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Hats off to 'Rocket' Clemens

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The coolest thing about Roger Clemens throwing out the first pitch to a Challenger Division child at First Colony Little League was the human spirit and generosity Roger showered on the players. We all expected him to hit the glove, but to give an inspirational speech to 3,000 people, then wheel around and say, "I'm going to spend some time with these special players" was a memorable experience. Those of us who saw this will never forget that moment. When he is inducted into the Hall of Fame, we'll always remember the real reason why. Thanks, Rocket.

Steven Schoppa, First Colony

Last week, the Pethouse Pet mentioned Roger Clemens throwing a pitch to a Little Leaguer at opening ceremonies. That Little Leaguer was my son, Jack! He had the best day of his life!

Roger was absolutely awesome to all the players. He talked, shook hands, autographed hats and shirts, posed for pictures and took his time interacting with all the players. He is one of the best pitchers of all time, but he's also a pretty nice guy. It's time for Roger to suit up with the Astros.

Robin Krueger, Sugar Land

Bad start and all, the Astros would win the pennant with Clemens. But it's going to cost Uncle Drayton. Clemens is the high-priced spread.

Guess what I got in the mail today. Just one day after your article about getting tickets for your phantom visit to Denton, I received invoices for my daughter's car going through the same toll booth on Old Denton Tap Road! And her roommate got one, too, for the same toll booth.

There is something very fishy going on.

Debbie Martin, Katy

I got a speeding ticket in Denver . Never been there. At least the tag number was one that used to be on my truck. Too bad it wasn't a Texas plate and it was a young blond woman driving. I had to send a copy of my license. I called the FBI because I thought it was a phishing scam — the ticket was only \$35. They finally sent me a letter acknowledging it was not me, but told me to carry a copy of the letter should I ever come to Colorado!

Win Edwards, Houston

I have a horror story that happened several years ago when I received a letter from an attorney in California. A car with a license number from my daughter's car was in an accident with his client in California. That car had never been west of College Station. The guy would not listen to me and was very rude. My daughter remembered that she received a parking ticket at A&M that same day, so we had proof her car couldn't have been in an accident in California. My lawyer sent this guy a stinging letter to end the confusion.

John Burge, Conroe

How do you prove that your car you're driving isn't totaled? When my daughter went to purchase her license plate renewal, she was informed that the car had been totaled. The insurance company claims to have paid someone \$5,000 for the totaled car. This has been in dispute for over a year. Evidently someone entered a transposed VIN number. Woe is me if stopped by the law.

Mary Jo Lewis, Houston

I got a notice saying a car registered to us had been running toll gates on the EZ tag lane near Denton. There was a photo of the car — not ours! The difference between our fine and yours was about \$700 . Turns out that when my son picked up the plates for the car, he was given the wrong set. The right set was placed on another car, and that's who was running toll gates. When the mess was straightened out, the dealership sent a letter to the North Texas Transit Authority. The NTTA wasn't so nice in their response. They said, 'Send us the money and figure it out later.' Yeah, like that was going to happen.

Becky Moore, Katy

Welcome to the club. I had the same sorry experience trying to get them to take an incorrect toll of \$1.50 off my record. I tried writing to them to have something for my records, but to no avail.