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County meets Friday morning...

Citizens have chance to comment on budget

A public hearing on the county's proposed tax rate is set for 8 a.m. Friday in the courtroom on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

The commissioners' court met last week and approved the 2001 budget totaling $21.3 million. Some $14.6 million of that represents the county's hospital budget.

The proposed tax rate is 53.88 cents per $100 valuation — more than a cent lower than the 2000 tax rate of 54.94 cents.

However, it is 4.5 cents higher than the 49.35-cent effective rate. Therefore the public hearing is necessary.

A jump in the county's taxable values is the reason for the lower effective rate. For the 2000 budget cycle, the values were $533,423,021 compared to the 2001 cycle's $597,131,027.

In the coming year, the county will see a 17.2 percent increase in insurance costs and 20 percent of that cost will be passed on to employees.

In addition, Cogdell will receive $395,000 in tax money and an estimated $50,000 of tobacco settlement funds.

A 2.4 percent pay hike is included in the budget, but there are no merit raises proposed. The county's cost of living adjustment is the same rate used by the Social Security Administration.

The adjustment will mean that County Judge Ricky Fritz' base salary will increase $751.62 to $32,429.02. The judge also receives a $10,000 supplement from the state that is paid out over a 12-month period.

County commissioners Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Chloanne Lindsey and Howard Limmer will get an additional $656.18 in 2001, raising their annual base salaries to $27,997.01.

County clerk Joan Bunch, district clerk Trina Rodgers and county treasurer Charlie Bell will see an increase of $678.27. This sets their base salaries at $28,939.53

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd's salary will go up $619.42 to $26,428.62.

County attorney Michael Hartman will receive an additional $834.59, bringing his base salary to $35,609.10.

Hartman's office also receives a supplement of $25,425 from the state.

County auditor Eddie McHaney said the county attorney has the option to use the funds to benefit his office in any way, and that he can — but does not have to — take it in salary. The county judge, however, is required to take his state supplement in salary.

During the current year, $4,500 of the money was used to supplement the salaries of Hartman's staff and plans are to do that again in 2001.

The tax assessor-collector's adjustment in salary will mean another $684.36 for the upcoming year, while the sheriff's salary will increase $874.82. The elected officials' salaries, respectively, will be $29,199.53 and $37,325.48.

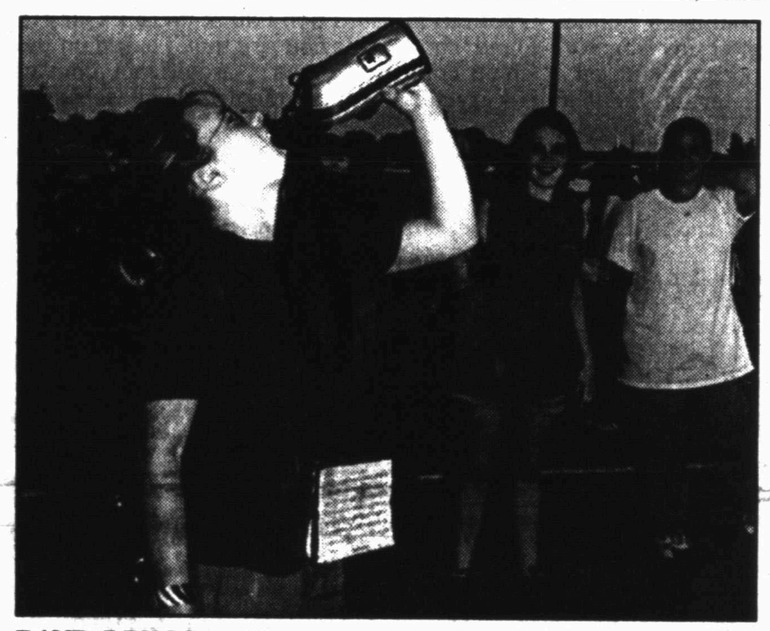
For 2001, a total of $2,159,698 is budgeted for county employees' salaries and $1,061,095 for benefits. Included in that salary total is longevity, which is paid to every county employee at a rate of $5 per month for every consecutive year they have been an employee. If a person leaves employment with the county and then returns later, he looses the first longevity pay.

McHaney said that for a number of years, the longevity was the only extra pay county employees received.

"We went 11 years with no raises. The only thing we got was longevity, which meant you got $5 more a month."

Included in the budget for hospital employees is $5,434,588 in salaries and $2,200,766 in benefits.

No capital purchases are included in the 2001 spending plan.



BAND DRILLS — Members of the Pride of the West Snyder High School Band Carcie Posey, Jeffrey Scott, Glenn Burns and Chris Thames, from left in the top photo, find their positions during a practice for the half-time show. In the bottom photo, Sara Bradberry gets a drink of water during a break as Amanda Whisenhunt and Shell Hembree wait their turn. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Band to make debut under new director

Snyder High School has 83 students participating in the band program this year under new director Donnie Reston.



Reston

He said the number is up slightly from last year but is not a dramatic increase.

The marching show this year will have a Western theme.

"I am really pleased with my students' efforts. They are really working hard. We are going to have a great year," Reston said. "I have really appreciated the support from the community and the parents."

Reston is no stranger to Snyder as he taught band at Snyder Junior High School from 1985 to 1989.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek, "Sometimes you have to be convinced that progress is a good thing. There's plenty of people bending your ear without a computer talking back to you."

We have to admit that many times we resist innovations disguised as progress. We still want to talk to a real person – not an answering machine or some faceless voice mail.

But there are a lot of smart folks out there, guys and gals who can develop some of the most nifty-sounding gadgets. Here's just a few:

It seems that more and more people are irritated by the proliferation of cell phones. There are complaints about them going off in restaurants, in theatres – and even in church.

Well, now you can answer your fingernail.

The invention is a stick-on nail that flashes to alert you to a cell-phone call. It's already available in Japan for a mere $18.

It's one of many products that have sprung up on the fringe of Japan's mobile-phone culture. It looks like an ugly pink stick-on nail, but the nail houses a tiny chip and LED light.

If the user's hand is near a mobile phone, the light flashes whenever there is a call. Consumer critics say it's not as practical as it is just cool to have.

And there is a car radio that interrupts the CD or cassette player for reports of traffic congestion. Sounds practical, but if you lived in the city, the only time you could enjoy a new Dixie Chicks release is parked in your own driveway.

It's already standard equipment on some European cars.

Also, high-tech has invaded the bathroom.

Available in several European countries is the elaborate automatic hands-free toilet, for a mere $3,500.

It's built to look like a conventional toilet, but the Closomat incorporates a bidet-like water jet (warm we hope) that cleanses, followed by a gust of drying warm air. A charcoal filter neutralizes odors.

Designed mainly for the disabled, it takes some getting used to, we suspect.

Before ordering one for an anniversary present, beware that it must be installed by a specially trained plumber – and installation and potty training is extra.

And the public transit companies are going high-tech, alerting riders if the trains are late. The last news release updating riders on the new service is dated May 15.

Dove hunting prospects looking good

Dove season opens Friday and Mel Reed, Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden, reminds hunters of several rules that are in force.

"The bag limit is 15 a day, and the hunter's shotgun has to be plugged to a three shell maximum capacity," said Reed.

"You must also have a valid Texas hunting license," he added.

Reed said legal shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

"I want to remind hunters that you can hunt deer up to 30 minutes after sunset, but legal shooting hours for dove end at sunset, which means there is 30 minutes of light left when you stop hunting."

Warden Reed said he advises hunters to check the sunrise-sunset charts published each day in the Snyder Daily News before going hunting.

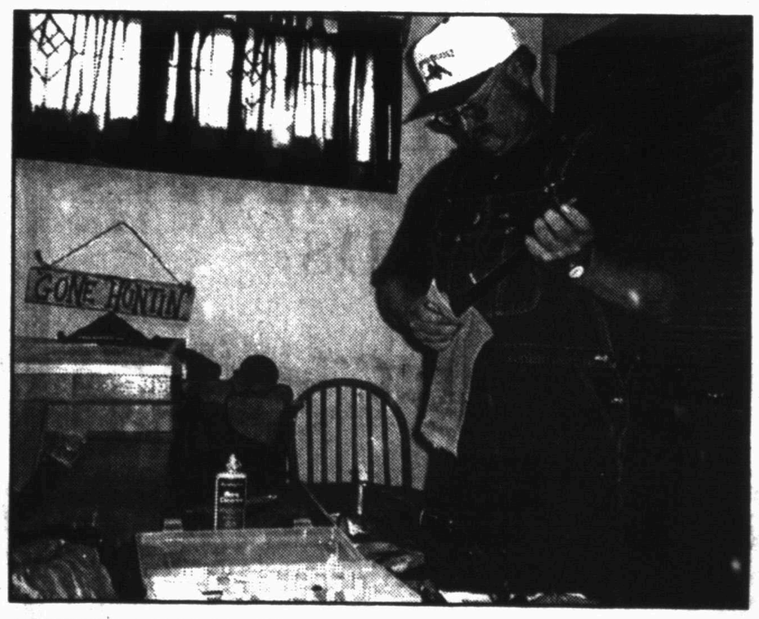
Reed added that it is illegal to hunt dove from a vehicle and it is also illegal to bait dove because they are migratory birds. Decoys are permitted, said Reed.

As for the dove population, Reed said, "It looks good right now."

Hunting season always brings hunters to the area and the Wagon Wheel Ranch will be hosting almost 200 hunters this opening weekend. Some of those people will stay at the ranch while others will be lodging in local motels.

Owner Billy Ray Browning said a group of 60 was coming in this evening from the Dallas area.

In addition, Browning said hunters are expected from the Lubbock, Fort Worth, Austin and Houston areas.



GETTING READY —Tim Owen cleans his gun in preparation for a weekend hunting trip. Dove season opens Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grass fire keeps local department busy

Snyder Fire Department was kept busy Wednesday with a major grass fire south of Snyder that burned two sections of pastureland.

Firefighters were dispatched at 3:36 p.m. to the fire some 15 miles south of the city near the Scurry-Mitchell County line on CR 4138.

Nineteen firefighters and five trucks were on the scene until about 11 p.m. In addition, the local department was aided by three trucks from Colorado City and three maintainers from Scurry County.

Fire marshal Cy Posey said the cause of the fire is suspected to be electrical. He said the wind may have been high enough to cause two powerlines to hit and spark.

"There was also some oilfield equipment that was involved," Posey explained.

Labor Day prompts closings

People needing to make financial transactions may want to do so Friday as local banks will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

All county faculty, staff and students will also have the day off as the campuses of Snyder ISD, Ira ISD, Hermleigh ISD and Western Texas College will be closed.

City and county offices will not open Monday with the exception of the city landfill, which will be closed Saturday and open Monday.

Scurry County library also observes the holiday and will not be open Saturday or Monday. The Scurry County Health Unit will also be closed.

Other Monday closings include the Texas Workforce Commission and the Scurry County Museum, both located on the WTC campus.

Snyder Post Office will also be closed Monday. Mail will not be delivered or placed in boxes.

ASK US

Q—When is the Panhandle South Plains Fair?
A—Sept. 22-30

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 98 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 70-75. SE wind 5-15 mph; Friday, partly cloudy. High 95-100. S wind 10-29 mph.



Garrett Hale
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 243 days in 2000, the sun has shone 240 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Love is the wisdom of the fool and the folly of the wise."
—Samuel Johnson



PIG SEASON BEGINS — It's pig season again. Jacinda Judah is pictured with her premium ribbon barrow at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Anyone interested in showing pigs during the 2000-2001 school year should contact Snyder High School's Agriculture Department. (Contributed Photo)

Pig feeders asked to attend meeting

Snyder FFA will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in the agriculture building for all FFA members who are interested in feeding pigs during the 2000-2001 school year.

This meeting is important for all members, especially new feeders. Any student wishing to become a member of the FFA must be in the third grade and at least eight years old.

If the meeting time is not convenient, members are encouraged to come by the agriculture science building and speak to David Frazier, advisor.

Singers may sue sheriff's department

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Country singers Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney are threatening to sue the Erie County Sheriff's Department over their arrests during a scuffle with deputies.

Attorney Thomas Eoannou said a notice of claim filed Tuesday in state Supreme Court contends the singers suffer from physical and psychological injuries as a result of the fracas.

McGraw, Chesney and a road manager were arrested June 3 at a music festival in Orchard Park, N.Y., after Chesney allegedly took a police horse without permission from a backstage area. Police said McGraw assaulted a deputy when they tried to stop Chesney.

The singers deny wrongdoing and claim their arrests damaged their reputations and their business.

Eoannou said his clients are ready to pursue a lawsuit if the county continues to prosecute them.

The three are scheduled to face trial in December on various misdemeanor charges which carry potential prison terms of up to a year.

English plus resolution considered

HOUSTON (AP) — People sensitive to hearing anything but English in the workplace might balk at a new resolution that actually encourages a multilingual environment: it's called "English Plus."

The resolution, which a City Council member has asked Houston's mayor to review, grew out of a municipal supervisor's order last week for employees not to speak Spanish during work hours.

Hispanic leaders in Houston were outraged by a short-lived edict ordering Houston Police Department janitorial and maintenance crews not to speak Spanish during working hours.

The memo — later retracted — came from William Shelton, head of the HPD facilities and maintenance division, who wrote:

"It has been brought to my attention that individuals are speaking Spanish during duty hours in the presence of their non-Spanish speaking co-workers. Effective today, Aug. 25, 2000, only English is to be spoken during working hours by the employees of the facilities operations and maintenance division."

Houston City Councilman John Castillo decided it was time to move ahead with his "English Plus" resolution.

He wrote the resolution two years ago when a similar incident occurred, accor ng to Thursday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. But he said he felt it was not the right time to present it to the City Council.

The resolution supports and encourages a multilingual workplace environment, where city employees will not be prohibited from speaking languages of their choice.

Castillo has asked Houston Mayor Lee Brown to review it. Before the resolution appears on the agenda, however, it must go before the city's legal depart-

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



FRIDAY, Sept. 1, 2000

Several contacts you've made could be of significance to you in the year ahead. They may be the ones who'll provide a base for a couple of fortuitous opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be a graceful winner or a gracious loser, whatever the case may be today, if you get involved in a competitive development. Making winning all-important will tarnish your image. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It would have a negative effect upon your tactics or energies today to talk about your intentions prematurely. Too much talk could take all the oomph out of your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Basing your hopes and expectations today on some form of magical intervention could cause great disappointment, because it's not likely to be forthcoming. Only honest effort brings results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may have a great desire to draw attention to yourself today, but bear this in mind: Not all who are watching will be blind to your **shortcomings.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be neither demanding nor wishy-washy when in the position of managing others today. Especially, don't ask of them that which you wouldn't do yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Indifference on your part today could turn profit into loss if you're not careful. This holds true even when your dealings are conducted in a **professional atmosphere. Stay on your toes.**

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should your tolerance be tested in any one-on-one relationship today, maintain your self-control. A couple of individuals may attempt to weaken your resolve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't make excuses today. Make good on what is expected of you, such as a promise or commitment. If you fail to do so, it could cost your image more than you bargained for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your own counsel in directing others in financial arrangements today, because there are too many unknown factors of which you're unaware that could be costly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you begin sensing others are doubting your directives today, don't become stubborn about having everything done your way. Instead, listen to their input concerning needed adjustments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A good way to encourage others to closely scrutinize your limitations today is to start pointing out their shortcomings. You'll regret ever opening your mouth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could deprive yourself of a valuable relationship today if you yield to judging others by what they have instead of by what they are. Good character is something money can't buy.

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Texas trucker sentenced

GREENSBORO (AP) — A Texas trucker was sentenced to at least six-and-half years in prison after pleading guilty Wednesday to solicitation of rape for offering his 7-year-old daughter for sex.

Police arrested Angel Rivera Vasquez, 31, in March after a Thomasville man told them Vasquez had offered the girl for sex if he was allowed to watch.

Vasquez and his wife, Gloria, also were charged with seven counts of child exploitation after investigators found child pornography on a laptop computer in the couple's tractor-trailer.

Angel Vasquez' lawyer, Alec Carpenter, told Superior Court Judge Michael E. Helms that Vasquez admitted the child pornography-related charges but maintained his innocence on the sex offer.

Carpenter said the Thomasville man misunderstood Vasquez. He entered an Alford plea, which means he will be treated as guilty even though he does not admit guilt.

"I don't think there's a jury in this country that _ based on the evidence _ would not convict this gentleman on these despicable charges," Helms said.

Helms also apologized to Carpenter and Assistant District Attorney Randy Carroll for having to view the child pornography pictures in preparation for the case

When investigators searched Vazquez's truck, they found a laptop computer with more than 200 images of child pornography, mostly girls involved in sexual acts, Carroll said.

Berry's World



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The Following Financial Institutions Will Be Closed Monday, September 4th In Observance Of

LABOR DAY

Please Transact Your Business Accordingly

Texas Savings Bank
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West Texas State Bank
Snyder National Bank



RECEIVE CERTIFICATES — Certificates were presnted at the chamber of commerce banquet Saturday evening to children who participated in the chamber's summer Junior Leadership classes. Making the presentations were Rep. David Counts and James Beauchamp, aide for Sen. Charlie Stenholm, shown from left on the back row. On the bottom row are Will Stewart, Jared Cave, Riley Raschke, Tye Holley; top row, Jodi Guerrero, April Beth Boyd, Jordan Derryberry, John Whitworth, Tyler Driggers, Stetson Kincheloe and not pictured, Tanner Butler, Blane Knipe, David Strayhorn, Forest Clayton and Allen Mehrafshan. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

College food is problematic

By Marialisa Calta

College food, it seems, has always been problematic.

Even as far back as the 1630s, authorities had to close down a newly opened college in the Massachusetts Bay Colony when the headmaster and headmistress were accused of cruelly abusing their scholars by (among other things) denying them beef and bread, serving hasty pudding flecked with goat dung, and — according to one written account — offering "mackerel brought to them with their guts in them." The school? Harvard.

It reopened in 1636 and, as we all know, now claims a glorious academic history. But as far as college food is concerned, I am afraid that ye olde headmaster and headmistress set the tone for years to come.

Of course, times have changed, and the quality of college food has improved in quantum leaps. On the plus side, many college cafeterias (Harvard's among them) offer vegetarian and vegan meals, salad bars, and ethnic specialties. On the negative side, fast-food franchises are popping up on campuses all over the country. Late-night pizza deliveries are the norm, as is late-night snacking on takeout and vending-machine cuisine. Despite healthier alternatives, students still fight the "Freshman 15" — the extra pounds often gained in the first semester. Experts tell us that many students — especially women — develop eating disorders.

But help is here in the form of a very readable, sensible book called "The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus," by nutritionist Ann Selkowitz Litt. Litt helps readers negotiate a cafeteria line and wind up with a tasty, nutritious meal. She debunks food fads, "quick-fix" diets and "health" supplements, and talks turkey about the effects of alcohol, drugs and tobacco on nutrition. She writes about the special food needs of college athletes. She also gives realistic sample menus, and addresses the emotional components of eating, including loneliness, stress and boredom. Finally, she includes several chapters on stocking a kitchen, cooking basics, and recipes. The recipes are very simple, and can easily be made on a dorm hot plate as well as on a real kitchen range.

"College is a critically important time to take care of your body so that it can take care of you and help you meet the challenges of school," Litt writes. After all, she says, time spent learning, forming solid friendships, and charting the future is time well-spent. Time spent counting fat grams and obsessing about body flaws is not. This, as the saying goes, should be a no-brainer.

This book should be required reading for every freshman. If you can't find it locally, try online, or order a copy ($12.95, plus $3.50 for shipping and handling) by calling, toll-free, (877) 242-1674. Give it to a college-age friend or relative with this additional note of advice: When the hasty pudding is passed around, just say no.

TOMATO AND CHEESE SALAD

2 medium tomatoes, sliced
2 ounces part-skim mozzarella cheese, cut into thin slices
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt and pepper, to taste
sprinkling of chopped fresh or dried basil (optional)

Arrange tomato and cheese slices on a plate, slightly overlapping. Drizzle with vinegar and oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and basil (if using). Serve. Yield: 4 servings.

— Recipe slightly adapted from "The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus," by Ann Selkowitz Litt (Tulip Hill Press, 2000)

PEANUT NOODLES (see note)

8 ounces uncooked pasta
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon oil
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup of cooked peas, chopped carrots, celery, peppers, or any other leftover vegetable
4 green onions, trimmed and chopped

Cook pasta according to package directions.

While the pasta is cooking, blend together the peanut butter, soy sauce, oil, garlic powder and black pepper.

Drain pasta.

Pour sauce over pasta and add vegetables. Mix well. Sprinkle with chopped green onions and serve. Yield: 4 servings.

Note: In the book, this recipe is called "Sesame Noodles," even though there is no sesame paste in it. I changed the name to more accurately reflect the ingredients.

— Recipe from "The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus," by Ann Selkowitz Litt (Tulip Hill Press, 2000)

STIR-FRIED VEGGIES

Nonstick cooking spray or 1 tablespoon olive oil
2 large onions, peeled and sliced
10 mushrooms, sliced
1 10-ounce box of frozen broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, or combination
crumbled tofu (optional)
1/4 cup soy sauce mixed with 1/4 cup water, or vegetable or chicken broth

Spray a skillet or wok with nonstick cooking spray, or add oil. Heat the pan over medium heat.

Cook, while stirring, the onions and mushrooms until they are limp, about 7 to 10 minutes. Increase heat to medium-high and add the frozen vegetables and tofu (if using). Cook, stirring, until vegetables are soft. Add the liquid and cook until heated through. Serve. Yield: 4 servings.

— Recipe from "The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus," by Ann Selkowitz Litt (Tulip Hill Press, 2000)

Top Videos

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Kids Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Switching Goals," Dualstar Video.
2. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Schooldance Party," Dualstar Video.
3. "The Powerpuff Girls: Bubblevicious," New Line Home Video.
4. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Greatest Parties," Dualstar Video.
5. "Pokemon: The First Movie," Warner Home Video.
6. "Saludos Amigos," Walt Disney Home Video.
7. "Mulan," Walt Disney Home Video.
8. "Powerpuff Girls: Monkey See, Doggie Do," New Line Home Video.
9. "Elmo's World," Sony Wonder.
10. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Amazing Adventures," Dualstar Video.

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Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "The Beach," FoxVideo.
2. "Magnolia," New Line Home Video.
3. "The Talented Mr. Ripley," Paramount Home Video.
4. "The Green Mile," Warner Home Video.
5. "The Hurricane," Universal Studios Home Video.
6. "Boiler Room," New Line Home Video.
7. "American Beauty," DreamWorks Home Enertainment.
8. "The Ninth Gate," Artisan Home Entertainment.
9. "The Whole Nine Yards," Warner Home Video.
10. "Girl, Interrupted," Columbia TriStar Home Video.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "The Sixth Sense," Hollywood Pictures Home Video.
2. "My Dog Skip," Warner Home Video.
3. "American Pie," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Erin Brockovich," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut," Paramount Home Video.
6. "Sex And The City," HBO Home Video.
7. "Playboy's Wet & Wild — Slippery When Wet," Playboy Home Video.
8. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Schooldance Party," Dualstar Video.
9. "The Matrix," Warner Home Video.
10. "Playboy's Lusty Latin Ladies," Playboy Home Video.

Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Erin Brockovich," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "The Green Mile," Warner Home Video.
3. "Romeo Must Die," Warner Home Video.
4. "The Cider House Rules," Miramax Home Entertainment.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-31-00
♠ A Q 5 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K J 2
♣ 9 6 5

West
♠ J 9 7 2
♥ ---
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ K Q J 10 3

East
♠ K 10 8
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A 7 4

South
♠ 6 3
♥ A K J 6 4 2
♦ A 5 3
♣ 8 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Seeing the winning position

Thucydides, for the funeral oration of Pericles in book two of "The History of the Peloponnesian War," wrote, "But the bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding go out to meet it."

That made me wonder yet again how to get nonexpert players to visualize the locations of the missing key cards. Take this deal as an example. Look only at the North-South hands. You stop in three hearts. West leads the club king: five, seven, two. West continues with the club jack: six, ace, eight. East returns the club four. You ruff and cash the heart ace, but West discards a club. How would you continue?

Being in the suit under partner's, South's two-heart rebid guaranteed at least a six-bagger. North's raise invited game, but South passed because of his minimum point-count.

Clearly, you can see eight top tricks: one spade, five hearts (with the help of the marked finesse) and two diamonds. And if either pointed-suit finesse is working, that will supply trick nine. Yet there is a danger that both finesses will fail. However, from the play of the clubs, surely East began with exactly three. (With more, he wouldn't have overtaken at trick two.) If that is so, you can succeed whatever the locations of the spade king and diamond queen.

Play a spade to dummy's ace, finesse the heart jack, cash the heart king, and exit with a heart to East's queen.

Whether East switches to a spade or to a diamond, you receive the ninth trick.

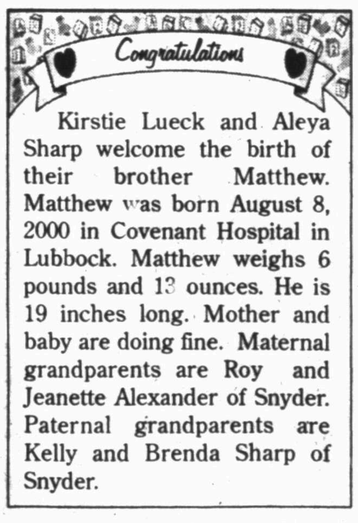
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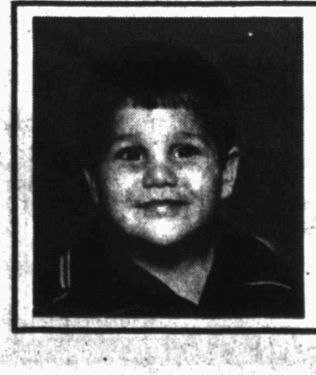
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12 Unwholesome vapor
13 Des —, Iowa
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15 Wears away
16 Coolio's music
17 Pierre's refusal
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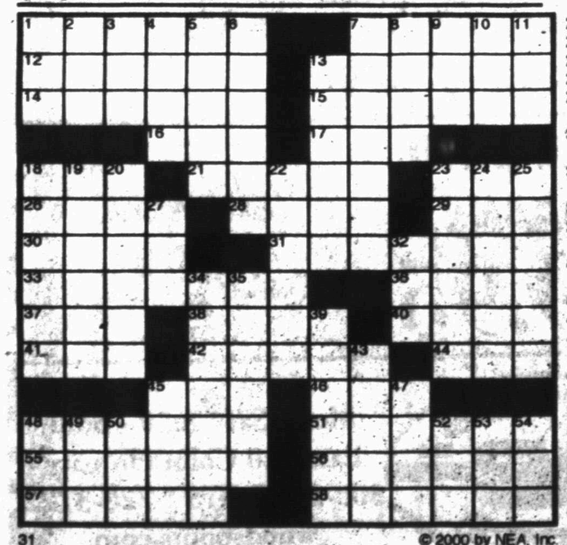
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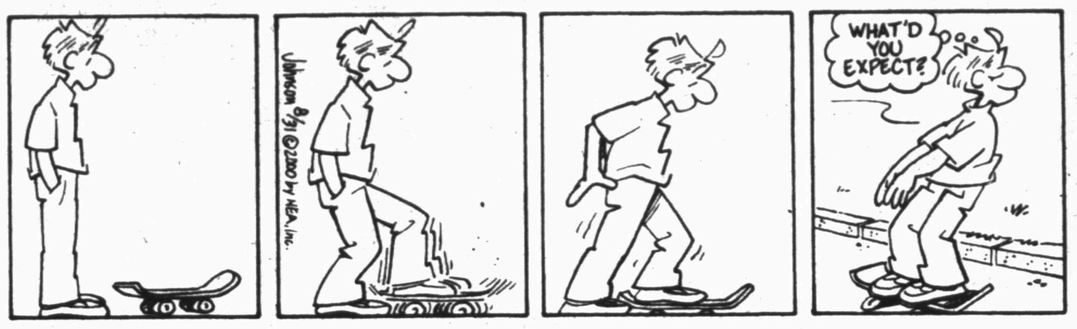


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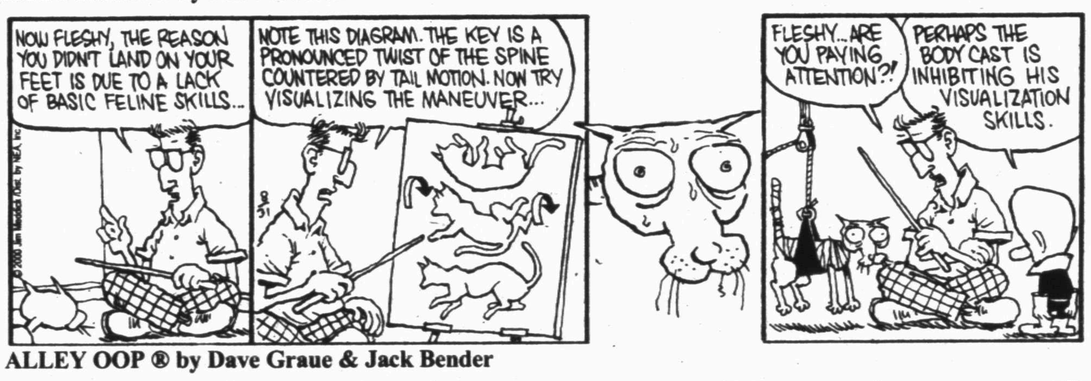
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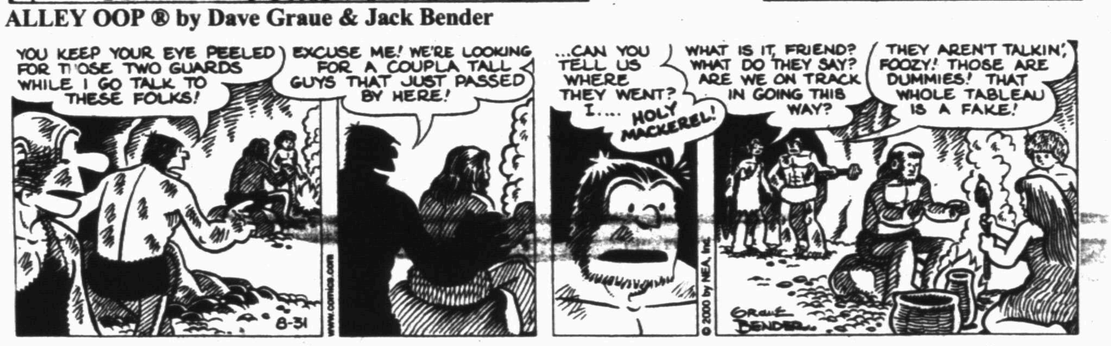
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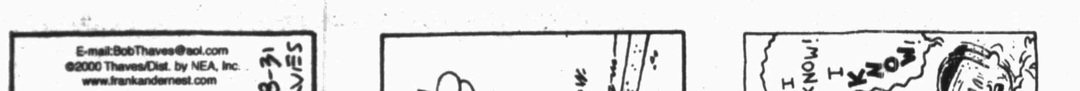
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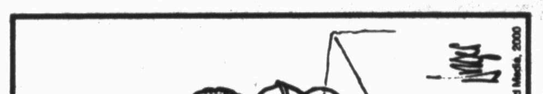



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Local grid action kicks off tonight

Local gridiron action kicks off today with a pair of Snyder High School squads, and four Snyder Junior High teams scheduled to play.

Snyder junior varsity travels to Monahans for a 6 p.m. match-up, while the SHS freshmen host the Loboes at 6 o'clock at Tiger Stadium.

In junior high action, Andrews visits Snyder eighth grade at Travis Field. The B-team game is set for 5, followed by the A-team at 6:30.

Snyder seventh grade takes on the Mustangs in Andrews. The B-team kicks off at 5 o'clock, with the A-team slated for 6:30.

Snyder varsity opens the season at 7:30 Friday night when it hosts Monahans, while Ira, Hermleigh and Borden County will see scrimmage action.

All three scrimmages begin at 6 p.m., with Ira facing Trent, Hermleigh meeting Three Way, and Borden County taking on Jayton.

The six-man regular season begins Sept. 8.

Indians pad lead with win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians, with a 11/2-game lead in the AL wild-card race, know it's way too early to think about printing playoff tickets.

Cleveland padded its advantage over Boston in the wild-card chase with Wednesday night's 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"It ain't big enough," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "We want more."

They'll get more if they stay on their current pace. The Indians won their third straight and improved to 18-8 since Aug. 2, but caution is the byword in the Cleveland clubhouse.

"There's too much baseball left," said starter Dave Burba, who pitched six strong innings. "I've been in this game nine years and seen a lot of things happen. We've got to continue to play quality baseball."

Indians center fielder Kenny Lofton atoned for a two-run error with three hits and three RBIs.

"The situation just presented itself, and I took advantage," said Lofton, who tied the game with an RBI single in the seventh and added a two-run double in the eighth. "We're just in a position where we've got to win games. That's the bottom line."

Lofton has three straight three-hit games.

"He's playing like he's capable of," Manuel said. "He made the error, but then he came back with two big hits."

Burba survived the 99-degree heat and avoided the blister problems that hampered him earlier in the season. Roberto Alomar drove in the tiebreaking run with a seventh-inning double for the Indians.

Burba (12-6) allowed one run and six hits, struck out three and walked three. He said he understood Lofton's desire to make up for the error.

"When somebody makes a mistake, you want to pick the team up," Burba said. "Guys take pride in that. You want to let your teammates know you're behind them."

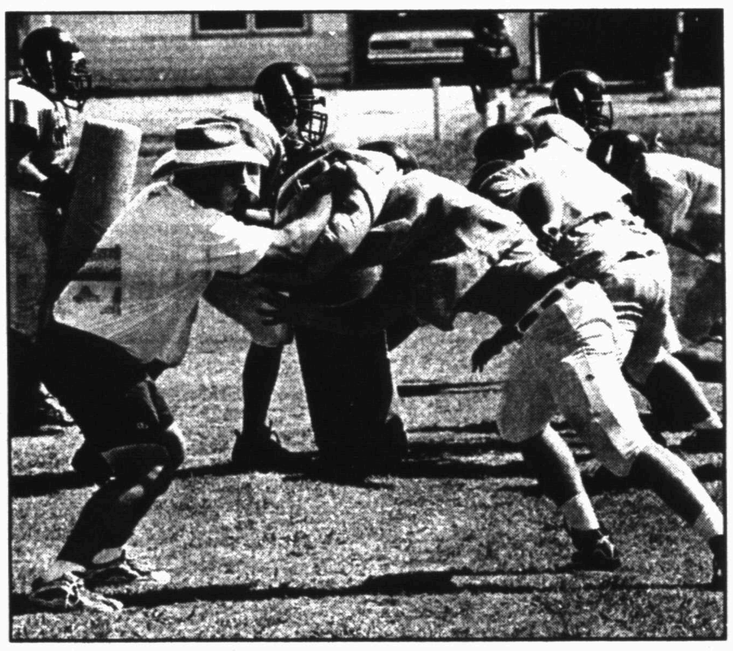
Cleveland has received effective starting pitching in the first three games of the four-game series. Bartolo Colon, Steve Woodard and Burba each went at least six innings and came away with victories.

"When you get pitching like Burba gave us, those are the ones we have to win," Manuel said. "When you lose games like this, you'll pay for it somewhere down the line."

Bob Wickman pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

Texas has lost five straight and 14 of 18. The Rangers took advantage of a sixth-inning fielding lapse when Lofton misjudged Ricky Ledee's drive to center field, missing the ball for a two-base error. Rookie Pedro Valdes drove in Ledee with a single.

Cleveland came back in the seventh against rookie starter Doug Davis (5-8) when Wil Cordero singled, took second on Einar Diaz's sacrifice bunt and scored on Lofton's single.



BLOCKING TECHNIQUE — Snyder tight ends coach Chris Henson works with senior Daniel Highfield during Tuesday's practice. The Tigers open the season at 7:30 Friday when they host the Monahans Loboes. (SDN Staff Photo)



BASEBALL SIGNEE — Snyder High School graduate Adam Beck signs a letter of intent to play baseball at Wayland Baptist University. Looking on are his mother Carol Howard and Head Coach Brad Bass. Beck anchored the Tigers at first base the last two seasons, helping lead Snyder to the playoffs his junior and senior years. (Contributed Photo)

Cowboys' owner files law suit

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is suing Arthur Andersen, alleging that bad advice by the accounting giant cost him more than $4 million in back taxes, penalties and interest.

"I paid a lot of money for their opinions," Jones told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal. "And I want them to stand good for it."

Andersen denies the malpractice alleged by Jones in the lawsuit filed in state district court. About two weeks ago, the Chicago-based firm filed a counterclaim seeking about $100,000 in back fees that it says Jones still owes the firm.

Jones said he doesn't owe any fees.

Jones hired Andersen to provide accounting and tax-advice services in 1992, three years after he bought the team. Jones was trying to structure a payment to himself from his own Texas Stadium Corp., which leases the Cowboys' stadium from the city of Irving.

Jones says Andersen advised him to have Texas Stadium make a cash payment to the Dallas Cowboys Football Club to cover the stadium's future obligations to provide game tickets to occupants of the stadium's luxury suites.

Sports Briefs

Men's bowling meeting

Snyder Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams competing will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 7.

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Jack-n-Jill League

Jack-n-Jill mixed bowling league will hold a meeting at 6:30 Tuesday at Snyder lanes. League play is scheduled to start, after the meeting.

Women's bowling meeting

Roll-n-hope women's bowling league will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 11.

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Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Format will be least and most strokes to the green on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Tennis meeting

Snyder T nnis Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss the spaghetti supper.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Sept. 9 at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Sept. 8.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

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Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
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Monday's Game

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Major League Baseball

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Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 0
Houston 11, New York 1
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 2
Chicago 7, San Diego 6, 13 innings
Los Angeles 7, Milwaukee 2

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 5, San Diego 1
Arizona 7, Montreal 0
St. Louis 4, Florida 2
San Francisco 2, Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 2
New York 1, Houston 0

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (Rueter 8-9) at Pittsburgh (Silva 8-8), 12:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 5-6) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Witasick 1-1) at Chicago (Tapani 8-10), 1:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 6-6) at Atlanta (Burkett 8-5), 6:40 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT
Tuesday's Games

Boston 8, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 12, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 12, Texas 1
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 3
Seattle 5, New York 3
Chicago 3, Oakland 0
Anaheim 9, Toronto 4

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City 8, Minnesota 7
Chicago 8, Oakland 3
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Suppan 7-7) at Tampa bay (Wilson 0-2), 6:15 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 11-7) at Baltimore (Mussina 8-13), 6:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Bere 4-2) at Texas (Sikorski 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder JV at Monahans, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Monahans at Snyder freshmen, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Andrews at Snyder eighth grade, B game at 5 p.m., A game at 6:30
FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh grade at Andrews, B game at 5 p.m., A game at 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Monahans at Snyder, 7:30
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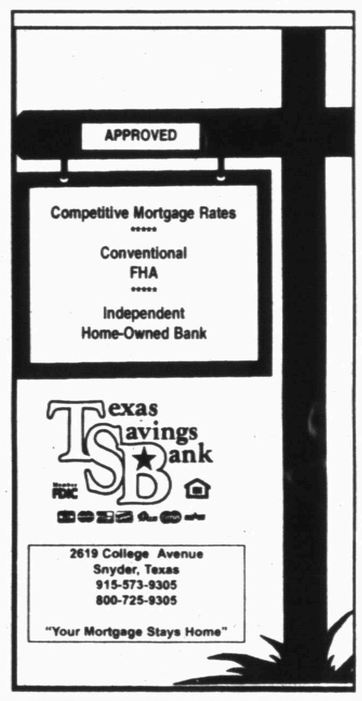
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Clinton asks other countries to support anti-drug plans

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — President Clinton ended his visit to Colombia dancing and clapping his sweaty hands to the beat of folk music, but not before he urged other nations to assist the country in its battle against recession, drug-trafficking and a 36-year-old civil conflict.

Dancers holding candles and twirling brightly colored skirts entertained Clinton in a historic plaza, the last stop on his 12-hour visit Wednesday to the hot, humid Caribbean port city of Cartagena.

He returned to Washington in the predawn hours Thursday.

Clinton made the trip to symbolically deliver $1.3 billion in U.S. military and social assistance to president Andres Pastrana's plan to fight the drug trade, stimulate the economy and reform the judicial system.

Before nightfall, Clinton visited a freshly painted community justice center in a dusty, low-income neighborhood where he encouraged the international community to help finance Pastrana's $7.5 billion initiative. Colombia is spending $4 billion on the plan. The United Nations, international financial organizations, Norway, Japan and Spain are among other contributors. The European Union has said it will lend support, but no amount has been decided.

"We can all implement the 'Plan Colombia' and those people who haven't contributed yet can give us a little more money," Clinton said at the center before wandering across the street to greet Colombians, who stood outside homes with peeling paint and shouted "Clin-TON! Clin-TON!"

At a news conference earlier in the day, Pastrana called Clinton a "steadfast friend." Still, he was careful to emphasize that the plan was developed by Colombians, for Colombians. The U.S. assistance, he said, recognizes that drug-trafficking is a global problem in need of a global response. Ninety percent of the cocaine in the U.S. market and two-thirds of the heroin on the East Coast comes from Colombia.

Clinton said the U.S. assistance will help Colombian forces eradicate poppy and coca crops, destroy drug labs, block drug shipments and train government security forces on protecting human rights, a sticking point for some members of Congress and human rights organizations that think Colombia should correct human rights offenses before receiving the U.S. aid.

The president also answered those who believe America is being led into Colombia's ruthless insurgency between leftist guerillas and paramilitary groups, which led to 2,500 kidnappings last year and 35,000 deaths in the past decade. "This assistance is for fighting drugs, not making war," Clinton said.

"The civil conflict and the drug trade go hand-in-hand in cultivating misery for the people of Colombia."

The U.S. aid targets the drug problem, but Clinton stressed that the support includes social and economic development assistance to help farmers grow legal crops and strengthens the judicial system in a nation the State Department says is one of the most violent in the world.

There were reminders of that label during Clinton's brief visit. Colombian police said they discovered and deactivated a 4.4-pound bomb found five blocks from the poor neighborhood Clinton visited. A U.S. Secret Service official, speaking on condition of anonymity, insisted that only materials for explosives were found, not a bomb.

Court says Texas Medicaid program fails to meet needs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas has failed to adequately care for the 1.5 million low-income children in its Medicaid program, a federal judge has ruled, giving the state until October to find a solution.

The ruling lands in the middle of the presidential race, fueling Al Gore's argument that Texas Gov. George W. Bush has failed to provide health care to his state's children.

The court found that Texas was not adequately providing dental care, regular checkups, transportation to doctors or information about what services are available to children in Medicaid, despite a 1996 agreement in which the state promised to make major improvements in its program.

"A poor and often-isolated population should not be robbed of their rights to services," wrote U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, a Democrat who has issued sweeping rulings on racial segregation, education for immigrants and prison conditions since being appointed by President Johnson in 1968.

The state's attorney general said Wednesday that Texas would appeal.

Bush and his top aides traveling with him were caught off guard. The Texas governor told reporters he had not reviewed the judge's order. "But we have a good record signing people up to Medicaid," he said, without mentioning the services children get once they are signed up —the subject of the court case.

The Gore campaign wasted little time in criticizing Bush.

"It's basically a sweeping indictment of the way George Bush has run his state's Medicaid system," Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said.

It fits Gore's rap on Bush. The vice president regularly complains that there are 1.4 million Texas children without health insurance and that Bush tried to limit eligibility for a new program aimed at getting insurance to the children in working poor families.

The Bush campaign said the governor is working to fix the problems in Medicaid and pointed the finger at the Democratic administration that preceded Bush, who was elected in 1994.

"This is a decade-long challenge that Texas is addressing," said Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett. "We are aggressively working to provide health care to those children."

The initial class-action lawsuit was filed in 1993. The state signed a consent decree promising change in 1996. On Aug. 14, the court issued a 175-page ruling that found the state had failed to fix its problems in the program, which serves about 1.5 million Texans under age 18.

Advocates for the poor in Texas declined to blame Bush, but said he did not provide leadership when the system needed it.

"If you want to bring about change then you talk about it, you give speeches about it, you lay out proposals and you put your name on it and say 'this is my plan,'" said Lisa McGiffert, a health expert at Consumers Union in Austin, Texas. Bush can do it and has done it on tort reform and other issues."

The sweeping order is likely to force the state to consider major changes — including higher payments to dentists and reconsideration of its managed care plan.

The court found Texas had failed to inform families about the benefits available — even when they asked.

Parolee executed for killing both parents and his sister

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A paroled burglar who killed his parents and sister by beating them with a hammer and stabbing them with a butcher knife was executed in the Texas death chamber Wednesday evening.

In a lengthy statement, Jeffery Henry Caldwell expressed love for his family, love to his daughter, thanks to his attorneys and urged fellow death row inmates to "keep your heads up."

To his brothers, who testified against him at his trial, he said he loved them with all his heart. "You will have to face the justice of God," he said. "I can forgive you all but you must ask for forgiveness from God. I leave now to join my parents and my only sister."

As the drugs began taking effect, he coughed, gasped and then made a snoring sound. He was

pronounced dead eight minutes later at 6:25 p.m. CDT.

Caldwell, 37, was the sixth Texas prisoner to receive lethal injection this month and the 32nd this year.

He maintained his innocence in a statement he wrote shortly before he was given the lethal injection.

"I still to this day scream out that I did not kill them," he said. "I accept the blame for what happened to my parents and only sister but did not kill them or beat them or shoot them."

The three victims were found stuffed in a motor home parked in the driveway of their Dallas home.

Caldwell told police his parents, Henry and Gwendolyn Caldwell, and his 19-year-old sister, Kimberly, had run into his knife during an argument.

It was remembered as "the 'magic knife' confession," by former Dallas County assistant prosecutor Andy Beach this week. "But he forgot to say he had hit each of them a couple of times with a claw hammer," Beach said.

Caldwell, who moved with his family to Texas in 1980 from their native Chicago, already was known to authorities. He had been convicted of burglary and robbery and had been on parole for about four months when he murdered his family members.

He repeated Wednesday claims that his criminal past prompted a jury to convict and condemn him and that the murders were committed by drug dealers he had ripped off.

In late appeals to the courts, Caldwell's lawyers contended he was incompetent and should not be put to death.

Caldwell's execution attracted none of the attention given earlier this summer to condemned killer Gary Graham, whose claims of innocence and an unfair trial put the focus on Texas as the nation's most active capital punishment state and on support of the death penalty by Gov. George W. Bush, now the Republican presidential nominee.

Caldwell was arrested in a telephone booth while calling one of his brothers, who were helping police try to find him. Beach said Caldwell's two brothers also convinced prosecutors to seek capital murder charges, which would make Caldwell eligible for a death sentence.

His brothers testified at the punishment phase of the trial and told jurors they believed he would be a continuing threat to society, one of the elements a jury must consider before deciding on a death sentence.

"They looked the jurors in the eyes and said 'yes,'" Beach said. "It was a very emotional case. They've lost three family members and now they're going to lose a fourth."

Stocks unavailable

Due to difficulties with transmission by the Associated Press, the midday stocks are unavailable.

Seniors worry about losing HMO plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Some senior citizens are considering not taking some of their medications. Others are thinking about selling their homes. Some say they won't be able to visit the grandchildren as often.

Around the country, thousands of elderly people are facing a financial crisis: They are being dropped by their Medicare HMOs and losing their prescription drug coverage as a result.

"I am terrified," said Evelyn Thomas, 74, of St. Augustine, Fla., who is pondering not taking some of the nine drugs she uses for diabetes, high blood pressure, depression and other maladies. "I cannot afford to pay for my medicines on my own, and I can't afford to pay for a Medicare supplement that would cover my medicines."

Thomas is one of nearly 159,000 elderly people nationwide who are now enrolled in a Medicare HMO and whose health plans are ending coverage as of Jan. 1 _ leaving them with no option other than returning to traditional Medicare coverage without prescription benefits, or buying expensive supplemental insurance.

Thomas' health plan, Humana Inc., is one of several HMOs reducing their Medicare business because they say Medicare no longer pays enough in reimbursements. The HMOs say they have no choice but to drop the service in unprofitable markets.

Because government reimbursement rates vary by county, HMOs are pulling out of some markets but not others. Areas where fees remain high — such as Miami and New York City — continue to have a choice of plans. In places where reimbursement is lower, such as the Midwest and mid-Atlantic states, plans have been quick to leave.

About half the senior citizens losing their Medicare HMO option next year live in Florida, Texas, Pennsylvania and Virginia _ all states with large numbers of people 65 and older.

Without an HMO option, senior citizens must return to the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program, with its higher monthly premiums, no drug coverage and only 80 percent coverage for doctor and hospital costs. HMOs, which generally have zero or minimal premiums, usually pay those bills in full.

Medicare supplemental policies that cover drugs and other costs not covered by the program typically cost $250 to $350 a month.

Overall, the HMOs' departure from Medicare next year will affect 934,000 elderly people, though 83 percent of them will have the option of switching to another health plan. About 6.2 million or 16 percent of the 39 million Medicare beneficiaries are currently enrolled in HMOs.

The number of senior citizens affected by HMO cutbacks next year will more than double the more than 700,000 beneficiaries already stung by HMO pullouts that have plagued Medicare since 1999.

The cuts have become wider as Wall Street has put more pressure on HMOs to increase profits. Yet, the HMOs blame Medicare, saying its reimbursement rates have not kept up with rising medical costs.

Medicare officials and U.S. General Accounting Office investigators say the payments are adequate.

Responding to the HMO cutbacks, several states such as New York, Indiana and Kansas have created or expanded programs to help the elderly afford prescription drugs. But the efforts are mostly aimed at the poor or offer only nominal assistance.

As a result, it's middle-class senior citizens who are most feeling left out.

Tom Pontarelli, 70, of suburban St. Augustine, Fla., will lose his drug coverage with the departure of Humana next year. His medical costs will rise, while residents in a neighboring county will still have an HMO.

"That is outrageous," said Pontarelli, who takes five drugs, including medicines for depression and arthritis. "The whole system is outrageous."

Marian Wareham, another Floridian losing her HMO coverage, said she may take fewer trips to see her children and grandchildren. "I am going to feel it, but I feel sorry for others who are even worse off," said Wareham, 68.

Elderly people are inundating advocacy organizations looking for help.

"We have desperate people who are broken down in tears," said Linda Barnhart, program manager for the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program.

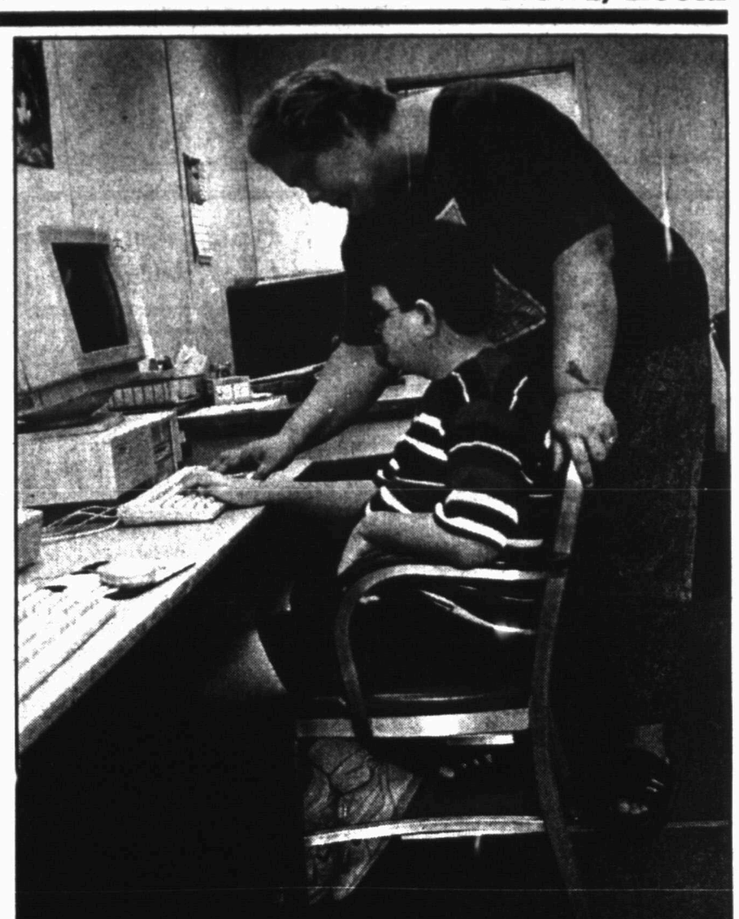
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On the Net: Medicare: http://www.medicare.gov

Medicare Rights Center: http://www.medicarerights.org

AARP: http://www.aarp.org/confacts/health/mngedcareleft.html

National Conference of State Legislatures: http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugaid.htm



COMPUTER DONATED — Tina Cearley, a substitute aide at Humble Smith's Learning Resource Center, helps Cameron Brown use a computer donated by World Wide Consulting. The donation was arranged by George Jamison, owner of Worldwide Consulting, who is Cearly's father. His granddaughter, Mariah Cearley, is a first grader at Northeast Elementary. As more computers are donated to the LRC, Cearly said the goal is to have one computer per student. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

North Texas fire threatens towns

STRAWN (AP) — Stiff southerly winds pushed a 3,000-acre wildfire close to several towns north of Interstate 20 in North Texas, the Texas Forest Service said Wednesday.

No injuries were reported, but several elderly residents complaining of breathing problems were evacuated from the town of Strawn, forest service spokesman John Gumert said.

Strawn is located just north of Interstate 20, about 80 miles west of Forth Worth.

Gumert said the blaze was sparked Tuesday by a traffic accident on Interstate 20 and charred about 250 acres before it was brought under control.

But Wednesday, gusty winds and an ample supply of parched grassland and cedar trees helped the fire swell to 3,000 acres. "It took off with the winds this afternoon," Gumert said.

The fire damaged a power line owned by Texas-New Mexico Power Co., knocking out electricity for several hours to about 1,800 customers in Strawn, Gordon, Mingus and parts of Lake Palo Pinto.

Gumert said crews stopped the blaze about two miles east of Strawn, and Mingus and Gordon appeared safe for now.

"Strawn we feel is fairly well safe. We don't feel the fire will advance in that direction," he said.

Six bulldozers, six water dropping helicopters and fire departments from the area will continue fighting the blaze Thursday morning, Gumert said.

"We're gonna concentrate all of our forces on the east side of fire beginning at sunup," he said. "We're really gonna hit it hard first thing in the morning."

Approximately 21,000 fires have burned in Texas so far this year, according to the Texas Emergency Management department.

Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 31, 2000

Today is the 244th day of 2000 and the 73rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1809, the first English-language Catholic magazine in the United States, the Michigan Essay, began to be published in Detroit, Mich.

On this day in 1920, in Detroit, Mich., election returns were broadcast by radio for the first time in the United States.

On this day in 1994, Irish leader Jerry Adams announced an IRA ceasefire.

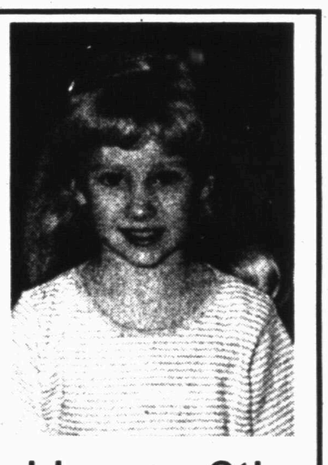
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Caligula (12-41), Roman emperor; Arthur Godfrey (1903-1983), broadcaster; William Saroyan (1908-1981), writer; Buddy Hackett (1924-), comedian, is 76; James Coburn (1928-), actor, is 72; Frank Robinson (1935-), baseball great, is 65; Van Morrison (1945-), singer, is 55; Itzhak Perlman (1945-), violinist, is 55; Richard Gere (1949-), actor, is 51; Edwin Moses (1955-), track-and-field great, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, John Henry won the Arlington Million, outrunning The Bart by a nose.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Honor is not the exclusive property of any political party." — Herbert Hoover

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 29) and first quarter (Sept. 5).

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Happy 6th Birthday Kaitlyn

SHS choir planning trip to NYC in April

The Snyder High School Choral Department is taking a trip to New York City from April 26-30. There will be several available positions for families in the community whom are interested in the trip.

Interested persons may contact Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301. The first payment toward the trip will be due Sept. 8.

The trip will include:

- Admission to first-run Broadway shows such as "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Lion King."
- The choir's performance at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Admittance to the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
- A tour of West Point Military Academy.
- A tour of Carnegie Hall.
- One-half day guided tour with a licensed NYC tour guide, covering many aspects of Manhattan and New York City, with guided touring as time allows to Wall Street, Soho, Greenwich Village, Chinatown, the United Nations, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, Fifth Avenue, and many other sites.

Free time to explore New York City on your own, shop 5th Avenue or visit New York Museum mile, Central Park, Soho, South Street Seaport and other attractions.

The choir's first fundraiser of the 2000-2001 school year will be a Fiesta Stack-up dinner before the football game with Monahans on Friday. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased from choir members or at the door.

The stack-up dinner is sponsored by the choir's booster club.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Friends who lent helping hands must learn to loosen their grip

DEAR ABBY: I am 50 and have been divorced for two years after a 29-year marriage that was, at times, physically and emotionally abusive. I work full-time and attend college full-time.

Two loving and caring friends have helped me through the bad times with encouragement and advice. I often heed their advice, since most of the time it has been good and held true. However, I recently made a decision that has caused a rift between us and this disturbs me.

My son (age 30) and my daughter-in-law (24) have invited me to live with them until I complete my schooling, and I have accepted their invitation. This eases my financial burden (tuition, books, bills, life) greatly. They both have good jobs, no children yet, and are solid and easygoing. My girlfriends are appalled that I could live with my children who have been married only two years! They feel I would be invading their privacy and giving up mine, along with my independence. I assured them that this is only a temporary arrangement, since I have only a year and a half to finish school. I told them the most important factor is that it is OK with my children and OK with me.

My kids and I have discussed privacy issues and personal issues, and we all feel very comfortable with this. One of my friends said she wouldn't visit me at their home because she would "feel uncomfortable." My other friend told me she just doesn't feel that this is right. I love my friends dearly, but I am getting that eerie feeling of "control" from them that I had in my marriage. Am I right, or just paranoid? I'm afraid of making the wrong decision.

My children and I really do feel comfortable with the whole thing. Should I tell my friends it's time to "let me go" and lead my own life now? My friends also disagree with the friendship my ex-husband, his wife and I have. My ex and I both sought counseling during and after our divorce which uncovered a lot of hurt and allowed a lot of healing for both of us.

Help! These two are driving me crazy! — **JANE IN YAKIMA, WASH.**

DEAR JANE: You appear to have your life on track after many unhappy years. Your friends may be well-meaning, but threatening not to visit as long as you live with your son and his wife is blackmail. Don't submit to it. Your relationships with your son, his wife and your former husband are admirable. Unless your friends are willing to stop dictating how you should live your life, now may be the time to start broadening your circle of friends.

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DEAR ABBY: I dated "Howard" for eight months. He gave me a beautiful diamond tennis bracelet for my birthday. I broke up with him a month later. Now he's asking for the bracelet back! I don't want to return it. Do you think I have to? — **DIAMONDS ARE NOT FOREVER?**

DEAR DIAMONDS: A diamond bracelet is a very expensive gift. Since you had it only a month before breaking up with Howard, the honorable thing would be to return it. Perhaps he'll be lucky enough to find another young woman who'll realize that as precious as the bracelet may be, he's the real "jewel."

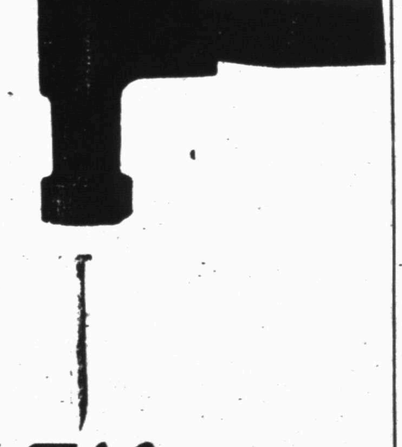
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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Second conviction draws death penalty

STAR CITY, Ark. (AP) — The second time Kenneth Williams was convicted of capital murder, he got the death penalty.

A Lincoln County Circuit Court jury took a little more than two hours Wednesday to decide that Williams, 21, should be executed for killing Cecil Boren, 57, of Grady.

He had been convicted the day before by the same jury.

Boren, who lived near the Cummins Unit of the state prison system, was slain Oct. 3, 1999, after Williams escaped from Cummins.

He had been serving a life-without-parole sentence on a capital murder conviction for the 1998 slaying at Pine Bluff of a college cheerleader, Dominique Hurd, 19, of Fort Worth, Texas.

After jurors at his Pine Bluff trial recommended life without parole instead of execution, Williams turned to the victim's family and said, "You thought I was going to die, didn't you?"

The only penalties for a capital murder conviction under Arkansas law are execution or life in prison without parole.

In this week's trial, prosecutors said Boren was shot seven times and dragged to the bank of a ditch on his property.

Boren's pickup truck was stolen, and Williams was driving it when he was spotted the next day in southern Missouri.

The driver of a water-delivery truck was killed in a crash as Missouri police chased and captured Williams.

Williams was also found guilty of escape, aggravated robbery and theft of property.

During Wednesday's penalty phase of Williams' trial, jurors heard testimony from several members of Williams' family.

They said he endured harsh conditions growing up, and had been in and out of the juvenile justice system and foster homes for most of his life.

His sister, Yolanda Williams, said their father drank and beat the children and their mother, and their parents separated when Williams was eight or nine years old.

Investigators utilize cybersleuthing today

DALLAS (AP) — When Bill Rushing became a police officer 23 years ago, he knew he'd battle drug smugglers, bank robbers and child molesters.

He'd didn't know that someday those crooks would leave back-alley hide-outs for the virtual anonymity of the World Wide Web.

"That was something of the space age, something you'd see in movies with flying saucers," Rushing said.

Now police chief of Allen, a growing high-tech suburb north of Dallas, Rushing said officers are changing their tactics to keep up with technology. Traditional methods of investigation must be supplemented with a keen knowledge of cybersleuthing.

Already Allen has battled e-mail bomb threats against the high school, fraud cases involving eBay and software piracy.

"We've seen a high rate of Internet crime in the last year," said Allen police investigator Charles Cook. "It's taken off like a quantum leap. A police officer has to have so much more knowledge now."

The Allen Police Department is getting some help. Cook is one of the first students at a new high-tech crime lab in Dallas, training officers from eight police departments in North Texas to investigate the growing wave of computer-assisted crimes.

Of the 17,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, only a few hundred are adequately trained to access and retrieve evidence stored on computers, said U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins, whose office collaborated with the FBI to open the lab.

North Texas, a leading telecommunications corridor, is fertile ground for computer-related crimes, Coggins said.

Cybercrooks can disrupt service on a Web site, hack into a private computer, steal trade secrets and proprietary information, peddle child pornography and launch international fraud schemes.

Instead of collecting physical evidence such as fingerprints and fibers, investigators must look for electronic clues, recovering evidence from data files.

It's a complicated process because even the simplest of acts can alter evidence and compromise a case. Just turning on a computer can be the equivalent of trampling a crime scene.

"You never work on the original evidence," said acting lab director Michael Morris. "We always make a duplicate copy."

The lab specialists also are trained to recover and reconstruct "deleted" files.

Ramsey: I should be charged if the police think I am guilty

LANTA (AP) — Patsy Ramsey says that if prosecutors in Colorado think she's a murderer, they should charge her and "get it over with." After nearly four years of being under suspicion in the death of their 6-year-old daughter, JonBenet, Mrs. Ramsey told USA Today she and her husband, John, are weary and frustrated.

"I'm beyond being hurt or embarrassed," she told the newspaper Wednesday. "If you think I did it, let's have a trial and get it over with." The Ramseys added that they do not want a trial but are not afraid to go to court.

Police planned no comment on Mrs. Ramsey's challenge, spokeswoman Jennifer Bray said Thursday.

Earlier, Ramsey attorney Lin Wood and prosecutor Michael Kane agreed to release the full tape of this week's two-day, 10-hour police interview with the Ramseys in Atlanta, their first talk with police in more than two years.

Wood's office said Thursday the tape could be released as early as next week. Wood released a tape of 22 minutes of the 10-hour session Wednesday.

The agreement happened during an interview Wednesday night on CNN's "Larry King Live." After Wood challenged Kane to explain why a grand jury did not indict his clients, Kane and Wood also agreed to seek release of grand jury transcripts.

"I'll tell you what: If you will go to court with me, and ask the president judge to authorize a release of that information, I will release it," Kane said.

Wood said, "Let the truth come out."

The Ramseys have been under suspicion in the 1996 death of the child beauty queen, who was found beaten and strangled in the family's home in Boulder, Colo. No one has been charged, and the Ramseys have maintained their innocence.

A grand jury was convened in 1998 but disbanded last year without an indictment.

Obituaries

Mark Clark

1948-2000

DAVIS, Calif. – Mark Charles Clark, a 1966 graduate of Snyder High School, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, at his home in Davis.

Mr. Clark, 52, will cremated and services are pending in Davis.

Mr. Clark was born July 25, 1948 in Snyder. He attended school in Snyder and Sweetwater. After graduating from Snyder High School, he attended Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas at Austin. While in the military, Mr. Clark was a member of the U.S. Army Band at Fort Ord, Calif.

He was a self-employed communications and computer consultant in Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Clark of Davis; a daughter, Kelly Pettit of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sons, Andy Clark of Davis and Lonnie Clark of Orangevale, Calif.; his parents, Henry F. and Virginia Clark of Snyder; and a sister, Marcia Brown of Fredericksburg.

Alice Head

1900-2000

Alice Head, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Lubbock.

Service for Mrs. Head, 100, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Head's son, K.S. Head Jr. of Milano, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born on April 25, 1900 in Scurry County, she married Kleber S. Head on Jan. 10, 1919 in Snyder. He died in February, 1987.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, five sisters, two daughters and one son.

Mrs. Head was a retired farmer and rancher where she worked beside her husband for many years.

Survivors include three other sons, J.D. Head of Friona, Frank Head and Bill Head, both of Lubbock; two daughters, Neva Irene Clark of League City and Joan Head of Lovington, N.M.; two sisters, Ima Jewel Penn and Dollie Jones of Ogden, Utah; 20 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Inez McConnell

1908-2000

SWEETWATER — Funeral service for Inez McConnell of Sweetwater was set for 10 a.m. today at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in the Garden of Memories and the Rev. Malcolm Brown was to officiate.

Mrs. McConnell, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Roscoe Healthcare Center.

Born on Sept. 23, 1908 in Hood County, Mrs. Hood was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Jane McConnell Dressler, Pauline McConnell and Kathlyn McConnell; and one brother, John McConnell.

Survivors include a brother-in-law, Nelson Dressler of Snyder; two nephews, Tom Dressler of Amarillo and Mack Dressler and wife, Kathy, of Mesquite; one niece, Barbara Bowen and husband, Gary, of Snyder, one great-nephew, Craig Bowen; and two great-nieces, Sarah Dressler and Kate Dressler.

Pallbearers were to be Tom Dressler, Mack Dressler, Barbara Bowen, Gary Bowen, Craig Bowen and Ronnie Reedy.

Family members suggest memorials to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene 79601.

Beatrice Bilberry

1908-2000

FLOYDADA — Services are pending at Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Floydada for Beatrice Bilberry who died Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bilberry was born on April 15, 1908 and had lived in Snyder the past four years.

Man arrested on felony warrant

• ***Felony warrant***

Kevin Wayne Ward, 30, of 2811 Avenue X was arrested at 9:58 a.m. Wednesday on a felony warrant for failing to pay child support.

• ***Theft***

At 9:38 a.m. Wednesday, a lawn mower was reported stolen from Tom's Marine at 315 East Coliseum Drive.

• ***Shoplifter***

A Wal-Mart representative requested an officer at the store at 5:18 p.m. in reference to a shoplifter. A report for theft was taken and the juvenile involved was issued a citation and later released to parents.

• ***Problems with daughter***

A woman contacted officers at 5:31 p.m. Wednesday because she was having problems with her 14-year-old daughter. A report for family violence was filed.

• ***Dog bite***

A woman told officers at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday that her son had been bitten by a stray dog that morning while she was walking him to the bus stop.

• ***Window broken***

Debbie Elder notified deputies at 9:57 p.m. Wednesday that someone had thrown a brick through her window at 1368 Smith Street.

• ***Harassment***

A report was taken for disorderly conduct/offensive gestures at 11:08 p.m. Wednesday after a woman told officers that another female was using obscene gestures towards her.

• ***Other arrests***

A 33-year-old man was taken into custody at 2:07 p.m. Wednesday for motion to revoke probation while a 27-year-old man was jailed for the offense at 10:45 p.m.

Lubbock County warrants for theft of services, speeding and failure to appear landed a 30-year-old man in jail at 8:32 p.m. Wednesday.

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Special account

A special account for the family of those killed in the Carlsbad explosion has been set up at Snyder National Bank. The Smith Family Fund account number is 181-697-7.

Northside Baptist revival

A revival continues through Sunday at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Tonight's service is at 7 p.m. and Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Word is Life Deliverance Church

Jean Krisle will be at Word is Life Deliverance Church at 7 p.m. today and Friday. The church is located at 312 Coliseum Drive.

East reading night

East Elementary will hold its first family reading night of the school year from 6:30 to 8 this evening. Pizza will be served. All parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare will be provided for pre-school children.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will be held at the scout hut, 2501 35th Street, from 6 to 7:30 this evening.

Family night out

West Elementary's family night out will be held from 5 p.m. until closing tonight at Snyder Lanes and Grill. All students are asked to bring their families and eat at the bowling alley.

SHS choir yard signs

Parents of former choir students who would like to recycle the signs are asked to bring them to the choir room on between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Friday.

Fiesta stack-up dinner

The SHS Choir Booster Club will have a fiesta stack-up dinner from 5-7 p.m. before the home game against Monahans on Friday. Tickets can be purchased from any choir student, or at the door for $5. Carryouts will be available.

Snyder Junior High pictures

School pictures at the junior high will be taken Friday.

Deadline for UW luncheon

Friday is the deadline for making reservations for the United Way kick-off luncheon set for Tuesday, Sept. 12. Call 573-1731 for reservations.

Enchilada dinner

Faith Revival Church will have an enchilada plate dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday for $5 a plate. The church is located at 3212 Ave. J. Call Olga Perez at 574-8099 for more information.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Denim Sunday

First United Methodist Church is celebrating Denim Sunday to celebrate the Labor Day holiday by urging those in attendance to dress casual.

Snyder Lions Club

The club will not meet Tuesday. Members are urged to attend the United Way kick-off on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Ira booster club

The club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Ira cafeteria. All interested fans are urged to attend to discuss a membership drive and putting up yard signs.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High School will be taking school pictures next Wednesday and Thursday.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday, Sept. 8, and again Friday, Sept. 22, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-211, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Fish fry

An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the American Legion, 1800 Ave. R. Tickets, $5 each, can be purchased at the Legion in advance or at the door. Call 574-6805.

Hamburger supper

The junior high choir will host a hamburger supper fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any junior high choir member. For more information, call Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-4-0

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 2-11-16-21-36-48.

Rememberances for Di said to be low-key and private

LONDON (AP) — Three years after Princess Diana's death in a high-speed car crash, remembrances of her life will be a private issue for the royal family and a low-key matter for her admirers.

At Westminster Abbey, where Diana's funeral service took place, the princess will be remembered in prayers. At Kensington Palace, the focus of mass public mourning in 1997, loyal fans can be counted on to return with flowers.

Prince William, Diana's 18-year-old son who just graduated from Eton, will be away from home. He went to Belize right after school to begin a year of traveling and working before starting college.

Prince Harry, 15, will be with his father, Prince Charles, at Balmoral, the royal family's private estate in the Scottish Highlands. It was at Balmoral, on Aug. 31, 1997, that William and Harry first heard of their mother's death.

On Sunday, Charles and Harry were with Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and the 100-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth at Crathie Church, Balmoral. Prayers were said for Diana, although she was not mentioned by name, as is traditional in the Church of Scotland.

Althorp, the Spencer family estate, closed its doors to the public Wednesday after its two months open each year for people to visit a memorial to Diana by her brother, Earl Spencer. The earl was expected to spend the anniversary quietly at Althorp, where Diana was buried on an island in an ornamental lake.

A memorial was planned Thursday at Harrods, the London department store owned by Mohamed Al Fayed, whose son Dodi died in the Paris crash with Diana.

Al Fayed said Wednesday he will file suit in U.S. federal court to gain access to American intelligence information, and repeated his claim that Diana and his son were victims of a murder conspiracy plotted by people who disapproved of their relationship.

He said he was seeking documents from the CIA, the Justice Department and the National Security Agency.

"No one suspects the U.S. government was involved" in the accident, said Al Fayed's lawyer, Mark Zaid.

But he said the government might be withholding information.

Neither Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller nor NSA spokeswoman Judi Emmel would comment, citing the pending litigation.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said the agency understands Al Fayed's "grief and tremendous sense of loss." But he said any suggestion that the CIA spied on Dodi Fayed or on Diana, or that it knows of any plot to murder them is "totally unfounded."

In April, an appeals court rejected Al Fayed's request for the information, upholding the decision of a lower court judge who said Al Fayed had tried "to make an end run around" the Freedom of Information Act.

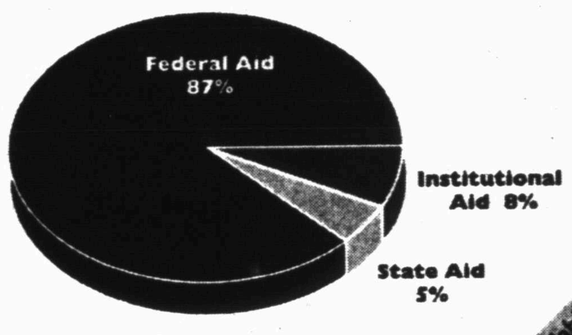
Paris judge Herve Stephan has concluded that alcohol, drugs and excessive speed caused the crash that ended the life of the "people's princess."

In the past three years, the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund has amassed $160 million from public donations, corporate and other funds and the licensing of Diana memorabilia.

So far, $40 million has been pledged to help the most disadvantaged people. A total of $65 million will be spent by 2001, then $10 million each year thereafter.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Husband's fetish is hurtful

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had one breast removed because of cancer. Now I believe that my husband is experiencing some type of mid-life crisis. He has pictures of large-busted women placed strategically around our house and is very eager to hire a 35-year-old housekeeper with a 40-D bust. I'm at a loss to put this all together.

DEAR READER: Putting it all together, I conclude that your husband has a problem with female breasts. This may have taken the form of a breast fetish: an abnormal preoccupation with well-endowed women. This unfortunate attitude is both maladaptive and hurtful; I wonder if he realizes how much emotional pain you are experiencing as a result of his thoughtlessness.

From your brief description, I'd worry that your husband wants more from the prospective housekeeper than someone to dust and to do the dishes. Although, at this point, the pictures and his fantasy are relatively innocuous, his preoccupation with breasts could lead to behavior that would undermine your marriage. I believe that most responsible adult males in his position would thank God that you are a breast-cancer survivor, would accept the necessity of your surgery, and would choose to move on with life — perhaps even to redefine the strength of your marital relationship by being more sensitive and supporting.

Alas, people don't always behave in a rational manner in such circumstances; such a bad choice almost invariably leads to pain and suffering. Therefore, I think that you both could benefit from some counseling: your husband, to discover the reasons for his fetish and to find more appropriate ways of dealing with it; and you, to learn how best to handle a difficult situation. Ask your doctor to refer you to a psychologist or a marriage counselor. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 5-year-old daughter was born with Mobius syndrome. She lacks pectoral muscle or a breast on the left side; on that side, her face is sunken in. Her left eye closes only when she is asleep. Her doctor offers no chance for cure. Can you?

DEAR READER: Mobius syndrome is an exceedingly rare hereditary disorder in which, during fetal development, certain key nerves in the brain (cranial nerve nuclei) fail to develop. Without these nerves to stimulate them, certain muscles cannot grow. Thus, the syndrome is marked by absence or weakness of many facial muscles (facial palsies), including the muscles of one or both eyes, as well as the muscles of the upper extremities and chest.

There is variation in what parts of the body are affected: the face, almost always; one or both arms, commonly; the chest, occasionally.

There is no cure for the syndrome. Nonetheless, children with the affliction can often be helped by a combined therapeutic approach that includes physicians, speech therapists and physical therapists. Although I doubt that anyone can explain why your daughter suffered Mobius syndrome, much can be done to assist her in coping with it.

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Judge orders new sentencing trial for inmate

DALLAS (AP) — A Texarkana man whose death sentence in a boy's slaying was overturned after he spent almost 20 years on death row will receive a new sentencing trial on orders of a federal judge.

Delma Banks Jr.'s verdict in the 1980 slaying of a 16-year-old boy stands, but U.S. District Judge David Folsom gave Bowie County 120 days to hold a new sentencing trial.

Folsom's ruling adopts a report and recommendation by U.S. Magistrate Judge Caroline Malone, who was concerned about adequacy of Banks' trial defense and the legal effort mounted in the sentencing phase of the capital murder case, according to the Texarkana Gazette's Thursday editions.

Also, Folsom agreed with Malone that information about a witness, who was a paid police informant,should have been shared with the jury.

Folsom's ruling will be appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, District Attorney Bobby Lockhart told the newspaper.

Banks, now 40, was convicted in the death of Wayne Whitehead, 16, who worked with Banks at a Texarkana restaurant.

Prosecutors say Banks asked Whitehead for a ride home from a local bowling alley, then shot him and left his body in a park in the Texarkana suburb of Nash.

Lockhart said he was leaving the decision to retry the case to First Assistant District Attorney James Elliott and the Whitehead family.

"We're very fortunate that the assistant district attorney who was in the case here 20 years ago is still here," said Lockhart. "I feel pretty strongly that he wants to retry it."

If Banks' is resentenced to life in prison, he could qualify for parole under 1980 guidelines because of time already served.



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