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Firefighters attempt to clear smoke from a home near the intersection of Sixth Street and Elgin Monday morning following a fire at the residence. According to officials, the fire is believed to have begun in the kitchen with some overheated grease. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Baby left in vehicle; mom jailed

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A Stanton woman was arrested Sunday evening on a charge of criminal negligence after police officials say she left her infant

in a vehicle in the Wal-Mart SuperCenter parking lot while she shopped.

Robyna Dean Anderson, 32, of 300 W. Fourth St. in Stanton, was arrested Sunday shortly after 7:45 p.m. on a charge of abandoning/ endangering a child - criminal negligence.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, a pair of concerned citizens dis-

"The shoppers called in the welfare concern," Everett said. "The doors to the vehicle were unlocked, the windows were rolled up and the car was not running. The people who discovered the baby were able to remove her from the car. According to the officer's

covered the child in the vehicle.

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cess of curing.

Hears information from local juvenile mediator.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners got an update from Houston-based Basic IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity) concerning ongoing efforts to construct a new warehouse and office for the county road and bridge administration Monday morning.

Commissioners met with Tina Boneta, account executive for Basic IDIQ, and Ronald Lumsdon, regional manager for the company, to discuss the proposal, which calls for the construction of a 35-foot by 40-foot metal building to house the department.

Lumsdon said efforts to get bids from contractors are still under way, with an emphasis placed on trying to utilize locally owned contractors and suppliers.



Long

Although the project received a thumbsup from Lumsdon, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long questioned whether particular contractors had been giv-

en a chance to participate in project. the project.

cal business Crossroads Electric had been given a chance to provide estimates for services, which seemed to cause some confusion for Lumsdon. Long said the company claimed it had not been con-

Lumsdon fielded several other questions from Long, including questions regarding the overall cost of the

Also during the meeting, lo-Long asked Lumsdon if lo- cal juvenile mediator Debbie Jensen introduced commissioners to Gene Valentini, who is taking over as Lubbock County director of the Juvenile Mediation Services. The organization began taking referrals from the Howard County Justice of the Peace courts and Big Spring Independent School District

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House moves to help teachers, public workers

Republicans charge the effort is a high-dollar plan by Democrats to win votes

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON — Hoping

to show disenchanted voters that they are the party that cares about jobs, House Democrats are convening an emergency session to pass a bill aimed at saving hundreds of thousands of teachers and other public workers from unemployment. Lawmakers rushing back

from town hall meetings and vacations for the one-day session Tuesday may also address another issue that will be on voters' minds this November — lax border security - with passage of a \$600

million bill to beef up surveillance along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Speaker House Nancy Pelosi took the unusual step of summoning representatives back to Washington because the Senate passed both the \$26 billion jobs bill and the border security bill last Thursday, after the House had already departed for its six-week summer break. President Barack Obama is

to be joined Tuesday by teachers in the White House Rose

Garden, where he will urge the House to move swiftly on

Spending more on border

the teacher relief package.

security commands bipartisan support, but the jobs bill, which narrowly passed the Senate, is being described in starkly different political terms. Democrats say it could save the jobs of more than 300,000 teachers, police officers and other public health workers. Republicans see it as more profligate government spending and a pre-election gift to teachers' unions and other public service unions that are crucial to helping keep Democrats in the majority. The legislation provides \$10 billion to school districts to

rehire laid-off teachers or en-

year begins. The money could keep more than 160,000 teachers, including 16,000 in California and 14,000 in Texas, on the job, advocates say. The other half of the bill See **HOUSE**, Page 3

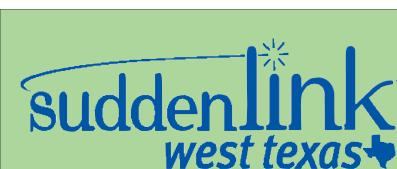
sure that more teachers won't

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has \$16 billion for six more months of increased Medicaid payments to the states. That would free up money for states to meet other budget priorities, including keeping



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Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- MICHAEL LEROY MOUDY, 52, of 1203 S. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. • ANGELA KAY POTTS, 36, of 1505 Avion, was ar-
- rested Monday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility. • JOHN EDWIN SANDERS, 32, of 3210 Auburn,
- was arrested Monday on a charge of assault family violence. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2000
- block of S. Johnson. • ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E.
- Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2100 block of S. Johnson.

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

- Note Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- ANGELA KAY POTTS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JOHN EDWIN SANDERS, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- THOMAS JERRIL LABOMBARD, 24, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. CERA JOLYN CASTILLO, 17, was arrested Mon-

• PEYTON RANDALL ROYE, 20, was arrested

- day by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. • JOSHUA DAVID COBOS, 20, was arrested Tues-
- day by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less. • JOHN ROSS RENDON, 21, was arrested Tuesday
- by the HCSO on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- ANDREW STEVEN BAILON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ALVIN GEORG GILLION, 50, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated – open container.
- JAMES ALLEN SCHIELE, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxi-
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of open alcoholic container, violation of a promise to appear, public intoxication and prohibited substance in a correc-

tional facility.

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Winston. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of North Highway 87. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 Block of Westover. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of East Third St. One person was transferred to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Ann.
- One person was transferred to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of
- Swain. One person refused service. MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Ben-
- ton. One person was transferred to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ann.
- One person was transferred to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lyndberg. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on North FM 2230. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Swian. One person was transferred to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Sun-
- set. One person was transferred to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1200 block of East
- 15th Street. One person was transferred to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Cha-
- nute. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2200
- block of E. Midway Road. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Ohio.
- One person was transferred to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of
- Abrams. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Cha-
- nute. One person was transferred to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wal-
- lace. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of
- Duke. One person was transferred to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S.
- Main. One person was transferred to SMMC. • STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1200 block of
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1300

Take Note

of Elgin.

- 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.
- Big Spring Independent School District will be taking applications for free and reduced-price school meals through Wednesday. Hours are 8:30 a.m. To 4:30 p.m. at the Food Service office, 708 E. 11th Place. For more information, call 264-3635.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to pro-





mote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www. casawtx.org.

- · Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- · Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. For more information, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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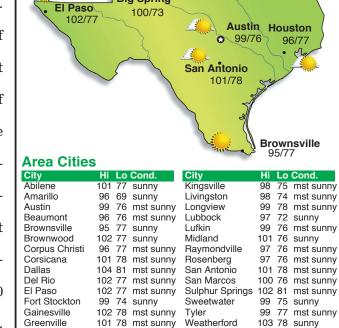
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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 6-29-30-31. Bonus Ball:

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$200,000.

Winning ticket purchased in: Rockwall.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-17-27-32. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,663. Winning ticket purchased in: Dallas.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-1-6. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-7. Sum It Up: 14.

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Strip club dancers protest at church

WARSAW, Ohio (AP) — The owner of an Ohio strip club and some of his dancers have been protesting at a church that has done the same to them for four years.

Women in bikinis sat in camp chairs Sunday outside the New Beginnings Ministries church in Warsaw, about 60 miles northeast of Columbus.

Tommy George owns the Foxhole strip club in nearby Newcastle. He says he and his employees decided to start coming to the church because they George says the church's pastor, Bill Dunfee, and

his congregation have bothered the club's weekend patrons. He says they come armed with bullhorns, signs and video cameras for posting customers' license plate numbers online.

Dunfee calls George a "parasite" and says seeing the protesters outside the church has strengthened the resolve of his flock.

NY bus ad showing mosque, burning Twin Towers OK'd

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's transit agency has approved a bus advertisement that depicts a plane flying toward the World Trade Center's towers as they burn along with a rendering of a proposed mosque near ground zero.

The ad was paid for by the American Freedom Defense Initiative, an organization that opposes radical Islamic influence in the United States. The group's executive director says she doesn't find the ad offensive.

The group sued the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to demand it accept the ad, which was approved Monday.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County 911 Director Tommy Sullivan hands a copy of his department's proposed 2010-2011 budget to Precinct 1 Commissioner Emma Brown during Monday's meeting of the commissioners court.

ARREST

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report, the baby was soaked in sweat

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approximately one year ago.

COUNTY

at that time."

chance to assist.

Everett said Anderson was arrested without incident soon after while returning to her vehicle.

"According to the report, Anderson walked up to the vehicle with a cart

the ODR (Office of Dispute Resolu-

tion) will begin accepting referrals

from Big Spring Municipal Court,

which she believes will result in a

likely increase in the number of stu-

dents the organization will have a

"According to the Texas Comptrol-

ler of Public Accounts, Texas spent

more than \$7,000 per student in 2005,"

Jensen said. "Because mediation ad-

dresses the underlying issues which

result in outward delinquent behav-

ior such as truancy, successful juve-

full of grocieries," Everett said. "She was immediately arrested. The child was left in the car for an extended period of time, in excess of 30 minutes."

Anderson is currently being held at the Howard County Detention Cen-

nile mediation reduces recidivism. This saves Texas money, since public school money is based on student en-

The court also met with County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom to discuss election judges and clerks for the upcoming November election.

According to both Bloom and County Judge Mark Barr, area residents willing to serve as election judges and clerks are in short order these days.

"We have a heck of a time with

ter, according to law enforcement officials.

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this every year," Barr told the court. "We're hoping to be able to get word out through the media to get some folks in here to serve in these positions."

Bloom said the positions are paid. Anyone interested in applying for a position should contact her at 264-

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attend school, filing 103 warrants for parents contributing to the non-atten-

Jensen said beginning this month

According to Jensen, Howard Coun-

ty courts had 77 cases for failure to

dance of a minor. Of those 77 cases,

the dispute resolution department

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handled 72 as referrals.

more than 150,000 police officers and other public workers on the payroll. Some three-fifths of states have already factored in the federal money in drawing up their budgets for the current fiscal year.

The National Governors Association, in a letter to congressional leaders, said the states' estimated budget shortfall for the 2010-12 period is \$116 billion, and the extended Medicaid payments are "the best way to help states bridge the gap between their worst fiscal year and the beginning of recovery."

But House Republican leader John Boehner contended, "The American people don't want more Washington 'stimulus' spending especially in the form of a payoff to union bosses and liberal special interests.'

Pelosi responded, 'Why wouldn't House Republicans want to keep 310,000 teachers, first responders and private-sector workers on

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the job instead of on the unemployment lines?"

Sander And Rep. Levin, D-Mich., said that 45 governors, Republicans as well as Democrats, asked Congress for help to avert massive layoffs.

"We're talking about several hundred thousand" jobs at stake," he told C-SPAN Tuesday. "The notion that this is just unions, no," he said. "I think this is pressure from the public who want their teachers teaching."

Democrats stress that the bill is paid for and won't add to the deficit, but that too is a source of contention.

Republicans objected to raising some \$10 billion by raising taxes some U.S.-based multinational companies. Advocates for the poor were protesting a provision to accelerate the phasing out of an increase in food stamp payments implemented in last year's economic recovery bill. Under the measure, payments would return to prestimulus rates in 2014, saving almost \$12 bil-

James Weill, president of the Food Research and Action Center, said that would be cutting benefits for some 40 million people now receiving food stamps. "Those families will be hungrier and less able to buy healthy diets."

Several Democrats have said they'll try to find another way of paying for the bill. "I would prefer other offsets," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., a member of the House Democratic leadership. "We do have additional time to identify other offsets."

Finding ways to keep the border security bill budget neutral also held up action. Republicans sought to take unused money from the economic stimulus act, an idea rejected by Democrats, who eventually prevailed with a plan to raise fees for companies that import foreign workers into the United States by obtaining H-1B and other visas for highly skilled workers.

The \$600 million bill would include money to deploy 1,500 new enforcement agents





TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution **Public Meeting Notice**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed listing of the Moss Lake Road Groundwater Proposed State Superfund Site to the State Superfund Registry.

Road, east of the city of Big Spring, north of Interstate Highway 20, in Howard County, Texas. The geographic coordinates of the Site are 32.278972° North The Site is designated as a contaminated groundwater plume originating from

The area proposed for listing is located in the vicinity of North Moss Lake

unknown sources, where hazardous substances may have been released to the aguifer. Releases of hazardous substances to the groundwater pathway are the major concern for this site, and the Ogallala Aguifer is the aguifer of concern. The primary chemical of concern evaluated is tetrachloroethene, also known as tetrachloroethylene, perchloroethene, perchloroethylene or

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain additional information regarding the area relative to its eligibility for listing on the State Superfund Registry and to identify potentially responsible parties. The public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Texas Administrative Procedure Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001).

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, August 24, 2010, at 7:00 PM Meeting Location: Coahoma High School

Relations, at 1-800-633-9363

Information about the Moss Lake Road Groundwater Proposed State Superfund Site has been placed in the Howard County Library, 500 South Main

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Our View

Salvation Army fan drive is still in need of help

n case you haven't noticed, it's hot outside. In fact, these are the real "dog days of summer" — that time in August when it gets so hot in West Texas that things and lots of people seem to wilt early in the

As we've noted before in this space, the immediate inclination is to find a cool, shady spot and be as inactive as possible.

We haven't eclipsed the 100-degree mark the last few days, but the forecast for the next week says we'll be flirting with it for a while.

One thing's for certain, though, the rest of summer will have plenty of days when it's just downright uncomfortable.

Sadly, there are those in our community that have virtually no way to deal with oppressive triple-digit temperatures.

As a matter of fact, far too many people in the Crossroads area suffer due to a lack of air conditioning during the summer, and the Salvation Army wants to help. To do so, however, it needs our help.

The Salvation Army's annual fan drive — an effort to get some heat relief to as many people as possible, particularly the elderly and newly born — is now under way.

"With the temperature having already gone well over 100 degrees, there's little doubt the fan program is going to be more important this year than ever before," said Paula Lafler, a local Salvation Army social worker. "The 14th Amendment, temperature cooled off, but rest assured, it's going to skyrocket again, and there are so many families in the Big Spring area that rely on nothing more than fans to stay cool."

If you have a fan you won't be using this summer, or if you'd like to help someone less fortunate, please consider the Salvation Army's effort. New fans or fans in good condition are needed.

Or, if you'd rather send a monetary donation, that's fine. The Salvation Army will be more than glad to take that money and purchase fans for those in need.

Please consider assisting with this effort. We all complain about the summer heat, and it's difficult to imagine a young child or an elderly shut-in struggling to endure it without at least some relief.

And, if you're one of those people needing the Salvation Army's help in securing a fan, the Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth St. and offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day with an hour lunch break at noon. For more information or to make a donation, call 267-8239.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

Your heavenly peace, Lord, is a realistic goal.

Universities shouldn't fight new law

exans like to keep a close eye on their government. That is why financial transparency is state policy, and anyone can go to TexasTransparency.org and see where many of their tax dollars are being

Building upon Texas' nationally-recognized reforms, House Bill 2504 by Rep. Lois Kolkhorst was passed unani-

spent.

mously by the Legislature, requiring more openness from our state's public universi-



KEENER

But no good deed goes unpunished, and Texas is now under rhetorical attack from certain academic institutions and faculty associations. The Dallas Morning News

quoted a University of Texas at Dallas professor who called the new law "an insulting mistrust of higher education faculty." University of Houston-Down-

town Professor Michelle Moosally went further in referring to taxpayers evaluating the work of academia, telling the Houston Chronicle, "[the] public isn't well-enough aware of what we do and who we are to evaluate us." What hubris! Just imagine if

we applied Moosally's standard to taxes, the justice system, or anything else of complexity. Citizens would be left in the dark anytime a public employee said the taxpayer was not "wellenough aware" of their work. Well, sunlight is needed to make them aware.

What treachery did the Legislature undertake to engender this anger? Universities must now post more information online: course syllabi, lecture topic, student evaluations of

faculty, total cost of attendance, financial aid information, course requirements, departmental budgets, work study opportunities, and the professors' creden-

Much of this has been done for years, but not shared in one location. The University of Texas at Arlington was already implementing many of these reforms, and a quick Internet search through nearly any university website will turn up syllabi and professors' credentials. A search on the University of Texas website turned up syllabi dating back to 2000.

Posting department budgets represents a milestone in the quest for greater transparency and accountability. Texas university operating costs have risen more than 60 percent in the last two decades, even after adjusting for inflation, and the public deserves to see where these costs are going.

Faculty members at public universities are public employees. To suggest that professors be shielded from public examination and exempt from the most basic accountability measures lacks credibility.

Professors are among the highest paid state employees, with salaries increasing at twice the rate of inflation over the past 10 years. TexasBudgetSource.com reports that many of our highest paid professors teach few stu-

Critics have undermined reforms through apparently unsubstantiated cost claims. Martyn Gunn, a vice provost at Texas A&M, was quoted in a July 11 Houston Chronicle saying reforms could cost "a couple of hundred thousand dollars." I subsequently filed an open records request for Gunn's cost

I was subsequently provided with an email exchange between

Gunn and university staff dated July 13 — two days after Gunn spoke with the media — that only showed a rough \$47,488 estimate. If the open records response is accurate, no cost estimate existed before I requested

Also disturbing was email suggesting professors might water down the law's requirements, that students' comments might be removed from evaluations. That is like outlawing consumer comments at online retail websites.

As anyone working at the state Capitol has experienced, state agencies resisting reforms trot out exorbitant cost estimates that gold-plate proposed solutions. However, the state's non-partisan cost estimator, the Legislative Budget Board, issued a report saying there was "no significant fiscal impact" from this legislation.

This game of hide-the-ball is typical of efforts towards greater government transparency. As documented in case studies on TexasTransparency.org and TexasBudgetSource.com, those organizations implementing reforms report much lower costs than those resisting reforms.

This law neither infringes upon academic freedom nor imposes large costs. It allows the public, students, and parents to see where and how tax dollars and tuition are being spent.

As former University of Pennsylvania professor Erin O'Connor put it when describing this new requirement, "academia exists to serve the public good, and academic freedom does not mean freedom from accountability."

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Change the Constitution? Let's do it!

epublicans like Sens. Lindsey Graham, Jon Kyl and John Cornyn are practically tripping over themselves to jump on the latest "Dumb Way to Solve the Illegal Immigration Problem"

bus by suggesting Congress examine the repeal of the which deals with the question of becoming a U.S. citizen.

The far right has latched onto the idea that the provision is being abused by illegal immigrants,

choosing to come to America to have their children here — thus greatly contributing to the illegal immigration problem we have. They are even trying to suggest that how it is being used today bears no resemblance to the original intent of the Founding Fathers when it was created.

ROLAND

MARTIN

Of course, the 14th Amendment was not in the first U.S. Constitution as drawn up by our framers. It was adopted on July 9, 1868, to prevent Southern states from denying citizenship to former slaves and their children, since they didn't choose to come to America. They were brought here for the purpose of the vicious and dehumanizing free labor plan that helped build the nation — slavery.

It's clear that Congress is choosing to apply a Band-Aid to the illegal immigration problem instead of dealing with it headon. We have members on both sides of the aisle who care more about protecting their precious jobs and partisan poll numbers, instead of actually finding a bipartisan solution to fix the problem. So instead of leadership, we get dumb and asinine suggestions like this one, which will do absolutely nothing about the estimated 10 million illegal immigrants in the country. That's right, nothing.

So, what is the GOP's plan? To make it retroactive? OK, how about we take it all the way

back and toss out all of the white

descendants and anyone else non-Native American. If you really think about it, they were here first, and all of us are simply intruding on the land that was truly theirs. Who thinks Graham, Kyl, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and the other bumbling idiots we call U.S. senators, would actually be able to pass the DNA test to establish if they are Native American or

But hey, since it is in vogue to alter the U.S. Constitution, why don't we just go all out and have congressional hearings to re-examine the entire document? We have blue ribbon panels in Washington, D.C., for everything else, so why not pop the hood of that old document and bring it into the 21st century?

Let's start with Article 1, which states that you must be at least 25 to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and 35 in the U.S. Senate. Since our men and women can die for America beginning at the age of 18, get driver's licenses at 18, vote at 18 and drink at 21, this is an arcane law.

We've got zillionaires building Fortune 500 companies before they are eligible to run, so why not let them take their shot? If you can be senile and serve as long as you want, why not give the young bucks a shot?

Whack the Second Amendment. That's right, we don't need it. If no one had guns, would we really be that bad of a country? According to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, on average, more than 100,000 people are shot and killed annually. The framers originally intended for militias to be created. With the number of city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, we should get rid of every gun in America. We're paying these people; therefore, let them do what they do. If guns were banned totally, our crime rates would be similar to that of countries like England — our rate is 31 times higher than that developed country.

Tighten up the 10th Amendment. By doing this, we get rid of the constant battles with states rights. Just put all of the relevant laws on the federal level, such as jurisdiction over education and voting, and then we won't need to have 50 different

ways of doing business. Let's junk the 22nd Amendment. If we've got a great president, why limit how long they can serve? I don't mind a four- or five-term president. As long as the people are happy, let 'em keep handling our business! Franklin Delano Roosevelt is consistently voted the best president in American history. Would he have gotten that designation

by just serving two terms? It's un-American for a group of people to have no representation. The 23rd Amendment provides presidential electors to the District of Columbia. That's not enough. They need their own members in the House and two senators. Fair is fair, and this is dead wrong.

The Equal Rights Amendment was never ratified, and it should have been. Why continue to screw over women in a maledominated world? Come on, guys, stop being wimps and let the ladies have their say.

I'm willing to put \$1,000 down that the Republicans — and Democrats — won't bother backing any of this. They'll likely say this is going too far and we should take it one step at a time. The same folks want to ban gay marriage in the Constitution and now change citizenship. Sorry, folks. The U.S. Constitution is far too precious to be messed with by a bunch of rabid politicians who don't have the guts to look their far left and right supporters in the eye and say they are going to truly lead on immigration.

Let me know when this silly sideshow is over. I, and other Americans, am too busy trying to tackle real problems. This clearly isn't one of them.

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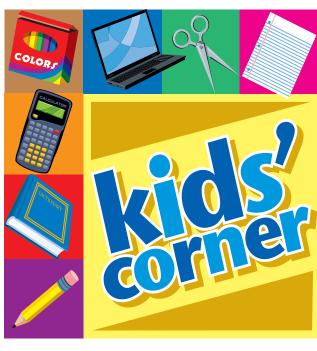
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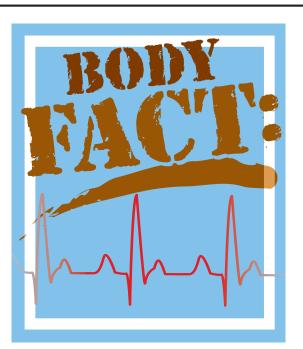
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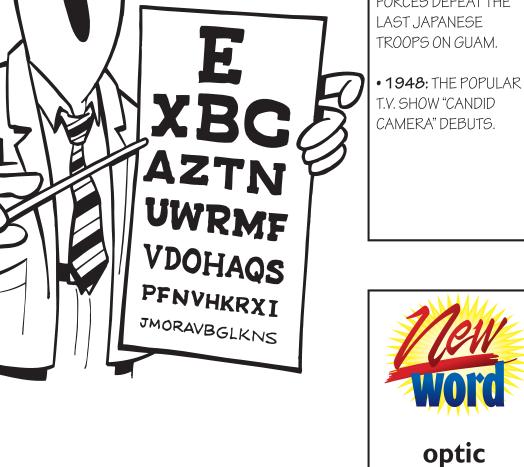
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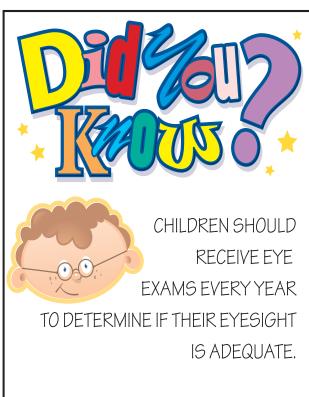
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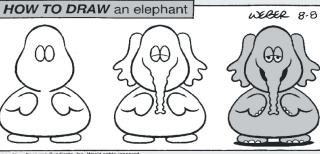
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Bird Poop:

Hawk survives its brush with hunter

s he backed out of his driveway, he glanced toward the east. A hint of the sunrise to come was just starting to grace the horizon.

Leaving Odessa, he encountered few vehicles on the highway to Fort Stockton. During sum-

mer, some mornings the lonesome miles were enhanced by an array of wispy orange, pink and purple clouds scattered across the stolid blue of another workday. This morning was no

exception. Bathing the **McC**asland countryside with its warmth and promise of renewal, the sun highlighted mesquites, scrubs, rocky outcroppings and grasslands.

Momentarily distracted by the beauty of the surrounding landscape, he glanced back at the highway just in time to discover ahead a large, dark bird standing on the center stripe. Thinking it was probably a vulture, he tried to miss hitting the As he passed the bird, he was

startled to see it was a hawk that had extended its wings in an act of defiance. Not wanting to leave the bird in the middle of the road, he slowed his vehicle, made a U-turn and headed back toward the figure.

Stopping parallel with the raptor, he realized why he had thought it was a vulture. From above, the hawk was dark brown. What he had not seen until it spread its wings was its creamy white chest and dark cinnamon bib.

As he opened the truck door, once again the hawk spread its wings defensively. With no vehicle coming from either direction, the man tried to usher the raptor from the highway. It refused to move.

"What do I do now?" he thought. Knowing he could not leave the bird exposed to the truck traffic to come, he inched his boot against the bird. Slowly, it sidled toward the edge of the pavement.

Since it had made no attempt at flying, he was concerned as to what to do next. As he tried to convince the bird to move even further from the road, the raptor spread its wings one more time. It was then that the man saw a small bloody spot under the elbow of its left wing. The hawk had helped him with his decision.

"The speed limit on that stretch of the road is 75. I was going 80," related the man as he described his

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Parent's Corner:

Remembering 'TC' a friend we've lost

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RYAN

t has been said that some people come into your life and leave without making a difference, and others enter your life and impact it profoundly. It's of the latter variety that I would like to share with you

I met a guy while I was in elementary school who influenced my life from that time forward. We attended even at that early age, we would sit together and sing in harmony during the song service (I find it quite disturbing that in most of our churches today harmony is not taught

events.

and really not even encouraged). Anyway, Thomas Ray Cage and I became not only close friends, but fellow harmonizers for life. We started a singing group — the Blue Moods — while in high school and would entertain at social and church

Later in high school we organized a rock band — The Ultimates — that kept us busy.

TC, as I called him, left the group upon his high school graduation to join the Navy and I lost track of him for a few years. But upon his return to Wichita Falls, we again connected and sang in some barbershop harmony groups.

Twenty years ago, he and I formed the North Texas Men's Chorus, which involved 50 men from the North Texas area to perform throughout the state and emphasize the blending of voices and harmonizing skills that thrilled us as youngsters. At the same time, we formed a trio — Just Three — to entertain

where large groups could not func-

Singing was our joy and our pas-

In 1992 we joined with two other guys from the chorus, Gary Bryant and Lee Tharp, to form our final group, a gospel quartet called The Variations.

We performed our special type of music throughout North Texas and southern Oklahoma for 10 years, special re-occurring guests at the Wichita Theater's Musical Review where TC was also the house comedian called Chester Drawers. I was often his straight man and found great pleasure acting opposite such a talented performer.

TC passed away last month, and with his passing, I have lost part of my life. His life made my life better. It influenced me in more ways than I could ever realize, and I have discovered that my life has been positively impacted in many ways by this special man.

As I think of my loss I can only imagine the loss that his wife, Mary, must feel. He was the same positive influence at home that he was away from home, but Mary gave him a feeling of security, love, support and devotion that helped him to become who he was.

And so, to become more philosophi cal, we all owe so much of who and what we are to the special people we have chosen to share our lives with.

Thanks, TC, for being the person you were and sharing your life to make our world a better place. You will be missed.

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Texas news in brief

4 dead, woman jailed in San Antonio after crash

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 38-year-old woman is jailed in San Antonio after a two-vehicle crash that left a woman, her mother, her sister and her infant son dead.

Valerie Andrews is charged with four counts of intoxication manslaughter and one count each evading arrest, theft, failure to identify herself and driving without a valid license. She was in Bexar County Jail. Bonds have been set totaling \$255,400. Police say officers were pursuing her about 7 p.m.

Sunday after she allegedly drove through a red light. While speeding down a side street, the sport utility vehicle she was driving and slammed into a minivan, killing all four people inside.

Police identified the dead as 21-year-old Marcella Perez, her 5-month-old son Brian, her 15-year-old sister Alejandra Perez Aguilar and their 55-year-old mother Maria Aguilar de Perez. Andrews suffered a broken ankle.

New use for ex-pay phone kiosks in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kiosks that had been used for pay phones in San Antonio are offering a new look at old times.

Historic architecture, parades and memories of performers of stage and screen are being featured on 16 interpretive panels.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Tuesday that the panels are on eight former phone kiosks on Houston Street. The masonry kiosks were installed under a reconstruction project in the late 1980s.

The General Services Administration's Good

Neighbor Program recently provided a \$15,000 federal grant. The city added \$3,000.

Formal announcement of the project was expected

Wednesday, although some panels were installed earlier this week.

Paula Stallcup, director of San Antonio's downtown operations, says the kiosks will provide a selfguided tour down historic Houston Street.

Review of 2009 Houston firefighter trainee death

HOUSTON (AP) — An investigation concludes a Houston firefighter trainee who died of heat stroke might have survived if he was given water during a 4.4 mile run or immersed him in ice to lower his body temperature.

Cohnway M. Johnson, formerly with the Oak Hill Fire Department near Austin, died May 4, 2009. The 26-year-old Johnson collapsed in April 2009 after a morning run with other trainees.

The Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday that an investigation by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health determined that Johnson died of heat stroke caused by training procedures.

Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Alexander says the department's medical procedures do not call for ice immersion.

He says "safety is the utmost" for cadets and hydration is available during workouts.

Metro bus crashes into Houston building

HOUSTON (AP) — Both drivers suffered minor injuries after the front of a Metro bus in Houston ended up lodged in a vacant building following a collision with an SUV.

The front of the bus remained stuck in the former day care center early Tuesday.

Houston police are trying to determine whether

one of the vehicles ran a red light in the accident around 7 p.m. Monday.

Metro spokeswoman Raequel Roberts says both

Metro spokeswoman Raequel Roberts says both drivers had non-life threatening injuries and they were talking at the scene.

Roberts says a city building inspector was expected to check the structure before the bus, which did not have any passengers on board when the wreck happened, is removed.

'American Idol' tryouts Wednesday in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is the next stop for singing tryouts for the Fox TV talent show "American Idol."

The destination Wednesday is Austin. Other 2010 audition sites are: Nashville, Tenn.;

Milwaukee; New Orleans; East Rutherford, N.J.; and San Francisco.

The previous Texas stop for American Idol auditions was Cowboys Stadium in Arlington in June 2009, when thousands of hopefuls lined up for their chance to sing.

The first American Idol winner was Kelly Clarkson, from Burleson, in 2002.

Perry delivers letter to Obama on border security

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry personally delivered a letter to President Barack Obama on Monday, warning about the "dire threat" from drug violence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Perry, dressed in a tan suit and cowboy boots, handed the letter to Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett after greeting Obama at the airport in Austin. Obama was in Texas for fundraisers and a speech to students at the University of Texas.

Perry, a Republican, clapped when Obama descended from Air Force One and then shook hands with the Democratic president.

In his letter, Perry said there was "mounting evidence of spillover violence" from Mexico and asked Obama to send more resources to the region to "step up and finally do what is needed to secure our borders."

"Absent stronger federal action, it's only a mat-

ter of time before violence affects more innocent Americans," Perry's letter said. "We cannot afford to allow these (Mexican drug) cartels to believe they're free to extend their reach across the border onto American soil."

After a conversation of less than a minute with

the president, Perry addressed the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank in Austin, on border security.

Clovis man found guilty in double murder CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — A jury has found a Clovis

man guilty of murder and other charges stemming from the 2008 shooting deaths of a Melrose man and a Texas woman. The Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office says

the jury's guilty verdict came Monday for 23-yearold Anthony Casillas.

He was found guilty of two counts first-degree

murder, tampering with evidence and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The trial lasted a week, and the jury deliberated for about two hours.

Casillas is accused of shooting 52-year-old Gary Payne and Melissa Ward, 36, of Lubbock, while the three were riding in a van in Clovis on Sept. 25, 2008.

2 boaters rescued after 17 hours in Trinity Bay

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard in Houston says the crew of a towing vessel has rescued two boaters who were in the water for 17 hours after their vessel capsized.

The Coast Guard says the boaters were rescued around 8 a.m. Monday. Their small pleasure craft overturned Sunday afternoon in Trinity Bay.

The Coast Guard says the boaters, who wore life jackets were on their way from Eagle Point, in Galveston County, when their boat began taking on water. The two were unable to make a distress call, but managed to stay with the capsized vessel.

HAWK

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encounter with the hawk. "Where is it now?" I

"Under the toolbox in the back of the truck,"

he replied.
Hoping he could find
a cardboard box in Fort
Stockton, I suggested

Stockton, I suggested the enclosed hawk ride in the cab away from wind and traffic noise. Then we discussed his

options. Since he lived in Odessa, he could take it to Animal Control or deliver it to Parks & Wildlife in Midland. With each agency's address, he was prepared

Shortly before noon, the receptionist for P&W called to say they had a hawk. "Did it come in a box?" I asked.

to help the hawk.

"To our office, yes."
Ushered into the conference room at Parks & Wildlife, we were amazed at the size of the ample container. Telling her the hawk had come in the box from Fort Stockton, we were corrected. She said the man had acquired the box in Midland before bringing it to them.

"Then the hawk rode under the toolbox in that truck from Fort Stockton to Midland," I said. Laughing, she added, "But he did provide a box!"

Trying to get the hawk out of the large, deep container was going to be a challenge. Setting the cardboard box on end caused the raptor to be at the bottom. As I reached toward it,

wings were spread and it dared me to approach.

Letting it grab one of my gloves with its talons allowed me to grasp both its legs with my other hand and pull the struggling raptor out of the box. Flapping its wings, it was a magnificent Swainson's hawk. Its adult coloration was outstanding.

After placing it on a table and covering its head, we looked at the dime-sized wound.

Missing the joint and hopefully nerves, a small projectile had imbedded itself halfway in the flesh. As the hawk had moved about, the BB like pellet must have fallen from the wound. The only other injury we could find was a slight cut on the top of one foot.

Having felt the grip its feet could inflict, I understood why the man had allowed his passenger to remain under the toolbox. His delivery of the raptor, however, had insured its chance of recovery.

The first day, the obstinate raptor refused

to cooperate. Not eating on its own, it had to be force-fed. The next four days, it decided to eat, but fought us whenever I tried to clean its container or give it medications. By the time it arrived at South Plains in Lubbock, it had managed to inflict a bloodblister that blackened a third of one of my little fingers.

The call from the wildlife center was encouraging. Suffering only a superficial wound, the Swainson's was capable of flight.

For five more days it readily exercised in the flight cage. Everyone who handled it expressed how strong and ornery it could be. Mid afternoon, some 10 days after being found on a lonely stretch of highway, the hawk was taken by Operations Manager Katie Stafford and two interns to a remote release site.

To hear it flew beautifully were the words we hope to hear on every bird. Fortunate to escape the cruelty of a

shooter, the Swainson's had, through its tenacity and ferocity, insured

its survival.

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Gulf relief well down to final 100 feet

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Crews finishing work meant to forever stop oil from leaking from a blown-out undersea well into the Gulf may have one more hurdle to overcome: the weather. The National Hurri-

cane Center is watching a cluster of thunderstorms in the far eastern Gulf of Mexico that forecasters say may pass near the oil spill site, just as BP drills the final 100 feet of a relief well it hopes — if the weather holds up — will intersect with the broken one as early as Friday.

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"We are keeping a very close eye on the weather and will adjust if necessary," BP spokesman John Curry said Monday.

Escaped Ariz. killer caught in Wyoming

YELLOWSTONE NA-TIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — An escaped killer with a handgun and a hitchhiking sign expressed relief at his capture on Monday after 10 days on the run, while authorities searched to the north of this touristpacked park for a second

fugitive and his female accomplice, a self-styled "Bonnie and Clyde."

Tracy Province, 42, was caught as he walked in sleepy Meeteetse, Wyo., steps from a church where he sat in the pews a day earlier and sang "Your Grace Is Enough."

The search for inmate John McCluskey, 45, and Casslyn Welch, 44, focused for a time on sprawling Yellowstone National Park, which straddles Wyoming and Montana. But authorities now believe the two fled the park, with agents following leads in Montana.

"They consider themselves as Bonnie and Clyde," U.S. Marshal David Gonzales said at a news conference in Phoenix. "This is very, very serious business."

The U.S. Marshals Service said late Monday it has received tips from the area east of Montana's Glacier National Park.

Floods spread despair in Asia

ZHOUQU, China (AP) - Rescuers digging by hand through mud in a remote Chinese town Tuesday found a man who had been trapped for more than 50 hours, as crews in three countries across Asia struggled to reach survivors from flooding that has afflicted millions of peo-

The 52-year-old had been stuck inside a leveled apartment building following landslides in the northwestern province of Gansu that have killed hundreds and left more than 1,100 missing,

according to the official Xinhua News Agency. Rescuers with sniffer dogs discovered the man, who was in weak condition but breathing normally.

 $In \, Pakistan, thousands$ of people fled a major central city as authorities warned that swollen rivers could soon submerge the area, adding to the worst natural disaster in the nation's history.

And rescuers in the desert mountainsides in Indian-controlled Kashmir recovered more bodies, with the death toll rising to 165 from flash floods. Thousands of army and paramilitary soldiers continued clearing roads and removing the debris of hundreds of homes flattened in the Ladakh region by Friday's powerful thunderstorms.

About 200 remained missing around Ladakh, said Lt. Col. J. S. Brar, an army spokesman. With the road links being restored, nearly 300 people who fled to higher ground have returned to their homes, he said.

Feds deported almost 47,000 after checking fingerprints

WASHINGTON (AP) Records show that about 47,000 people have been removed or deported from the U.S. after the Homeland Security Department sifted through 3 million sets of fingerprints taken from bookings at local jails.

About one-quarter of those kicked out of the country did not have criminal records, according to government data obtained by imadvocacy migration groups that have filed a lawsuit. The groups plan to release the data Tuesday and provided early copies to The Associated Press.

As issue is a fingerprint-sharing program known as Secure Communities that the government says is focused on getting rid of the "worst of the worst" criminal immigrants from the U.S.

Immigration advocates say that the government instead spends too much time on lowerlevel criminals or noncriminals.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement divides crimes into three categories, with Level 1 being the most serious. Most of those deported committed Level 2 or 3 crimes or were noncriminals, a monthly report of Secure Communities statistics shows.

Young Hispanics less likely to be Catholic

WASHINGTON (AP) — A name like Maria or Jose isn't a solid clue anymore that the person who answers to it will worship in a Catholic church on Sunday.

An Associated Press-Univision poll finds that younger Latinos, as well as those who speak more English than Spanish, are much less likely to identify as Catholics than older, Hispanics who mostly speak Span-

The poll of 1,500 Latino adults also found significant divisions on social issues such as same-sex unions and abortion, along lines of age, language and whether one is Catholic or Protes-

It's been more than a year since Melissa Solis went to Mass. An executive assistant at a New York financial firm, she was raised by a pious Catholic mother but calls herself "nonpracticing."

Guantanamo's youngest prisoner set for trail

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Eight years after his capture as a teenager on an Afghan battlefield, a long-delayed trial is beginning Tuesday for Guantanamo's

youngest detainee. A U.S. military judge ruled Monday that purported confessions by Canadian detainee Omar Khadr can be used against him, dismissing arguments they were tainted by mistreatment and dashing the defense's last hope for derailing the trial in the slaying of an American soldier.

His age — Khadr was only 15 when he was captured in 2002 — has exposed the administration of President Barack Obama to criticism from child advocates. The prosecution will receive added scrutiny as this is the first trial under the embattled war-crimes inherited tribunals from the Bush adminis-

Jury selection from a pool of U.S. military officers begins Tuesday and opening arguments are planned for Wednesday in a trial expected to last roughly three weeks.

While military prosecutors describe Khadr as a clear-eyed al-Qaida fighter, defense lawyers say Khadr was himself a victim, forced into war by a family with close ties to Osama bin Laden.

His father, Ahmed Said Khadr, was an Egyptian-born Canadian citizen and alleged terrorist financier.

Attendant arrested after arguing with passenger

NEW YORK (AP) — A JetBlue flight attendant got into an argument with a passenger on a jetliner arriving at John F. Kennedy International Airport on Monday, cursed the passenger, grabbed a beer from the galley and then deployed an emergency exit slide and fled the plane, au-

thorities said. Flight attendant Steven Slater was arrested at his nearby home in the Belle Harbor section of Queens by Port Authority of New York And New Jersey police on charges of criminal mischief, reckless endangerment and trespassing.

Slater, 39, remained in custody Monday night. His attorney's name immediately wasn't available, and there was no home telephone number listed for him. A woman who answered a phone at a previous residence listed for Slater in Thousand Oaks, Calif., identified herself as his mother but said she wasn't speaking to the media.

JetBlue Airways Corp. said in a statement that it was working with the Federal Aviation Administration and Port Authority police to investigate the matter. It said the safety of its customers and crew members was never at risk.

Slater was working on JetBlue Flight 1052 from Pittsburgh when he got into an argument with the passenger, who was pulling down baggage from an overhead bin, the Port Authority said.



Sylvia Strikes Again

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East South North Dble 2 ♥ Pass 1 🏚 1 NT Pass Pass 3 NT Pass 2 NT Pass Opening lead — five of spades.

When Sylvia first joined the club, which was soon after she started to play the game, the first reaction by the members was that the Admissions Committee had made a dread-

ful mistake in accepting her applica-It was not that Sylvia played so badly — we had all seen lots of players who, despite years of experience, simply hadn't grasped the finer

points of the game; rather, it was that

But as time wore on, and as some

kind that no one had ever before

of Sylvia's mistakes somehow miraculously worked in her favor, the membership grew more tolerant of her exotic approach to the game. In fact, her extraordinary talent for doing the wrong thing at the right time eventually became a side bene-fit of club membership.

One of Sylvia's earliest triumphs

occurred on this hand where she was West and led a spade against three notrump. Declarer won with the jack and saw that he had to develop the heart suit in order to make the contract. He also recognized that his best chance by far was to rely not on a heart finesse but rather to play for Sylvia to have specifically the K-x or K-x-x of hearts, in which case leading the ace and another heart would render the defense helpless

Accordingly, he played the ace of hearts at trick two, planning to continue with a heart. Undoubtedly, South would have made three notrump had he been playing against anyone else, but when he cashed the ace, Sylvia accidentally dropped the king on it! After this, South found to his great discomfiture — that there was now no way to make the contract, and Sylvia, in her own inimitable way, had triumphed once

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Lloyd anchors Steers' D-line

Coaches hope senior improves on 2009 season



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Big Spring defensive end Devonte Lloyd, left, prepares to take part in a drill during Monday's practice. have to look out for. Coaches believe Lloyd is one of the most athletic players on the team this season.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Devonte Lloyd's coaches describe him in many different ways, but probably the word that comes up the most is unstoppable.

"He was outstanding last year," the Steers' defensive ends coach Burt Otto said. "We're expecting bigger and better things. He's going to be one that teams now are going to have to account for. Last year he was kind of an unknown. He made a big impact for us, especially starting with Frenship, and it just kind of kicked in from there."

Indeed, coaches believe Lloyd quickly has gone from under the radar to someone opposing offensive linemen will

Along with the safety

tandem of Mike Menefield and Dennis Merworth behind him, Lloyd is one of the few defensive returning players with experience and the Steers are hoping he takes his level of play higher this season. With six sacks in 2009,

Lloyd played his way to all-district honors last season. Head coach Phillip Ritchey said Lloyd was hard for opponents to handle last year, but he'd like to see him be consistent and continue to anchor the defensive line.

Otto, Ritchey and defensive coordinator Don Kelso have stressed consistency and conditioning to Lloyd in order for him to build on last year's success.

"When he wants to

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Houston beats hot Atlanta Braves

HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Johnson stood in the clubhouse, streaks of dirt covering the length of his Houston Astros' uniform, and was asked for a clever way to describe his single that ended up scoring four because of Atlanta's third error of the game.

"I don't know," he said. "I'm too tired to think about that. I'll take it though."

Johnson, the hot-hitting rookie drove in three runs, including two in Houston's six-run seventh inning, and

sloppy play by the Braves in a 10-4 win on Monday night.

Atlanta's three errors and a wild pitch helped the Astros snap a four-game losing

The Astros were up by two when they added a pair of runs on the single to left field by Johnson, who is hitting .356, before clearing the bases on an error by Brian McCann on the same play. His throw to third base was high and late and rolled into the corner of left field, allowing Carlos the Astros took advantage of Lee and Johnson to score.

tion on our team when we can get guys on base for (Johnson)," Jeff Keppinger said. "He's been coming through big for us. Once again he comes through with another big hit."

Jason Heyward, who turned 21 on Monday, hit his 12th home run of the season to the bullpen in right center field. He became the fourth player to homer on his 21st birthday, joining Ted Williams (1939), Frank Robinson (1956) and Alex Rodriguez (1996) ac-

"It's definitely a good situa- cording to the Elias Sports Bureau.

> Keppinger's RBI-single scored pinch runner Jason Bourgeois in the seventh inning and gave Houston a 5-4 lead. That score was helped by an error by pitcher Kyle Farnsworth (3-1) on a bad pickoff attempt that allowed Bourgeois to take second.

A wild pitch by Farnsworth advanced Keppinger to second and Angel Sanchez to third before he intentionally walked Hunter Pence to load the bases.

Farnsworth said he just felt like things began to snowball in the seventh inning.

"There's not really a whole

lot you can do about it," he

said. "You just have to keep your head up and keep going." Farnsworth was replaced by Peter Moylan, who al-

lowed an RBI single to Lee that stretched the lead to 6-4. "We gave up a ton of bloopers in the seventh inning

that hurt," Atlanta manager

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Texans LB Cushing blames positive test on overtraining

HOUSTON (AP) The Houston Texans asked the NFL to reduce or rescind the four-game suspension given to star linebacker Brian Cushing on Monday, saying he has a unique medical condition stemming from something called overtrained athlete syndrome.

Cushing described the condition after Monday morning's practice. He said the syndrome can trigger hormonal spikes after breaks in training, explaining why he would have tested positive for a fertility drug last September — a drug he said he never took.

"I think that's the final diagnosis we came up with," he said, "and a lot of doctors have supported why this has happened."

Texans owner Bob Mc-Nair met with commissioner Roger Goodell in New York to plead his case. The league denied Cushing's appeal of the suspension in February.

"I did meet with Bob at his request," Goodell said Monday during a previously scheduled conference call with Texans season ticket holders. "I'm trying to get all the facts correct, so we make sure we are making the right decision."

Goodell said he's openminded about reconsidering Cushing's case.

"As you know in the medical profession, there are rarely absolutes and there are varying opinions," he said. "We want to make sure we listen to all the experts and understand all the facts."

Cushing was suspended for the first four games this season after testing positive last year for HCG, a drug on the league's banned substance list. Cush-

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NBA to play 2 games in London

LONDON (AP) Those high-flying slam dunks and long-distance 3-pointers are going to mean a lot more to the London crowd next year when the NBA plays its first regular-season

games in Europe. commissioner NBADavid Stern announced Monday that the Toronto Raptors and New Jersey Nets will face each other March 4 and 5 at the O2 Arena, the same venue that has hosted preseason games over the last several years.

"It's going to make basketball shine as a sport of passion, intensity, teamwork," Stern said on a conference call.

The NBA has been looking to expand over-

seas for years, and Stern has said in the past he would like to play a meaningful game in London before the city hosts the Olympics in 2012.

"This, to us, is really within the context of giving as much support as we can to the sport of basketball for the 2012 Olympics," Stern said. "In Beijing (at the 2008 Olympics), basketball was the hottest ticket. We don't necessarily expect that to be the case in London, although ... I think that there's a good possibility that basketball will assume a role that folks in the United Kingdom might never have anticipated."

In the early 1990s, the

NBA played some regular-season games in Japan — the only ones ever held outside North America. They've also

played in Mexico City. Although the NBA is finally making the jump play meaningful games in Europe, Stern was hesitant to say if the league would make it an annual occurrence.

"We would rather not make a promise that we couldn't fulfill. We'll need to assess how we do in March, what the impact is, and we're going to go from there," Stern said. "It would not surprise me if this became an annual event."

Before this season

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Sports in brief

Big Spring football season tickets

Get season tickets at the Big Spring High School ATC. Public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Tuesday and ending Aug. 18.

The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games. Any questions should be directed toward Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Over 80 scramble

The Big Spring Country Club invites everyone to participate in its over 80 scramble Aug. 14 and 15. It benefits the Big Spring Shirne Club.

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There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry includes barbecue on the course both days. For more information call the Pro Shop at 267-

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There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. today at the community center and everyone is welcome to attend.

Junior High football equipment pick-up

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or is new to the district he has a physical. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the ATC at 264-3662.

Soccer sign-ups

Big Spring Soccer Association will have sign-ups from noon to 4 p.m Saturday, then from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 9 though 13. The last day to sign up is from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Aug. 14. All sign-ups are at the Big Spring Mall. There will be no late registration.

This for 3-to 13-year-olds and cost is \$65. Call Issac Miramontes at 935-9056 for more information

Big Spring Quarterback Club

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For more information call Denise Carrillo at 816-

Ragball tournament

There will be a Ragball tournament Aug. 28 and 29 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Cost is \$10 per person, with a six-game guarantee. All proceeds will go toward medical costs for Debbie Hicks, who is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant. Register at the complex between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30

a.m. Aug. 28 and games start at 10 a.m. that day. For more information, call Rodney Jones at 213-3750 or James Statham at 213-7669.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Leo sun and moon happily rule the early day together improvisational masters acting together to enthrall us with life's illusions. However, all good plays must come to an end. The moon shifts into Virgo and figuratively wander out of the unreality of the theater and hit the streets and the rush of the real

world outside. **ARIES** (March 21-19). April You'll be given so much attention, you'll start to wonder what's going on. It's as though someone thinks



MATHIS

you're the only person on the earth and maybe in this person's mind, it really seems that way right

now. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Someone is pretty happy to have you around and might even go so far as to show you off in a manner that makes you feel like more of a trophy than a person. flattering and annoying all at once.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are at an impasse. An opinion that you unconsciously cling to is the thing holding you back. Lose your own point of view and really listen to another person. That's when the breakthrough comes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Is love enough to hold a relationship together? Sometimes. But it sure does help if there are other things going for you, like mutual friends, solid economic situation and the acceptance and approval of family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to know that your loved ones care about you. It's not about doing something extravagant — you don't need to know that lots of money was spent. It's about the thought. Your wish will be honored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might be having cooperation for your latest endeavor. Are you convinced that it will work? Believe in yourself first — then others will believe in you, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Give a loved one the benefit of the doubt, again and again if you have to — and you probably will have to. You're not foolish for doing so; you are Some compassionate. lessons take longer to learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love always comes with risk. The one you love the most also has the capacity to hurt you the most. It is in full knowledge of this fact that you go forward anyway, with an open heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some of your teachers are encouraging, kind and admiring. And those who are difficult, insulting and invasive are also your teachers who will help you learn even faster than the kind ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you like something that doesn't cost too much money, you can have lots of it and pretend you are rich. Hold on — you won't be pretending. For having a lot of what you enjoy truly does qualify you as

"rich."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will finish what another person You'll started. applause for the effort, which might feel strange to you. If it feels like you're getting too much attention, you can always include the other person in your acceptance speech.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Through your service to those around you, you create good karma — and good karma is the best kind of luck! Because whatever happy events befall you, you will know that you are deserving of them. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Aug. 10). You go into the year with high hopes and a commitment to daily action. You'll go through a spiritual process this month. Life is easier on the other side of this soul renewal. Invest in education in November. Finances will improve due to your excellent reputation. December features a powerful love connection. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 14, 22, 9 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS:** thinking of going to business school because I numbers enjoy managing people, but I can't make up my mind regarding which industry might be best for me. Is there any way to find this in my astrological chart?"

The indicators you should look at in your chart are the placements for your rising sign (ascendant), Mars and Mercury. The ascendant will tell you where your interests might lie; Mars suggests where you might charge ahead to victory; and

Mercury will clue you in to your communication style. Look at the houses and signs in which these planets are located, as well as any favorable aspects (trines. conjunctions, sextiles) between them. Let's say your first house has Pluto in Sagittarius, your 11th house has Mars in Libra and your seventh house has Mercury in Taurus. This tells me you might working in the enjoy education, of fields international affairs, media or law. You would be well liked by your subordinates, would probably do very well taking on community projects and would communicate easily and reliably with a business partner.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Hollywood's young leading ladies have been swooned by the southern charms of Leo Lucas Till. He showed off his cowboy swagger opposite Miley Cyrus in "Hannah Montana: The Movie," then his football prowess in Taylor Swift's music video for "You Belong With Me." Till was born under a gallant Aries moon, and his Venus in Cancer reveals a great deal of sensitivity and depth.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Our three sons, ages 14, 17 and 20, live with us. The problem 20-year-old. is the Justin" couldn't keep up the pace of home schooling and bailed out with a GED.

This despite my wife's correcting all of his work before submission. He now works two hours a and feels that's day plenty.

He gives us lots of lip and attitude and does nothing to help around the house.

My wife refuses to charge him rent. She pays for his car, insurance and cell phone provides all meals.

girlfriend Justin's moved in for a while until I put an end to that. Plus, I made him stop filching beer from our

refrigerator. My wife says I should calm down and go with flow. resent supporting this ungrateful freeloader.

Worse, his younger brothers are starting to emulate him. How do I change this? — Father of

Dear Father: There's not much you can do if insists Mom on undermining your efforts to help your son grow up.

The fact that he went for a GED may have been a disappointment to you, but give him credit for finishing his education.

However, unless Justin has applied to college, he should have a full-time job and be paying a portion of his salary in rent, preferably at his own place, but certainly at yours if that is where he lives.

Try to impress upon your wife that bailing him out, paying for everything he needs and requiring nothing of him in return does him a huge disservice.

Dear Annie: Eleven years ago, when my

daughter was 18, she agreed to have her stepmother adopt her.

natural mother from her birth certificate. I cannot get over this unforgivable act.

I never gave my child up. Every Mother's Day and on her birthday, I cry buckets.

I write her letters without mailing them as a way of dealing with the pain. What kind of child does this?

Last year, I loaned this same daughter \$4,000 because she couldn't pay her mortgage.

Of course, if I hadn't loaned her the money, she would have blamed me for losing her house. But instead of using it for the mortgage, she spent the money on drugs.

She recently filed for bankruptcy, and this loan part of was paperwork. It brought back all the

pain from the adoption. Who erases their mother

the same way they erase a debt? I called her up and finally told her what This removed me as the I thought and said I was removing her from my will.

I am OK with my decision. If she and the stepmother were to undo the adoption, I would forgive her, but not until then. I hope she sees this in print. — Newport, Wash.

Dear Newport: If your daughter is a drug addict and has been since she was 18, she is doing what is expedient and what allows her to get the drugs she is desperate for.

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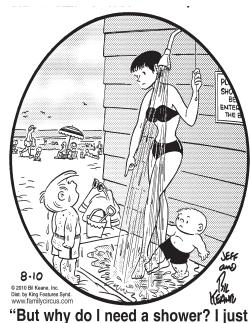
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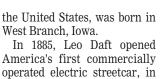


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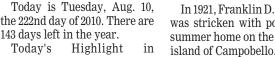


This Date

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143 days left in the year. Today's Highlight History:

On Aug. 10, 1846, President James K. Polk signed a meaestablishing

On this date: In 1680, Pueblo Indians

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launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico. In 1792, during the French

Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEE'luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed the following January.) In 1809, Ecuador struck its

initial blow for independence from Spain. (Ecuador achieved independence in 1822.)

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of

Baltimore. In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain. In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg

was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rhonda Fleming is 87. Singer Eddie Fisher is 82. Singer Ronnie Spector is 67. Actor James Reynolds is 64. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 63. Singer Patti Austin is 62. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 61. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 58. Folk singer-songwriter

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Sam Baker is 56. Actress Rosanna Arquette is 51. Actor Antonio Banderas is 50. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 49. Singer Julia Fordham is 48. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 47. Singer Neneh Cherry is 46. Singer Aaron Hall is 46. Boxer Riddick Bowe is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 43. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 42. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 39. Actress Angie Harmon is 38. Country singer Jennifer Hanson is 37. Actress JoAnna Garcia is 31.

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Ryan Eggold is 26. Actor Lucas Till is 20. ® 2010 The Associated Press.

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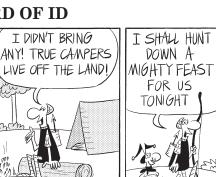
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SO I RECKON IT'S TRUE !!



Lloyd watches on as coaches instruct during a drill in practice Monday.

D-LINE

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and he turns it on, there's nobody who can stop him," Ritchey said. "To me, he stops himself when he gets stopped. It's not what they do, it's him maybe being a little tired. In a game, it's tough when you're running out of gas.

"You have to dig down and find it. That's what the great players do and that's what we're hoping he develops

Lloyd agrees with his coaches on being consistent and being in the best shape he can be for the season. The senior said he knows he'll be needed in those close games this sea-"That's real important be-

cause it's no telling what some other people are going to do in the fourth quarter when the game is really on the line," Lloyd said.

Having Lloyd play at a higher level might help considering what's happening along the defensive line.

There are two offensive linemen — Tanner Henry and Julian Ramirez — also playing as defensive ends opposite of Lloyd.

Otto said the process is working out well and should offenses choose not to run to Lloyd's side this season, Henry and Ramirez will inflict just as much damage.

Then there's the defensive tackles, where Kelso said there are two different groups splitting time. One group has quickness on its side and the other has size. He said the goal is to keep offensive linemen guessing and unsure of what the Steers' D-line plans to do on any given play.

But if Lloyd can make plays on a consistent basis, Kelso said it will only add to what the defensive line can do.

"Every third play, it might be a play where you go 'Wow, he made that play?" Kelso said of Lloyd. "What we're working on now is, let's get every play to be a consistent play. You're still going to have the "wow" plays, but be more consistent in between those plays."

What makes Lloyd difficult to block, Kelso said, is the fact he can get around a lot of offensive linemen and it takes an athletic one to guard him.

Atabout 6-foot-3, 210 pounds, coaches believe he has all the tools to do what he did in 2009 and more.

But what about being one of the leaders of the team this vear?

Lloyd said that is an important role for not only him, but his fellow seniors to fill this season.

"I know I have to be that way," he said. "Pretty much everyone on the field is a senior so all of us have to step up and be a leader. I feel like I have to be a leader to the line. That's pretty much all I'm worried about right now."

Defensive getting organized

The Steers' defense is taking note of the quarterback's use of wristband playbooks and putting it to use on the other side of the ball. Ritchey said defensive play-

ers will use wristband playbooks this season to help run a quicker defense and alleviate the coaches' duties of making signals.

It's something players and the coaching staff is trying to get used to.

quizzes Armstrong's ex-teammates

"We've gone to a lot quicker style of defense," Ritchey said. "Not so much base defense with big guys, strong guys. We kind of do a lot more stunting and stuff like that. It just helps us organize an easy way to make the calls. Coach doesn't have to do too much signaling. They can just look at the wristband and read whatever defense we're going to be in. Then they've got to adjust and get in the right spots."

Monday's practice was all about getting back to basics, leaving the rest of the week to focus on the scrimmage against Andrews on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Ritchey said there are a lot of players new to varsity this season who have never been through a week of game preparation, so the Andrews scrimmage comes at a good

The freshmen and junior varsity teams will scrimmage against Andrews at 9 a.m. Saturday and the varsity will begin shortly after those scrimmages end, which is expected to be around 10:15 a.m.

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a list of qualities that

anyone who's worked

with Novitzky would

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critics would concede: smart, meticulous, so-

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BURLINGAME, Calif. (AP) — He's been called high-minded, a trailblazing lawman and "America's top steroid

For someone who does his best work behind the scenes, federal agent Jeff Novitzky is hardly a stranger to the spotlight. And depending on the results of an ongoing investigation into the sometimes-shadowy world of pro cycling, he could soon become better-known still.

After hounding homerun king Barry Bonds for years and wringing a confession from Olympic sprinter Marion les to hear evidence in Richard Emery. "He is Jones, Novitzky is leading an investigation that has questioned sponsors and examined claims from former teammates Lance Armstrong, seven-time Tour de France champion. A grand jury has been seated in Los Ange-

the investigation over the coming weeks and months, and Armstrong sponsors Trek Bicycle Corp. and Nike each said Friday that they've been contacted by federal agents.

"I'm just glad he ain't after me," said attorney

pitcher Roger Clemens of using steroids.

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a nightmare for anyone that's he's focused on."

Emery represents Bri-

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on sale Sept. 1. Stern said both the Nets and Raptors expressed interest in playing overseas, and he noted that their combined rosters could include players from France, Italy, Spain, Brazil and Lithuania.

"And this is going to demonstrate to us ... the global representation in the sport and give fans an appreciation of what globalization has meant to us and how the sport itself has captured the imagination of youngsters all over the world,' Stern said.

an arrow." "He's creative," Emery added, "a bulldog."

He noted that the Raptors play in Canada and the Nets are owned by Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov.

"When he bought the team, (he) made it clear he would like very much to travel," Stern said of the Nets owner, who will also send his team to China for a pair of preseason games against the Houston Rockets in Beijing and Guangzhou in October.

Stern also spoke about the possibility of having, not just one, but multiple NBA franchises based in Europe.

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opens, the Los Angeles New York Lakers, Knicks and Minnesota Timberwolves will each play two games in the fifth installment of the NBA's preseason Europe Live Tour. The champion Lakers will face the Timberwolves at the O2 Arena on Oct. and then play Barcelona in Spain three days later. The Knicks will play an Italian team in Milan on 3 and the Timberwolves three

days later in Paris.

The NFL will be playing a regular-season game in London for the fourth straight season when the San Francisco 49ers face the Denver Broncos on Oct. 31 at Wembley Stadium. The NHL has also played regular-season games in London, and still does so in other European cities.

London was given the honor of hosting the first regular-season NBAgames because of its financial drawing power, Stern said. Tickets for the two games are to go

CUSHING

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-ing says he never took the drug, which can be used to restart testosterone production after a steroid cycle, and has no idea how it got into his body.

Cushing said months of tests show that he had a "unique" medical condition that led to the positive test.

genetically different," he said. "I had a unique situation where something like this occurred and we have the science to back it up. It's taken months. It's really beyond what we ever thought and it's beyond the regular medical doctor.

"We've gone in depth, and there has been a lot of money spent on the research," he said. "There have been a lot of interesting results that I think can help us."

Cushing said he could not offer details about what scientific evidence McNair was presenting. Tom Condon, Cushing's agent, did not answer e-mail and phone mes-

sages. Cushing, Houston's first-round draft pick in 2009, had 133 tackles for the team last season to win The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year award. He retained the award after a revote following his suspension.

ASTROS

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Bobby Cox said. "We caught all the line drives they ever hit, but we couldn't catch the

Houston's Tim Byrdak

left-hander

(2-1) got one out to earn

Mike Minor allowed five hits and three earned

runs in six innings in his major league debut.

The 22-year-old, who

was the seventh overall

pick in the 2009 Major League Baseball draft,

was starting in place of Kris Medlen, who is on

the disabled list with a

"Mike pitched a nice ball game, he really did," Cox said. "I don't think

he was nervous ... he had

great mound presence."

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