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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Kids rarely misquote you. They most often repeat word for word what you wish you hadn't said."

Our friend Stephen Henry, publisher of the Levelland News-Press and Lamb County Leader-News in Littlefield, happened onto a mutual friend.

The relatively newcomer to Lamb County is a Scurry County native, growing up in the Ira community.

Riley Sterling, an investment represent for Edward Jones, moved to Littlefield last summer and has been operating out of his home.

The Littlefield newspaper reported that Sterling is opening his own office this month, one of 6,700 Edward Jones offices in the U.S.

Henry recounted a little background concerning Sterling, who had been a customer of Edward Jones for some 20 years while he worked in the oil patch in Scurry County.

Sterling was reared on the family farm near Ira and said it was a coincidence that he was hired in Midland and put to work in Scurry County, just 15 miles from his home.

Sterling originally worked for Chevron which sold to Pennzoil which in turn was purchased by Devon Energy. Since Sterling left SACROC, the unit was acquired by Kinder Morgan.

When his oilfield work played out, Sterling said Snyder's Tim Riggan suggested that he explore possibilities with Edward Jones.

A few weeks ago, we ran into Sterling in Lubbock and he said he chose Littlefield over Lubbock as a site for his investment business because he still prefers a small-town atmosphere.

Junior high teacher Gary Moore sent us the following, "The joys of jogging and several other forms of exercise."

—For every mile jogged, you add one minute to your life. This enables you, at age 85, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home.

—The only reason to take up jogging is to hear heavy breathing again.

—It's been a year since I joined a health club. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.

—You have to exercise early in the morning, before the brain figures out what you're doing.

—Long walks are excellent, especially for people who are annoying.

—Flabby thighs can be covered by the stomach.

—To start cross-country skiing, be sure to start with a small country.

—Jogging makes you spill your milkshake.

—If you were meant be able to touch your toes, they would be placed higher on your body.

—The advantage to regular exercise is you die healthier.

Nelda Colvin named county treasurer

Nelda Colvin, who has served as deputy county treasurer for the past two years, this morning was named to the top post.

Scurry County Commissioners met in executive session just five minutes before returning to open session to unanimously appoint Colvin to the treasurer's post.

The appointment is for the unexpired term ending December, 2002.

A 1971 graduate of Snyder High School, Colvin earned her associate's degree from Western Texas College in 1973.

She stayed at home with her two children before going to work for Cogdell Memorial Hospital in 1984. She was employed in the hospital's accounting department for 14 years.

Colvin's husband, Chuck, works for the Snyder post office. Their children are Ryan Colvin of Lubbock and Mandy Scott of Big Spring.

"I'm looking forward to serving the citizens. I think it will be exciting. It has been the past couple of months," Colvin said. "I will work hard and do the best job I can do."

Colvin replaces Charlie Bell, who was appointed to the county auditor's post. She has been handling business in the office since his resignation.

There were two other applicants for the post.

The court also approved a bid from R.E. James for the county's gravel needs and a bond for Diana Williamson, tax assessor and collector.

One line-item transfer and three budget amendments were granted.

A transfer in the amount of $1,325 and one budget amendment in the amount of $8,500 was approved for Precinct 3. The funds are needed to buy two used trucks.

Granted for Precinct 4 was a budget amendment for $10,000. The funds are needed to replace a motor in a motor grader and a transmission in another motor grader. The repairs depleted the entire budget, Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said.

The other amendment was in the amount of $4,331 and was for the Scurry County Airport. The funds are for medical insurance for an employee who just recently became eligible for the benefits.

The court also reviewed the committees and board reports, approved the bills for payment and the meetings from its previous meeting.

Nelda Colvin

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and present were Lindsey, Howard Limmer, Roy Idom and Ralph Trevey.

AN ARTIST'S TOUCH — Local artist Lila Guinn, member of the Snyder Palette Club, paints at at a recent meeting. The club meets every second and fourth Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Incumbents file for Snyder ISD board

Two members of the Snyder Independent School Board filed for re-election this morning.

Luann Burleson, who has been serving in the at-large post for 14 years, filed, as did Cathy Peoples.

Burleson was first elected in 1987 to a two-year term and was re-elected four times for three-year terms.

Peoples has been serving in an at-large position since last May when she was appointed to fill the post of the late Bill Moss.

Ira ISD also has a full slate of candidates for its four positions as Kirby Sterling filed for Place 2, currently held by Bo Robinson, on Monday. Robinson will not seek re-election.

Place 5 member Shane Smith, Place 6 board member Keith Clements, Place 7 member Doug White all filed for new terms this morning.

No one has filed at Hermleigh as the terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins are expiring.

On the Snyder City Council, Dayton Robertson has said he will not seek another term as mayor. James Ashley, who currently is an at-large councilman, filed Monday for the mayor's post.

The at-large term of councilman Terry Martin is also up for re-election.

Interested trustee candidates file at their respective school district offices while city hall is the place to file for the mayor or a councilman post.

The filing period ends March 21. Early voting begins April 18 and runs through May 1.

Socialite in sensational murder dies of cancer

By The Associated Press

Socialite Priscilla Davis always believed that her estranged husband was the "man in black" who wounded her and killed two others in one of the most notorious murder cases in state history.

Davis, 59, died early Monday of breast cancer at her Dallas home. She was one of four people attacked at former husband Cullen Davis' $6 million Fort Worth mansion in August 1976. Killed in the rampage were Priscilla Davis' boyfriend and her 12-year-old daughter.

But Cullen Davis, who was then the wealthiest man ever to stand trial for murder, was later acquitted of murder in the death of his stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn.

One of the socialite's oldest and closest friends said she was disappointed that Davis did not live to see justice served in the mansion shootings.

"It never left her mind for a moment," Davis' friend, Judy Johnson, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sparkman Hillcrest Chapel in Dallas, with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Davis had been under hospice care. Another daughter, Dee Davis, was at her side when she died at 5:40 a.m. Monday.

"I woke up at 4:10 and lay down beside her and talked to her and watched her literally take her last breath," the daughter said.

Her mother's breast cancer had been publicly revealed in June on a cable television program.

"She said when her doctor gave her the news, she felt just like she did running through the field, bleeding from a gunshot wound to her chest on the night of the shootings," said moderator Bill Kurtis said at the end of the program.

When Davis' ex-husband was accused in the shootings, his international oil-based empire was estimated at $400 million. In a nasty divorce battle, a judge had awarded Priscilla Davis temporary custody of his mansion and granted a restraining order barring him from the residence.

The famous Texas case was the subject of an ABC miniseries called "Texas Justice" and numerous books.

"Every time they go through all that trial again, I have to relive it," Priscilla Davis said in an earlier interview. "I had a daughter killed. You never get over that. I also saw the person doing the shooting. I don't care what the verdict was. I live knowing that every day."

The socialite, born on July 30, 1941 at Dublin, grew up in suburban Houston and graduated from Galena Park High School.

Fort Hood man pleads guilty to sexual assault

A 30-year-old Fort Hood man pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault around 10 this morning, prior to the selection of a jury.

Ruben S. Olivo Jr. was then sentenced to 10 years probation by District Judge Ernie Armstrong, and assessed a $1,500 fine.

Olivo had been charged with sexual assault of a female younger than 14 years of age.

The case was to have been prosecuted by District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Lance Hall, a Sweetwater attorney, represented Olivo.

Atlantis still seeking safe landing spot

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Flight controllers canceled the first opportunity to land the space shuttle Atlantis at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida today.

"We have some concerns over clouds," Mission Control told shuttle commander Kenneth Cockrell.

The clouds, southeast of the landing strip, could obscure visibility on the shuttle's final approach. There was also a bit of moisture in some of the clouds.

Forecasters are hoping the clouds will move through the area in time to allow the shuttle to land at its second opportunity at the Kennedy Space Center this afternoon.

If the shuttle can't land in Florida, flight controllers would then decide whether to have Atlantis touch down at Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California or at White Sands, N.M., which would be a last resort. A space shuttle has landed only once at White Sands, in 1982.

Early weather reports in California indicated there were scattered clouds in the area with crosswinds peaking at 16 mph. NASA's crosswind limit for a shuttle landing is 17 mph.

On Sunday and Monday, crosswinds on the landing strip at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida were well above the safety limit, forcing Mission Control to have the shuttle crew of five stay in orbit a 13th day.

Atlantis is on its way back from the international space station Alpha after having delivered a billion-dollar science lab.

"The weather is a very tricky thing to deal with, it's not an exact science," said flight director Leroy Cain. But he promised: "We'll find a landing site where we're confident that we can perform a safe landing."

Ira principal receives new 2-year contract

Ira school principal Mike Duke was awarded a two-year contract during Monday night's Ira ISD board meeting.

Duke, who is in his first year at Ira, also received a $2,000 pay hike, effective July 1. His salary will be $55,000 per year.

Duke also serves as the girls basketball coach.

The trustees also called the May 5 election and appointed Leona Wiggins as election judge, and Mickey Flowers and Jerri Stokes as clerks.

Jan Duke and Supt. Jim Rumage will serve as early-voting clerks.

Four positions will be on the Ira ballot.

ASK US

Q—Does a person have to have a permit to sell items door-to-door in Snyder?

A—Yes. An application for the permit can be obtained at city hall.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 70 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 40; no precipitation; total for 2001, 2.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, low 40, increasing cloudiness, SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, cloudy, cooler, slight rain chance, high lower 50s, NE wind 10-20 mph.

Cassie Benitez
Cooler

Sunset:
6:36 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:19 a.m.

Of 50 days in 2001, the sun has shone 44 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Time is the inexplicable raw material of everything.
—Arnold Bennett

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Bush dedicates bombing museum

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Priscilla Salyers used to love knitting, but that was before a truck bomb blew up the federal building where she worked, killing her co-workers and shattering her life.

When Salyers heard other survivors of the 1995 bombing didn't enjoy their hobbies anymore either, she became upset.

On Monday, at the opening of a museum commemorating the blast, a defiant Salyers wore a bright blue sweater, knitted herself from yarn found by rescue workers in the rubble of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

"This is really my victory statement," Salyers said.

The sweater has 168 red hearts — one for each life lost in the bombing. It has three gold stars for the unborn babies who died in their mothers' wombs. And it has an image of the American elm on the memorial grounds that Oklahomans have dubbed the "survivor tree."

Salyers was one of several hundred people who gathered to watch President Bush dedicate the museum and speak of the goodness and courage that came from the tragedy.

"America found a lot to admire in Oklahoma during those days," Bush said. "Your loss was great and your pain was deep, but far greater and deeper was your care for one another. That is what lasts and that is what brings us back to this place on this day."

Bush and his wife also toured the memorial center, which includes bombing victims' belongings, photographs and mangled debris.

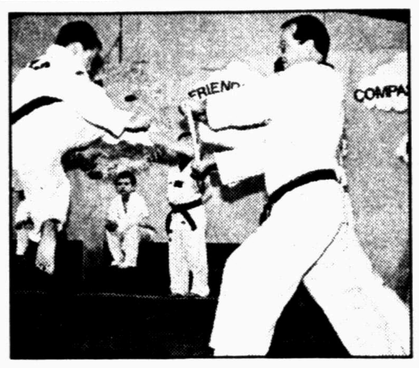
"It's powerful," the president said.

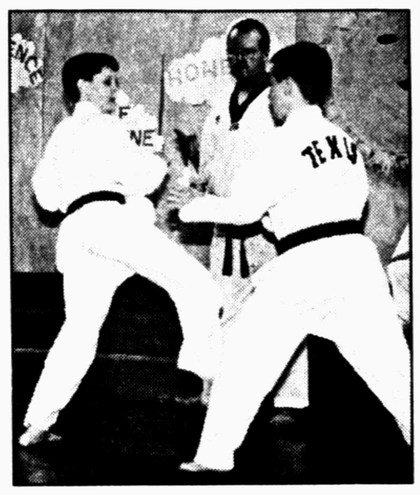
Lena Welch, who lost her daughter, Julie, in the explosion, also toured the museum and said the most difficult part was hearing an audio recording of the explosion.

"It's like reliving it," she said.

The museum tells the story of the bombing chronologically. Visitors hear a recording of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, which was meeting across the street from the Murrah building on April 19, 1995. The voices are interrupted by the sounds of a truck bomb ripping apart the Murrah building.

Taekwondo





Greg Gafford and some of his students recently presented a Taekwondo demonstration at Stanfield Elementary.

SDN Photos By
Shirley A. Gorman

(Top left) Zachary Gafford takes a practice kick while Greg Gafford holds the paddle. (Top right) Greg Gafford and Larry Jaramillo hold the board as Jordan Gafford gets ready to break it. (Bottom left) Alex Jaramillo breaks a board held by Greg Gafford and Larry Jaramillo. (Bottom right) Greg Gafford observes as Derek Murphy (left) and Jordan Gafford demonstrate defensive moves.

Disappearance baffles investigators

MENA, Ark. (AP) — After a quiet breakfast in this town a few miles from the Oklahoma line, Daniel McDonald and three family members drove up a nearby mountain to hike Lovers Leap Trail.

The four headed down the narrow, muddy path in Queen Wilhelmina State Park, McDonald said. But his 68-year-old wife, Gloria, soon turned back toward the park's lodge, he said. She hasn't been seen since.

What happened Jan. 26 has baffled authorities and set residents theorizing about kidnapping, murder and mystery the likes of which this scenic western Arkansas town has never seen.

Did Gloria get lost? Was she abducted? Did she decide to run away? Police even wonder if she ever was in the 460-acre park.

"This woman disappeared without a trace in 30 minutes," Polk County Sheriff Mike Oglesby said. "We have no motive, no evidence of any kind. We've got nothing."

This is a part of the state where people move a little slower than the rest of the world, flannel shirts are considered business casual and the tractor is more than just a workhorse — it's a mode of transportation.

Gloria McDonald's daughter and her husband feel certain she is dead — speculations that disturb investigators who say they can't link anyone to a crime.

"I was the No. 1 suspect," Daniel McDonald said a week after his wife disappeared. "I demanded to take a polygraph test," which state police investigator Lynn Benedict said he passed.

Daniel, 63, says it was about noon when the family arrived at the park 14 miles south of town. His son from a past marriage, Sean McDonald, was visiting from Florida with his girlfriend, Erin Jemmott.

Not 250 yards down the trail, Daniel says, Gloria decided to head back to the lodge. She wasn't a "woodsy person," Daniel said. Broken tree limbs and debris from recent ice storms littered the path.

Park workers say the woman never returned to park headquarters. Surely, a woman with red hair wearing a bright yellow jacket would be noticed, they said.

A maintenance worker says he may have spotted a woman in a yellow jacket but can't be sure. Authorities say the worker is the only person who might be able to place Gloria in the park — except for Daniel, Sean and Erin.

Daniel complains authorities spent too much time questioning him before bringing out search dogs the next day. Searchers aided by helicopters have found nothing.

"In my mind, she's dead," Daniel said. "I think she saw something she shouldn't have seen ... so they took her. Or maybe she was snatched up by someone and tossed in one of these buildings."

Kerri, Gloria's daughter from a previous marriage, who asked that her last name not be used, also wasn't holding out much hope.

"The first thing I think is that more than likely, she's dead," she said. "I know my mom. If someone did get her into a car, she would've mouthed off so much they would've had to kill her."

But authorities have few clues: "Nothing points to the fact that there is foul play and nothing points to the fact that she ran off," Oglesby said.

Police are looking south, extending their investigation to Cedar Key, Fla., a Gulf coast town where the McDonalds lived before moving to Mena six months ago. "We're trying to see what their lifestyle was like," Oglesby said.

Less than a week after his wife's disappearance, Daniel said he would move back to Florida. "I don't want to be the guy in Mena whose wife was killed on the mountain," he said.

The sheriff says he hasn't ruled out Daniel as a suspect, but authorities didn't have any evidence to keep him from leaving, even if some of his comments seem caustic.

In an interview, Daniel said he couldn't imagine anyone abducting his wife "for her body" because she could not be considered pretty.

Gloria was Daniel's second wife. His first wife died in her home of natural causes, according to a funeral home in Chiefland, Fla. Gloria and Daniel had been married a year.

events

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
22-27-36-38-39

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-1-6

Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001

Today is the 51st day of 2001 and the 62nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1809, the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Marshall, handed down his decision in U.S. v. Judge Peters. The decision established the power of the federal government over the states.

On this day in 1851, $50 gold pieces were minted for the first time in the United States. They were made by the Moffat Assay Office in Mount Ophir, Calif.

On this day in 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ansel Adams (1902-1984), landscape photographer; Robert Altman (1925-), producer-director, is 76; Sydney Poitier (1927-), actor-director, is 74; Bobby Unser (1934-), auto racer, is 67; Phil Esposito (1942-), hockey great, is 59; Charles Barkley (1963-), basketball player, is 38; Kurt Cobain (1967-1994), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, figure skater Brian Boitano won a gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Desire! That's the one secret of every man's career. Not education. Not being born with hidden talents. Desire." — Bobby Unser

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 14) and new moon (Feb. 23).

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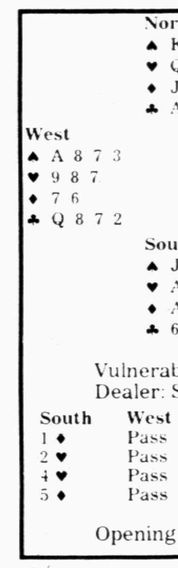

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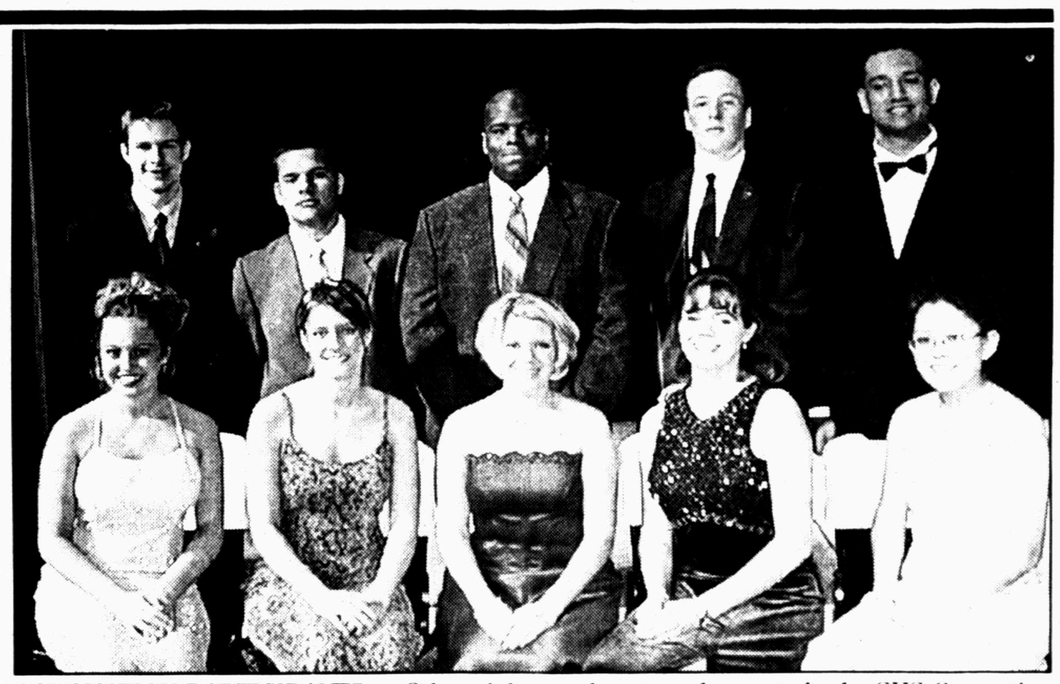
In yesterday's

SHS SWEETHEARTS — Snyder High School club sweethearts were recognized at the Valentine's Day coronation at Snyder High School. On the bottom row from right are band sweetheart, Mefina Campos and her escort, Ryan Burk, standing behind; baseball, Kristin York, escorted by Jesse Haines; boys' basketball, Miranda Eckert, escorted by Jammall Pruitt; and cheerleader sweetheart, Zach Allred, escorted by Cary Brown and Leslie English. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CORONATION PARTICIPANTS — Other club sweethearts and escorts in the SHS Coronation were (from right) FCCLA, Brian Castillo, escorted by Jennifer Lara; FFA, Dana Stribling, escorted by Will Henderson; football, Shannon Chambers, escorted by Tremaine Johnson; Foreign Exchange Student, Vitor Zanatta, escorted by Natalie Alexander; forensics, Jaci Smith; and forensics, Will Davis. (Staff Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

MORE SWEETHEARTS — Club sweethearts and escorts participating in the SHS Coronation included (from right) choir, Jessica Dea; choir, Mateo Coronado; cross country, Morique Salinas; cross country, Charles Kerry; DECA, Kara Herrley, escorted by Jason French; drama, Valery Haines; drama, Brandon McCraw; FCS, Amber Alexander; and FCS, Landon Day. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 19-Brandi Berkley, Asencion Castillo, Aleta Mireles, Vinita Warren, James Babb and Patrick Rodriguez.

DISMISSALS: Davis girl, Celeste Rivera, Odie Wall and Syvola Waller.

CENSUS:43 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-22, OB-2 and Nursery-1)

Births

George and Shannon Broyles announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Kate Broyles, born at 1:58 p.m. in Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio on Feb. 10. She weighed eight pounds and seven ounces.

Grandparents are Britt and Tonya Canada of Snyder and Joe and Pam Broyles of Wichita Falls. Great-grandparents are Odis and Beverly Caddel of Plainview, Roy and Betty Jo Canada of Vernon, Glenn and Ailene Prestage of Wichita Falls and Nina Broyles of Wichita Falls. Great great-grandparents are J.G. and Mary Measles of Littlefield.

TO MARRY FEB. 27 — Charles and Oretha Holloway announce the engagement of their son, Kelly Kirkpatrick of Lamesa, to Rebecca Garcia of Lamesa. She is the daughter of Connie Garcia of Lamesa and the late Pete Garcia. The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School and is employed with TDJC at the Preston E. Smith Unit. A 1998 graduate of Lamesa High School, the bride is employed at Bealls Dept. Store. The couple plan to marry next Tuesday in Lamesa. (Contributed Photo)

Add potato flakes to soups and stews as a flavorful thickener.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-20-01
♠ K 6
♥ Q 6
♦ J 9 8 3 2
♣ A K J 10

West
♠ A 8 7 3
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 7 6
♣ Q 8 7 2

East
♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ 10 5 4 2
♦ 10
♣ 9 5 4 3

South
♠ J 10 4
♥ A K J 3
♦ A K Q 5 4
♣ 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Why no major media publicity?

In yesterday's column, I commented on the lack of news coverage for bridge. Why is that, do you think?

My main guesses are twofold: There are no big cash prizes in bridge, and the man in the street cannot follow the game. All commentators love to stress how much Joe Golfer will receive for winning. Also, even if you don't play tennis, you can learn the rules in next to no time and see if a shot is in or out. To watch top-level bridge, you need to be either a very good player, or a capable one sitting in an auditorium with experts explaining the action. (And learning the basics of bridge takes a long time, which is easily the game's biggest drawback.)

Is there a solution? If you have one, please write in.

Bridge's top billboard name is Omar Sharif. Look at the West hand only. What would you have led against six diamonds if you had been in Omar's place?

Two hearts was a reverse, promising extra values and longer diamonds than hearts. North's jump to four diamonds showed excellent support and slam interest. Four hearts and five clubs were control-bids (cue-bids), guaranteeing the aces in those suits.

Omar knew South didn't have a spade control when he signed off in five diamonds. And North announced a spade control when he raised to the slam. Judging that he could be blowing only an overtrick, Sharif led the spade three.

Naturally, South played low from the dummy and lost the first two tricks. He went down in a slam he would have made on any other lead.

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Ask The Preacher

WHAT IS THE BIBLE HEART?

by Bill Looney

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7). The Bible heart, the soul and the inner man, all refer to the same thing. The word *soul* comes from the Greek word *psuche* from which we get the English word *psyche*. Paul is speaking of the same thing in 2nd Corinthians 4:16 when he speaks of "**our inner man.**"

We can know what the spiritual heart is by what it does. The Bible heart thinks (Proverbs 23:7), Believes (Romans 10:10). We think and believe with our mind, therefore, our heart is a part of our psyche that is our mind or intellect. Our heart may be grieving (1 Sam. 1:8); glad (Gen. 28:47); loving (Mat 22:37). Our heart is the part of our Psyche which feels or is our emotions. The heart purposes, or wills (2nd Cor. 9:7). Jesus said in John 17:17, "If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself" (John 7:17). These words of Jesus state that man is a free moral agent whose will can determine his destiny. The Bible heart experiences guilt (1 John 3:19-21). This shows that man's conscience is a part of his spiritual heart.

In future columns we will consider other questions about the Bible or spiritual heart. Send them to: Ask The Preacher.

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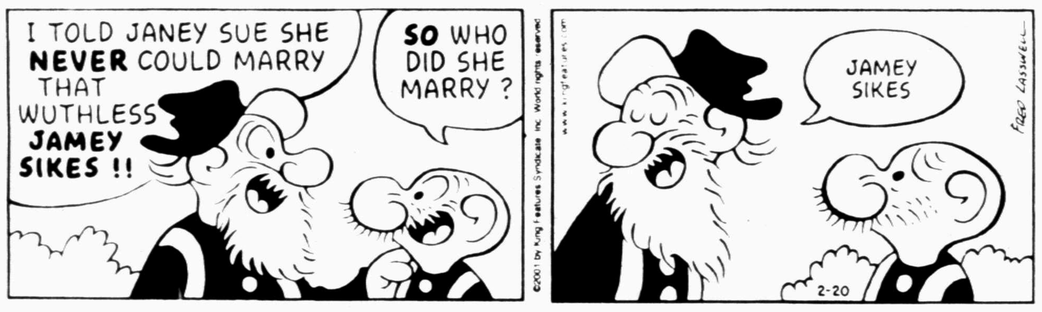

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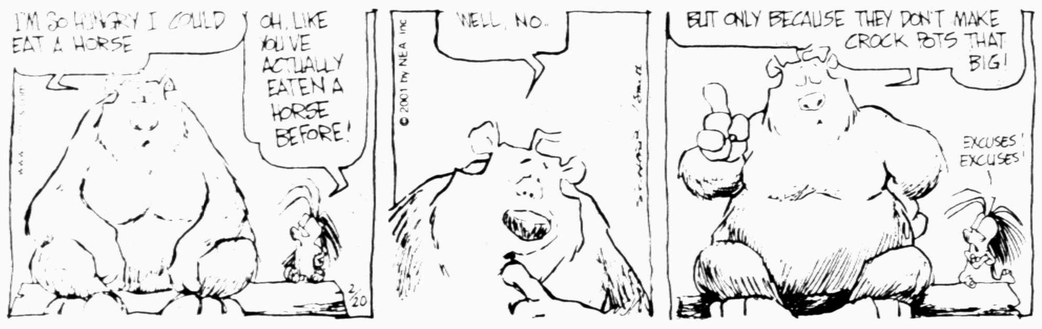

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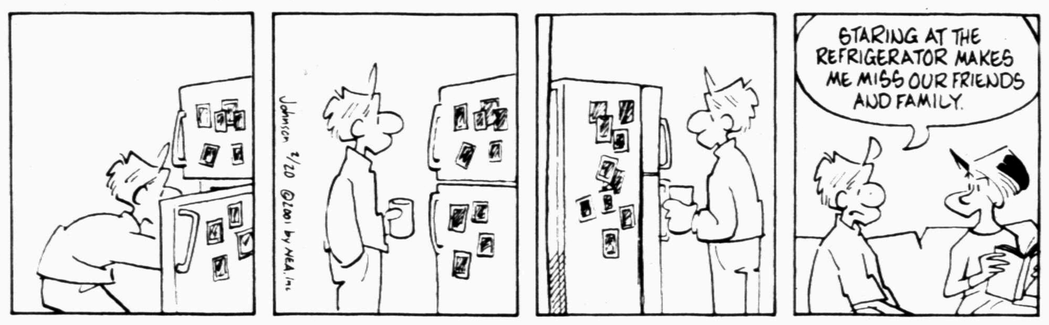

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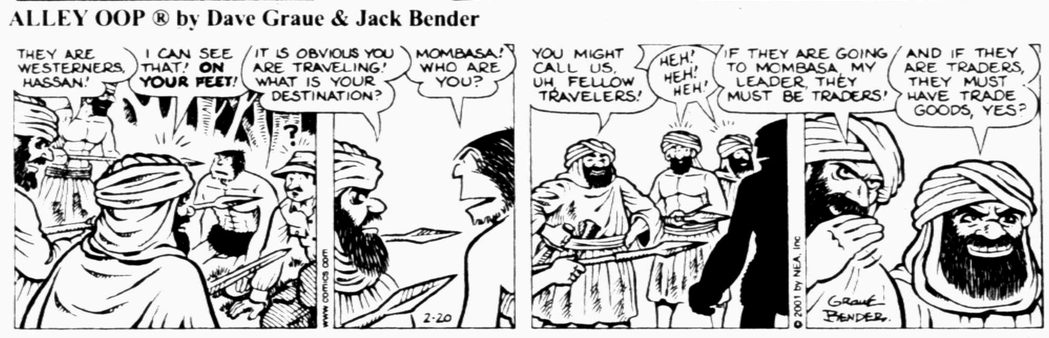

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1 Crystalline gem
7 Nonmetallic element
13 Table protector
14 Ankle bone
15 City in Washington
16 Coral islands
17 Unique person
18 Guy's date
20 Brazilian soccer great
21 — B. DeMille
23 Furious
27 Environment science
32 — — a limb
33 Papal court
34 New Testament book
35 Siren
36 Medical-school subject
39 Calm times
40 Icy coatings
42 Imitator
46 Occupied a bench
47 Pt. of USMA
51 Mistreat
53 Imitation gold
55 Monetary unit
56 Chicken — soup
57 Like metal
58 Pressure

DOWN

1 "Leave — — Beaver"
2 Algerian seaport
3 Parasites
4 Actor Novello
5 Pro — (for the time being)
6 Floor (Fr.)
7 Slanted type
8 Bran type
9 Let fall
10 Wight or Man
11 — and void
12 Abstract being
19 Highest playing card
21 Monitor the content of
22 Nonexpress trains
23 Very small quantity
24 Destroy
25 Leaf-cutting ant
26 Racetrack character
28 Little — of the comics
29 Spoken
30 Female
31 Sweet potatoes
37 Stephen King book
38 Entertainer Sumac
41 Short jackets
42 Helps
43 Writer's concern
44 "Vogue" rival
45 Regulation
47 Cupid
48 Secret language
49 "— Well That Ends Well"
50 Social-club fees
52 Actor Mineo
54 Decay

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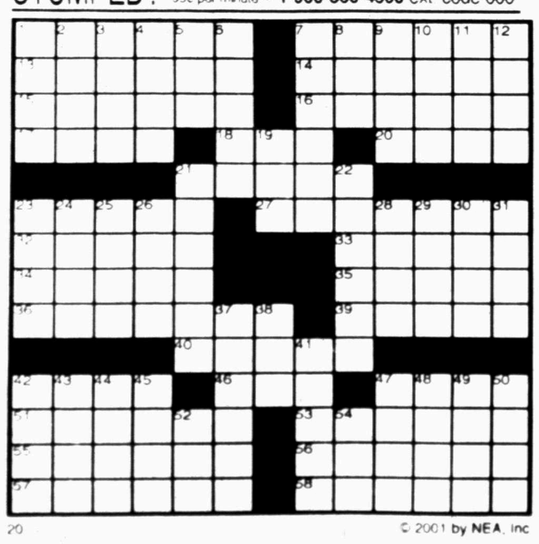

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SPORTS

Tigers, Bulldogs face tough opening-round opponents

After advancing to the regional quarterfinals last year, the Snyder Tigers and Ira Bulldogs are accustomed to playoff success on the hardwood.

But to advance that far this season, the Tigers and the Bulldogs have to dispose of a pair of tough first-round opponents.

Snyder squares off with Hereford at 7:30 tonight at Levelland High School, while Ira faces Blackwell at 7 at Abilene High.

The Tigers notched third place in District 4-4A and carry a 20-10 mark into tonight's bi-district match-up, while the state-ranked Whitefaces are 27-4, after earning the runner-up spot in District 3-4A.

"Hereford has a strong reputation, and they've had the success to back it up," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "They're a good team, and we think we're playing pretty well right now. I think the winner will have to play one of their better games of the season."

Hereford is led by the brother tandem of Cody and Slade Hodges. Cody, a 6-3 senior, plays point guard for the Whitfaces, while 6-2 Slade plays on the wing.

The key for Snyder will be limiting the production of both Hodges.

"There's not doubt about it. The Hodges kids are the leaders of that team," said Birks. "They have some other good players playing around them, but they are the ones that make things happen.

"We are going to have to play tight defense on them for all for four quarters. If you give either of those guys an inch, they can make a play."

The Tigers will answer with their starting quintet of four seniors and a junior that can produce in the paint, as well as from the perimeter.

Senior posts Shante Taylor (6-6) and Jared Thornhill (6-3) have proved to be a formidable duo underneath, while senior point guard Jamaal Wofford, junior guard Chris McLeod and senior wing Heath Pinkerton have led the onslaught from the outside.

"We have been able to give some teams some match-up problems this year," Birks said. "Whether we'll be able to do that against Hereford is yet to be seen.

"Our two big posts are really good around the basket, and then our perimeter people can shoot or penetrate. We'll need to be able to do all of those things to beat Hereford."

The Tigers and the Whitefaces haven't met since a 1998 bi-district playoff. Hereford won that one in the final seconds, 35-34.

This year's winner will advance to face Fabens (22-8) in the area round.

A Snyder-Fabens match-up would be played Friday at Midland Greenwood.

While the Tigers battle the Whitefaces, the Ira Bulldogs will have their hands full with the Blackwell Hornets.

Ira, the District 11 runner-up, is 12-11 on the year, while District 12 winner Blackwell is 13-5.

The young Bulldogs have played solid defense this season, but have struggled on the offensive end at times, and Coach Bubba Edwards is hopeful his team has the hot hand tonight.

"I really like the way we've played defense all year," said Edwards. "We've been able to press a lot, and force some turnovers. Those turnovers can result in easy layups, and that takes some of the pressure off of your offense.

"We struggled shooting the ball sometimes. That was our downfall in some of our losses. You never know until the game starts if you're going to be on that night, or off. But even if we're not shooting well, we can always rely on our defense."

The Ira-Blackwell winner will face Grandfalls-Royalty in the sectional semifinals Friday at Abilene High School. The Cowboys were a 62-37 winner over Sierra Blanca on Monday.

TIGER QUILT WINNER — Bobbie Anderson was winner of the Tiger quilt in the fundraiser by the Tiger baseball booster club to buy a pitching machine. Chance Rogers drew the winning ticket and the quilt was presented by Salina McGuire, right. Samantha Rogers stands by her brother, Chance. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coliseum hosts Colorado City, Coahoma today

The Coahoma Lady Bulldogs and the Colorado City Lady Wolves square off a 7 o'clock tonight at Scurry County Coliseum in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal contest.

Colorado City enters the tilt with a record of 18-11, while the Lady Bulldogs sport a 23-8 mark.

The winner advances to this weekend's regional tournament where it will face the Canadian-Hale Center winner.

Boys' Little Dribblers

MINOR DIVISION

Wolfpack 22, Trailblazers 10

Wolfpack: Doug Brunson, 12; Jordan Gafford, 6; Josh Sorrells and Kylor Fine, 2. **Trailblazers:** Seth Cotton and T.J. Wright, 4; Dakota Carroll, 2.

Bulls 18, Lakers 14

Bulls: Caleb Harrison, 11; Eric Trammel, 3; Will Stewart and Anthony Taylor, 2. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 12; David Strayhorn, 2.

Grizzlies 33, Kings 11

Grizzlies: Seth Sanchez, 16; Alex Hernandez, 13; Jake Crenwelge, 4. **Kings:** Kaden Seale, 7; Ty Burton and Brandon Lunsford, 2.

Pistons 41, Bulls 9

Pistons: Jared Cave, 16; Gage West, 10; Riley Davis, 6; LaShondrick Richardson, 4; Colby Berrera, 3; Matthew Rios, 2. **Bulls:** Anthony Taylor, 6; Caleb Harrison, 3.

Grizzlies 64 Lakers 16

Grizzlies: Alex Hernandez, 22; Jake Crenwelge and Seth Sanchez, 12; Clint McFatridge and Ernesto Arrellano, 6; Garrett Hale, 2. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 13; Quintin Bass, 2; David Strayhorn, 1.

Knicks 29, Wolfpack 20

Knicks: Rance Dunn, 18; Kelton Garcia, 7; Tye Holley and Gage Welch, 2. **Wolfpack:** Jordan Gafford, 13; Doug Brunson, 5; Zach Ball, 2.

Kings 23, Trailblazers 8

Kings: Ty Burton, 12; Brandon Lunsford and Colton Curry, 4; Kaden Seale, 3. **Trailblazers:** T.J. Wright, 7; Dakota Carroll, 1.

Nuggets 30, Wolfpack 15

Nuggets: Rey Juarez, 12; Bubba Perales, 6; Shade Roemisch, Kasey Young and Steven Juarez, 4. **Wolfpack:** Doug Brunson, 9; Jordan Gafford, 4; Kylor Fine, 2.

Pistons 31, Grizzlies 20

Pistons: Riley Davis, 14; Jared Cave, 8; LaShondrick Richardson, 6; Matthew Rios, 2; Colby Berrera, 1. **Grizzlies:** Seth Sanchez and Alex Hernandez, 8; Jake Crenwelge and Clint McFatridge, 2.

Knicks 23, Kings 15

Knicks: Rance Dunn, 18; Kelton Garcia, 5. **Kings:** Colton Curry and Brandon Lunsford, 4; Kaden Seale, 2; Ty Burton and Jacob Kemp, 1.

MAJOR DIVISION

Blue Devils 44, Spurs 41

Blue Devils: Lance Day, 26; Michael Mann, 8; Austin Calley, 6; Wes Richardson and Daniel Saenz, 2. **Spurs:** Jesse Conner, 17; Chad Franks, 8; Quintin Shafer, 6; Cord Welsh and James Simmons, 4; Jacob Scifres, 2.

Blue Devils 31, Rockets 24

Blue Devils: Lance Day, 17; Michael Mann, 12; Wes Richardson and Kaden Billingsley, 1. **Rockets:** Pete Villa, 13; Travis Hatfield, 6; Brandon Robbins, 5.

Warriors 41, Tarheels 38

Warriors: Corbin Clements, 23; Chase Medina, 11; Colton Brewster, 8. **Tarheels:** Donald Jeffery, 27; Ryan Claxton, 5; Michael Martinez, 4; Josh Ornelas, 2.

T-Wolves 38, Rockets 30

T-Wolves: Brent Bollinger, 21; Jamie Arnold, 11; Cody Reed, 4; Dillon Matthies, 2. **Rockets:** Pete Villa, 18; Travis Hatfield, 6; Terrence Wells, 3; Brandon Robbins, 2; Taylor Groat, 1.

Magic 47, Warriors 21

Magic: Ryan Mitchell, 17; Ricky Sanchez, 12; Cody Burney, 8; Charone Hill and Matt Schoolcraft, 4; Allen Jones, 2. **Warriors:** Corbin Clements, 10; Chase Medina, 9; Colton Brewster, 2.

T-Wolves 39, Tarheels 19

T-Wolves: Brent Bollinger, 14; Jamie Arnold, 13; Dillon Matthies and Cody Reed, 4; Casey Arnold and Tyler Driggers, 2. **Tarheels:** Nolan Grady, Donald Jeffery and Michael Martinez, 4; Ryan Claxton, 3; Craig Robertson and Josh Ornelas, 2.

Raptors 38, Spurs 29

Raptors: Brandon Jones, 17; Brooks Gafford, 16; Joel Rocha, 3; Bryce Westmoreland, 2. **Spurs:** Jesse Conner, 17; Cord Welsh, 4; Chad Franks, Quintin Shafer, Brandon Hagins and Josh Hoover, 2.

Rockets 34, Celtics 25

Rockets: Pete Villas, 16; Travis Hatfield, 6; Tanner Butler, Brandon Robbins and Terrance Wells, 4. **Celtics:** Andy Garvin, 12; Dustin Murdock, 9; J.W. Wesson, 4.

T-Wolves 45, Magic 37

T-Wolves: Brent Bollinger, 21; Jamie Arnold and Tyler Driggers, 10; Dillon Matthies, 3; Casey Arnold, 1. **Magic:** Ricky Sanchez, 9; Charone Hill, 8; Jimmie Schooler and Ryan Mitchell, 6; Matt Schoolcraft and Cody Burney, 4.

Cowboys could split time at training camp

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys reportedly plan to split time in this year's preseason training camp between a site in California and one in Wichita Falls, where they've trained for the past three years.

The change would involve returning to a site near the Cowboys' former home in Thousand Oaks, Calif., according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Two sources told the newspaper in Tuesday's editions that the Cowboys will train at Wichita Falls' Midwestern State University for two weeks, then move to Oxnard, Calif., for two weeks before breaking camp.

A Cowboys spokesman said no announcement was pending, although the team has been considering California along with Wichita Falls and its Valley Ranch headquarters at Irving, Texas as possible training camp sites.

The Oxnard site, located 23 miles from the Cowboys' former Thousand Oaks home, was also the Raiders' former training camp home when the team was in Los Angeles, 64 miles away.

Two football fields and city-owned weight and training room facilities were located at the site, which is next to the Marriott Residence Inn Hotel.

The hotel, which housed the Raiders during camp, is negotiating with the Cowboys but cannot yet confirm any final agreement.

The team has been without a training camp home since a contract with Midwestern State expired last summer. A move initially was favored to South Texas. McAllen and Mission, the hometown of ex-Cowboys coach Tom Landry, had voted to split costs over three years to cover team costs.

But construction delays scuttled a move to the region.

Some Cowboys players and coaches who believe that better training could occur in a cooler environment have quietly supported a move.

The Cowboys had moved training camp to Austin in 1990.

Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man scramble, and entry fee is $80 per team.

The field will be pre-flighted by total handicap, with a five-shot maximum differential between players. Play will begin at 1 p.m. both days. To enter, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Junior golf applications

Junior golfers interested in the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation can pick up membership applications at the Snyder Country Club pro shop.

Rangers' goalie out for season

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Rangers goalie Mike Richter will miss the rest of the season after tearing a knee ligament during a 4-2 victory over Chicago.

An MRI exam revealed a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament of his right knee, an injury that will require reconstructive surgery once the swelling goes down in approximately two weeks.

The 34-year-old veteran, in his 13th NHL season, had reconstructive surgery of his left knee in the offseason to repair a torn ligament sustained last year in the All-Star skills competition. That injury occurred as he tried to make a similar save, hitting his left skate against the post.

Wood agrees to one-year deal

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Kerry Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year award winner, agreed with the Chicago Cubs on a $1.94 million, one-year contract.

The 23-year-old right-hander, who made $690,000 last year, was 8-7 with a 4.03 ERA after missing the entire 1999 season while recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery.

Frenship hoops coach retires

Grady Newton, head boys' basketball coach at Frenship High School since 1989, announced his retirement Monday.

Newton, 47, compiled a 232-154 record at Frenship. His Tigers were 19-14 this season, but finished fourth in District 4-4A behind Lubbock Estacado, Plainview and Snyder.

Prior to his stint at Frenship, Newton coached at Lubbock Monterey from 1983-88 with a record of 125-42.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

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Atlantic Division				
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Miami	32	21	604	7½
New York	30	21	588	8½
Orlando	28	23	549	10½
Boston	24	29	453	15½
New Jersey	18	37	327	22½
Washington	13	40	245	26½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	31	20	608	—
Charlotte	28	26	519	4½
Toronto	27	25	519	4½
Indiana	23	28	451	8
Cleveland	21	30	412	10
Detroit	20	33	377	12
Atlanta	18	35	340	14
Chicago	8	43	157	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	35	16	686	—
San Antonio	35	17	673	½
Dallas	33	20	623	3
Minnesota	32	22	593	4½
Denver	28	26	519	8½
Houston	27	26	509	9
Vancouver	17	36	321	19
Pacific Division				
Portland	37	16	698	—
Sacramento	33	17	660	2½
L.A. Lakers	33	18	647	3
Phoenix	30	21	588	6
Seattle	28	26	519	9½
L.A. Clippers	17	38	309	21
Golden State	15	37	288	21½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 85, Chicago 84
Milwaukee 102, San Antonio 98
L.A. Clippers 111, Detroit 106, OT
Utah 114, Boston 99

Tuesday's Games

Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
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Court turns aside case on endangered species issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court declined Tuesday to reopen the debate over the Endangered Species Act's impact on private landowners.

The court, without comment, turned aside a case testing whether farmers may kill endangered red wolves that stray from a federal refuge.

The case contained a stark ideological and constitutional question — how far does federal control extend — and a political twist as well.

Theodore Olson, President Bush's constitutional lawyer in the Supreme Court case that decided the 2000 election, was the chief lawyer for North Carolina farmers angry over dead livestock.

Olson also was named last week as the Bush administration's solicitor general, or lead Supreme Court lawyer. If Olson was confirmed by the Senate and the justices took the wildlife case, he would have had to quit as the lawyer in this case and then decide whether to argue precisely the opposite side.

The Clinton administration opposed the farmers and argued that the wolves should be left alone. A new administration typically sticks with the positions already on record in pending Supreme Court cases, but some constitutional lawyers say this case might have been an exception.

Clinton administration lawyers hurried to file their legal papers in the case before leaving office last month.

The dispute grew out of the federal government's 1986 decision to reintroduce red wolves to eastern North Carolina.

Predatory wolves were all but eradicated in the eastern United States in the last century. Under the 1973 Endangered Species Act, the government rounded up the last wild red wolves in the mid-1970s and began a captive breeding program.

The law makes it a crime to "take" a threatened or endangered animal without a permit. "Take" is defined as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect," or to attempt any of those things.

On private property, a killing is excused if the animal was immediately threatening human life, or if it was caught in the act of killing livestock.

The red wolf dispute echoes fights over protections for other endangered animals, from cougars to spotted owls to tiny fish. In each case the argument came down to the question of which is more important — the animal or the livelihood, safety or convenience of people living nearby?

The farmers and officials in counties bordering the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge claim that the wolves have ranged far from federal land, killing livestock and threatening people as they go.

Olson cited a 1998 study that suggested that 41 of approximately 75 wolves in the wild lived on private land around the refuge.

Officer's possible connection to burglaries is investigated

McALLEN (AP) — Law officers are working to determine whether a suspended McAllen officer, the son of the acting police chief, had any connection with stolen goods and a small amount of drugs found in his father's truck.

The investigation stems from an accident Feb. 12 in which police found stolen items, $1,300 in cash and a half-gram of cocaine in a truck belonging to McAllen's acting police chief, Capt. Rolando Torres, who is Rodolfo Torres' father.

City Attorney Jim Darling, who is heading up the probe because of the father-son relationship of the chief and his son, said police also are trying to determine the origin of the money.

Rodolfo Torres was arrested Feb. 15 and faces a Class A misdemeanor charge of burglary of a vehicle in an unrelated case. He has been on indefinite suspension following an accident in May involving a patrol car and a house, Darling said.

In Darling's investigation of the drugs and money found in the truck, it was found that the acting chief loaned his vehicle to his son, who in turn lent it to an acquaintance.

The acquaintance, 26-year-old Enrique Munoz, was arrested Feb. 12 after police said he was driving the truck when it ran into the back of an unmarked police car. Munoz later was charged with driving while intoxicated and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Trial to determine responsibility set

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Responsibility for a grisly accident that killed six prisoners being transported through Tennessee in 1997 is scheduled to be hashed out in a federal trial this week.

The inmates died on April 6, 1997 on Interstate 40 in Dickson County after a faulty universal joint caused the drive shaft to fall out of the van that was transporting them, sparking a fire. The prisoners, individually handcuffed and shackled, were in the rear of the van in a locked cage. A fire extinguisher on board was out of reach.

An employee with Federal Extradition Agency Inc. suffered burns on his arms while trying to open the rear door, which melted shut.

Families of the victims are seeking millions of dollars in damages in the wrongful death and negligence lawsuits filed against several parties. Those include Memphis-based FEA; two FEA employees who were transporting the victims; the Ford Motor Co., manufacturer of the 1995 E-150 van; the Memphis Ford dealership that serviced the van just days before the incident; and a Michigan sheriff who permitted one of the men to be extradited.

Killed were Richard Ivan King, 27, of Bowling Green, Ohio; Monty Blake Crain, 36, of Hamilton County, Ohio; John Steven Cannon, 37, of San Antonio, Texas; James V. Catalano, 33, of Washington, Pa.; David Speakman, 33; and Steven Hicks, 40.

In initial court filings, FEA maintained the fire was "an unavoidable accident" for which it can't be held liable. Ford has contended that the van was designed properly. The automaker's lawyers point out the gas tank assembly was redesigned in 1992 to improve safety.

Lawyers for the Oakley-Keesee Ford Dealership in Memphis say in reports on file in Nashville that no one from FEA mentioned concerns about the universal joint when the van was brought in for a routine oil change March 27 and for a fuel pump March 29.

Court records show that the van arrived in Memphis on April 2, 1997. The drivers reported trouble with the universal joint, but instead of getting the van serviced they went back on the road for 24 nearly uninterrupted hours, traveling through Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

About 160 miles northeast of Memphis, vibrations from the joint caused the transmission holding to implode, reported the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Gasoline and transmission fluid caught on fire, and the heat was too intense to get the prisoners out.

The case was on the docket for Wednesday in U.S. District Court.

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Flowers	17.44	17.30	17.39	+ 11
GenDynam	70.94	70.20	70.21	— 38
GenElec s	48.30	47.17	48.20	+ 1.20
GenMills	45.40	43.90	45.23	+ 1.00
GenMotors	55.30	54.00	54.75	+ 63
GaPacGP	30.45	29.99	30.20	+ 40
GlobalMar	30.31	29.72	30.14	+ 39
Goodrich	40.96	40.00	40.51	+ 04
Goodyear s	25.84	25.01	25.46	+ 46
GtAtlPac	11.00	10.95	10.98	+ 09
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Hanson ADS	32.42	32.30	32.30	— 22
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HomeDepot	45.60	44.00	45.09	+ 2.09
Honeywellntl	49.84	48.21	49.67	+ 1.46
IBM	115.60	112.60	112.70	—2.30
IntlPaper	37.74	37.17	37.46	+ 70
JohnsonJn	95.70	94.60	95.61	+ 1.08
K mart	9.25	9.00	9.20	+ 32
Kroger Co	25.00	24.40	25.00	+ 65
LockheedM	37.50	36.20	37.32	+ 1.07
Lowes Cos	59.42	56.70	58.80	+ 2.30
Lubys	7.49	7.28	7.49	+ 28
LucentTech	13.49	12.73	12.74	+ 07
MayDeptStr	39.29	38.10	39.25	+ 1.00
Medtronic	51.35	50.24	50.50	— 55
Motorola s	19.00	18.34	18.34	— 27
NCR Corp	49.01	48.25	48.50	—1.16
Navistar	26.22	25.79	26.09	+ 49
Penney JC	14.70	14.31	14.67	+ 53
PepBoys	5.90	5.70	5.90	+ 15
PepsiCo	48.70	47.42	48.67	+ 1.35
Pharmacia	51.15	50.60	50.83	— 33
PhelpDodge	45.24	44.45	44.75	+ 15
PhilipPet	56.59	55.70	56.42	+ 45
Polaroid	6.38	6.10	6.10	— 05
Praxair	45.37	44.05	45.05	+ 12
ProctGamb	75.60	74.82	75.20	+ 36
PubS NwMx	24.70	24.35	24.70	+ 24
RadioShack	49.30	47.30	47.31	— 68
ReliantEngy	41.81	40.60	41.45	+ 40
RoyalDut	60.70	60.05	60.09	— 56
SBC Comm	48.86	47.40	48.84	+ 1.12
SaraLee	21.65	21.40	21.64	+ 70
Scripps EW	64.35	63.90	63.90	— 21
SearsRoeb	40.78	39.14	40.60	+ 1.47
SherwinW	26.31	26.11	26.19	+ 08
SouthernCo	30.90	30.25	30.90	+ 57
SwstAirl s	20.85	20.50	20.62	+ 13
SprintFON	22.95	22.17	22.86	+ 76
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Sunoco Inc	35.00	34.30	34.91	+ 84
TXU Corp	42.10	41.03	42.10	+ 73
TempleInland	49.30	48.65	48.65	+ 28
Texaco	65.40	64.32	65.23	+ 33
TexInd	28.35	28.11	28.35	— 01
TexasInst s	37.02	36.00	36.00	— 60
Textron	54.75	52.90	54.34	+ 1.25
TnconGlbR	37.84	36.92	37.73	+ 73
TrinityInds	22.85	22.60	22.78	+ 26
TritonEngy	26.91	26.60	26.75	+ 05
TylerTech	1.56	1.40	1.40	— 09
USX Marathn	29.10	28.12	28.61	+ 44
USX-USS	15.50	15.20	15.36	+ 05
UnionPacif	54.62	53.50	54.52	+ 1.22
UnitedTech	79.55	78.79	79.10	+ 85
Unocal	37.56	35.79	37.28	+ 1.28
Veriator Grp	11.90	11.54	11.81	+ 07
VerizonComm	52.56	51.90	52.36	— 16
WalMart	54.20	52.00	53.77	+ 1.41
WellsFargo	50.56	49.10	49.20	— 91
WstnGasRs	27.45	27.20	27.38	+ 11
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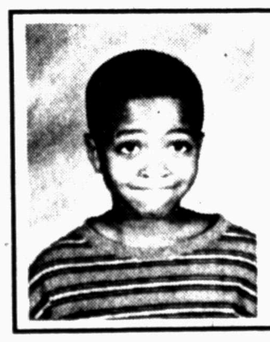

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Director-producer Stanley Kramer dies at 87

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stanley Kramer, producer and director of some of Hollywood's most celebrated "message" films including "High Noon," "The Defiant Ones" and "Judgment at Nuremberg," has died. He was 87.

Kramer, who had been ill with pneumonia, died Monday at the Motion Picture & Television Hospital in Woodland Hills, said his wife, actress Karen Sharpe Kramer.

"This morning he seemed to be doing very well," she said Monday night. "I was getting dressed and coming out to see him. I said, 'I'll be there in an hour and a half,' and he said, 'Fine, I'll just take a nap, then.' And 20 minutes later he was gone."

Kramer's films drew 80 Oscar nominations and 16 victories, including those for Gary Cooper ("High Noon"), Maximilian Schell ("Judgment at Nuremberg") and Katharine Hepburn ("Guess Who's Coming to Dinner").

As producer or producer-director, he was responsible for films dealing with race ("The Defiant Ones," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"), Nazi war crimes ("Judgment at Nuremberg"), fundamentalism vs. modern science ("Inherit the Wind"), nuclear holocaust ("On the Beach") and counterculture ("The Wild Ones," "RPM").

The famous showdown of "High Noon" showed a man of courage standing up to evil while others in his community cowered in the shadows. Kramer's wife of 35 years said such behavior was typical of her husband.

"What epitomized Stanley Kramer as a man and a father and as a filmmaker was that line from 'Judgment at Nuremberg,' which is, 'Let it be known that this is what we believe: In truth, in justice and the value of a single human being," his wife said.

Kramer himself said he didn't want to be typecast as a "message director." Asked once why he took on such films, he replied, "I suppose the best answer is that emotionally I am drawn to these subjects."

But as for changing the world, he said, "If two people came out of a theater in Kansas City, Mo., and one said, 'You know, I never thought of it that way before,' that would satisfy me."

While none of his films won the Oscar for best picture, several were nominated: "High Noon," "The Caine Mutiny," "The Defiant Ones," "Judgment at Nuremberg," "Ship of Fools" and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

Kramer was nominated as best director three times, and in 1962 he was presented with a special Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award for doing consistently high-quality work.

"Stanley Kramer is one of our great filmmakers, not just for the art and passion he put on-screen, but for the impact he has made on the conscience of the world," director Steven Spielberg once said.

New York Times critic Bosley Crowther wrote that not all his more than 30 films were works of art, but that in his career he had compiled "an excellent record of forceful films on vital themes."

"For 30 years he was the conscience of Hollywood," Mark Rydell, director of "On Golden Pond," once said.

"He was a serious director," Gregory Peck, who starred in "On the Beach," once said. "He kept trying. Sometimes he failed, but now and then he hit, and he made a difference."

Kramer put his ideals to work behind the screen, too, hiring blacklisted writers such as Ned Young, who used the pseudonym Nathan E. Douglas and won an Oscar for his work on "The Defiant Ones" and a nomination for "Inherit the Wind."

Not all of Kramer's subject matter was heavy, however.

In "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World" he made a rare foray into comedy — on a grand scale.

The 1963 film about a madcap race for buried treasure ran more than three hours, and the cast included such comic heavyweights as Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Phil Silvers, Buster Keaton, Ethel Merman, Mickey Rooney, Terry-Thomas, Buddy Hackett, Jimmy Durante, Joe E. Brown, Zasu Pitts and Jonathan Winters.

Kramer called it "the happiest experience I had with a film."

Critics sometimes felt the idealism and sheer length of Kramer's films got in the way of art, and in the late '60s, as a younger generation became dominant in Hollywood, the days of the large-scale musicals and message films waned.

Kramer's final film, "The Runner Stumbles," was released in 1979.

The New York City native got into film in the mid-1930s as a researcher, editor and writer. After military service in World War II, he formed an independent production company.

In the early '50s, he produced several films based on famous plays, including "Death of a Salesman" and "The Member of the Wedding." For part of the decade, he was associated with Columbia Pictures. His first film as both producer and director was "Not as a Stranger," 1955.

What's next? Internet civil weddings

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Couples tying the knot in San Mateo County will soon have the option of inviting the world.

After a few test runs on Valentine's Day, officials in the county clerk's office are preparing to offer Internet broadcasts for all civil marriages.

"This is the Silicon Valley," said county clerk Warren Slocum. "We're surrounded by technology, and I'm interested in how technology can better serve people."

Couples will send e-mail invitations to guests, who can then enter a password and watch the ceremony live on their computer screens.

Although the $1,200 wedding Webcam isn't "like going to a movie theater," Slocum said the relatively low picture quality doesn't seem to bother the couples.

So far the Webcasts have been free, but Slocum said future Internet weddings will likely run about $10. A marriage license costs $78, and a civil ceremony is an additional $35.

This isn't the first high-tech project Slocum's office has come up with. It already posts voter registration lists online and is experimenting with Internet voting.

The county first offered Web weddings two years ago, and this year, five couples broadcast their Valentine's Day weddings online.

"If you wanted to invite your family from Texas, they could join you in cyberspace," Slocum said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man asked to prove his love is warned by readers to flee

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "On the Spot in Florida," whose girlfriend announced her requirements for an engagement ring. You said it showed she was more interested in what she could get than in the man.

That may be so; however, I have two daughters, and I told them early on that when they received a marriage proposal to inform their suitor their mother would not give her approval unless they received at least a 1-carat diamond engagement ring.

My reason was not to teach my girls to focus on the ring, but on the willingness of the suitor to sacrifice in order to buy the ring, his willingness to strive toward a goal for the one he loves. Let's face it, if the man couldn't come up with a way to provide such a ring prior to marriage, how could he be counted on to provide the necessities once they have children? — **MOTHER IN HAMPTON, GA.**

DEAR MOTHER: Your take on this was in the distinct minority. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "On the Spot" should run, run, RUN and never look back. He's the current joke with his "girlfriend" and her friends. She wants to see how many hoops she can make him jump through in the "relationship game." I know. It's a game my girlfriends and I all played. The common strategy: Make demands early in the relationship when a guy's emotions are running high, and you're likely to get whatever you ask for.

OK, "On the Spot": You have now been tipped off by a pro. I hope you'll see you're being played before you make a financial investment. The emotional investment you have already made will hurt you and affect your future relationships.

I no longer play the "game," and I wish I never had. — **GUILTY IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR GUILTY: If confession is good for the soul, I hope yours will also help that naive young man see the truth about his "Sweetie." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That piece of 32-year-old "eye candy" won't be that way in another 15 years, but she'll still be a gold digger. She's not in love with him; she's in love with being beautiful and what it can bring her. Let someone else be the high bidder, then she'll be his problem, not yours. There are plenty of women out there who would appreciate a fine man, regardless of the size and shape of the diamond. Run, fella, run — and count your blessings that you found out early about her. — **STEVE IN TUCSON, ARIZ.**

DEAR STEVE: Spoken like a man who had a narrow escape of his own. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Tell "On the Spot" to watch out for the words "prove your love." When a man says that, it usually means he requires sex from a woman before he'll propose. Then he will disappear into the night, and she's left sans proposal.

With a woman, it can mean something different. I'll lay dollars to doughnuts that "lady-love" will accept the proposal and the ring, and then five days later break the engagement and refuse to return the ring. The alternative is even worse — he could marry her.

Please tell him there are easier ways to get from being "On the Spot" to "Sadder but Wiser." He should drop her immediately. She's poison. — **A WOMAN WHO'S SEEN TOO MUCH, PINE BUSH, N.Y.**

DEAR SEEN TOO MUCH: Thanks for adding to the chorus. If "On the Spot" isn't warned by now, there's no hope for him. Thanks to all of you readers who took time to write such heartfelt letters.

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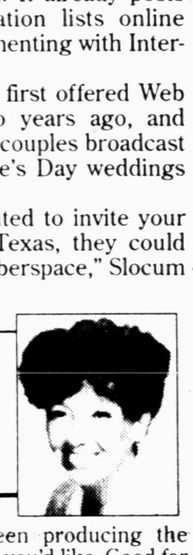
By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001

Surprisingly, you could find yourself in extremely more active times commercially, socially and where travel is concerned. It should be an interesting year for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Success in your endeavors is inevitable today, because you'll effectively blend your logic with your intuitive perceptions. Combined, they'll make for a dynamic combination. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you could be placed in the position of choosing between furthering your own interests or the interests of a friend. I'll take bets you'll help out your pal and put your needs aside.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Because you and a friend will be trying to protect the other's interests, things will work out better than anyone thought.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who has had only half-hearted interest in an endeavor of yours could, without warning today, give you total support. Take advantage of this shift in conditions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could surprise yourself today and find the courage to make the necessary changes in a situation that hasn't been producing the types of results you'd like. Good for you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should you find that your cohort in a partnership arrangement is a bit more imaginative than you are, don't let ego interfere with letting him or her take the lead. It'll benefit both of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) To your credit today, you'll be the first one to jump in and help out with a project in which another family member is involved. Interestingly, you'll be the one who gains the most out of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When dealing with people you truly love, let compassion override practicality today. It's one of those days when it is wiser to let your heart rule your head.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A unique circumstance could be screening a sizable material opportunity, but if you let events take their own course today, the fog will lift enough for you to see your chances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Go out of your way today to praise those who truly warrant acclaim. Gracious comments will have a bigger-than-usual impact on the recipient and on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) As the game of life unfolds today, you could discover you're holding some trump cards you didn't know you had. Wait for the right moment to play them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your loyalty to friends will be among your more noble attributes today. Friends will not readily forget your true-blue qualities.

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Johnny Cash hospitalized with pneumonia

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Cash, hospitalized with pneumonia, has been upgraded from serious to satisfactory condition.

Cash, 68, was admitted to Baptist Hospital Feb. 11 after flying in from his winter home in Jamaica.

"He is improving," hospital spokeswoman Debby Koch said Monday.

The country singer has autonomic neuropathy, a disease of the nervous system that makes him susceptible to pneumonia.

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Highlights Monday from Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The parents of James Byrd Jr., a black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in East Texas, urged lawmakers Monday to toughen the state's hate crime law.

Stella Byrd, Byrd's mother, said she hopes to one day tell her great-grandchild that the child's grandfather's death was not in vain.

If Texas lawmakers pass the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, named for him, she will be able to do that, she said.

"I'll have something good to explain with what happened with this bill and maybe that will help her grow stronger," Stella Byrd told the House Judicial Affairs Committee. The committe later approved the bill 7-2.

The proposed legislation would toughen penalties for crimes directed against minorities, gays, women and other groups. A similar bill was passed by a Senate committee.

Three white supremacists were convicted of capital murder in Byrd's 1998 death. Two are awaiting execution. The third is serving life in prison.

DNA BILL MOVES FORWARD

Inmates would have greater access to DNA testing that could free them from prison under a bill passed by the Texas Senate.

It now awaits action in the Texas House.

One senator worried that defendants might use the law as an "endless avenue of appeal," not necessarily to prove their innocence.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, the bill's sponsor, tried to allay fellow senators' worries, saying he would work to address their questions as the measure moves through the Legislature.

OTHER SENATE BILLS

The Senate passed a bill requiring counties to enter information on court protective orders into a state database within 10 days after the order is received. The bill by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, is aimed at increasing protection for domestic violence victims and law officers.

The Senate also passed a bill by Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, directing the Texas Department of Health to develop a state plan for the prevention and treatment of Hepatitis C.

An estimated 350,000 Texans are infected with the virus.

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS

A bill filed by Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, that would require an intermediate license for 16- and 17-year-old drivers was left pending in the House Public Safety Committee.

Lawmakers wanted to study new language in the bill before voting.

The plan would require at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night. Also, teenagers would not be allowed to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21. No passengers under age 21 would be able to ride with a teenage driver.

Parents of teen-agers killed in auto accidents offered emotional testimony before the committee.

Teresa Spene of Austin lost her 15-year-old daughter Jenna in a car accident last May. Her 16-year-old friend was the driver.

"If this law had been in effect then, she would have not been in the car that morning," Spene said. "Please support this bill in the name of all who have died as a result of an inexperienced driver."

SEX OFFENDER REPORTING

The House Public Safety Committee unanimously approved a bill that would require convicted sex offenders to report any health or employment changes to the state. Currently, such changes are only required to be reported by offenders on parole and must be reported by the parole officers, not the offender. The bill was filed by Rep. George "Buddy" West, R-Odessa. It moves to the full House.

LONGHORN PIPELINE

Local communities would have the right to demand accountability and proof that drinking water and public health would not be adversely affected by natural gas pipelines under a proposal by a group of lawmakers.

Reps. Ann Kitchen, D-Austin; Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville; Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; and Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs, are co-sponsoring the proposed legislation.

NUTTY LEGISLATION

The Senate approved a resolution designating the pecan as the "Official State Health Nut of Texas" because of its nutritional value.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"This is a no brainer. 'Duh!' as the kids say. Why is this not a law? I've been asking myself that for the past six years." — Pamela Hearn, PTA of Texas president, who has been lobbying for years for a graduated drivers license program.

Warner Bros. and Coke ink 'Potter' deal

NEW YORK (AP) — You wanna be cool, muggles? Drink Coke.

Warner Bros. has picked the Coca-Cola Co. as its sole promotional partner for the upcoming movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the soft drink giant and studio announced Tuesday.

The deal will put $150 million of Coke marketing muscle behind the film as part of a global campaign tied to the movie's Nov. 16 U.S. release.

"It was tremendously important that we create a partnership that would have the ability to globally support the power and magic of Harry Potter," said Brad Ball, president of domestic marketing at Warner Bros. Pictures.

The ad campaign will include the placement of Harry Potter-related images on Coca-Cola, Minute Maid and Hi-C packaging. It won't, however, extend to product placement in the movie or images of Harry drinking Coke.

The campaign also will abandon common promotional gimmicks for movies geared to children, such as sweepstakes and giveaways through fast-food chains. Instead, literacy will be stressed.

"The key to our plan will be about relationships, local communities, connecting with people one-on-one and looking at the things we traditionally do in a whole new way." said Tom Long, Coca-Cola division president for Great Britain and Ireland.

The film, based on the first of author J.K. Rowling's best-selling children's novels, stars 11-year-old Daniel Radcliffe as the child wizard and Richard Harris as his mentor, Professor Dumbledore.

In the story, Harry discovers he is among a select group of wizards when he is invited to a world kept secret from non-magical people, known derisively as muggles.

http://www.coke.com
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Journalist killed

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Gunmen shot a journalist and another civilian to death in the latest violence in Indonesia's Aceh province, aid workers said Monday.

Khairuddin, a human rights worker, said local reporter Oz Rusli Radja was shot to death on Sunday along with a public transport worker in eastern Aceh.

Radja worked for the Pena Lestari weekly news magazine, based in the city of Medan, in North Sumatra province.

Elderly wife dies while searching for her husband

NEW YORK (AP) — An 85-year-old woman who had been searching for her 87-year-old deaf husband died shortly after she was found curled in a fetal position with her face in a parking lot puddle, police said Monday.

Authorities said they believe Angelina Mafredimi, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, died of natural causes. It has been cold and windy in New York the past several days. The medical examiner's office was investigating.

Her husband, Giovanni, was found Monday afternoon at a bus stop near a shopping center he frequented and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Police said Giovanni Mafredimi left home four days earlier without saying where he was going, although it was not uncommon for him to disappear for days at a time.

This time, however, his wife decided to look for him. On Sunday night, she walked through several neighborhoods before ending up at the parking lot about 30 blocks from her home, police said. A passerby found her Monday morning and she was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Berry's World

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Be honest with next of kin

DEAR DR. GOTT: When a patient is close to death, does a doctor have an obligation to inform the patient or next of kin, or should the physician do nothing?

DEAR READER: Imminent death is a stressful situation for both patient and family, but physicians can certainly ameliorate the pain and suffering — and, in my opinion, they have an obligation to do so.

To begin with, a terminal patient should be kept as comfortable as possible. It's important that family members be assured that their loved one will die with minimal suffering. Thus, the doctor has an ideal opportunity to discuss the prognosis candidly but gently during this meeting with the next of kin. How the healer spells out the bad news is a delicate and highly individual decision. Families usually welcome such a discussion, because it helps them to begin the uncomfortable but necessary procedure of closure.

The issue of telling the patient grave news is more disquieting. Some terminally ill patients ask whether they're going to die and, in my view, such a direct question should be answered forthrightly and diplomatically. Often patients don't ask, however. In these instances, most physicians skirt the issue, remain supportive and wait for the patient to initiate the discussion. But again, there is wide variation in doctors' attitudes and styles; what works for one practitioner in a situation may not work for another. The sensitive and caring healer must do what is best for the patient. In my experience, involving the family in the decisions is paramount. The bottom line? Honesty is the best policy, but timing and style are important, too.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an 18-year-old distance runner who weighs 98 pounds and hasn't menstruated in more then a year. What can I do to get my period normally?

DEAR READER: You are probably experiencing athlete's amenorrhea, menstrual irregularities in well-trained women. When combined with disordered eating and osteoporosis, it is called the female athlete triad. Although the cause of this common syndrome is not completely understood, it appears to be related to hormone imbalances brought about by regular, strenuous physical exertion. Contributing factors include lean physique, psychological stress, fad diets and eating disorders.

Once a woman with female athlete triad discontinues training (or trains less vigorously), the syndrome reverses, menstruation begins and fertility is not impaired.

Sports physicians' primary concern is the osteoporosis, from which the athletes may never recover; hence, they eventually enter menopause with a low bone mass and experience more profound osteoporosis as a result. Many experts advise well-trained sportswomen with amenorrhea to consider hormone replacement therapy if they are unable or unwilling to modify their exercise programs.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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: Is it true that 2 tablespoons of vinegar and one teaspoon of honey taken twice a day will help arthritis and clean the veins of cholesterol?

DEAR READER: Alas, no. Neither vinegar nor honey will help the pain and stiffness of arthritis or reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood. (Incidentally, it's the build-up of cholesterol deposits in arteries, not veins, that causes problems.)

There are many medicines available with or without a prescription to relieve the symptoms of arthritis. Two of the most promising are Vioxx and Celebrex. Diet and the vitamin niacin are the standard non-prescription remedies for lowering cholesterol.

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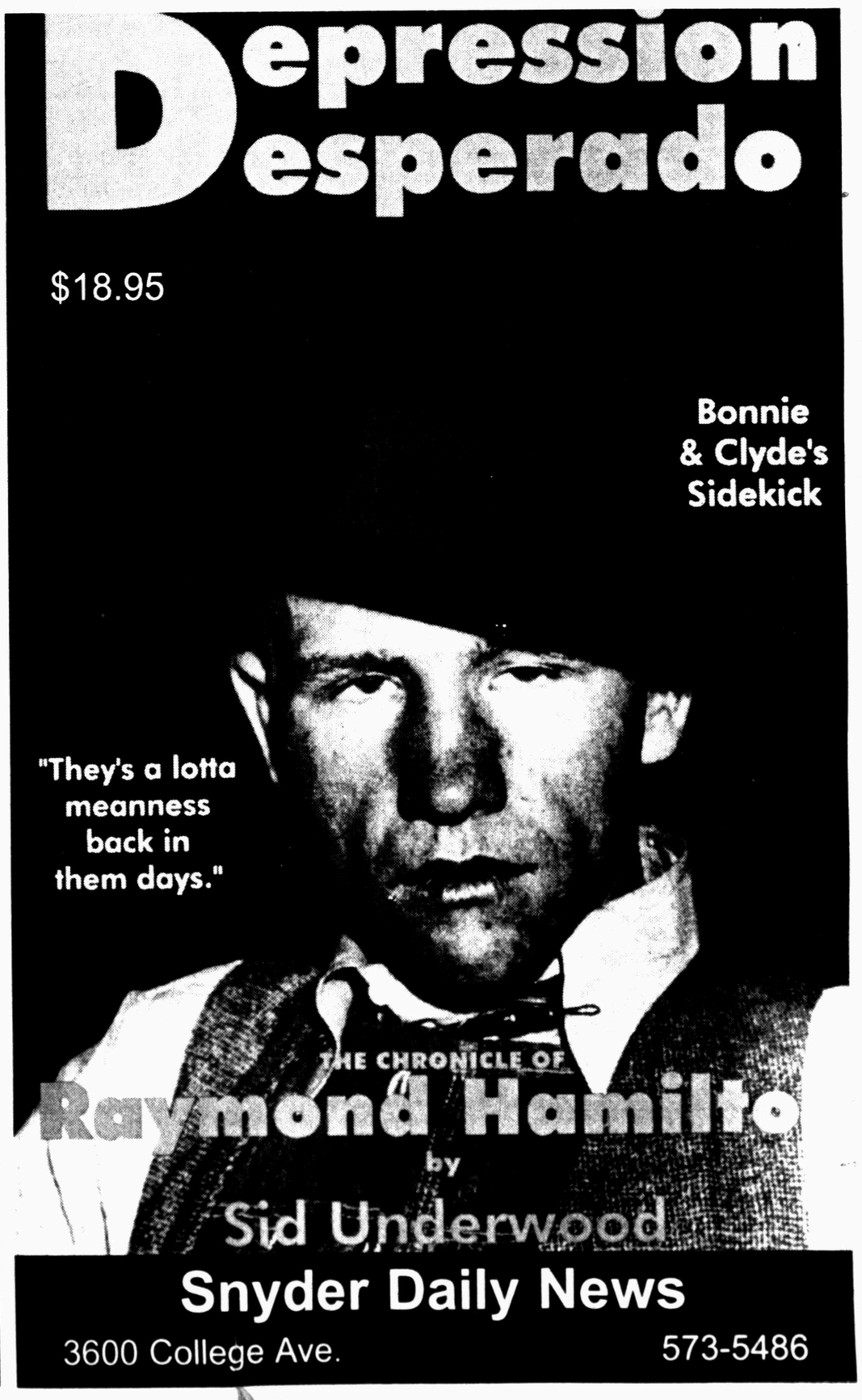

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FBI agent arrested for spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI agent reportedly assigned to spy on Russian government outposts in the United States was arrested and accused of conducting espionage for Moscow, the FBI said Tuesday. The White House said the allegations were disturbing.

Robert Philip Hanssen, 56 and father of six, is only the third FBI agent ever accused of spying. He was arrested at his home in Vienna, Va., Sunday night and was to be arraigned Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va.

Hanssen, dressed in casual clothes, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa Carroll Buchanan in Alexandria, Va., and heard a reading of the charges against him. His spying began in October 1985, prosecutors contend, and continued until his arrest.

He was accused of conspiring to transmit secret material to the Soviet Union and Russia; passing classified documents to agents for the KGB on March 20, 1989, with the intent of harming the United States; and of identifying to the KGB three Russian intelligence agents who were working for the United States.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Bellows said Hanssen could face the death penalty if convicted and could be fined up to $2.8 million — twice his alleged personal gain from the activities of which he is accused.

FBI Director Louis Freeh, Attorney General John Ashcroft and CIA Director George Tenet scheduled an early afternoon news conference to discuss the arrest. Underscoring the gravity of the case, former FBI and CIA Director William Webster will lead a blue-ribbon panel that will assess the impact of the alleged espionage, according to an FBI source.

As President Bush flew from Washington to Columbus, Ohio, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters: "The president is troubled by the allegations. They are disturbing." He said Bush had been told of the case before Hanssen was arrested.

Hanssen was assigned to FBI headquarters in Washington, and had been an FBI agent for about 27 years. He spent most of his career in counterintelligence, spying on Russian government outposts in the United States, said the source, speaking only on condition of anonymity. He has been assigned to the State Department.

Hanssen was arrested shortly after FBI agents saw him deposit a package of classified information at a "dead drop" in a Virginia park, said another source, also speaking on condition on anonymity. He had been under surveillance for about four months.

Among secrets allegedly disclosed by Hanssen included U.S. methods for conducting electronic surveillance. He also may have confirmed for the Russians information originally supplied to them by convicted CIA spy Aldrich Ames.

FBI officials are still assessing the damage of Hanssen disclosures, but one source said the information he released has caused extreme damage to U.S. security.

Bush seeks public support for tax cuts and education

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — President Bush hits the road to build public support for his tax-cut plan and education reform package today, pledging $5 billion over five years to promote reading.

At a half-hour round-table discussion with educators and parents at a Columbus elementary school, Bush forcefully promoted his accountability and testing proposals, dismissing critics in the "no-testing crowd."

To detractors who say that some school testing is racist, Bush said "what's racist is not testing," equating that with "giving up on kids."

The president openly was hunting for congressional support in the appearance for his key proposals. At the round-table with him and his wife, Laura, was Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Ohio. Midway through his pitch, Bush said to Tiberi, "Are you with me, Pat? I'm not putting any pressure on you."

When Tiberi echoed Bush's "recipe for success," Bush said "that means yes."

Bush defended his school voucher plan as a critical "consequence" for chronically failing schools. "At some point in time, there has to be a final moment" where parents have more options for their children.

Bush was promising to ask Congress for $900 million for reading funds in fiscal year 2002,.

Search for missing helicopter, couple continues in state

AMARILLO (AP) — The Civil Air Patrol searched for a fourth day Monday for a helicopter crash site that could look much like someone's scattered litter from 500 feet in the air, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper said Monday.

The Robinson R-22 helicopter that Melvin "Gene" Webb and his wife, Bobbie Sue, were flying only weighed 1,300 pounds, DPS Trooper Wayne Beighle said.

"When you take something that small and it hits the ground, it is going to be very hard to spot," he said. "It could look like someone's trash that fell over and blew away."

That's why the CAP, the DPS and sheriffs' offices from throughout the Panhandle are checking out every feasible tip they receive. When they can't tell what something is from the air, they send in the ground troops.

On Monday, about 50 people were searching by air and another 50 on the ground for the elderly couple, who had flown to the small Panhandle town of Gruver to watch their granddaughter's "Little Dribblers" game Thursday night. The couple took off from Gruver about 9:30 p.m. Thursday to head back to Canyon, a town about 30 minutes south of Amarillo, and haven't been heard from since.

"We're really optimistic that we might get something accomplished today, but we are realistic that we might not find them," Beighle said. "We're going to do everything we can to find them, but we can't keep up at this pace forever."

The search for the couple has been expanded as far south as Happy.

Obituaries

Dorene Pender

1922-2001

Dorene Pender, a nurse anesthetist, died Sunday, Feb. 18, at her home in Hermleigh.

A memorial service for Mrs. Pender, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Elvin Powell, brother of Mrs. Pender, and Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Cremation is planned.

Born Jan. 7, 1922 in Freeport, she married Victor Gale on May 22, 1946. She married Bob Pender on Sept. 28, 1949. Both preceded her in death.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Vivian and William Herbert Powell; a sister, Mary Vivian Powell; a daughter, Veta Rose Pender; and a granddaughter, Robin Early Pender.

Mrs. Pender served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and later worked as a nurse anesthetist for 18 years in area hospitals. She also served as director of nurses at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Vivian and James Rinehart of Hermleigh and Vicki and Bill Adams of Abilene; a brother and sister-in-law, Elvin and Ivah Powell of Clute; four grandchildren, James Adams and his wife, Holli, of Abilene, Aimee Clamann of Austin, Charles Sweatt and his wife, Rebecca, of Austin, and Shae Rinehart of Hermleigh; three great-grandchildren, Stormy Adams and Hailee Adams, both of Abilene, and Thane Clamann of Austin.

Family will receive friends at the Rinehart home in Hermleigh.

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W.D. Breed

1918-2001

MONAHANS – W.D. Breed, the brother of Patsy Floyd of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 17, in Seton Northwest Hospital in Austin.

Graveside service for Mr. Breed, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Monahans Memorial Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home of Austin.

Born March 12, 1918 in Hennepin, Okla., he was a longtime resident of Monahans and Midland. He was in the oilfield business and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Monahans and a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janie of the home; a son, Bob Breed of Monahans; a daughter, Linda Sligh of Austin; two other sisters, Lela LeBlanc of San Jose, Calif. and Sue Johnson of Levelland; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Connie Prado

1929-2001

BIG SPRING – Consuelo "Connie" Prado, the mother of Martha Noyola of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 18, at her home in the Lomax community following a long illness.

Vigil service for Mrs. Prado, 71, is set for 7:30 this evening at the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born July 28, 1929 in La Feria, she married Manuel Prado in 1950 in Le Feria. A resident of the Lomax community for 35 years, she was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors also include her husband, Manuel Prado of Lomax; four sons, Mario Prado Jr. of La Feria, Mario Prado of Corpus Christi, Jorge Prado of Lomax and Carlos Prado of Odessa; five brothers, Alfredo Fernandez of La Feria, Samuel Fernandez of Houston, Santiago Fernandez of Harlingen, Roberto Fernandez of Austin and Rodolfo Fernandez of Solena Beach, Calif.; six sisters, Carmen Lozano of Round Rock, Berta Alvarez of Austin, Beatrice Archibeque of Bryan, Celia Escobedo of Rockport, Margarita Dominquez of Taylor and Josephina Castillo of Copperas Cove; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Female arrested on misdemeanor theft

Arrests

Deputies arrested an 18-year-old female at 2:46 p.m. Monday on a misdemeanor warrant for theft. The woman was taken into custody in the 1500 block of 23rd Street.

DPS troopers arrested a 27-year-old male at 10:35 p.m. Monday on Highway 84 near the FM 1611 intersection on an outstanding misdemeanor theft warrant from Arlington.

Thefts

A deputy was requested at the Hermleigh schools at 7:45 a.m. Monday in reference to someone taking diesel fuel. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

At 5 a.m. today, an officer was requested at the Plaza Truck Stop in reference to a person not paying for $20 worth of gas.

Reckless drivers

Officers received complaints about persons driving recklessly at 12:26 p.m. Monday in the 42nd block of Austin Avenue, and at 6:42 p.m. eastbound on 25th Street.

Criminal mischief

David Henderson requested to speak to an officer at 4:23 p.m. Monday as someone had thrown a metal object through the back window of his vehicle while it was at 4400 Ave. U.

Fire report

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a grass fire at 12:55 p.m. Monday on the Fuller lease about 9½ miles north of town on Highway 208.

The fire burned about two acres of grassland.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street, is conducting a revival through Wednesday with Dr. Clyde Spann as evangelist. Special music will be provided at all services that begin at 7 p.m. Call 573-8846 for more information.

West Elementary yearbooks

Orders for West Elementary annuals are being taken through Friday. Cost is $7 each and must be pre-paid. No extras will be ordered.

East Elementary reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night from 6-7:30 this evening. Pizza will be served and all parents are encouraged to attend. Childcare is provided.

Snyder Wheels meeting

Snyder Wheels will meet this evening at 6:30 at Jaramillo's for a Dutch treat supper. Anyone interested in the club is invited.

CPR heartsaver course

A CPR heartsaver course will be taught at Western Texas College Wednesday. The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. and the cost is $35. Call 573-8511, ext. 350 for additional information.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Echilada dinner

Ira First Baptist youth set an enchilada dinner at noon Sunday in the fellowship hall. $5 for adults, $3.50, 12 and under; and $20 for a family. Proceeds will benefit summer camp and youth trips

C.H.I.P signup

Parents of children without health insurance are encouraged to investigate the Children's Health Insurance Program between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Thursday at the community room at Texas Savings Bank.

Relay for Life

A team captain meeting for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall. All team captains and anyone wishing to form a team are encouraged to attend.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

GED testing dates

Testing date this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ira class group pictures

Envelopes are due back at the Ira school Friday to order a 5x7 class picture for $7. Parents who wish to see a copy of the pictures may go to the school and see Mrs. Hudgins for grades 6-12, or the classroom teacher for grades K-5.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Dee Wilson reception

Gateway Family Services board of directors invites the public to a reception honoring executive director Dee Wilson from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Wilson is moving to Abilene March 1 to be the executive director of Noah Project Inc.

Substance abuse class

Western Texas College will conduct a class on understanding substance abuse, beginning March 1 and ending April 26. The deadline to register is Monday. Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays and the cost is $40. Call 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve a space.

Kiwanis pancake day

The annual Kiwanis pancake feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, at the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4 per person and children under six can eat free, if accompanied by their parents. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served. Proceeds go to local children's projects and there will be a drawing for a color TV.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

SHS '91 class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 reunion is set for July 20-21. Addresses are being sought for classmates. Send information to Robbie Braziel at 2303 Ave. H, or 573-6632; Melissa Jones at 1045 CR 132 or call 574-8005.