSE PEREZ, 31, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 64, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- MELISSA DAWN PENA, 29, of 428 Westover Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of theft of service - more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- NARCISO JAVIER VENEGAS, 25, of 108 N.W. Fourth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR., 39, of 1306 Tucson St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, no driver's license - when unlicensed and failure to appear.
- SAMANTHA C. LINDQUIST, 25, of New Mexico, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
 - In the 300 block of N.W. 10th Street.
 - In the 4200 block of Birch Street.
 - In the 300 block of W. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

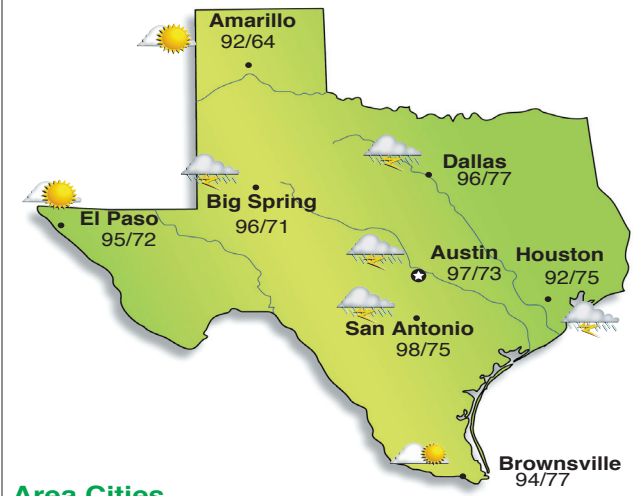
- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- KENNETH LLOYD HOPPER, 60, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property - more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
 - SHARLETTE PETTY WEBB, 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of fraudulent possession/obtain of a prescription.
 - JESUS ORTIZ, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of expired inspection sticker and no driver's license.
 - BENITO LORENZO TORRES, 28, was arrested

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 9/1	Thu 9/2	Fri 9/3	Sat 9/4	Sun 9/5
96/71	96/69	86/64	86/65	92/66
Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	75	t-storm	Kingsville	95	74	t-storm
Amarillo	92	64	mst sunny	Livingston	94	71	t-storm
Austin	97	73	t-storm	Longview	94	74	t-storm
Beaumont	91	73	t-storm	Lubbock	91	67	t-storm
Brownsville	94	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	96	73	t-storm
Brownwood	99	74	t-storm	Midland	98	73	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	77	t-storm	Raymondville	97	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	95	74	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	74	t-storm
Dallas	96	77	t-storm	San Antonio	98	75	t-storm
Del Rio	99	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	97	74	t-storm
El Paso	95	72	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	74	t-storm
Fort Stockton	96	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	96	73	t-storm
Gainesville	93	74	t-storm	Tyler	93	73	t-storm
Greenville	93	74	t-storm	Weatherford	96	74	t-storm
Houston	92	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	92	73	t-storm

Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - open container.

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- NARCISO JAVIER VENEGAS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SAMANTHA CYBIL LINDQUIST, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
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Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 2230 and FM 846. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5000 block of Avenue G. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon. Service refused.

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is believed to have numerous freckles on his face.”

Everett said the two suspects demanded money from the store’s clerk.

“They demanded money and fled the business, making away with an undisclosed amount of cash,” Everett said. “There were no injuries reported as a result of the robbery.”

Anyone with information on this or any other crime can contact the BSPD at 264-2550 or Big Spring Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477). Information could be worth a reward up to \$1,000, and callers to Crimestoppers may remain anonymous.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Texas Art Beat to be featured at Midland Community Theatre

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — Artists Clara Johnson, Petra Eubanks, Joy Cowan, Kathy Newton, Fritzi Heron and Sue Bagwell, all members of the newly formed Texas Art Beat, will feature their first group show at Midland Community Theatre Sept. 3-25.

Each artist will display three to six paintings. A special “meet the artists” champagne reception will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. where theatre patrons will have the opportunity to view the artwork and meet all six members of Texas Art Beat in the relaxed atmosphere.

For those interested in unique, creative and original artwork, this show combined with the theatrical art of Midland Community Theatre’s production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” is a must see, organizers said. Tickets will be

sold at each performance for a drawing. The winner of the drawing will be selected after the last performance and will have a selection of six paintings to choose from one of the featured artists.

This art show will contain original artwork produced with a variety of mediums, including watercolor, acrylic and even latex paint. Each artist has a unique style, ranging from abstract to realism.

Texas Art Beat artists is a group of six women who came together with the common goal of sharing their art with the public.

Midland Community Theatre is located at 2000 W. Wadley. The artwork is open to the public and can be viewed during normal theatre box office hours, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Original artwork can be purchased through the box office until Sept. 28.

Take Note

• The Colorado River Municipal Water District, located at 400 E. 24th St., will be hosting a blood drive today and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donors will receive a coupon for a free Whataburger and be entered into a drawing for free Whataburger for a year! Log on to www.bloodhero.com or contact Karla Oliva at 267-6341.

• The Northside Community Center will start its After School Program from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6. Children from the third to sixth grades are welcome to attend on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. All sessions are free. For more information, call 263-2673.

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Howard County conservatives will hold a Tea Party rally from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Heart of the City Park. Speakers for the event will be State Sen. Kel Seliger, Jim Landtroop, Dr. Donald May and a representative from the Conservative Hispanic Society.

• The local division of the Disabled American Veterans will be holding a 9-11 memorial service at the Big Spring Mall at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is being held in honor of the of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. There memorial will be held just west of the Sears inside the mall, near the memorial wall. For more information on the memorial ceremony, contact Mike Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

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a lot of reasons why you can’t do something. Instead, you need to find reasons to do something positive.”

A book signing will

follow the lecture and Vincent’s book will be available for purchase for \$23.80 including tax.

Although a ticket is required for admit-

tance, the lecture is free of charge to the public.

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TROOPS

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dispatching Vice President Joe Biden to Iraq to preside over a formal change-of-command ceremony and raising Tuesday night’s remarks to the level of an Oval Office address, something Obama has only done once before.

Among Obama’s goals on Tuesday is honoring those who have served in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion, many returning to the battlefield for multiple tours of duty. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Monday that while the Iraq war would have never happened had Obama been commander in chief at the time, the president holds the service and sacrifice of the troops in high regard.

Appearing on nationally broadcast interviews Tuesday morning, Gibbs repeatedly brushed aside questions about whether Obama would credit President George W. Bush’s troop surge with helping to

pave the way for the withdrawal.

“What is certainly not up for question is that President Obama and then candidate Obama said that adding those 30,000 people into Iraq would add to the security of Iraq,” the spokesman said. But he also said “a number of things” brought the United States to this point, including the move toward greater political accommodation among the Sunni, Shia and Kurdish factions.

Pressed on this point, Gibbs said, “Again, I think the president has always stated, and always believed” that adding significant numbers of American troops would stabilize the security environment, “but obviously the leaders in Iraq had to make some political accommodation to move that nation forward.”

Asked if Obama would support sending combat troops back if new waves of violence threatened the country, Gibbs said that Obama had been assured recently by commander Gen. Ray Odier-

no that such a scenario would be very unlikely.

“This is not a victory lap,” he said. “You’re not going to see any ‘Mission Accomplished’ banners that will be unfurled.”

Since the start of the war, 200,000 personnel from Fort Bliss have deployed to Iraq, serving in every major phase of the war. Fifty-one soldiers from the base died there and many more were wounded.

Last week, some 600 soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team returned to the base as part of Obama’s self-imposed Aug. 31 deadline for having all U.S. combat troops out of Iraq. Just about 50,000 U.S. troops will remain, down from a peak of nearly 170,000 in 2007. U.S. troops will no longer be allowed to go on combat missions unless requested and accompanied by Iraqi forces.

Administration officials have been careful to avoid equating the end of the combat mission with a mission accomplished. That was the phrase on the now-

infamous banner that flew on an aircraft carrier seven years ago when Bush declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq, a symbol the Bush White House came to deeply regret as the war dragged on.

“You won’t hear those words coming from us,” Gibbs said Monday. “Obviously tomorrow marks a change in our mission. It marks a milestone that we have achieved in removing our combat troops. That is not to say that violence is going to end tomorrow.”

Under a security agreement signed between the U.S. and Iraq before Obama took office, all U.S. forces must leave Iraq by the end of 2011. But the Obama administration insists the U.S. is not abandoning Iraq and is ramping up a diplomatic corps to help stabilize the country’s government and economy over the com-

ing years.

“This redoubles the efforts of the Iraqis,” Gibbs said. “They will write the next chapter in Iraqi history, and they will be principally responsible for it. We will be their ally, but the responsibility of charting the future of Iraq first and foremost belongs to the Iraqis.”

Ahead of Tuesday night’s remarks, Obama also planned to speak with Bush.

While Bush’s decision to invade Iraq was criticized by many, the troop surge Bush ordered in 2007 has been credited with tamping down violence in Iraq and helping keep the country from falling into a civil war.

Gibbs was interviewed on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” NBC’s “Today” show, CBS’s “The Early Show,” CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC and National Public Radio.

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Friday, September 17, 2010: Pregame Recognition at the BSHS Homecoming Football Game

Meet at 7:00 near the Inflated Steer Tunnel

Saturday, September 18, 2010: BSHS Auditorium at 1:00 pm

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For more information or questions contact Andrea Haro at (432) 270-4351

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OTHER VIEWS

Gov. leaves voters in the dark

Gov. Rick Perry's decision to skip an Oct. 19 gubernatorial debate sponsored by the state's largest newspapers unless his conditions are met might make sense as a political decision. Polls show he has what approaches a comfortable lead over Democratic challenger Bill White, and a case can be made that Perry has more to lose than gain in a face-to-face issues discussion with his foe.

Whether Perry shows up may have little impact on the outcome of the election. He's been governor since December 2000, and it's difficult to imagine there are many Texans who don't have an opinion about him.

But Perry's decision — based on his misguided belief that he has the right to set conditions on whether he'll debate White — is an insult to Texans and, perhaps, further evidence of an officeholder who's held office so long that he suffers from an entitled feeling that long-term incumbency can bring.

The American-Statesman — in conjunction with The Dallas Morning News, San Antonio Express-News, Houston Chronicle, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Austin's KLRU-TV — invited Perry and White to an Oct. 19 debate to be shown on the newspapers' websites and made available to TV stations around the state. Invitations also will be extended to any other gubernatorial candidate who scores at least 10 percent of the support in a September survey to be conducted by the newspapers.

White quickly agreed to show up for the Oct. 19 debate, which the sponsors said will go on even if only one candidate participates. Perry said no, sticking to his position that there will be no debates unless White releases his income tax returns from the 1990s, when he served as Texas Democratic Party chairman and as a U.S. Department of Energy official.

"When Bill White comes clean and releases his tax returns, Governor Perry will debate," Perry campaign spokesman Mark Miner said.

We believe White should release those records, as he has — under pressure from Perry — for the years when he was Houston's mayor. But we do not believe Perry has the right to set that release as a condition for his participation in a gubernatorial debate.

It's wrong. It's arrogant. It's unfair to voters who deserve to see and hear more than just what the candidates dish out in scripted ads, prepared speeches, tweets and text messages. The voters are entitled to a two-candidate discussion.

We remain disappointed in Perry. He should reconsider. ...

—THE AUSTIN AMERICAN STATEMAN

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

In tough times, Lord, success means trusting You and Your "Plan B." Amen

There's no excuse for drinking and driving

Those of us who have been working for many years to reduce drunk driving in Texas have heard just about every excuse in the book as to why people drink and drive. Many don't realize how little alcohol it takes to affect their judgment and reaction time and they think they're OK to drive. Some say they aren't going very far. Others don't want to pay for a cab. Too many say they've always made it home before without a problem.

All of these are just excuses — and they won't work if you use them when a law enforcement officer pulls you over on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. They also are no consolation to the family of someone killed or injured by a drunk driver.

According to preliminary tallies, we lost 955 Texans to drunk driving last year, and another 17,500 were injured in alcohol-related crashes. These people and their families are the reason the Texas Department of Transportation

and the Texas Department of Public Safety are determined to spread this message: there is absolutely no excuse for drinking and driving.

Earlier this month, TxDOT launched the annual statewide "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail" campaign to get drunk drivers off Texas streets and highways. TxDOT is working to educate Texans about their alternatives to driving after drinking. There are many options: calling a cab, designating a sober driver ahead of time, using public transportation, staying put, calling a friend or family member for a ride and more. Texas DPS troopers and local police officers around Texas are also going above and beyond to put a stop to impaired driving. You will notice an increased law enforcement presence out on the roads beginning Aug. 20 through the Labor Day weekend. Officers all across the Lone Star State will be working overtime to spot and arrest anyone who gets behind the wheel after drinking. Last year during the two-week crackdown, officers throughout Texas worked a combined total of nearly 18,000 hours specifically looking for impaired drivers.



COL. STEVE McCRAW

A DWI arrest and conviction has serious consequences. Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for up to a year, and serve up to 180 days in jail. Other costs associated with an impaired driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases and other expenses. A DWI conviction can even disqualify you from being able to get certain kinds of jobs. Is it really worth risking all that — or worse, risking your life someone else's?

Texans have many choices for how to get home after a few drinks. If you fail to make the right choice, thousands of state troopers, local police officers and sheriff's deputies will be out in force to arrest you, and if you're caught drinking and driving in Texas, you will go to jail.

Choose your ride carefully. Will it be a squad car or a sober driver?

Col. Steve McCraw is director of the Texas Department of Public Safety and a writer.

Common sense from the bench

What's this? A federal judge has cited not only chapter and verse, section and clause, of the law when it comes to experimenting on human embryos, but common sense. How unusual.

But that's what His Honor Royce Lamberth did in the course of issuing a preliminary injunction against the federal government's funding research that involves using stem cells derived from human embryos.



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The law the judge specifically cited was the Dickey-Wicker Amendment, which prohibits using federal funds for "research in which a human embryo or embryos are destroyed, discarded or knowingly subjected to risk of injury or death...."

Naturally there's always some (too) sharp lawyer who can ignore the whole point of a law in the course of ferreting out what's not in it. In this case, it was one working for the Department of Health and, yes, Human Services during the Clinton administration. She'd concluded that the prohibition on destroying human embryos to obtain stem cells didn't forbid experimenting on the stem cells themselves. Or even procuring them. After all, the stem cells are only derived from human embryos; they aren't entire embryos. And so are fair game.

Did you follow all that? The shorthand for it is "law logic," a term John Quincy Adams used when he recounted a conversation he'd had with John Marshall, the great chief justice of the early Supreme Court whose opinions have yet to be matched for breadth, reason and foresight. "I told him," Mr. Adams confided to his diary, that "it was law logic — an artificial system of reasoning, exclusively used in courts of justice, but good for nothing anywhere else."

To follow the line of reasoning being used by this administration to its logical if ghastly conclusion, it should also be permis-

sible, even if the law prohibits vivisectioning human beings, to use the body parts obtained that way for scientific research.

To reach a different conclusion would require a modicum of that most uncommon quality in the law: common sense.

By now a simple observation that has become a legal principle: The fruit of a poisonous tree is also poisoned. All that the judge in this case has done is to conclude, sensibly enough, that the law which bars government from experimenting with human embryos also keeps it from doing as it wills with parts thereof, like stem cells. They're an inseparable part of the same, prohibited practice. This is much the same rationale that the courts have used to defend the Fourth Amendment, which bars unreasonable searches and seizures. They've ruled that the evidence gathered by such tactics is inadmissible in court. For it is tainted, too.

The cries of protest against Judge Lamberth's ruling were loudest from the only sure beneficiaries to date of all this research on embryonic stem cells: the scientists who have been getting federal grants to pursue it. Because despite all their wild promises — a cure for Alzheimer's! for diabetes! for paralysis! for you-name-it! — they have yet to come up with a single such cure. (So far embryonic stem cells, because of their tendency to metastasize, have caused more cancers than they've cured.)

As usual, a key piece of information may be relegated to an afterthought in the news coverage of this furious debate. The buried lede, it's called in the parlance of the trade. This one didn't show up till about the 21st paragraph of one story: "Embryonic stem cells, which can morph into many different types of tissues, are able to do things that other cells cannot, proponents argued. No new therapies, however, have been developed." The emphasis is mine.

Meanwhile, research using other kinds of stem cells, like adult stem cells, has proven remarkably fruitful, resulting in scores of medical advances. Federal funds for that kind of

productive research is inevitably reduced when millions of the public's dollars are used to pursue the will-o'-the-wisp that is the promise of research on human embryonic stem cells. Just as the plaintiffs in this case before Judge Lamberth argued.

What's more, scientific advances are rapidly making this whole dispute superfluous. For ways are being found to produce stem cells that have all the qualities of embryonic stem cells without raising any of the scientific, legal or ethical questions that surround their use for research purposes.

Yet some researchers — and the politicians they've recruited — still insist that only experiments on the embryonic kind of stem cells will do. Those of us who oppose the use of embryonic stem cells for research purposes aren't opposed to science, just this less-than-scientific obsession of some scientists. There are ideas and there are ideologies, and it seems scientists are as prone as the rest of us to confuse the two.

The Obama administration may now appeal this latest decision against the use of human embryos for scientific research. It may even prevail, given the confused state of the law. Or it may try to change the law itself in order to lessen the protections afforded the embryo, leading to more years of confusion and contention in this conflict between reverence for human life and man's impulse to cross the boundaries erected to protect it.

It will be argued that, at this stage, the human embryo is but a speck.

Why all this fuss over a bit of microscopic protoplasm no bigger than the period at the end of this sentence?

That human life — every human life — begins on such a minute scale tempts us to dismiss any reservations about destroying it; instead, that fact should fill us with awe.

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Bird Poop: Owl's well with the youngsters

As the man left Odessa's city limits, he sighed. With 32 miles of nothing ahead, he wondered how anything could exist in the parched late summer landscape. Mesquite, prickly pear, cholla and dry grasses were uninviting to his way of thinking. But he went where the work was and was glad the pay made it worth his while.



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After reaching Crane, he soon sped past his favorite eatery. Turning on to a caliche road that led to the rig, his pickup stirred a billowing cloud of dust.

To reactivate the facility, the man needed to inspect every aspect of the abandoned structure. When he was satisfied that everything was intact and no thefts had occurred, he would notify the owner.

Even though he had started early, the morning heat was intensifying. Early afternoon promised temperatures around 103.

As he approached a pipe used to heat oil, he stopped abruptly. So did the hissing sound he had just heard. Another few steps forward and the hissing resumed.

Finally locating the origin of the noise, he looked

inside the heater pipe. Starring back at him were at least three pair of dark eyes and long faces. Realizing they were downy chicks, he thought he saw one or two more behind them as those in front swayed their heads back and forth.

Telling me the two youngest owls were a fuzzy white, the caller from Crane said the remaining three had to be older and varied in size. Covered in a thick, buff-colored down, the oldest made the most noise and seemed to encourage its companions to join in the chorus.

"Ma'am, we have to activate this rig," stressed the man as he related his company's time frame. When I asked if he could transport the birds to Parks & Wildlife in Midland, he readily accepted our offer to take the owls.

As I explained what to expect when he started to extract the birds from the pipe, the man seemed unfazed by my description of screaming voices, flailing talons, guano-like odor and



With its dark eyes, facial disks and heart-shaped face, the barn owl is a distinctive raptor. With superb hearing and sight, the bird of prey hunts silently in open fields during the night. It is also known to frequent barns and towns

Courtesy photo

filth from uneaten rodents and cast pellets. "I'm game!" he replied.

Several hours later, he delivered five nestling barn owls to Parks & Wildlife. After telling me there was no nesting material in the pipe, I mentioned that in a desolate area owls use whatever is available.

Having had them come from barns, attics, church steeples, recessed areas in bluffs and the heads of pump jacks, I was not too surprised at a piece of pipe. It was just their way of coping with

nature.

When we opened the box the man had provided, we noticed the two youngest were filthy. As the older owls had moved about in the pipe, they had carried waste on their feet and stepped on the younger ones. Despite the conditions in which they lived, all five appeared to be healthy.

Taken to South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, the owls went from incubator to playpen. When each bird was large enough, it was placed

with surrogate parents for feeding and nurturing. Soon all five birds were together again and growing rapidly.

In the wild, barn owls would leave their nest between seven to eight weeks after hatching. Although they would remain in the area, their parents would feed them. Gradually they would learn to hunt and be independent.

For the "pipe owls," freedom could only be attained after learning to kill live mice and showing their flight ability and agility in the flight cage. Placement would be in the barns of farmers who needed the mousers.

Although the man had not been at the rig site when adult owls chose the pipe, he was an integral part of their family's upbringing. His willingness to capture and relocate the young owls resulted in their being welcomed in another area. With broad wings silently carrying them into the night, the five would take their place in nature as they help to control overabundant populations.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parents Corner

Fair to say, someone is always watching

Remember Ray Stevens using the term Santa Claus is watching you? Well, I think it's true, somebody is always watching. I've heard this proclaimed all my life and I've certainly found it to be true. Someone is always watching.

You never know how your actions, good or bad, will affect those around you. It could be as simple as your child watching how you react to a driver who cuts you off in traffic, or a stranger watching you as you help another individual.

We should all understand that our actions have consequences and that one moment of carelessness can have huge repercussions. With today's technology there really aren't any private moments in public places. Everyone has a camera, because everyone has a cell phone. Our behavior, good or bad, is literally just a keystroke away from being in cyber space for everyone to see.

For those who are famous, or at least temporarily in the spotlight, it is even more crucial for them to think before they act. Our young people need to know and understand this concept. They need to be aware that having to deal with the consequences of their actions potentially affect others around them, including family, friends, team and school.

There is nothing wrong with having some fun, but there is also nothing wrong with keeping it under control and acting responsibly. Someone is always watching to see if we will impress them or mess up; to see if our actions match our words. Our behavior can affect those around us and usually does. Too often in this day and time we are more concerned about our "rights" than the consequences of those "rights!" When I was in college I had a professor who said it like this: "We have the right to swing our fist but that right stops where my nose begins!"

How we affect others by using our "rights" can be devastating.

It's fascinating to consider the effects of one person and the difference one person can make on the world. Yes, we're all connected and the ways in which our lives intersect and weave together is inspiring and yet it also gives me pause, because it makes me think about how important it is to bring that awareness of our connection with each other into our day-to-day relationships.

I feel we must answer the unspoken call to act and speak more responsibly, knowing that in our own small way we are helping to make the world a better place.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.



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THE SAVVY SENIOR



Dear Savvy Senior

My wife and I love to travel, but hotel costs eat up our budget so fast we can't stay as long, or go as often as we'd like to. I've heard that there are various alternative lodging options that offer free or low-cost accommodations to seniors. What can you tell us about this?

Retired Travelers

Dear Retired

It's true! You can save lots of money when you travel by skipping pricey hotels and opting for an alternative form of lodging. Here are some different options to consider.

Home Exchanges

One way to get free accommodations when you travel is by swapping homes with someone who's interested in visiting the area where you live. To make a swap, you'll need to join an online home exchange service where you can list your home, and get access to thousands of other listings. Then you simply email the owners of houses or apartments you're interested in - or they email you - and you make arrangements. Most home exchange sites like homeexchange.com, digsville.com, intervacusa.com charge membership fees ranging from \$45 to \$100, or try craigslist.org which offers a house-swap section for free.

House Sitting

If you're willing to undertake a few household chores another way to get free lodging here in the U.S. and abroad

is by house sitting. You live in someone else's home while they're away for a long weekend or even a few months. And in exchange for the free accommodations, you take care of certain responsibilities such as their pets, lawn, mail, etc. To find these opportunities try sites like caretaker.org, housecarers.com, housesittersamerica.com and sabbaticalhomes.com - they all charge a small membership fee.

B&B Clubs

If you like staying in bed-and-breakfasts and have a spare bedroom yourself, consider the Evergreen Club (evergreenclub.com) or the Affordable Travel Club (affordabletravelclub.net). These are bed-and-breakfast clubs for older travelers that offer inexpensive lodging in the spare bedroom of other club members, or they may stay with you when they're on the road. You pay a modest gratuity of between \$10 and \$20 per night, with breakfast. And the clubs charge membership fees of \$60 to \$80 per year.

Hostels

Staying at a hostel is another inexpensive option to consider. While hostels have historically offered shared dormitory and bathroom accommodations with other guests, many hostels today are offering private rooms, swimming pools, hot tubs, free Internet, along with kitchens that guests can use to

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News in brief

Earl, a Category 4 hurricane, on course toward U.S. East Coast

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hurricane Earl, now a powerful Category 4 storm, barreled toward the U.S. coast early Tuesday after battering tiny islands across the northeastern Caribbean with heavy rain and winds that damaged homes and toppled power lines.

Earl is forecast to potentially brush the U.S. East Coast late Thursday, before curving back out to sea, potentially swiping New England or far-eastern Canada. The U.S. National Hurricane Center warned coastal residents from North Carolina to Maine to watch the storm closely.

"Any small shift in the track could dramatically alter whether it makes landfall or whether it remains over the open ocean," said Wallace Hogsett, a meteorologist at the center. "I can't urge enough to just stay tuned."

In the Caribbean, Earl caused flooding in low-lying areas and damaged homes on islands including Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla and St. Maarten. Several countries and territories reported power outages. Cruise ships were diverted and flights canceled across the region.

NATO says 4 American troops killed in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A roadside bomb attack killed four U.S. troops in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the latest deaths in a particularly bloody spell that has left 18 service members dead since Saturday.

No other details were given about the incident and the service members were not identified by name as is standard procedure.

The deaths bring this month's total to 53, still below the figure of 66 for July, the deadliest month for U.S. troops in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion. Another member of the international coalition whose nationality has not been released was killed Monday.

Almost all of the recent coalition deaths have come in southern and eastern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgency is most deeply entrenched

and where fighting has been heaviest.

Those areas are also closest to the mountainous border with Pakistan, where insurgents maintain safe havens and training bases to instruct recruits, including foreign fighters, who are later infiltrated into Afghanistan.

Dutch authorities question 2 men arrested at request of U.S.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch investigators on Tuesday questioned two men arrested at Amsterdam's airport after U.S. authorities found suspicious items in their checked luggage, including a cell phone taped to a Pepto-Bismol bottle and a knife and box cutter.

The pair were arrested Monday morning at Schiphol Airport after getting off a United Airlines flight from Chicago, where their decision to change their flight plans raised flags in the U.S., officials said.

They were being held at the airport for questioning, but neither has been charged with any offense in the Netherlands, said Martijn Boelhouwer, the national prosecutor's office spokesman.

Edmond Messchaert, a spokesman for the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism, said the organization was aware of the case, but would not comment further.

"We are in the loop. We were informed yesterday that this was going down and we are being kept informed of progress," Messchaert told The Associated Press.

Purported Texas-born drug kingpin captured by federal police in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Texas-born fugitive Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias "the Barbie," is the third major suspected drug lord to fall in Mexico in the past 10 months and a coup for President Felipe Calderon in his embattled war on powerful cartels.

Valdez, who got his improbable nickname from his fair complexion, is wanted in the United States for allegedly smuggling tons of cocaine and inside Mexico is blamed for a brutal turf war that has included bodies hung from bridges, decapitations

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Short-Term Apartment

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House or Condo Rentals

If you're traveling with your kids or grandkids you can save money by renting a house or condo versus multiple hotel rooms. Most properties rent by the week or month. To find these options try sites

like pickpackgo.com, homeaway.com, zonder.com, rentalo.com, vrbo.com and craigslist.org. For resort destinations, check at resortquest.com. And for time share rentals see myresortnetwork.com and redweek.com. Or go to google.com and type in the place you want to visit followed by "vacation rentals."

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*,

P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit *Savvy Senior.org*. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC *Today show* and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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and shootouts as he and a rival fought for control of the divided Beltran Leyva cartel.

Calderon called Valdez "one of the most-wanted criminals in Mexico and abroad" in a Tweet.

He vowed that operations to bring down the rest of his gang will continue following his arrest Monday in Mexico State, an area that borders Mexico City.

The arrest was the culmination of a yearlong intelligence operation, the Public Safety Department said in a statement.

The statement offered no other details, but included a photograph of Valdez sporting stubble as he kneels on the ground, a police officer's hand on his shoulder.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
A Vital Defensive Signal

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 8 3
♥ 8
♦ K 6 2
♣ A 5 4 3

WEST
♠ 7 4
♥ K 10 7 5 2
♦ J 9 5 4
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EAST
♠ K 9 5 2
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♠ J 6
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♦ A 8 7 3
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The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
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Opening lead — five of hearts.

A **convention** is an agreement between partners that a certain bid or play has a specific meaning. Stayman, Blackwood and fourth-best leads are common conventions that nearly all players are familiar with. Without conventions, bridge would be turmoil. Today's hand illustrates a widely accepted defensive convention.

Declarer won East's queen of hearts with the ace and finessed the jack of spades, losing to the king. East returned a heart, of course, but the question here is which heart East should return.

The correct return is the three.

This is consistent with the understanding that when a defender who played his highest card in the suit his partner led next returns the suit, he leads the card that was originally his fourth-best in the suit if he started with four or more, and his original second-highest card if he started with only three.

Observe how helpful the three return is to West. Knowing that East started with four hearts, he does not have to be a genius to figure out that South started with exactly three.

Accordingly, after winning South's nine with the ten, West cashes the king, dropping declarer's jack. Both his other hearts are now tricks, and three notrump goes down one.

But suppose East had returned his highest remaining heart, the six, instead of the three, thinking that it really didn't matter which low heart he returned. West would win the nine with the ten but would not know whether to continue with the king. He might think South originally had A-J-9-3 or A-J-9-4 and shift to another suit so as not to establish declarer's jack.

One other point: Note that West can't misread the three as indicating an original heart holding of only the Q-3. That would mean South started with the A-J-9-6-4, and he would surely have bid two hearts initially rather than two notrump with such a holding.

Tomorrow: Solution to a quandary.
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Bronte on tap for Lady Steers

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

After going 2-3 in the Seminole tournament, the Lady Steers volleyball team is hoping to get back to .500 against Bronte at 6:30 p.m. today in Steer Gym.

Head coach Lynn Osborne said she saw progress during the Seminole tourney, which was good news. Before the tournament, Osborne was not pleased with the Lady Steers' last performance at home against San Angelo Central and Lamesa.

Big Spring (11-12) split those home matches, but the Lady Steers were swept by Central and needed a fifth game to beat Lamesa after winning two.

"I think we saw some progress in communication on the floor during this tournament," Osborne said. "We want to build on that. The girls seemed to be real excited. Even though we dropped those matches at the tournament, I thought they played much better than they have been playing."

At the Seminole tournament, the Lady Steers lost to Midland 25-12, 25-15, Midland Christian 24-26,

30-28, 25-18 and Andrews 26-24, 25-19.

Big Spring pulled out victories against Lakeview 18-25, 25-18, 25-21 and Greenwood 25-19, 18-25, 25-18.

The Lady Steers have been floating around .500 for most of the season, but Osborne said the goal is to be consistent and continue to improve. She said players have to have a winning mindset in order to be where they want to be at this point in the season.

With the wins at the Osborne tournament, Osborne hopes her players will play better at home this time.

"I don't want to take anything away from the teams that we've played," she said. "They've all been good teams, but I really believe that the problem is on our side of the court. If we fix what we're doing on our side of the court, we should be fine."

Osborne believes a win against Bronte would be a good one to get. She said tonight should be a challenge for her players, who are always looking forward to big matches.

"Bronte always has a solid team," she said.

"It's always a good opponent. That's why I don't hesitate to schedule with them. I expect they're going to have some good hard-hitting girls, they usually do."

Osborne is pleased with Big Spring's offense. She said Diamond Mayes is contributing on the defensive and offensive end and Bridgette Tuitt and Cerbi Ritchey are becoming threats for kills, too.

Since the beginning of the season, the Lady Steers have been hard at work with the tournaments on the road and tough opponents on the schedule.

After the Bronte match, Big Spring will have the weekend off and Osborne admitted the rest will be much needed.

"They're going to be off and I think that's going to be a real positive thing," she said. "When we come back on Tuesday against Sterling City and Midland Christian, we'll have the wind back in our sails."

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton
Cerbi Ritchey attempts to spike a ball during the Big Spring volleyball team's match against San Angelo Central.

Wilson shuts down Royals to lead Texas to 3-0 win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The more familiar C.J. Wilson becomes with teams, the more dominant he is.

Wilson gave up just two hits in 7 2-3 innings Monday night to lift the Texas Rangers to a 3-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals and continue an incredible second-half pitching surge. He is 7-0 with a 1.99 earned run average since the All-Star break and has the most wins in the majors during that span.

Wilson (14-5) credits his second-half roll to the familiarity he has gained in facing hitters throughout the year.

"Game experience against the same teams gives me the advantage," Wilson said. "Every team I'm facing now, I've faced before at some point in the season. I've had

the chance to prepare even more."

Wilson allowed only a scratch hit to Willie Bloomquist until the eighth inning when Jai Miller delivered a one-out single to center. The left-hander, who had a complete-game win over the Royals in May, struck six and walked four.

The Bloomquist single was a big bouncer inside first that Mitch Moreland couldn't field cleanly. Asked if he would have had a problem with the scoring decision had that prevented a no-hitter, Wilson was quick to respond.

"Yes," Wilson said. "That was a real hit that Miller got. The other one was kind of like a bad-hop grounder. I was looking at it like that was a no-hitter for me. But

I still had to throw another (five) outs to get it and I didn't throw those outs."

Bloomquist gave credit to Wilson for keeping the Royals down the whole night.

"He's just real deceptive," Bloomquist said.

Bloomquist wasn't about to enter a debate against whatever Wilson deserved to take a no-hitter into the eighth.

"That's really not for me to decide," Bloomquist said. "I put the ball in play and try to get to first as fast as I can."

Wilson's outing was the longest scoreless performance by a Texas pitcher while allowing two hits or less since Chris Young on Aug. 17, 2005. Facing Cleveland that night, Young allowed two hits over eight innings.

Neftali Feliz worked the

ninth for his 33rd save in 36 opportunities, giving Texas its third win in its last 10 road games in the opener of a 10-game trip.

Kyle Davies (6-9) went 8 1-3 innings, allowing three runs — two earned — on ten hits with six strikeouts and a walk.

"You've got to give credit to C.J.," Davies said. "He pitched a real good ballgame."

The Rangers got the only run they would need in the second. Following a leadoff double by Nelson Cruz in his first at-bat after coming off the disabled list, Davies got David Murphy on a fly to right before Bengie Molina hit a run-scoring single.

Texas added to its lead in the fifth on a triple by former Royals player Andres Blan-

co, who went 3 for 4. Elvin Andrus added a run-scoring single and Michael Young delivered a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Wilson issued a couple of walks in the sixth, but got Jason Kendall on a double-play bouncer that ended the threat.

Notes: The Rangers confirmed that LHP Derek Holland will take over the No. 5 spot in the rotation, with Rich Harden moving to the bullpen. Holland will start in Minnesota on Friday. ... Rangers manager Ron Washington originally had Josh Hamilton in center field on Monday, but then shuffled his lineup, with Hamilton serving as the designated hitter. Due to a

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J.A. Happ throws 2-hitter as Astros shut out St. Louis Cardinals 3-0

HOUSTON (AP) — J.A. Happ was determined to pitch better on Monday night than he did in his last outing against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Houston lefty certainly accomplished his goal.

Happ threw a two-hitter and rookie Brett Wallace had a career-high three hits and drove in a run to help the Astros beat the struggling Cardinals 3-0.

It was a complete turnaround from his last meeting with the Cardinals, when he allowed a career-high seven earned runs in just one-

plus innings.

"I wasn't dwelling on it, but certainly that was as bad of a start as I've had maybe in my life and it was tough to take at the time," he said. "I saw looking ahead after that game that I was going to get another chance and you always want to prove to that team that that wasn't you out there. They got me pretty good last time. But this was a different story."

It was another tough loss for the Cardinals, who have dropped six of seven and fallen six games behind Cincin-

nati in the NL Central race.

"It's not like there's just no hope," St. Louis shortstop Brendan Ryan said. "Even for me, I'm struggling as bad as I have ever struggled, but I still think every day I come to the field I am going to get a couple hits and help the team win. I don't know. It's just very frustrating."

Happ earned his fourth complete game and third shutout of his career. The Astros acquired the 27-year-old in the deal that sent Roy

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Clemens, in court, tells judge: 'Not guilty'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens put his right hand on the lectern, leaned down toward the microphone and made what might be the most important pitch of his life: "Not guilty, your honor."

Those words, uttered Monday in a strong, confident voice by the seven-time Cy Young Award winner sporting a black blazer and blond highlights in his hair, marked the official beginning of a court case that could taint baseball even further and land the "Rocket" in jail.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton presided over an arraignment hearing that lasted less

than 14 minutes in the ceremonial courtroom at the federal courthouse, across the street from the Capitol.

Walton set April 5 as the start of jury selection — the Monday of the first full week of the 2011 baseball season, and also around the time a case involving Barry Bonds, the all-time home run king, could be wrapping up in San Francisco.

Pete Rose, Darryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden and Denny McLain are among former baseball stars to have spent time in jail. Clemens and Bonds, who chased history on the field throughout their careers, now could

be chasing history off it.

They are both in jeopardy of becoming the first baseball star jailed because of a conviction related to the performance-enhancing-drug imbroglio that has sullied their sport for much of the past 15 years.

If convicted of six counts — three of making false statements, two of perjury and one of obstruction of Congress — Clemens could face up to 30 years in prison and a \$1.5 million fine, although 15 to 21 months is the more likely sentence under federal guidelines.

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun and Mercury are moving ever closer to their point of conjunction. Mercury is still retrograde in the realm of Virgo, and certain details require enormous attention. You could find yourself thinking: Haven't I gone over this enough already? But go through the motions anyway, and you'll probably catch something that you missed before.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Peace is not some distant ideal. You already experience it many times a day. It's just a matter of letting those moments spill into the rest of the day and eventually take over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A choice you are faced with may seem serious — monumental even — but it's not. It's actually as silly as worrying about which side of the bread to butter. Your life will be

delicious either way. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll dive in, even though you don't know what to do exactly. That's what makes your life exciting. If you knew what you were doing, you would be bored with it already.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone will tempt you today, and it's almost as if they have their methods of seduction down to a science. You will be like a child reaching for the candy at the checkout counter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are almost always passionate about something, but the object of your intense feelings doesn't usually take over your life like it seems to for the next few days. You're just feeling uncharacteristically undetermined and intense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider losing touch with reality for a few private moments. Daydreaming isn't just an indulgence for you — it is a necessary exercise, like taking your imagination out for a walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you are around a certain someone, the

stresses of daily life don't feel like pressure at all. It's like you can suddenly handle everything with grace because you see yourself as this person sees you — strong and capable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You woke up knowing what you wanted from this day, and that sense of purpose will be with you into the evening. Anyone can see that it would be extremely difficult to sway you from your path, and no one will even try.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be drawn to artistic (and possibly moody) people, as your own creativity is developing in new ways now. Something to keep in mind: It is possible for a person to think deeply without thinking clearly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be careful with so-called remedies now. Some of the fixes for problems are more harmful than the problem itself. The best tactic might be to focus on what's going right instead of trying to fix what's wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll hit

upon an aspect of your work that seems to be uncharted territory. Perhaps others have discovered this before you, but no one knew how to turn it into an advantage. You'll figure it out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some relationships are beautiful because they are so difficult to explain or define. You'll add a chapter to such a relationship today. This is one story that doesn't need to be resolved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 31). You'll quickly get where you want to go because you see the world in crystal clarity — no veils or illusions. You'll be praised and awarded in September. Finances improve in November. There's a fortuitous change in your transportation. Loved ones reunite in March. There's a career breakthrough in May. Cancer and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 1, 22 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: To further expand on yesterday's

answer to the query of a Leo going through what he describes as "a horrible run of bad luck..."

While I do not agree with your ex-girlfriend's suggestion that Saturn has contributed to your economic and emotional hardship, I do think the ringed planet might inspire you to get out of this difficult cycle. Saturn's lessons are not designed to destroy us, but rather to help us dig deeper into ourselves to find the strength and creativity to reconfigure our lives. So, your girlfriend has left and has taken most of your stuff. Maybe this can be viewed as a liberation. You don't have to worry about or maintain the stuff now. And you are free to explore who you are outside of your relationship with her. Your job is hard, but you can use the experience you've gained from it to get another job. Make a list of everything that could possibly be good about the recent events that have transpired. There are many benefits you're not currently seeing. Even if you don't

feel that these events favor you, make the list as if they do. What you're labeling as "bad luck" may very well be the best thing that's ever happened to you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Movie star Richard Gere has brought attention and funding to several causes that help protect the lives, land and human rights of the oppressed. This Virgo humanitarian was born under a Sagittarius moon, indicating a love of other cultures and a mind that's open to different worlds. He once said, "Meditation is such a more substantial reality than what we normally take to be reality."

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My good friend "Kathy" has an 8-year-old son, as do I. "Brian" is extremely smart, but has a sailor's vocabulary.

He also threatens other kids and says he will beat them up. Sometimes, Brian encourages other kids to hit him.

Over the years, he's been in trouble numerous times, but Kathy blames the school, saying Brian is too smart to sit still and acts up because he's bored.

She's right that Brian

can easily do the work. However, last week I had to tell Brian that he couldn't play with my son anymore because of his nasty tongue and the threats he made at a religious program they both attend.

Brian's response was one of confusion. He asked, "Why? What did I do?" I was shocked that he had repressed his behavior so well that he did not even acknowledge that his poor choices may have negative repercussions.

I informed him that he had a problem using language correctly.

At that point, my son jumped in and gave Brian some rules for avoiding trouble, reinforced with an ultimatum that he wouldn't play with him anymore if he didn't stop.

When I returned Brian to his stepdad, the man was shocked by what I told him and expressed uncertainty of what to do when school starts.

I am sad because Kathy is my friend, but I can't have my son around a boy who clearly has no idea how to behave

properly. I've always wanted to help Brian, but isn't it time to write off this friendship because it could hurt my son? — *Price of Friendship*

Dear Price: We don't believe Brian is repressing his behavior. We think he doesn't realize how inappropriate he is.

And since he encourages other kids to hit him, there may be more going on. It doesn't help that his mother blames the school, giving Brian the impression that he isn't responsible for controlling himself.

Please don't write him off. Your son sounds quite capable of being a good influence, as are you. Suggest to Brian's parents that they get an evaluation from his doctor.



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

Dear Annie: I'm 21 years old. It's been four years since my little son passed away, and I'm still depressed. I miss him very much.

No one quite gets how I feel, and it hurts. My depression is affecting my relationship

with my boyfriend. I've tried my best to get help, but I'm not any better. I work on being happy on the outside, but inside, I'm always crying. I pray every day that everything will get better. What should I do? — *Missing My Son in Hawaii*

Dear Hawaii: The death of a child is devastating. You could benefit from speaking to others who have suffered such a terrible loss. Please contact the Compassionate Friends (compassionatefriends.org) at 1-877-969-0010, and get some help.

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Dear Annie: It is very unfortunate that Dr. DuComb sees fit to paint a broad brush as to the quality of dermatology care provided by physician assistants and their supervising dermatologists.

I think the thousands of patients cared for by our membership would strongly disagree. The training physician assistants go through is extensive and mirrors physician training.

It is unfair for DuComb to claim that a dermatology physician assistant "doesn't know enough to adequately diagnose and treat dermatology patients."

There are PAs who have worked in dermatology for more than 40 years, and their experience is unparalleled.

The Mayo Clinic, where DuComb states she was trained, readily employs PAs throughout their primary and specialty care departments. PAs help increase

patient access to care, decrease wait time and allow physicians to spend more time with complicated patients.

It's truly a shame that DuComb does not recognize the team-oriented quality health care that a physician-PA can provide. — *Renata M. Block, MMS, PA-C, ISDPA President*

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"It's gonna be my airbag. What do ya think?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"This water doesn't taste as good as the ocean."

HAGAR

"I HEREBY LAY SIEGE TO THE CASTLE OF SIR REGINALD BUTTERWORTH, THE 25th EARL OF NOTTINGHAM!"

"HOLD IT! HE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE!"

"WHERE DID HE GO?!"

"HE CONVERTED THIS CASTLE INTO CONDOS AND MOVED SOUTH TO VENICE, ITALY!"

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"NOT A PROBLEM..."

"I'VE NEVER LIVED UP TO MY POTENTIAL."

WIZARD OF ID

"I SEE A FORCE THAT WILL INVADE FROM THE SEA AND KILL HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS..."

"WHAT FLAG DO THEY GO BY?"

AGNES

"A FRIENDSHIP LIKE OURS TAKES A LARGE COMMITMENT... FEW PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE EFFORT INVOLVED."

"YOU OPENED A BAG OF CHEEZ KURLS AND TURNED ON THE TELEVISION... SOME EFFORT."

"ARE YOU CALLING ME CHEAP?"

"HEY!... DID YOU LICK THE SALT OFF THESE AGAIN?"

HI AND LOIS

"NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL FAST FOOD!"

"THE CAR WINDOW HAS TO BE OPEN WHEN YOU DRIVE THROUGH."

THE OTHER COAST

"QUIT COMPLAINING. IT'S CHEAPER THAN GETTING IT DONE AT THE VET."

SNUFFY SMITH

"GIT, OL' BULLET!! I DON'T WANT YA UNDERFOOT WHILE I'M COOKIN'!!"

"AN' NO, THAT AIN'T WHAT I MEANT!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

"SARGE DO ME A FAVOR AND HOLD THIS ROPE A SECOND"

"ALL RIGHT"

"AFTER THE WAY I BAWLED HIM OUT THIS MORNING, YOU WOULDN'T THINK HE'D ASK ME TO DO HIM A FAVOR"

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2010. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 31, 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk (guh-DANSK') that ended a 17-day-old strike.

On this date:

In 1886, an earthquake rocked Charleston, S.C., killing 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, the apparent first victim of "Jack the Ripper," was found slain in London's East End.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve" debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in nearly 70 deaths.

In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a charter for The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame, which came to be located in Bonner Springs, Kan.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1985, Richard Ramirez, later convicted of California's "Night Stalker" killings, was captured by residents of an East Los Angeles neighborhood.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, Calif. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1988, 14 people were killed when a Delta Boeing 727 crashed during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 75. Actor Warren Berlinger is 73. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the

Crickets) is 71. Actor Jack Thompson is 70. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 65. Singer Van Morrison is 65. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 62. Actor Richard Gere is 61. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 55. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 53. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 53. Singer Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 51. Rhythm-and-blues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 47. Actor Jaime P. Gomez is 45. Baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 42. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is 41. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 40.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Flash of inspiration

5 Battery fluid

9 Stinging insects

14 Get better

15 Lasso

16 Sneeze sound

17 Choir voice

18 "Let's go!"

19 Approaches

20 Spread gossip

23 Lion constellation

24 Amazed

25 Silver and copper

27 Auto-tank filler

30 ___ the Red (Norse explorer)

32 Heavy weight

33 Loosen, as a shoelace

35 Region

37 College sports org.

41 Hold firm

44 Parsley or thyme

45 Takes advantage of

46 "Laughing" beast

47 Make a choice

49 Like morning grass

51 America's uncle

52 Prom rental

55 Alaskan seaport

57 Tiny bite

58 Practical

63 Gig for a tenor

65 Hammer's target

66 Aloe ___ (healing plant)

67 Home-siding material

68 List ending abbr.

69 Make revisions to

70 South American mountains

71 ___-poly

72 A few

8 Blue-jeans material

9 Feel like it material

10 Expert

11 Intend to

12 Skin openings

13 Just average

21 Suit fabric

22 Affix a new label to

26 Pester

27 Spew forth

28 Poker stake

29 Have the biggest role

31 Statement of faith

34 To-do tray

36 Necessary

38 Billiards sticks

39 Fictional Karenina

40 Eve's husband

42 Surpass

43 Limerick feature

48 Foot levers

50 Like lambs

52 Easy basket in basketball

53 Overturn

54 Deed holder

56 Roof overhangs

57 Bright star

59 Western alliance, for short

60 Make over

61 Quick haircut

62 Despise

64 Pumpernickel alternative

DOWN

1 "___ no idea!"

2 Sandwich shop

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6 Funny people

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Manny Ramirez joins White Sox

CLEVELAND (AP) — Manny Ramirez will have to follow two non-negotiable rules if he's going to play for White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

No. 1: Stretch with your teammates.

No. 2: Be on the field for the national anthem.

That's it. Well, he may have to trim the dreadlocks. But that's about it.

"I want him to feel comfortable here," Guillen said Monday. "I want him to like it here. I want him to have fun and I want him to be Manny."

Back to frighten pitchers who haven't seen him regularly in a few years, Ramirez will try to get Chicago back to the AL playoffs.

As expected, the White Sox claimed the unpredictable but productive 12-time All-Star slugger on waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers, counting on his powerful bat, full of so many October swings and homers, to help them make a postseason push.

"Hopefully, he can come in here and give us some help," White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said. "We need to make up some ground. There's no doubt Manny can hit. He makes any team better."

Chicago began a key 10-game trip to Cleveland, Boston and Detroit on Monday night, although Ramirez is not expected to join the White Sox, his fourth major league team, until Tuesday. They began the day 4½ games be-

hind first-place Minnesota in the AL Central.

The 38-year-old Ramirez returns to the AL after spending parts of three seasons in Los Angeles, a stay that ended on a somewhat sour note. He batted .311 with eight homers and 40 RBIs in 66 games with the Dodgers this season, but was on the disabled list from July 20 to Aug. 20 with a right calf strain and missed 33 games.

Guillen said it's possible Ramirez could play on Tuesday if he feels up to it. Guillen plans to use Ramirez primarily as a designated hitter and will bat him fifth.

The White Sox are trying to reach the playoffs for the first time since 2008. That year, they traded for Ken

Griffey Jr. before the July 31 deadline, but he had little impact down the stretch or in the postseason.

Griffey and Ramirez certainly were different characters.

Guillen feels Ramirez is misunderstood. He doesn't anticipate having any trouble with him, and he's confident the enigmatic superstar will be easily accepted in Chicago's clubhouse.

"People have the wrong idea about Manny," he said. "I don't think Manny is a bad guy or a pain in the butt. It's funny how people say Manny is being Manny. Manny is being real. I never see anyone on his team get mad at him because he goes about his business."

Federer, V. Williams, Roddick win at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — This trick shot by Roger Federer was most definitely real.

He's even hit it before. The five-time U.S. Open champion was up at the net when his first-round opponent, 96th-ranked Brian Dabul of Argentina, lofted a lob. Federer spun around to sprint toward the baseline. A couple of steps

before reaching the wall behind the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium, and with his back to the net, Federer swatted the ball between his legs. The shot landed in a corner beside Dabul, who raised his eyebrows and shrugged.

"Only he can do that," Dabul said.

It was part of a remarkable 46-4 edge in

winnings for Federer during his 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory Monday night. It also was the highlight at Flushing Meadows on Day 1 of the tournament, when past U.S. Open champions Andy Roddick, Venus Williams and Kim Clijsters all advanced, as did surprise 2009 quarterfinalist Melanie Oudin, while 2001 champion Lleyton

Hewitt lost in the first round at New York for the first time.

The sublime bit of shotmaking was nearly identical to a back-to-the-court, through-the-legs passing winner Federer hit against Novak Djokovic in the 2009 U.S. Open semifinals.

"This one was incredible again," Federer said. "I turned around

and couldn't believe the shot landed in the corner."

More Grand Slam champions were slated to play first-round matches Tuesday, including Djokovic, Maria Sharapova and Svetlana Kuznetsova during the day.

No. 1-seeded Rafael Nadal played at night. The top-seeded woman,

2009 U.S. Open runner-up Caroline Wozniacki, was to play 2010 NCAA singles champion Chelsey Gullickson of the University of Georgia in Tuesday's final match.

Asked if Monday's shot was better than the one against Djokovic, Federer said he'd need to go to the videotape to be sure.

CLEMENS

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As he has throughout the process, Clemens again fought any sug-

gestion that he cheated during a 23-season career that ended with 354 wins and 4,672 strikeouts.

He won his first three Cy Young awards in 1986, '87 and '91, dipped

ever so slightly, then won four more in 1997, '98, 2001 and 2004, at the age of 42.

On Monday, he was in Washington because of testimony he gave to Congress in 2008.

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wearisome schedule in recent weeks, Washington wanted to get Hamilton off his feet. Normal DH Vladimir Guerrero started in right field. On the night that he was named Texas League Player of the Year, Royals' prospect Mike Moustakas had 11 RBIs for Triple-A Omaha against Round Rock.

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Oswalt to the Phillies last month. His last complete game was Aug. 27, 2009, against the Pirates, and his last shutout was Aug. 5 of the same year against the Rockies.

"It's been a while since I've felt that comfortable throwing first-pitch strikes and had that confidence and I was just kind of feeding off that," Happ said. "They were putting the ball in play and we were making plays."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa raved about Happ.

"He had everything working tonight," La Russa said. "We saw him pitch against Philadelphia, and he's a talented guy. Everything he threw, nothing over the middle, changed speeds, different breaks. It was an outstanding exhibition of pitching."

Happ (5-2), who hadn't gone longer than 6 1-3 innings this season, struck out four and walked one.

"After his last outing against these guys I think he wanted to come back and really have a good game and he was almost even better than that. He was outstanding," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "I know he wanted to show himself and prove to himself more than anything..."



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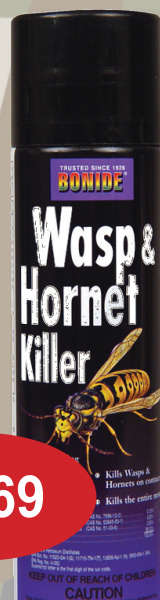
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