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Trust fund established for Martines

A trust fund has been established at Government Employees Federal Credit Union for 26-yearold Paul Martinez.

Martinez was home on leave from the Marine Corps when he suffered an accidental gunshot wound to the head. He is in Lubbock Methodist Hospital and will be transferred to Galveston to begin therapy this week.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so by going by the credit union at 2204 Gregg St. The account number is 4057-04.

WHAT'S UP... **TODAY**

☐ Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All band parents are invit-

D Forsan Junior High and High School Open House, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Parents can pick up their child's report card and meet each teacher. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded.

☐ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Library Annex, 500 Main, Community

☐ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175. ☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m.,

Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. □ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m.,

Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. THURSDAY

☐ Gideons Camp No. U4206O,

International, Big Spring Herman's, 7 a.m.

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Fire destroys mobile home, pickup

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

fire destroyed a mobile home and a pickup Monday and threatened a 110-year-old structure before being brought under control ers from the **Howard County Volunteer**



Fire Department and Big Spring Fire Department. According to 911 director and HCVFD Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, some scary moments occurred during the fire, which was called in at 12:40 p.m. to

4211 Litner Road. "There was an explosion inside of paint cans and live ammunition from shotgun shells going off inside the structure, causing us to back off for a while for it to subside," said Sullivan. "A 110-year-old home was also in danger but we were able

to control it before any major damage was done." A pop-off valve on a 500 gallon propane tank went off, too, causing some con-

"You talk about making the hair on the back of your neck stand up, that can sure do it," said Sullivan. "The pop-off valve goes off to relieve pressure and when we heard that, we about jumped out of our skin. It makes for a scary situation but we were able to get

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Body discovered at rest stop after tire shipment is delayed

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Howard County authorities are investigating the death of 67-year-old Oklahoma trucker, whose body was discovered after the tires he was hauling failed to reach their destination on time.

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The body of Bob Jones was found Monday afternoon in his vehicle, parked at a rest stop west of Big

Spring. Peace justice Quail Dobbs has ordered an

autopsy.
"The body was quite decomposed already and no signs of foul play were indicated," said Dobbs.
"But just to be on the side of caution, I have ordered an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death. In addition, I have ordered the truck to impounded

See BODY, Page 2

Anticipation builds for BSHS homecoming

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Finalists were being selected today for queen and king as Big Spring High School gets ready for its annual homecoming celebration this weekend.

Activities are going on through the tradition-filled week. Today is "hippie on campus, for day" instance.

On Wednesday, students are asked to wear their hats and shades for "Shade Out the Bulldogs and Hats Off to the Steers." Thursday is "Steers have Class Dress-Up Day," and Friday is Steers are Priceless in Black and Gold Day.

On Thursday, a community pep rally and bonfire will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Compost Facility.

The homecoming parade is Friday, scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of 10th Street and Main. Parade participants will travel north to the courthouse, then return to 10th Street along Scurry.

Big Spring's Steers will entertain Abilene Wylie at Memorial Stadium beginning at 7:30 that evening. At halftime, five homecoming queen and homecoming finalists will be presented and the queen and king will be announced.

Naming of a king starts a new tradition at Big Spring High School. Among those nominated for homecoming king are Bowe Butler, Key Club; Luis Diaz, National Honor Society; Gamble, choir; Ryan Guinn, Spanish Club; and Toryn Haynes, STAGE.

Others are Andy Ison, FFA; Isaac Kremsky, French Club; Jesse Marquez, journalism; Chris Martinez, FCCLA; Jason Martinez, band; Ryan Miracle, sports medicine; and Cody Rubio, student council.

Home coming queen nom-



Big Spring High School Juniors Kim Jumper, left, Tejal Patel and Meghan Pudliner add touches to their class float Monday afternoon for the school's homecoming parade. Many juniors have worked on the float for the past two weeks. The parade will begin on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

* 7:30 p.m., community pep rally and bonfire, airpark

 4:30 p.m., parade beginning at 10th and Main. * 7:30 p.m., football game, Steers host Abilene Wylle at Memorial Stadium

* 9:30 p.m. alumni dance, Howard College Cactus

SATURDAY

. 2 p.m. Hall of Fame ceremony, Big Spring High

choir: Valeria Aguirre, Cline, sports medicine, Teri softball; Scarlet Denton, FFA; Melissa

inees include Kaci Acri, Ashley, Key Club; Krystal

Forth, girl's volleyball; and Autumn George, student council.

Others are Heather Harris, National Honor Society; Anna McLaughlin, STAGE; Andrea Morena, journalism; Sara Murphree, French Club; Randi Partee, FCCLA: Autumn Phernetton, cheerleaders; Amanda Rubio, girl's track; Olga Sifuentes, band; and Leandra Williams, Spanish Club.

An alumni dance is planned after the game at the Howard College Cactus

Saturday at 2 p.m. will be the Hall of Fame induction and from 9 p.m. to midnight, students will have the annual homecoming dance at the high school.

Area youth to gather 'At the Pole' Wednesday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Many area youth will be gathering at their school's flag pole Wednesday morning for "See You at the Pole," a nationwide studentled prayer event aimed at those from junior high through high school.

According to Methodist youth minister Courtney Johnson, many Big Spring youth will be meeting at 7 a.m. at the junior high and senior high school flag poles. They will be praying for their school, family, friends, churches and nation.

Johnson expects the serion to last about an hour.

"Saw You at the Pole" will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday tne municipai Auditorium This rally is for all students who participated in the morning event and others throughout the community, Johnson said.

"We are planning to meet at 7 a.m. at the school's flag pole and pray for the students, school, teachers, administration and other needs of the country," said Hailey Burns, Fellowship of Christian Athletes vicepresident of Stanton. "This is a time for the students to get together and worship the Lord."

According to Burns, students can attend a tailgate party after the prayer session and have juice and donuts. The party is sponsored by several parents and the First Baptist Church youth of Stanton, she said.

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Boys Club provides safe, fun environment for local youth

Editor's note: The following is the fourth in a series of articles on the agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

Saturday, members of the Boys Club were volunteering with the

clean-up effort along Business 20. That's not unusual for these boys, who regularly pick up trash along a two-mile stretch of Highway 350 with the state's Adopt A Highway

program. "Usually the promise of a hot dog and a soft drink will get them going," joked Bert Andries, longtime executive director of the downtown organization.

For Andries, events like the Beautification Committee's cleanup effort are a good tool for the boys that frequent the club.

"We like to get them to take some responsibility for the town they live in," he said. Teaching boys to work together

and providing them a place to do

that in a fun, safe atmosphere is

what the Boys Club has been about

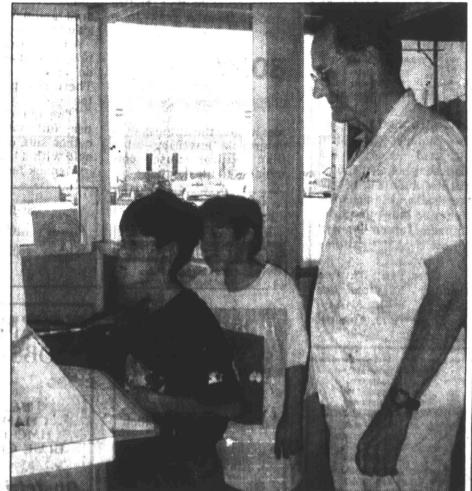
for 32 years now. But it's an impossible task at \$1 per boy each year. Even with 450 registered members, the club has to rely on outside sources of income.

"We rely on United Way probably more than any other agency," said Andries. "The \$1 a year we ask the boys to pay is to reinforce the idea behind membership, that they are not getting it for free. About half our funding is from United Way. The other comes from private donations and the interest off of savings.

Table tennis, pool and hand-held games are available for the boys, who are age 6 through 17. There are seven computers which have games and other programs, both recre-

ational and educational. "We try to keep the games educational," said Andries. "And they are not hooked up to the Internet. That way we don't have to monitor them. as closely and we know what they are doing."

After-school tutoring is available for boys who need it, and studying at the Boy's Club is emphasized.



There is a small indoor gym, a Boys Club executive director Bert Andries shows Justin Gonzales, left, and large weight room and workout Justin Rodriguez how to sign themselves in at the facility. The Boys Club See BOY'S CLUB, Page 2

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OBITUARIES

Stella Lorene Wallace

Graveside service for Stella Lorene Wallace, 92, Spur, was 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000, at Spur Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Tommy Henderson of Spur officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

Mrs. Wallace died on Sunday, Sept. 17, at a local hospital in Odessa.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1908, in Big Spring. She married Undie William (Red) Wallace on Sept. 14, 1941, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1992. She had lived in Spur since 1958, coming from Roby. She was a housewife and a member of First Baptist Church in Spur.

She is survived by: one son. Emmett Wallace of Odessa; one brother; two sisters; three grandchildren; and three great-grand-

Lola J. Davis

Funeral service for Lola J. Davis, 73, Louisville, Ky., will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, at Embry-Bosse Funeral Home with the Rev. Ted Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Cemetery, Evergreen Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Davis died on Saturday, Sept. 16. She was born on June 20,

1927, in Corydon, Ind. She is survived by: one son, Tyrrell W. Davis of Big Spring; one daughter, Marsha Lynn Richardson of Plainfield, Ind.; one brother, V. Wayne Reas; one sister, Beverly Vissing of Louisville, Ky.; two halfbrothers, Steve Reas and David Reas; one half-sister, Kathy Amstuz; and two grandchildren.

Greg Fent

Funeral service for Greg Fent, 53, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Fent died on Monday, Sept. 18, at his residence.

Pedro Rodriguez

Rosarv Pedro for Rodriguez, 43, Big Spring, will be said at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2000, at 1113 Lloyd. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday. Sept. 22, at the Immaculate

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Bob Jones, 67, died Saturday. Services are pending.

Annie Mae Brumley, 95, died Monday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH



Pedro Rodriguez, 43, died Sunday. Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM Thursday at 1113 Lloyd. Funeral mass will be 2:00 PM Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will at Coahoma follow Cemetery

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Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Rodriguez died on Sunday, Sept. 17, at a local hospital.

He was born on May 19, 1957, in San Luis Potosi. San Luis Potosi, Mexico and married Mary Moreno on April 19, 1990, in Big Spring. He worked for Van Wells Service for 13 years. He was a member of **Immaculate Heart of Mary** Catholic Church. Survivors include: his

wife, Mary Rodriguez of Big Spring; a daughter, Ramona Olivarez of Big Spring; three sons, Juan Olivarez, Michael Cordona and Juan Cordona, all of Big Spring; his mother Maria Roacha Rodriguez of Mexico; four brothers, Santiago Rodriguez and DeMetrio Rodriguez, both of Big Spring, and Juan Roacha and Abran Rodriguez, both of Mexico: two sisters. Ofelia Martin of Sterling City and Cleafas Rodriguez of Mexico; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Rodriguez will lie in state at 1113 Lloyd.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

Annie Mae **Brumley**

Funeral service for Annie Mae Brumley, 95, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Ms. Brumley died on Monday, Sept. 18, at her home following in long ill-

Bob Jones

Funeral service for Bob Jones, 67, Oklahoma, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Mr. Jones died on Saturday, Sept. 16.

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water on it and get it cooled down."

Both the mobile home and pickup were engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived on the scene.

"Thank goodness there were no occupants at the time," he said. "They were gone to lunch.

Though no one was hurt in the fire, a family pet did die inside the structure. Sullivan said the couple did not have insurance on the house. He estimated the loss at approximately \$40,000.

The mobile home and pickup were owned by J.D. Newsom.

Sullivan said two of his fireman suffered from smoke inhalation but did not require emergency treatment.

"We sort of treat our own in cases like this," said Sullivan. "It's just part of

our job.' Sullivan said his investigation revealed that the fire started from a leak in a stove.

BODY

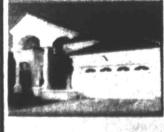
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just in case the autopsy does determine anything other than natural causes contributed to his death.'

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When a truckload of tires ded from Oklahoma City to an Odessa tire company failed to arrive, the store manager called the owner of the trucking company in Oklahoma City to inquire as to the whereabouts of the shipment.

At about 4:30 p.m. Monday, owners discovered the truck parked at the rest stop. They placed a call to the Big Spring Police Department which relayed the message to the Howard County Sheriff's Office. Dobbs was also called.

"Upon arrival at the scene, we had to gain entrance into the locked truck by force," said Dobbs. "Once inside, the truck owner identified the body. Witnesses said the truck had been there since Saturday, the date at which the shipment was expect-

The trailer was loaded with tires for delivery to Bill Williams Company.

Dobbs said the preliminary results of the autopsy report should be back sometime Wednesday.

"I just got off the phone from the one in Lubbock doing the autopsy and he said he should have the preliminary autopsy results back by sometime tomorrow," said Dobbs.

"My main concern is in making sure that he did in fact die from natural causes and not from a suicide or a homicide and we will know that from the results."

PRAYER

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First Colorado City Baptist Church youth minister Brett Footer said both the Colorado High School and junior high school youth will be gathering at their respective campus poles at 7 a.m.

Footer said the youth plan to pray, hear testimonials and play some music for the

also He gather at the school's administration building at 7 to pray for the students. "That evening we will

have a 'Saw You at the Pole' party held at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City," Footer said. "We will show video footage of that morning and have testimonies. Grady youth plan to meet

at 7:30 a.m. by the pole on the school grounds, said athletics coach Fellowship of Christian Athletes president Leandro Gonzales.

"After the prayer session, the Tarzan Baptist Church will be giving out donuts," he said.

The annual "See You at the Pole" event involves more than 3 million youth in 50 states.

BOY'S CLUB

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area, and a fenced area outside for outdoor activities. An upstairs study room provides an area for boys to do after-school homework. There is a piano up there,

"The piano gets a lot of use, but not much music comes out of it," Andries said with a laugh.

A snack bar is also avail-



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main room. There are four

or five scroll or band saws, sanders, drill presses, larger saws and the like. The boys can use the smaller saws. Andries does all the sanding and larger wood cutting for the boys.

A well-stocked woodwork-

ing shop lies just off the

BIG SPRING

AROUND THE TOWN

In the summer, the club operates a swimming pool on the north side of town. A bus allows the boys to be transported back and forth.

"The parents are real good about helping us in that regard, too," said Andries. The Boys Club began in

1968 in a rented building now housed by the NAPA parts dealer. Andries has been the only executive director the club has ever

The club "borrowed" a building on Second Street for a time, and moved to its present location on Third Street in May of 1971. Membership now is about 450, but as many as 600 boys were members before Webb Air Force Base closed.

"We have about 450 members and that stays pretty much in that neighborhood," said Andries. "It doesn't vary by more than 15 or 20 a year.'

The club is open from after school until 7:45 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. During off-school times, the club is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL class of 1990 will have their 10-year reunion during homecoming weekend, Friday and Saturday. encouraged Classmates who have not Colorado City adults to yet been contacted should call Amber (Stroup) Rich at 268-9209 for details

BIG SPRING HIGH **SCHOOL** Class of 1940 will have a 60th year reunion on Saturday at 10 a.m. The reception will be held in the living room area of the homemaking department in the Big Spring High School. For more information, call Reta (Bigony) Spradling at 399-4313, Dorothy (Carmack) Kennemur at 398-5522 or W.E. "Sketter" Davidson at

FORSAN JUNIOR HIGH AND High School will be having an open house for parents tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents can pick up their child's report card and meet each teacher.

Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded every 10 minutes. Various incentives will be offered to encourage participation by grades and classes. The grade that has the highest participation rate will receive a free pizza party.

JUSTIN HARRIS, 10-YEAR-OLD SON of Mary Vela, has leukemia and is undergoing his second bone marrow transplant in Tucson, Ariz. Donations to

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help with his medical expenses can be made to a special account at Citizens Federal Credit Union. For information, call Sherry Everette at the credit union, 267-6373.

A RECEPTION HONOR-ING RETIRED reference librarian Rebbecca Taylor is planned Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in the Howard County Community Room. The public is invited.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today: WILLIE GENE WALK-

ER, 33, of Merkel, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS) • MARTIN J. MORAN.

35, of Angleton, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS) RAY **THOMAS**

CAMARILLO, 27, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge possession of a controlled substance. (HCSO) MICHAEL EARNEST McCORMICK, 27, of 407

Donley, was arrested on a

charge of assault causing bodily injury. (BSPD) SIMON WAYNE ARAUSA, 30, of 4103 Parkway, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

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BEITER, 25, of 1209 Monday's high 93 Pickens, was arrested on a Monday's low 69 charge of possession of Average high 87 marijuana. (BSPD)

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ROACH, 22, of 1301 Jeffery, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. (BSPD) · SUSIE ROACH, 47, of

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· JENNIE SMALL, 29, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

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21, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. • ATTEMPTED CRIMI-NAL TRESPASS was

reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600

block of Kentucky Way. CLASS A CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens.

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Alcohol, drug use down among Texas teens

AUSTIN (AP) — Alcohol and drug use has declined among Texas teen agers, according to results of a state survey released Monday, but the drop isn't enough to satisfy a coalition of groups battling teen drinking.

"Parents have to understand that (alcohol) is not the lesser of two evils," said Jay Kimbrough, director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. "This is a killer."

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More than 200,000 students in grades 4-12 completed surveys this year issued by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which has done the survey every two years since 1988.

Among secondary students, there was a 15-percent decline in the number of students who had used tobacco in the month before

the survey in 2000, cam, been very concentrated in pared with the 1998 survey. The past year," Kimbrough said.

Juana fell 10 percent among secondary students from 1998 to 2000, and past-month alcohol use dropped 6 percent.

Declines also were noted.

Declines also were noted over the past decade.

According to the survey. 51.1 percent of students in grades 7-12 reported this year that they had used tobacco at least once, down from 56.2 percent in the 1990 survey

Another question asked the same students if they had used tobacco in the past month.

in 1990 and 22.4 percent this The 1990 figures were the latest available for those

The rate was 22.9 percent

two questions. "Why is tobacco down? Because that message has

cent in 2000. Students who said they had used alcohol in the past month fell from 42.8 percent in 1988 to 36.1 percent in 2000.

Ellen Ward, executive director of Texans Standing Tall, a coalition dedicated to preventing underage drinking, noted the rates of students in lower grades who have drunk alcohol are decreasing, but the rates are getting higher in grades 9-

The students still feel drinking is a "rite of passage" and nobody is stopping them from drinking, Ward said.

Illicit drug use also fell for other resources.

secondary students, according to the study. Past-month use fell from 17.1 percent in

1988 to 15.4 percent in 2000. But the number of stu-dents who said they had only used marijuana, but no other drugs, in the past month climbed from 4.2 percent in 1988 to 5.5 percent in 2000. Past-month cocaine and crack cocaine use also rose from 2.3 percent to 3.1 percent in those survey years.

Keeping young people focused on prevention is the way to cut drug and alcohol use even further, Ward said. Also at the news conference, the Alliance Against Underage Drinking, which involves more than 40 public and private organizations launched a new web site that provides information, statistics, a media kit, youth activities and links to

underappreciated

Guard union asking ate for pay increase

HOUSTON (AP) - A union representing Texas correctional officers is rallying the guards to lobby the Legislature next year for pay raises and changes in their job status to make them more like the state's other state law enforcement officers.

The Correction Council 7 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is urging guards to contact state lawmakers in support of changes 'like 'including improved training, increased salaries and a taller career ladder.

"We're underpaid, and stretched too thin," said Council 7 spokesman Brian Olsen. "If we're

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going to recruit and keep good officers, we need to change not just the amount we pay our (guards) but the way we think of them."

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said they are on the same page as Council 7 when it comes to guard pay, training and professional development.

"We support all of that," said TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury, who vowed his department would push for legislative changes. "We believe in it. We think it's needed. We fought for it in the past."

Texas, which has the second-largest state prison system behind California, ranks 46th in the nation in

Tommy Sells convicted on capital murder charge

DEL RIO (AP) — The father of a slain 13-year-old girl said he hopes Tommy Lynn Sells gets the death penalty instead of a life prison sentence when the punishment phase of his murder trial begins.

"He took my baby. It's hard to explain the rage," said Terry Harris, the father of Kaylene Harris, who was killed in their home on New Year's Eve. "Hopefully he'll get what's coming to him."

A jury convicted Sells of capital murder and attempted murder after 70 minutes of deliberating Monday.

Sells, a 36-year-old former carnival worker, accused of breaking into the Harris family's mobile home near Del Rio around 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 31 and slitting the necks of Kaylene and a young friend, who survived the attack and testified against Sells.

court-appointed attorney urged the jury to convict him of murder rather than capital murder. They said the state did not prove that Sells broke in specifically to sexually assault the girl, a component that could make the crime punishable by death.

Defense attorney Victor Garcia said the verdict was not a surprise.

"It's very difficult because of the evidence and the photographs," he said. "In this case, we have a victim who testified and it's hard for the jury to get past that."

Sells had pleaded guilty to attempted murder for the attack on Kaylene's friend Krystal Surles:

"I think that's what he deserved," said 11-year-old Krystal after the verdict. "I think I can sleep and not have nightmares, and maybe do better in my own bed."

Garcia told jurors during closing arguments that they had every right to be angry at Sells for "the most brutal, heinous, senseless murder.'

"I'm not trying to justify what Tommy Lynn Sells did," Garcia said. "I hate him too, more than you can imagine."

But, he said, "there was no evidence of any sexual assault,"

Although Sells admitted to sexually assaulting the girl in a confession made Jan. 7. a week after the slaying, he denied it on Jan. 2, the day of his arrest, Garcia said. He told jurors that an investigator pressured Sells into making the admission in order to charge him with capital murder.

In his closing argument, assistant district attorney Fred Hernandez referred to the testimony of a medical examiner who said that Kaylene had a bruise and redness in her genital area. Hernandez told jurors that the girl's shorts and underwear were cut, and he recounted the Jan. 7 written confession, in which Sells graphically described a sexual assault on the girl. "He knew exactly what he

was doing," Hernandez said. Waving the long kitchen knife that investigators found in a field near Sells' trailer. Hernandez asked jurors to imagine what the girl must have gone

through. He held up 8-by-10 photographs of a happy, vibrant girl and close-ups of her broken, bloody body after the attack.

"This is what Tommy Lynn Sells did to Kaylene Harris," Hernandez said. This is what he reduced her to."

Hernandez recalled the testimony of Krystal, who had been sleeping above Kaylene on a bunk bed. Krystal said she saw Sells slash the neck of her friend before coming after her.

Since Sells' arrest in January, authorities say he has confessed to murders in seven states dating back to the 1980s.

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Judge reduces Davidian survivors sentences

authority by exceeding federal sentencing guidelines for five Branch Davidians, the same judge cut those prison terms by several years on Monday.

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Graeme Craddock, who was sentenced to 10 years. for possession of a grenade. and 10 years for using a firearm, had his sentence reduced to 15 years.

Although he didn't appeal, Livingstone Fagan also earned a reduced sentence – from 40 to 15 years 🚗 after Smith said it would be "manifestly unfair" not to cut Fagan's sentence.

The Supreme Court on June 5 set aside the lengthy

compound. The court ruled that Smith misused an antigun law to increase their punishment.

After Monday ruling, Davidians attorneys said

Supreme Court said a feder- who survived a 1993 siege at possibility their clients al judge overstepped his the sect's Mount Carmel could earn early releases or be transferred to a lower security prison.

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OUR VIEWS

Glad to see Peppy Blount coming home

t's homecoming week and that means many Big Spring High School graduates who've seen their lives take them far and wide will be returning to their hometown this weekend.

Each of those who have an opportunity to come home are welcome, but there is cause to take particular note of one Big Spring ex who'll be returning — R.E. "Peppy" Blount.

In addition to coming home for activities at the high school, Blount will appear at a book signing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

There is little question that Blount is certainly one of the most celebrated Big Spring natives

A star athlete at Big Spring High School, he went on to play end at the University of Texas and play in the Longhorns' 1946 Cotton Bowl, 1948 Sugar Bowl and 1949 Orange Bowl teams and then played in the National Football

In between he served with distinction in the South Pacific during World War this number ous decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He would later chronicle that tour of duty as a B-25 bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. authoring the book "We Band Of Brothers."

Blount was also a Southwest Conference and professional football official.

And he is the voungest person ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives. After three terms in Austin, he was elected as judge in Gregg County and now operates a successful law practice in Longview.

Blount's book signing appearance Saturday coincides with the re-release of his book by Eakin Press of Austin.

But it also comes at a time when those of us in West Texas should have plenty of reason to remember him for what may be his most significant accomplishment.

It was Blount, you see, who authored, introduced and got passed a bill in the Texas House that created the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).

As a result, even during one of the worst droughts in memory, those of us living in CRMWD member cities, despite living in what is essentially the edge of the Sonoran Desert, have never faced water rationing.

So, if you have a few minutes Saturday, take the time to go by Hangar 25 and, if nothing else, say thanks.

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Real debating is some

business. And debate is Michael Hester's business. o it follows. His office is a bit scatte

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the table and the old easy chair of mattress ticking. **Barney Fife**

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above the whole mess. "Debate is highly research-oriented," Hester says in apology. "We take all these tubs full of evidence with us to competi-

tion." If you have a question, ask an expert. All the debate about presidential debates made me curious. So I sought out an expert, college debate coach Michael Hester, a 29-yearold Warner Robins, Gage native who looks like a Viking and talks faster than an auctioneer.

Since the school opened in 1934, State University of West Georgia has had a debate team; the photos are on Hester's wall to prove it. It was 1970, however,

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when things got serious. Former debate coach Chester Gibson arrived and put the show on the road. He started West Georgia's national debate team, now ranked as one of the coun-

try's best. Since 1973, the West Georgia team has been invited 28 consecutive times to the National Debate Tournament. That's the fifth-longest streak; Northwestern, Dartmouth and Harvard lead the way.

"There are no [size] divisions in debate," Hester says. "It's not like, say, wrestling.'

In March, the West Georgia team took first place at the Cross **Examination Debate Association Tournament** the other national championship.

As the field narrowed from 170 teams to four. West Georgia defeated the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Miami, then Emory. Georgia's other debate giant. In the championship round. West Georgia beat Michigan.

If all that sounds like sports headlines, don't be fooled. When I mentioned attending a debate some day, honest Hester says don't bother.

"You wouldn't understand us. We talk fast. I mean really fast. Debate is not a spectator sport."

So, do those who debate

on a regular basis even bother to watch the presidential debates, which lester calls 'dueling press onferences"?

"I watch, but it drives me up the wall," he says. "I guess it's how a professional football player would feel looking out the window at kids playing football on his lawn. ...

"There will be so many implicitly false statements made in the presidential debates you won't be able to count them.

I asked Hester to grade a few performances most of us saw:

Bill Clinton. "You've got to give him an A. You listen, and you don't hear that much, but then if someone had outlined what all would happen to that man and how he'd come out of it with a 65 percent approval rating ... he can talk."

Ross Perot. "He came into debate and squandered all that he had ... by acting like everyone's crazy relative. I'd give him a C or D."

George Bush. "He'll forever be remembered as the president who looked at his watch."

With George W. and Al

Gore, Hester's prediction doesn't follow conventional wisdom that Gore has an advantage. He thinks it will be another Reagan-Carter situation, "where you couldn't doubt Carter was brilliant, but Reagan lapsed into that folksy way of his

and made Carter sound

bureaucratic."
There are such low expectations for the W. Hester says, that if he can survive "and not bleed on stage," he'll likely be perceived as a winner

In a-real debate, team members might question if the president should even be the person to decide on matters like prescription drugs, Hester says. In the presidential debate, "you won't hear anyone say anything except that taxes are bad. It'll be like saying, 'I'm against pedophilia.

Hester first got into debate in high school when he won an Optimist Club speech competition by addressing the theme

"Optimism: A Way of Life." (He needed a scholarship to college and wasn't big enough to continue in football.)

"Debate really helps strengthen your criticalthinking skills."

Former West Georgia debaters have argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and, during the O.J. Simpson trial, West Georgia graduate and debater Kelli Sager was Judge Lance Ito's media liaison.

Debate is part style, part

substance. Presidential debates, on the other hand, are mostly show and luck.

"It's all about who gets the zinger."

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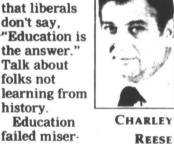
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Education's the answer, or maybe not

ducation is the answer. If ever there were a single sentence that could be called the mantra or motto of American liberalism, that sentence is it.

Hardly any social problem arises that liberals don't say, 'Education is the answer." Talk about folks not learning from



failed miserably to prevent any of

the horrors of the 20th century. In fact, one characteristic of the 20th century has been the intellectual hangers-on of most of the human monsters who have secured their place in the Hall of Infamy.

For one thing, people no longer define their terms. They no longer even know what they mean by the word "education," let alone what they think it ought to accomplish. One of the earliest critics of mass public

education observed that if by education people meant teaching people to read and write, all that they would accomplish would be to create a mass market for trash literature and demagoguery.

Anybody want to nominate him for a prophet's hat?

You need 12 years of public education to read the National Enquirer or watch the "Jerry Springer Show" You can hold a Ph.D. and not know the name of the river that runs through London or the capital of New York? Whoopee, dude, that's hundreds of billions of dollars well spent.

We've made a lot of progress since those ignorant, noneducated Elizabethans produced and appreciated a Shakespeare. Today, we idolize real writers like those who produce such great works of art as "Pulp Fiction" and "American Pie.

All those ignoramuses who chose such leaders as George Washington, John **Adams and Thomas** Jefferson are not nearly as smart as we modern Americans who have chosen such sterling leaders as Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton. Education is the answer.

I think not. I think par-

ents who actually care about their children should seriously consider pulling them out of public schools bearing in mind, of course, that some private schools can be as bad or worse than public school.

I recognize, of course, that in this greatest of all possible economies, where many people have to work two jobs and many more need two incomes, that lots of people, despite the stock market, cannot afford either the time or the money to educate their children.

Of course, if education were all that it's cooked up to be, then more people would recognize that there is something wrong with a great economy that cannot support such large numbers of its workers with only a single paycheck. You would think that it might occur to some that corporatism has succeeded in breaking most unions and driving down wages, when adjusted for inflation.

This might be, as Clintonistas insist, a great economy, but the sad fact is that the United States of America has become a cheap labor country for Japanese and German manufacturers. And guess who operates the largest daycare system in the world? The U.S. Army.

I would say that, indeed. education is the answer if you were to ask the following: How do you take a great country with enormous resources, a wonderful Constitution, a sound political and civic culture, and then nose-dive it into the ground?

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Junior high spikers win two of three

Big Spring's Junior High's Lady Steers volleyball teams managed two wins in three matches against teams from Colorado City on Monday.

Big Spring's seventhand eighth-grade "A' teams took wins, while the seventh "B" suffered a loss.

Chesworth. Krista scored 12 points and Regan Ritchey scored eight in the seventh "A" team's 15-10, 18-16 victory. Alex Watkins had seven points and six came Vanessa Bustamante and Brennan Bailey in the eighth "A" squad's 15-2, 15-13 win.

Carmen Lewis had 14 pints and **Becky** Murphree had 11, but it was not enough to keep Colorado City from taking a 7-15, 15-9, 15-13 win in the seventh "B" match.

Softball boosters will meet tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will met at 7:30 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Parents of all players are encouraged to attend.

Father Delaney golf tourney is Sunday

The third annual Father Delaney Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Chicano Golf Association, will be Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf

The tournament will be an ABCD scramble. A two-year lease on a 2000 Ford Taurus will be "closest to the pin" prizes will be awarded on all par 3 holes.

Entry fees are \$15 per player plus green fees and cart rental.

For more information, call 264-2466.

Disc golf tournament scheduled for Oct. 1

The eighth Disc Over Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Oct. 1 at Birdwell Park.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a players meeting starting at 11.

Entry fees are set at \$25 for professionals, \$15 for amateurs and women and \$10 for juniors and novices.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267

Hunter education class set for Oct. 7-8

A hunter education class has been scheduled for Oct. 7-8 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

Classes will begin each day at 8 a.m.

All hunters born after Sept. 1, 1971, are required to complete the course.

Fees for the class are \$10 per person and interested persons can sign up at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307

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11:40 p.m. - Summer Games, men's basketball. U.S. vs. Italy, NBC, Ch. 9.

Area's offensive leaders have Crossroads off to good

Three weeks into the schoolboy football season, Crossroad area teams have done exceptionally well against the competition, posting an overall record of 14-4.

Stanton and Colorado City lead the area with identical 3-0 records and both teams have plenty of artillery on hand to shoot for higher goals in District 2-3A

Stanton's Jeremy Hull has carried the ball 55 times for 444 yards with an average of 8.1 yards a carry. Teammate Clint White has moved the pigskin for 250 yards in 40 car-

In Colorado City, the Wolves have been led by quarterback Chase Phariss who has passed for 537 yards and four touchdowns on 40 completions. He has also run with the ball 35 times for 92 yards and one score.

The Pack has passed for 25 first downs and gotten 16 on the ground. Senior Andrew Spear has carried the ball 36 times for 107 yards and one touchdown and is also one of Phariss' favorite receivers. He has caught nine passes for 87 yards.

Coahoma, at 2-1 on the season, is led by Corey Hill who has run for 381 yards on 48 carries, Bulldog quarterback Chase Ward is throwing at a 50 percent clip, completing 21 of 42 attempts for 342 yards and four touchdowns.

While Ward is 200 yards shy of Phariss' passing yardage, he has thrown the same number of touchdown passes. For Big Spring's Steers, who bring a 1-1 record into this Friday's homecoming game

against Abilene Wylie's Bulldogs, senior Jason Woodruff is the prima-

Woodruff has proved he can wiggle through a secondary like a snake. He has 33 carries for 141 yards, while teammate Jaroe Parnell has rushed for 101 yards on

17 attempts. Steers quarterback Jason Choate has only attempted 14 passes thus far for 67 yards.

Forsan sophomore Wes Longorio is no surprise any more. He has rushed 39 times for 267 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Dustin Morgan doesn't put the ball up much, but is 10-of-17 for 140 yards and three touchdowns.

Garden City has Justin Hillger starting his fourth year with the Bearkats. As quarterback, Hillger is 6-of-9 passing for 116 yards and the ball 12 times for 68 yards.

But the Bearkats' biggest weapon has been Curtis Eggemeyer, who's carried the ball 36 times and picked up 171 yards with one touchdown.

Roger Smith, in his ninth year as head coach at Grady, is not surprised that Clint Schuelke at 5-foot-9 and 130 pounds fits well in his backfield. Schuelke, who was the Wildcats' quarterback last season, has moved to tailback and has 253 yards and five touchdowns on 29

Eric Tunnell, who replaced Schuelke at quarterback, is eight for 16 for 117 yards.
Sands is blessed with the

Martinez family. Junior has carried the ball 14 times and gained 127 yards, while his cousin, Cesar, has moved it 115 yards on 15 carries.

Cowboys prove spoilers for Redskins' makeover

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) -Even after a \$100 million makeover, the Washington Redskins once again looked ugly against the Dallas Cowboys.

Randall Cunningham threw two touchdown passes and Emmitt Smith ran for 83 yards and a score as the previously winless Cowboys beat the haughty Redskins 27-21 Monday night, their sixth straight victory over their arch

Redskins owner Daniel Snyder spent \$100 million during the offseason in an effort to reach the Super Bowl, signing players such as former Cowboys star Deion Sanders and defensive tackle Bruce Smith. At this point, however,

the Redskins (1-2) can't even beat a Dallas team that is clearly in a rebuildin dance of all in the for the first time since 1989. instead recorded another satisiying win against their NFC East adversaries.

"To beat them, it feels even sweeter," said Dallas safety Izell Reese, who had a crucial fourth-quarter interception. "They spent all that money with the focus of beating the Cowboys. So we come into their own backyard and whipped them on Monday night. It doesn't get much better than that.

The Redskins probably thought things couldn't get any worse after their 15-10 loss in Detroit.

But losing at home against Dallas is about as bad as it gets, especially because Washington entered the season with such lofty expectations.

The Redskins had two turnovers and were penalized six times for 82 yards. A pass interference call against Darrell Green aided one Dallas touchdown drive, and an unnecessary roughness call against



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, pictured here scoring in a 1995 game, rushed for one touchdown Monday night, as the Cowboys upended the Washington Redskins.

offensive tackle Andy Heck ruined a potential scoring drive early in the fourth quarter.

'We made way too many mistakes," Redskins coach Norv Turner said. "We had stupid penalties and errors. When you make those kind of mistakes, you usually don't have a chance to win.'

The Redskins closed to 24-21 with 5:34 left on a 7yard touchdown pass from Brad Johnson to Mike Sellers, and Washington quickly forced a punt. But Reese picked off a Johnson overthrow and returned it 46 yards to set up a field goal by Tim Seder with 1:46

remaining. Forced to use a short passing game in part because of the absence of injured wide receiver

Michael Westbrook Johnson couldn't bring the Redskins back. He completed passes to nine different receivers, but the longest was for 17 yards.

Dallas, on the other hand got a 76-yard touchdown reception from Chris Warren and a 44-yard catch Raghib Ismail. Cunningham completed only 10 passes, but his 185 passing yards was just 55 less than Johnson had with 30 completions.

Afterward. Campo stepped in front of the cameras and microphones and smiled broadly.

"That's one," he said. referring to his first win as an NFL coach. "We needed a confidence-builder, and we got one. This gives us a chance to move on and be a good football team.'

Garland tops 5A, Frenship is still No. 1 on 4A list

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Garland Owls are still winning the close ones and the Midland Lee Rebels are still hanging close.

The Owls continued to survive on the edge with a 34-33 overtime victory over DeSoto last week to retain their No. 1 Class 5A ranking in the Associated Press High School Football Poll along with Wolfforth Frenship in 4A, newcomer Crockett in 3A, Mart in 2A and Iraan in A.

Garland, the defending 5A Division II state champion, extended its winning streak to 18 games with the victory over DeSoto. The Owls, who haven't lost since their 1999 season opener, have won their three games by a com-

Garland got 13 of the 20 first place votes cast by the AP panel of sports writers and sportscasters but has a narrow 189-181 point lead over No. 2 Midland Lee (2-0), which took the week off, and got six first-place votes.

Austin Westlake blanked Belton 420 to remain unbeaten and keep its No. 3 rank in 5A, ready to move up should the Owls' tightwire act fail.

The two ranked losers in 5A went down by narrow margins. No. 6 Mesquite lost to Lewisville 14-10 and No. 7 The Woodlands lost to No. 8 Duncanville 12-10. Both losers dropped out of the poll and were replaced by No. 9 Converse Judson and No. 10 Lewisville.

Frenship solidified its hold on the No. 1 ranking in 4A against Class 3A No. 1ranked Lamesa. Defending state-champion Stephenville held onto the No. 2 spot following a 25-17 victory over Weatherford.

No. 5 Ennis was the lone loser among the Class 4A ranked teams, suffering a 27-19 loss to Mesquite Poteet. Ennis fell into a tie for 10th place with newcomer Nederland.

The biggest casualties of the week came in Class 3A where No. 1 Lamesa couldn't keep pace with 4A No. 1 Frenship in a battle of unbeatens. Frenship won 62-35. No. 4 Newton, the topranked team in presesson, lost its second straight game; No. 7 Martin lost to Waco Midway 27-22 and No. 10 Sweeny dropped to 0-2 with a 16-14 loss to Columbus.

Marlin and Sweeny fell from the rankings and were replaced by No. 9 Lindale and No. 10 Diboll.

The top nine ranked teams in 2A won their games but No. 10 Elysian Fields dropped to 0-2 and out of the rankings with a 24-6 loss to Longview Spring Hill. Eylsian Fields was replaced at No. 10 by Lone

Swimmers still breaking Olympic records records at the pool, includ-SYDNEY, Australia (AP)

This time, the Thorpedo didn't miss his mark. Australian swimmer Ian

Thorpe solidified his place as an Olympic Tuesday, bouncing back from defeat in the 200-meter freestyle to lead a world record-breaking 800-meter relay and win his third gold The Aussies' time of 7

minutes, 7.05 seconds capped another night of nastics team went from gold

ing the new Olympic mark Tom Malchow set as he won the United States' sixth swimming gold.

individual Malchow's glory gave the United States something to cheer about on a day when some U.S. teams took a dive and an American medal favorite pulled out of the 100 meters at the Sydney Games.

The U.S. women's gym-

medalists to no medalists. Winners in Atlanta four years ago, the women finished fourth in the team competition.

A few hours earlier, Japan had snapped the American softball team's 112-game winning streak. More bad news: A spokes-

woman for Inger Miller's track club said the world's second-ranked sprinter will miss at least the 100 meters because of an injury.

Rangers' mistakes, Mays' pitching enough for 3-1 Twins win MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Texas walk and reached third on Jacque since being recalled from Triple A In National League games it was

Rangers manager Johnny Oates is surprised at the way his team's defense has deserted him.

The Rangers botched an important rundown, and Joe Mays pitched 5 1-3 solid innings as the Minnesota Twins beat Texas 3-1 Monday night.

"The worst part of our game is defense, and not just catching the ball," Oates said, "There's more to this game than swinging the bat." Minnesota led 2-1 in the fourth

when Torii Hunter led off with a

Jones' single. Rangers starter Rick Helling made a nice move to third, then wheeled to first and caught Jones leaning. But while the Rangers retired Jones in a rundown, Hunter came in to score.

We did rundowns perfect in spring training, and now this is the second time this has happened to us this year," Oates said. "There were five mistakes on this one rundown." A two-run lead was plenty for

Mays and two Twins relievers.

Mays (7-14), making his first start

Salt Lake on Saturday, allowed just one run, eight hits and no walks while striking out four.

"It felt fantastic to get a chance to start again," Mays said. "I think that this is where I belong, but there were some mechanical things I had to work on, so I went down

and made some adjustments."
In other American League game
it was Cleveland 2, New York
Oakland 12, Baltimore 3; Seattle Tampa Bay 3; Detroit 5, Chicago 2; and Minnesota 3, Texas 1.

Atlanta 6, New York 3; Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 1; Los Angeles 2 Arizona 1; Montreal 11, Florida 4; Milwaukee 2, Chicago 1; and Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 5.

Mays, who was 2-0 in three minor ague starts after being sent down on Aug. 21, earned his first major ague win since July 25.

"Mays threw strikes, put the ball n play, used all his pitches and have us just what we wanted from

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Security numbers, are apparently part of a scam aimed at stealing people's identities and running up credit bills under their names, Arkansas Attorney General Mark Pryor said. b

Hoax letters have been malled to derry black people across the South over the past three weeks, telling them they may be eligible for \$5,000 in slave reparations or Social Security reimbursements.

The letters, which include requests for Social Security aumbork, are information from seniors, he said.

The slave reparation from seniors, he said. ments under a supposed "Slave Reparation Act."

The other letter is targeted at people born between 1917 and 1926. It says these 'notch' babies" are due "What they are really glitch is Social Securitying to get is personal collections." \$5,000 apiece because of a glitch in Social Security

Senate voting on historic China trade b

ASHINGTON (AP) Congress is about to change the nature of U.S. Chinese trade ties in a vote support-presety will add a critical element of stability to the tumultuous relations between the world's strongest power and the most-populous nation.

Senate passage today of the PNTR, or permanent normal trade relations, bill is near certain, sending the legislation to President Clinton for his signature. The measure is aimed at opening up China's markets, bringing billions in new business to American companies and making China a more responsible and accountable member of

It is opposed by labor, human rights and conservative groups who say it is wrong to give up the annual review of China trade that since the 1989 crackdown on the Tiananmen student movement has given lawmakers a way to highlight

China's weapons proliferation and persecution of its citizens. The legislation, the most important trade bill since the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement, enjoys the potent backing of President Clinton, the congressional Republican lead-

ership and the nation's

major business and agricul-

ture groups. Both presiden-

President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, support permanent trade.

It represents the most significant opportunity that we have had to create positive change in China since the 1970s, when President Nixon first went there and later in the decade when President Carter normalized relations," Clinton said in a speech earlier this year.

The legislation is a consequence of a trade agreement between the United States and China last fall that opened the way for China's entry into the World Trade Organization. With WTO membership, China will make significant cuts in its

tial candidates, Vice tariffs while opening its markets to the products and investment of America and other countries. China must abide by international rules in such areas as protecting intellectual property.

In Beijing, a Foreign, Ministry spokesman, Sun Yuxi, told reporters, "The early resolution of this issue not only serves the interests of China; it is also in the interests of the United States itself."

The PNTR legislation would go into effect when China joins the WTO, probably late this year or early next year. Currently, under a 1974 law, trade relations with communist states must be reviewed annually.

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for (21) One-on-one relating Wednesday, Sept. 20:

Take charge at work and in life. Let creativity and efficiency merge and make you a winner. You gain financially because you use an unusual gift. Others find you appealing and want to become a bigger part of your work and life. If you are single, you have many choices. The challenge will be choosing the right per-son. In 2001, relationships work for both single and attached Viges. De the work interfere with jerson al relationships. Gamina pushes you into the lime-

light. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-3 Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April **** Unexpected requests come your way. You are only too happy to please another. Your actions make a big difference. Stay secure with choices. Your style and diplomacy make a big difference. Speak your mind at work in the after-Tonight: Visit

friends. TAURUS (April 20-May

*** Surprises at work pusho you in a new direction. Listen carefully to comeone who shares unusual ideas. Incorporate the practical the innovative a you'll gain professionally Your diplomatic skills push you in a new direction. Trust your sixth sense with finances and don't take risks. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Listen to another's ideas. You are energized. Follow through on what you know works and what is right for you. Brainstorm with another. You might want to call someone at a distance for another opinion. A loved one plays a major role in your choices. Have an important talk before making a decision. Tonight: Whatever puts a

smile on your face. CANCER (June 21-July

*** Another has an odd way of expressing his feelings. You could react to what you are hearing. Stay steady. Tap into a trusted partner's thoughts. You make an excellent team. You might back off from a difficult conversation. What is the toll of holding in your feelings? Think twice. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Keep your focus and don't let others shake you up. Your sixth sense needs to come out with partners Network to make key inroads. Others respond to your energy. Your strong personality plays into the mix. Tonight: Where the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** You could feel unusually tense about decisions at work. Gather information about finances. Your practi-cal side saves you from complications. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Maintain a sense of humor with an unpredictable co-worker. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 28-Oct. 22) difference. Others respond to your natural charm and diplomatic ways. Your ideas hold weights Do research. Gossip might be aimed directly at you. Remain detached. Tonight: Where the music is. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

touches another. You might choose to reveal yourself in a totally different manner. You could be overly sensi-tive and reactive. Stepback. Trust an associate with important information to conit always have to agree with this person,

but you can count on him. Tonight: Dinner for two. Y SACTETARIUS (Nov. 22.

***** Others seek you out. You find an unusual solution by deferring to others. Friends and associates back you in your ideas! Trust those around you. You move in a new direction if you flow with an opportunity. Don't worry so much about what a boss or someone else will think.
Tonight: Where your
friends are? II.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22) Jan. 19) 11 47 **** Carefully review a

decision that involves work

and your image. A change might be overdue. Read between the lines in a message-from someone at a distance. Maintain communication. Tonight: Get errands done on the way

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

18) playfulness to come out in your work and life. Others respond to your energy. Reach out for another at a distance. Something you have wanted for a long time now becomes a probability rather than a possibility. A loved one could feel insecure as you bloom and draw more of what you want. Tonight: Play the night away. PISCES (Peb. 19-March

20);
*** Work with fundamentals rather than aiming randomly. A logical approach draws a partner in You get. the kind of results you.

want. Your intuition blends with your insight. You instinctively deal with a domestic matter and succeed. Don't undermine yourself because of another's reaction. Tonight: Order in.

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raising lawmakers' concerns WASHINGTON (AP) -July, the House lawmakers demanding that Education

Education Department theft

Department officials explain how \$1.9 million meant for children who live on American Indian reservations and military bases apparently was diverted to buy a Maryland house, a Cadillac and other items.

It's the second time this year that officials have had to contend with large-scale fraud allegations.

"It just makes you furious," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., a longtime critic of department bookkeeping who's seeking to legislate a congressional audit. "This is just one more time that shows the need for somebody to get serious about cleaning up Department of Education finances."

In a civil action filed in

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Department alleges that \$1.9 million intended for two school districts in South Dakota was diverted on March 31 into two bank accounts Marlboro, Md.

The Justice Department filing says the money placed into those two accounts was used to draw cashier's checks to pay \$46,900 for a Cadillac Escalade, more than \$50,000 for a Lincoln Navigator and \$135,000 for a house in Maryland. The document says the rest was diverted into other bank accounts.

Education Department officials said Monday they could not comment on ongoing cases, but department investigators were expected to testify today before the House Education and Workforce Committee.



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dren and I went to visit my father's place of rest in the late afternoon on the day that the headstone

W a S installed. While saying s o m e prayers for my father, my 9-yearold daughter noticed a tag on the headstone. Upon taking a clos-

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN er look, I dis-

covered that it was a metal business card that had been wedged into the concrete between the base of the headstone and the top portion. The business card had the name and telephone number of the "monument designer" on it.

I immediately pulled the metal business card out of the drying concrete. Had we come to visit my father's place of rest a day later, that advertisement would have been cemented into eternity along with my father's memory.

How dare anyone attempt to take advantage of such a solemn and personal situation to further his business interests! Your comments, please. - DAUGHTER FROM WESTFIELD, N.J.

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your letter is a first. A "monument designer" regards a headstone as a billboard has no concept of the sensitivities of family members who might see it. It's in such poor taste that I almost wonder if it wasn't placed there by his biggest competitor.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are both in our 80s. I recently ran across a column of yours that I have saved these many years. I thought you might like to reprint it. Perhaps some grandchildren or their young parents might be helped by it. — GRANDMA OF SIX

DEAR GRANDMA: The topic of that letter recurs regularly, and you're right the grandchildren and young parents who "forgot"

this courtesy might be helped by reading it again. Read on: DEAR ABBY: On my

son's 16th birthday, he received a birthday card from his grandparents on his father's side. (His father and I are divorced.) "Grandma Jones" added the following handwritten message on the card: "Sorry, Billy, no money this time because we received no thank-you for the money we sent with our card last year. Lots of love, Grandma and Grandpa Jones.'

Abby, although these grandparents are retired and living on a fixed income, they are far from poor. It wouldn't have hurt them to have enclosed a \$10 bill. It would have made the difference between my son feeling good or bad on his

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> I wrote to my ex-motherin-law and told her what I thought about her birthday message to Billy. I haven't heard from her since, and I don't expect to.

What do you (and your readers) think about the message a grandmother sent to her grandson on his 16th birthday? - BURNED UP IN BUTTE

DEAR BURNED: I think Grandma may have given Billy a birthday gift that was far more valuable than a \$10 bill.

DEAR ABBY: Last January, my boss promised to give me a raise for taking on a new responsibility at work. This responsibility involved taking a class away from home, which I

completed. Now that I've taken the class and am doing the work, he tells me there is no money in the budget for the promised raise (even though he just bought a new vehicle for the office) and says I'm doing the work anyway — so why should I get the raise?

Should I refuse to do any more work associated with this added responsibility, or just keep doing it and hope for the best later on? -TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF **IN KANSAS**

DEAR TAKEN: You'd be wise to look for another job. Your employer is ethically challenged, and it's unrealistic to hope he'll change "later on." If you opt to remain with this company and your boss makes any more promises, get them in writing.

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he wants. Do you think I'm wasting my time with Bob, or should I give him more time and hope he changes his mind? - COLORADO

LADY IN WAITING DEAR COLORADO LADY: I admire his honesty, and whether this has been a waste of time remains to be seen. Absence can make the heart grow fonder, so give him time to realize how much he cares for you and misses you.

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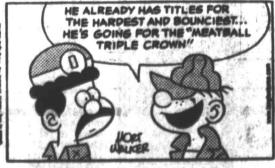


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History:

On Sept. 19, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the

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In 1796, President Washington's Tarewell address was published.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds

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1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test, in the Nevada desert

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security rea-sons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dis-

pute with the management. Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 80. Rhythm-and-blues musician Billy Ward is 79. Former **Defense Secretary Harold** Brown is 73. Actress Rosemary Harris is 70. Actor David McCallum is 67. Actor Adam West is 62. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 60. Singer Bill Medley is 60. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 60. Golfer Jane Blalock is 55. Singer David Bromberg is 55. Singer Freda Payne is 55. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 53. Actor Jeremy Irons is 52. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 51. TV personality Joan Lunden is 50. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois is 49. Actor Scott Colomby is 48.

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