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Home of Ashley Owen

One-act play captures zone

SHS to compete in district competition Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium

Snyder High School one-act players are bound for the district 4A contest. Their staging of William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* was one of two winning plays in 4A South Zone competition held Thursday at Worsham Auditorium.

Snyder also picked up five acting awards including best actor for Brandon McCraw. Hayli Henderson was named to the all-star cast, and Bobby Sands, Kelli Henderson, and Mark Haines received honorable mention all-star recognition.

The judge, John Evarts of Denton, complimented all four schools that competed, adding that he was impressed with Snyder's "marvelous" performance because Shakespeare is hard to perform.

Evarts also said Snyder gave a very strong performance and noted that the students were a mature ensemble who performed well as a group.

Drama director Brad Vincent said, "We are excited to have the opportunity to carry on Snyder's tradition. This was their best performance."

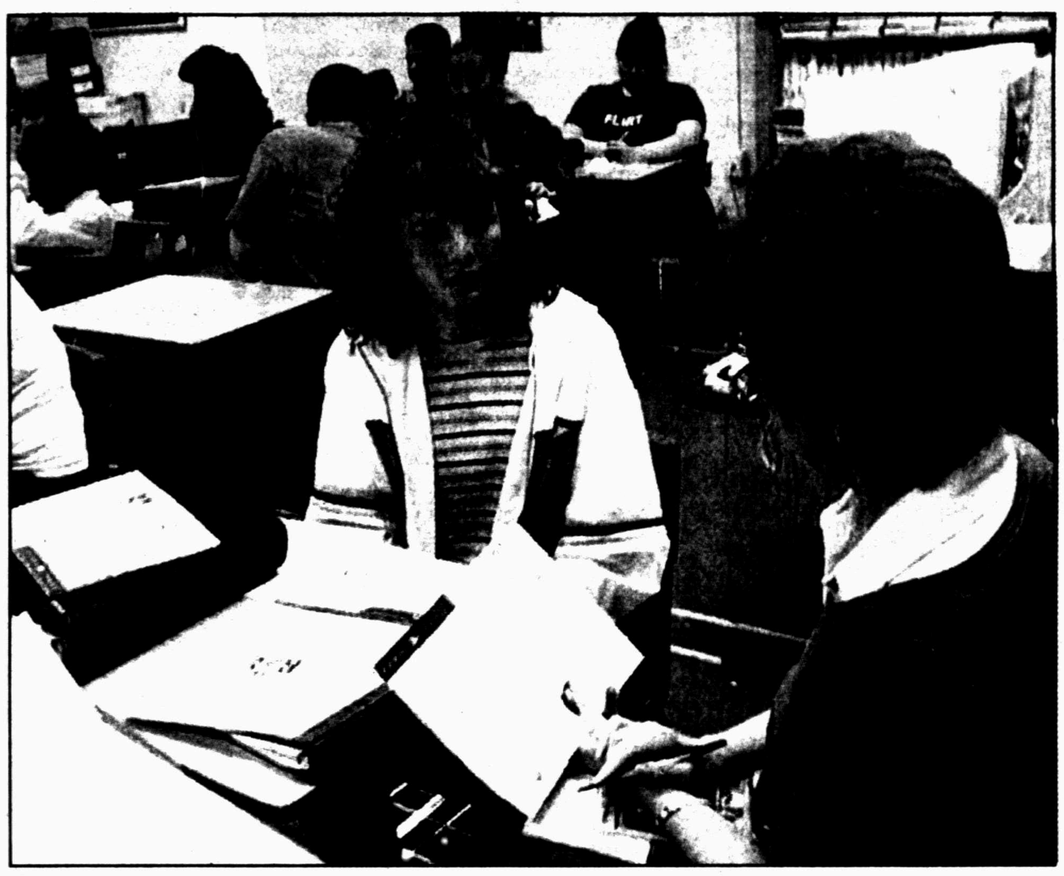
While winning "feels good" he said the best part was the "kids giving a good show for the home crowd. It was exciting to have so many Snyder folks in the crowd."

SHS will host the district 4A contest Tuesday, with Snyder performing at 5 p.m., followed by Levelland at 6 p.m. Big Spring will take to the stage at 3 p.m., followed by Plainview at 4 p.m.

The judge will be C. Lee Turner of Prairie View A&M.

Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

Also advancing to district is Big Spring's *What I Did Last Summer*. Andrew's *Our Country's Good* was named alternate.



REGIONAL BEE BOUND — 8th grader Paige Anderson and Virginia Trevey, Snyder Junior High School spelling bee coordinator, practice words Paige may be asked to spell at regional spelling bee competition Saturday at McInturff Center at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Paige, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, placed first in the county bee. She had finished third in the junior high bee, and then advanced to the county bee when Patrick Vantine, first place winner, could not compete. Also competing in the county bee was the junior high's second place winner, Megan Crisp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

AWARD WINNERS — Brandon McCraw, standing, was named best actor and Bobby Sands. received honorable mention honors in one-act play competition here Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A miracle drug is one that you can afford."

Tuesday was the official first day of spring. It's hard not to get excited about the terrific weather – even if there are a few sneezes from the healthy weeds and fragrant flowers that are so noticeable early each morning.

And spring means lots of things happening as the school year begins to wind down.

The one-act play season is underway. Hermleigh advanced to district after winning the zone competition. At zone, **Janet Eckert** won best actress.

Snyder's one-act play also advanced to district Tuesday and **Brandon McCraw** was chosen best actor in zone competition yesterday.

At Ira, basketball honors were announced with **Morgan Clements** being named all-state. **Celeigh Sterling** was named to the all-region squad. **Tara Allen** and **Kristen Harless** were all-district and **Michelle Nettles** earned honorable mention honors.

For the Bulldogs, all-district hoops picks were **Nathan Smith, Bryce Wilkins** and **Eric Dickerhoff. Seth Sterling** and **Todd Wall** were honorable mention.

Two Snyder Little Dribbler All-Star teams are in action this weekend. The Junior All-Stars are competing at Levelland while the Major All-Stars are in the regional tournament in Plainview.

And the WTC Westerners got the spring rodeo season off to a good start with a championship trophy for the women. WTC is in action in Odessa this weekend, and then will host the collegiate rodeo here April 5-7.

Baseball action tonight includes Ira taking on Cross Plains in Abilene. Meanwhile the undefeated Snyder Tigers host the undefeated Frenship Tigers at Moffett Field. Both teams are 3-0 in District 4-4A play.

And the Lady Tigers softball squad, 4-1 in conference play, travels to Lubbock today to take on Estacado.

In other weekend sports action, Snyder netters are in Odessa while the track team is competing in San Angelo. Snyder varsity girls golf team is at Big Spring.

Go get 'em Paige!

Best wishes to Snyder Junior High 8th grader **Paige Anderson** who will represent Scurry County Saturday in the South Plains Spelling Bee in Lubbock.

Enjoy the weekend and the weather!

At 6:30 tonight...

Volunteers to be recognized at Senior Center banquet

The Senior Citizens Center's annual awards banquet begins at 6:30 this evening. Volunteers, including the Top 15, will be recognized.

Total volunteer hours from March 1, 2000 to Feb. 28 are 44,918.

Special recognition will be given to Dr. Harry Krenek and his wife, Marsha. Krenek is retiring as president of Western Texas College and Marsha was instrumental in getting the Senior Center organized.

Entertainment will be provided by Ross Preston's Bluff Creek Edition,

Carla Thompson, center director, will welcome everyone and recognize special guests. Olin Bunch will give the invocation.

Bernhard Bartels will present the Star Awards. Activities director Pamela Fenton and staff will present volunteer awards and pins.

Valerie Drum and staff will present the Top 15 volunteers.

Door prizes will also be given.

Tonight's meal will consist of chicken kiev, baked corn, buttered baby carrots, cauliflower salad, strawberry shortcake and dinner rolls.

Hermleigh ISD fails to advance in its one-act play competition

Hermleigh High School did not advance from Thursday's district one-act play competition at Dawson High School, but three students received individual honors.

Sheena Callaway was named to the all-star cast and Chris Bilberry and Janet Eckert received honorable mention all star cast.

Borden County and Highland both advanced.

SISD to conduct credit by exams

Snyder Independent School district will hold credit by exam testing June 26-28, and July 2-3 and 5.

The registration deadline for this program is April 12.

The state's education code and new state board rules require that any student be granted the opportunity to take an examination to be accelerated to a higher grade level, or to receive credit for a course that he or she has not taken in school.

The school district will give a student in the primary grade levels credit for a grade level, and advance the student one grade on the basis of a board-approved examination if the student scores in the 90th percentile or above in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; a district representative recommends that the student be advanced; and the student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the advancement.

A student in grades 6-12 must be given credit for an academic subject in which the student has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent on a criterion-referenced test for the applicable course.

Interested parties should contact Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent, at 573-5401.

Contractor with bomber training plans Snyder visit

The contracting company that will operate the flight-training program for the U.S. Air Force will have personnel in Snyder April 7-9 to look over the community.

"The Air Force will also have people here that weekend in what is described as a fact-finding trip," said John DeLille, DCOS executive director.

While representatives of AHNTECH (the contracting company) and the Air Force are in the community, the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the DCOS will serve as co-hosts, DeLille said.

The announcement of the visit was made during Thursday afternoon's DCOS meeting.

In action items, the board approved the payment of bills and the monthly financial statements.

In discussing the financial statements, DeLille said the DCOS income from sales tax revenue could be short some $17,000 to $20,000 due to the fact there is a possibility the city may have to refund some $70,000 in sales tax refunds to the state.

DeLille said a local business had challenged the amount of sales tax it had paid, and the business had apparently won the challenge,

The only source of revenue for the DCOS is from state sales tax refunds funneled through the city.

"If this comes to pass, we'll just have to watch our expenditures even more closely," DeLille noted.

Board president Gary Landes presided and all board members were in attendance to include Mike McWilliams, David Cotton, Mark Cypert and Larry Anderson.

Power woes to be investigated

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Lawmakers want to determine whether utility companies manipulated the market and drove up natural gas prices to almost six times the national average, adding to California's energy problems.

Lawsuits filed this week by Long Beach and Los Angeles accuse several utility companies of meeting in a Phoenix hotel in 1996 and deciding to block construction of gas pipelines that could have helped the state avoid its power crisis. The companies deny any collusion.

Assemblymar Darrell Steinberg, of the Energy Oversight Subcommittee, said his panel meets today to discuss why natural gas prices are so much higher in California than in other states.

ASK US

Q—What is the name of the movie rental store being built at 30th and College Ave.?
A—The Movie Gallery.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 74 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Friday, 49; no precipitation; total for 2001, 4.23 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low, mid 40s, E wind 5-15 mph, becoming NE 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high around 60, NE wind 10-20 mph.

Alicia Chaidez
Cloudy

Sunset: 6:58 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Of 81 days in 2001, the sun has shone 72 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Enthusiasm is self-confidence in action!
—Franklin Field

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Mir Space Station falls into South Pacific

NADI, Fiji (AP) — The Mir space station finished its 15-year voyage today in a shower of fireballs, its wreckage streaking through the atmosphere and plunging into a watery grave in the South Pacific.

On the other side of the globe, Russian controllers shook hands and congratulated each other on the successful demise of the space station that had been the glory of their space program. Russian and Australian officials said the downing of the aging Mir went perfectly, hitting within an ocean target area hundreds of miles from any land.

"The event is over and no one is crying," said Yuri Koptev at Russian Mission Control outside Moscow.

Four fragments from the disintegrating station flashed above the palm trees and beaches of Fiji like white balls of fire, with a swarm of smaller debris in their wake. The debris illuminated the early evening sky for about eight seconds, then four thunderous sonic booms shook the island about three minutes later.

"It was like someone shining a spotlight in your eyes, it was really intense," said AP Photographer Rob Griffith, who watched the Mir roar overhead. "It was blinding bright."

Stunned and thrilled residents watched, with adults and children running along beaches, trying to keep the cosmic fireworks in sight. Some families had camped out on beaches, hoping for a glimpse of Mir.

Neli Vuatalevu, a pilot flying alone above Nadi, said he watched as the station disintegrated in a shower of fireballs.

"It was spectacular. The best fireworks I've ever seen. I don't think I'll see anything like it again in my life," said 29-year-old Vuatalevu. "It was amazing to see it disintegrate in mid air."

Mir was set onto its fiery downfall after midnight Eastern time, when Mission Control fired engines on a cargo ship docked to Mir to brake the station's orbit and send it hurtling into the atmosphere.

Most of the 143-ton station disintegrated. The remains slammed into the Pacific about 30 minutes later, raining down over an area called the "cosmic graveyard," where Russia dumps derelict spacecraft and satellites.

Russian authorities said it hit an area centered about 1,800 miles east of Wellington, New Zealand, within a target zone 120 miles wide by 3,600 miles long between New Zealand and Chile.

Australian and New Zealand emergency officials who monitored the descent said the debris hit the target area, with debris falling across a wide area. Defense and civil defense organizations were on alert across the region in case the controlled crash went wrong, plunging wreckage down on land.

Uncertainty prevailed until the very end about just where heavy chunks of metal from Mir, some weighing up to 1,800 pounds, would fall. Russian officials had insisted they could carry out a safe descent. But the station was by far the heaviest spacecraft ever dumped, and its size and shape made it difficult to exactly predict the re-entry.

The safe downing was a relief to nations that had been in its flight path — like Japan, where many worried that a mishap could bring wreckage plummeting into populated areas.

"We feel very relieved, and it's thanks to Russia's planning and technology," said Kazuhiko Koshikawa, spokesman for Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori. The station passed over Japan about an hour before hitting the water.

Russian space officials exulted over the crash, even though it meant the end of one of the country's greatest achievements in space, a decision opposed by some Russians.

"It has been an exemplary operation, and our experts have not made a mistake in any single step, not in a millimeter," said Yuri Koptev, the head of the Russian Aerospace agency.

"Russia will remain a great space power."

By its final day, the Mir had circled the Earth 86,331 times. The station was launched in 1986 by the Soviet Union, a mark of immense pride. But in its latter years, it came to symbolize Russia's fading technological prowess. The space program's funding experienced drastic funding cuts, and the orbiter saw a long series of accidents including a near-fatal collision with a cargo ship.

In Moscow, the argument over whether the Mir should have been dumped continued even after the station was history.

"Every serious project has its life cycle. This is a logical end of a very long and complex project," Koptev said.

But Yuri Semyonov, head of the company that constructed the Mir, said it could have been kept going.

"Of course there must be an end. I just feel sorry that we hastened it. The station could work for another two or three years but we lack the funds," he said.

For Fiji, one of the smallest, most remote nations in the world, it was an incredible show that stunned people across the chain of islands.

"It was very bright — much, much brighter than what we are used to in terms of seeing aircraft flying overhead," said Fiji's Director of Meteorology, Rajenda Prasad, who was playing rugby with friends.

A group of Western and Russian space buffs, who chartered two planes to chase the Mir and record its final moments, missed the show. The expedition was patrolling an area to the east, never dreaming Mir would pass over the spot where they lived for the past week.

The group, which included four Russian cosmonauts who served on Mir, reported glimpsing "a small dot" from one plane. Deeply disappointed, the group consoled themselves with champagne as they headed back to Fiji.

Cartoon pioneer William Hanna dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — His animated characters danced with Gene Kelly, won Oscars and Emmys, and uttered some of television's most memorable lines, including the jubilant chant of everybody's favorite caveman: "Yabba dabba doo!"

William Hanna, who with partner Joseph Barbera created such beloved cartoon characters as Fred Flintstone, Yogi Bear and Tom and Jerry, died Thursday at age 90.

Most of the duo's frisky and cagey characters still delight audiences today, including Quick Draw McGraw and his sidekick Baba Louie; Snagglepuss, a lisping, chickenhearted lion; Top Cat, Magilla Gorilla and Scooby Doo.

Hanna died at his North Hollywood home with Violet, his wife of 65 years, at his side, said Sarah Carragher, director of publicity at Warner Bros., which now owns the Hanna-Barbera Studios.

The cause of death was not known, but Hanna had been in declining health for the last few years, Carragher said.

Hanna and Barbera collaborated for more than a half-century, first teaming up when both were working at MGM in the late 1930s. They created the highly successful Tom and Jerry cartoons, the antics of cat and mouse that won seven Academy Awards, more than any other series with the same characters.

Their cartoon classics have been turned into live-action feature films, including 1994's "The Flintstones," starring John Goodman, and "Scooby-Doo," due out next year from Warner Bros.

Many of their shows can still be seen on the Boomerang cable network, created by the Cartoon Network this year as a showcase for the Hanna-Barbera library.

"We are greatly saddened by the death of one of the most influential animators of our time," said Betty Cohen, Cartoon Network president. "Bill was a cartoon scientist and a genius at timing. The cartoons of Hanna-Barbera have influenced and entertained generations of kids and adults and will serve as a legacy to his talent."

Hanna was born in Melrose, N.M., on July 14, 1910. He left college to work as a construction engineer, but lost his job in the Depression. He found work with Leon Schlesinger, head of Pacific Art and Title, a cartoon production company.

In 1930, Hanna signed with Harmon-Ising Studios, the company that created the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies cartoon series, where he worked as a member of the story department, as a lyricist and a composer.

One month after being hired at MGM, he formed his partnership with Barbera.

The two first teamed cat and mouse in the short "Puss Gets the Boot." When it was a hit with audiences and got an Academy Award nomination, MGM let the pair keep experimenting with the cat and mouse theme. The full-fledged Tom and Jerry characters — almost always telling the story entirely in action, not dialogue — were the eventual result.

Jerry was borrowed for the mostly live-action musical "Anchors Aweigh," dancing with Gene Kelly in a scene that became a screen classic.

Starting in the '50s, they created a witty series of television animated comedies, highlighted by "The Flintstones," "The Jetsons," "Yogi Bear" and "Huckleberry Hound."

Like "The Simpsons" three decades later, "The Flintstones" found success in prime-time TV by not limiting its reach to children. It ranked in the top 20 shows during the 1960-61 season.

Hanna and Barbera freely admitted it was a parody of "The Honeymooners," with Fred Flintstone as Jackie Gleason and Barney Rubble as Art Carney. Likewise, Yogi Bear was modeled on Phil Silvers' character of Sgt. Bilko in "The Phil Silvers Show."

Their strengths melded perfectly, critic Leonard Maltin wrote in his book "Of Mice and Magic: A History of American Animated Cartoons." In a medium where the best works combined unforgettable characters and funny situations, Hanna brought cuteness, warmth and a keen sense of timing to the cartoons. Barbera brought the comic gags and skilled drawing.

Hanna said Barbera "has the ability to capture mood and expression in a quick sketch better than anyone I've ever known."

Hanna is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

Calvary Baptist guest speaker is due Sunday

Evangelist Clark Bosher will be the special guest Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church.

Pastor Larry McAden said Bosher will speak to the teens and adults during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. He will also speak at the 10 a.m. worship. Special music will be provided by the adult choir and men's group.

At noon, a barbecue dinner will be served for everyone who wishes to stay. At 1:30 p.m., Bosher will speak in an afternoon service with special music provided by the children's choir.

Calvary Baptist is located at 2405 35th Street. For more information, call 573-2191.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, March 25, 2001

As an Aries, you should be experiencing a better-than-average year in the times ahead. Your innovations, inventions, ideas and projections will all be on target, which makes this possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The new cycle into which you just entered allows you to circumvent a stumbling block that's been hampering your progress. However, it does require action on your part. Move on it today. Aries, 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — No matter how tempted you are to trumpet an idea you have, keep it confined strictly to persons who will be directly involved in the endeavor. Secrecy is essential for success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be open-minded to the ideas of others today, because someone might have an excellent way of doing something that is superior to your present methods. It'll help you out a lot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's a possibility of achieving three separate objectives today, but each will have to be worked out in order to bring them to fruition. When you attack each one, go all out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might validate that old adage that says, "We learn by teaching." While attempting to counsel another on a matter important to him or her, you may discover a new truth for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If others say they can give you some time today to work on something on which you require help, drop what you're doing and take them up on their offer. It could be a golden opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An opportunity might open up today to confront an individual with whom you have something important to resolve. A mutual beneficial understanding could result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even though this may be a day of rest for you, chances are you'll be raring to go on an ambitious project. Take advantage of being strongly motivated. The results will be excellent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When it comes to social involvement today, be sure to put your best foot forward. Someone with whom you may come in contact could play an important role in your life somehow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although it will be up to you to orchestrate the theme, measures can be taken today to help enhance your material security. Know your needs and act on fulfilling them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your influence over your peers might be more powerful than you realize today. Fortunately, you'll say all the right things they need to hear, so it'll be constructive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Through persons with whom you share a close personal relationship, you could profit materially today. This will be because your interests will compliment each other.

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Date Book

Friday, March 23, 2001

Today is the 82nd day of 2001 and the fourth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1743, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed. It received a standing ovation.

On this day in 1919, Sol B. Friedman was ordained a rabbi at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in New York City. He was the first American-born Orthodox rabbi.

On this day in 1985, singer Billy Joel and model Christie Brinkley were wed in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Fannie Farmer (1857-1915), cookery expert; Joan Crawford (1908-1977), actress; Akira Kurosawa (1910-1998), film director; Werner von Braun (1912-1977), rocket scientist; Roger Bannister (1929-), athlete-physician, is 72; Chaka Khan (1953-), singer, is 48; Moses Malone (1955-), basketball player, is 46; Amanda Plummer (1957-), actress, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, the University of Kentucky won the NCAA title by defeating Baylor 58-42.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "An unconditional right to say what one pleases about public affairs is what I consider to be the minimum guarantee of the First Amendment." — Hugo La Fayette Black

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (March 24).

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events

Texas Lottery

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

23-30-19-26-28

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-1-1

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Noon	Bar-B-Que Dinner
1:30 p.m.	Afternoon Worship

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Ten lawmen are arrested for theft, drug-trafficking

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Conrad Fragozo's attorney says he's a good police officer.

The FBI says he's a corrupt cop who made money protecting drug dealers.

Fragozo, a San Antonio police sergeant and patrol supervisor, was one of 12 people arrested Thursday, including 10 law enforcement officers, in a federal drug investigation.

In addition to the San Antonio officers, agents arrested one Bexar County Sheriff's deputy and a Bexar County constable. Nine of the officers were arrested on charges of conspiracy and attempting to possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

The deputy was charged with breaking into a car and stealing $2,000 in public money.

According to investigators, Fragozo and the other officers were paid off to protect drug shipments from police and rival drug dealers.

Fragozo's attorney, Hilda Valadez, was surprised by the arrest. She used to work with Fragozo when she was an assistant Bexar County prosecutor.

"I know him to be an exceptional officer," she said. "Excellent."

Now he and the others are facing 10 years to life in prison if convicted.

According to investigators, federal agents posed as drug dealers to catch the officers.

The officers agreed to protect drug shipments from interference from police and other drug dealers, said Roderick Beverly, the special agent in charge of the FBI's San Antonio division.

The officers were sometimes in uniform and carrying their department-issued weapons when the drugs were moved around the city, Beverly said.

Investigators said the officers moved what they thought was up to five kilograms of cocaine from the bus station and airport to hotels. They were paid up to $6,500 for their help.

None of the drugs were real and never hit the street, Beverly said.

"These officers believed they were involved in a real drug deal," said U.S. Attorney Bill Blagg. "We paid for their badges and guns."

San Antonio Police Chief Al Philippus said the deparment was "sickened and shocked by the inexcusable actions of these officers."

He said that if convicted, the officers deserve stiffer punishment than the common criminal.

"They swore to protect the innocent, to stand up for what is right, and to make our streets safers for every citizen," Philippus said. "They have hurt this department."

The San Antonio officers were assigned to patrol units in various parts of the city.

Philippus said the department will investigate to determine if any of the officers' supervisors should be disciplined.

Some of the officers were arrested after the morning roll call at work and while they were in uniform. A few of them were arrested while off duty, Beverly said at a news conference at police headquarters.

Hospitals stop releasing birth news

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The new year was only hours old, but Kimberly Groninga already wanted the world to know about an early 2001 blessing — her newborn daughter.

So Groninga, 30, of Iowa City, was grateful when friends and relatives responded to the local newspaper announcement of her daughter's birth on Jan. 2.

"We did receive cards and gifts from people who would not even have known — more distant friends that maybe we wouldn't have called," she said.

But if Groninga's daughter had been born just a few weeks later, there would probably have been fewer cards. Her hospital, like many others across the country, decided to stop releasing birth announcements to protect against infant abductions.

Some Iowa hospitals require written consent to release birth data, but at least eight hospitals throughout the state, and in Arizona, Illinois and Wyoming, are not giving the information to newspapers at all.

"The intent is certainly not to cause panic or fear. The intent is to keep babies safe," said Janet McIntyre, a spokeswoman for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which recommended the change.

Safety is a very compelling reason to end birth announcements, said Nancy Monson of the National Freedom of Information Coalition. But the trend of limiting information to the public concerns her.

"If we would report statistically how many people are affected by crime it would be very low. The whole country is becoming very paranoid about it," she said.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 200 youngsters under age 6 were abducted in the United States from 1983 to 2000.

More than half the abductions occurred at health care facilities, spokeswoman Cathy Nahirny said, and four were linked to birth announcements.

Some hospitals stopped releasing birth information after McIntyre's group, which accredits more than 80 percent of all the nation's hospitals, said it was a good idea.

The commission, based in Oak Brook Terrace, Ill., issued strategies in April 1999 to help prevent infant abductions at the estimated 5,000 U.S. hospitals it oversees.

Suggestions from using identification bands and alert tags on infants to discontinuing birth announcements were developed with the help of hospital staff.

McIntyre said she has received many calls from newspapers complaining about hospitals that have acted on the suggestion, but said she couldn't recall that anyone else complained.

It's a trend that SwedishAmerican Hospital in Rockford, Ill., is not following. It just wasn't what most patients wanted, said nursery clinical coordinator, Julie Steller.

"The overwhelming number really still wish to have things listed in the newspaper," she said. Maintaining security, she added, needs to be balanced with meeting patients' needs.

At SwedishAmerican, hospital officials not only provide information to newspapers, but also announce births online. The hospital said many parents said they were well aware of infant safety issues.

If parents decide to release information, they must sign two consent forms, Steller said. The online announcement lists only the baby's first name, the parent's first names and the baby's birth date. A photo is included only after the mother and child are discharged.

"I'm not certain that the solution is just to close down information," she said.

University Hospitals, where Groninga's daughter was born, talked to patients before deciding to discontinue birth announcements.

"The parents were understanding and accepting. I'm not aware of any criticism from patients thus far," spokesman Tom Moore said.

As for the new mother, she isn't sure if the hospital policy is too extreme. "I certainly understand the safety issues," Groninga said, but added there might be backlash.

"The funny thing is now that it's become an issue, it might give people the idea that you could get a child that way," Groninga said.

New research finds remains of stars that have been burned up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cooling, burned-out stars litter the edge of the Milky Way and may be the type of objects that make up more than a third of universe's "missing matter," astronomers say.

A survey of images taken of the southern sky spotted 38 dead stars, called white dwarfs, about 450 light-years from Earth and within the halo of the Milky Way, the home galaxy of the sun.

A study appearing today in the journal Science suggests that if this concentration of the faint objects is typical for galaxies, then white dwarfs could represent up to 35 percent of the missing matter sought by astronomers for 70 years.

"This is a previously undetected population of stars, that may represent an important fraction of the dark matter. In some stars, burning hydrogen can soar to about 60,000 degrees. After some 10 billion years, when the fuel is gone, the stars collapse to the size of the Earth and cool to about 8,000 degrees.

At that temperature, these objects do not emit enough light or other radiation to be easily detected by telescopes. That is why the objects found by Oppenheimer and his co-authors have not been seen before.

Astronomers have been searching for the missing matter of the universe since 1933, when astronomers found that there was not enough visible, shining matter in galaxies to explain the gravitational movement of objects in the universe. Scientists estimated that up to 95 percent of the matter in the universe was too dark and cool to be seen by astronomers.

Some of the unseen matter is thought to be within inactive black holes, the mysterious objects that can consume stars, gas and dust, but cannot be viewed directly. Some of the matter also may be in planets orbiting distant stars. But those objects represent only a minute fraction of the missing matter.

The new study suggests that a huge population of cool white dwarfs may provide a significant percentage of the missing matter.

"There are certainly more white dwarfs in our galaxy than there are shining stars," Oppenheimer said.

He said the study confirms the work of other astronomers who had suggested the presence of unseen white dwarfs when they saw light from distant galaxies being bent by the gravitational effect of invisible objects.

Oppenheimer said the cool white dwarfs may represent stars that formed between 10 billion and 13 billion years ago, when the galaxies were young. By studying these stellar remnants, he said, astronomers should be able to learn more about galaxy formation.

The cool white dwarfs, however, are not the final answer for the missing, dark matter, he said. Theories hold that perhaps half of the matter in the universe is composed of unseen, exotic particles such as heavy neutrinos or photinos, which are collectively called weakly interacting massive particles, or WIMPS.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Sharing a house with mother fills her daughter with dread

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 34-year-old mother of four kids, ages 17 to 6. My 9-year-old boy has been raised by my mother since he was 6 months old. I was in the middle of a divorce when he was born. I wanted to give him up for adoption, but Mother would not have it. I usually never let my mother make decisions for me, but in that case, I thought she might be right. My dad, mother and older sister took the baby and moved away.

Three years ago, they all moved back into the subdivision in which I live with my second husband and three other kids. Dad died four months later. My sister (age 50) died the following year. Now my 76-year-old mother — who does not drive — depends on my two older brothers and me to get around.

My brothers won't allow Mother to move in with them unless she gives my son back to me, because their children are grown and gone. She said, "Over my dead body." Now she is asking my husband and me to sell our home so we can buy a bigger one with her.

Abby, I'm not sure I can handle my mother living with us, constantly checking on me and my every move. My husband and I like to have time alone. We can't afford to do much, so we let the kids stay overnight with friends so we can have the house to ourselves. Mother told me it's wrong to have sex in the middle of the day, and that I should spend all my waking hours with the kids until they're grown. Only then will I have time alone with my husband. I told her that may have been good for her, but it's not for me.

What do you think? — TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR TRYING: While I understand your mother's firm stance in not "giving back" her grandchild, what she is proposing is a recipe for disaster. Do NOT buy a home with her unless it is a duplex or one that includes a separate mother-in-law unit. Privacy is essential to your marriage, and your mother's ideas, while they may have worked for her, are outdated.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Hurting in New York," I feel compelled to share my story. Her son's wife had died, but "Hurting" didn't attend the calling hours at the mortuary because there had been a falling-out after the family business split up.

Several years ago, my husband and his father also parted ways in business. He spoke to his father only if absolutely necessary. I didn't talk to anybody. A few years later, our son was killed in an accident, and my mother-in-law was one of the first people at our door. She wrapped her arms around me, and we cried together. Many years before, she had lost a son, too, and I knew she understood my pain more than anyone. Our relationship isn't perfect now, but it's much better than it was.

I know "Hurting" was trying to do the right thing in a difficult situation, but times of grief often give us the opportunity to say, "I'm sorry," in more ways than one. — HEALING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HEALING: Your argument is a compelling one, and you may very well be right. However, I caution people who are trying to bridge a family rift during an emotionally charged situation to be prepared for at least the possibility of another rejection.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Friday, March 23, 2001

	North ♠ Q 3 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ 8 6 4 3 ♣ A J 10 8	03-23-01
West ♠ K 7 4 ♥ Q J 10 7 4 ♦ K J 7 ♣ 7 2		East ♠ 10 9 8 6 ♥ A K 8 3 2 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ 4
	South ♠ A J 5 2 ♥ — ♦ A 10 2 ♣ K Q 9 6 5 3	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	2 ♣	4 ♥
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

There are two ways to play

By Phillip Alder

Several suit combinations can be handled in more than one way. There is a candidate in this deal. How would you plan the play in five clubs after West leads the heart queen?

East followed the Law of Total Tricks with his jump to four hearts. Holding 10 combined trumps, get to the 10-trick level. South, unsure who could make what, sensibly went on to five clubs.

After you ruff at trick one and draw trumps, it is time to broach the spades.

If you take a finesse through East and it wins, you are home, losing only two diamond tricks. However, if West produces the king, you will fail, losing one spade and two diamonds. Alternatively, you could lead toward dummy's queen. But when East has the king, you will go down. But if West has the king, you are safe. If West ducks his king, you have no spade losers and concede just two diamonds. And if West wins with the king, you get three spade tricks. A moment later, you will discard two of dummy's diamonds on your ace-jack of spades, losing only one spade and one diamond.

Who is more likely to have the spade king? Because I've peeked at the full diagram, my guess is West! No, seriously, study the auction and opening lead. West's heart-queen lead marks East with the ace and king of hearts. Also, with the king-queen-jack of diamonds, West would probably have led from that suit. (Yes, afterwards West wished he had led a diamond.) So, if West doesn't have the spade king, where did he find the values for his one-heart overcall? Lead a low spade toward dummy's queen.

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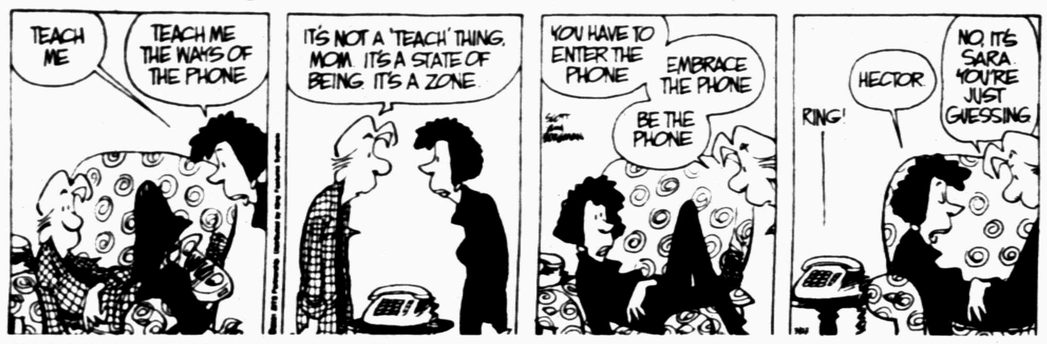

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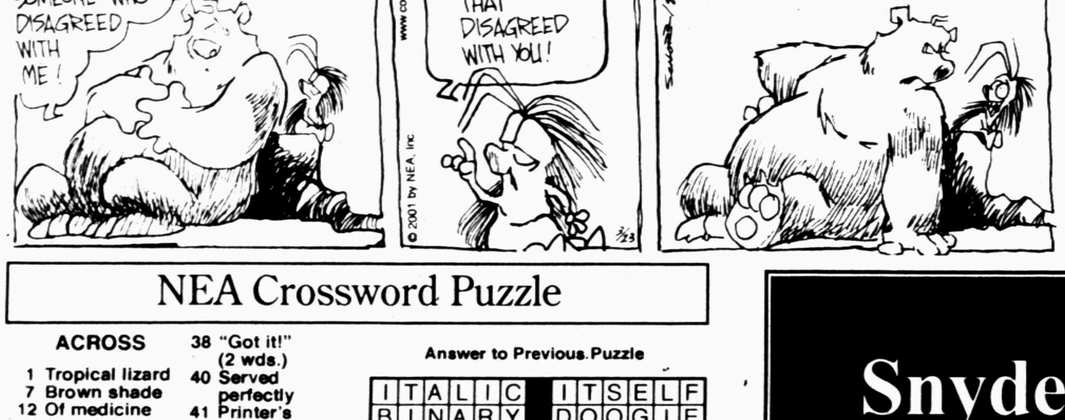

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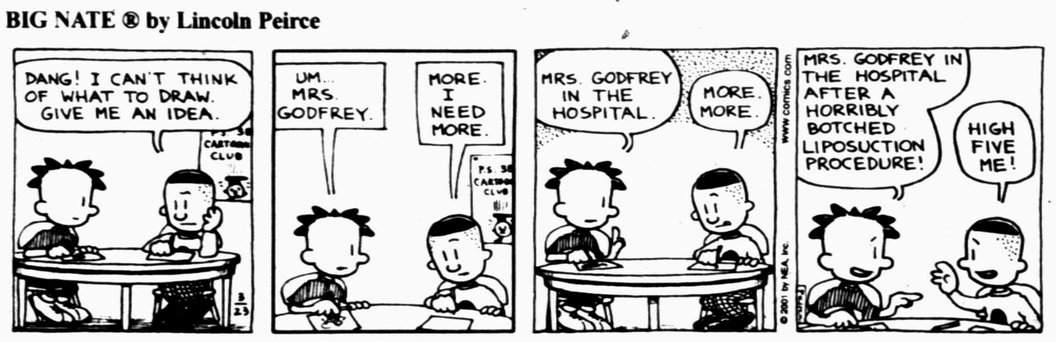

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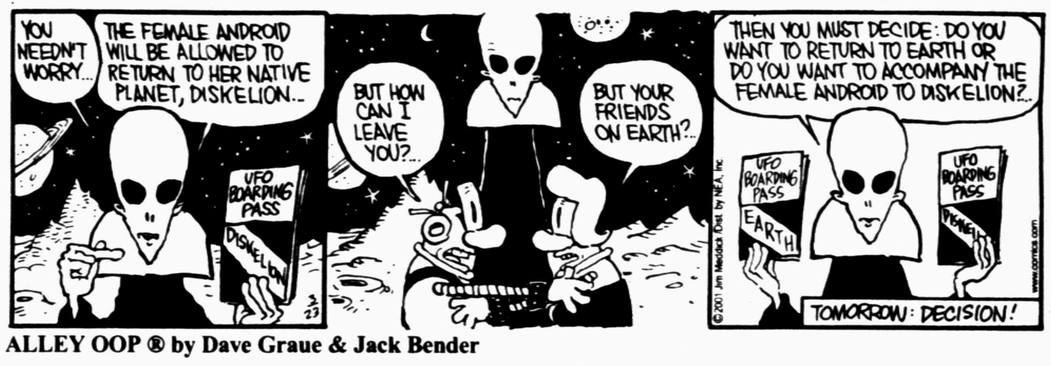

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ACROSS

1 Tropical lizard
7 Brown shade
12 Of medicine
13 Plaza Hotel girl
14 Conceive
15 Hounded for payment
16 On soc. sec.
17 Sort
18 Superlative ending
21 Ballroom dance
23 Seer's skill (abbr.)
26 Yankees or Giants
28 Soda-fountain treat
29 By way of
30 American patriot Nathan —
31 Appearing
33 Loving
36 Informed about
37 A Bobbsey twin
38 "Got it!" (2 wds.)
40 Served perfectly
41 Printer's measures
42 Endures
44 History chapter
45 Lobster-eater's need
46 Puppy sound
48 Jerusalem's place
51 Pondered
55 Unpolished
56 Actor Peter —
57 Like some goals
58 Vex

DOWN

1 Roman three
2 Move about restlessly
3 Shoshonean Indian
4 Sandarac tree
5 Fertilizer ingredient
6 Vinegar
7 Wail
8 Monastery occupant
9 Storage compartment
10 Compass pt.
11 Like strawberries
13 Palatable
18 Refrigerant
19 Mariner
20 Hawks' features
22 Religious services
23 Show plainly
24 Geological deposit
25 Oriental temple
27 Mal de —
32 Flightless bird
34 Greasiest
35 In good working order
39 Earlier form of a word
43 Fry quickly
45 Unclothed
47 Novelist's concern
48 Hosp. area
49 Close relative
50 Male sheep
52 Building unit
53 Addition to a house
54 Poor mark

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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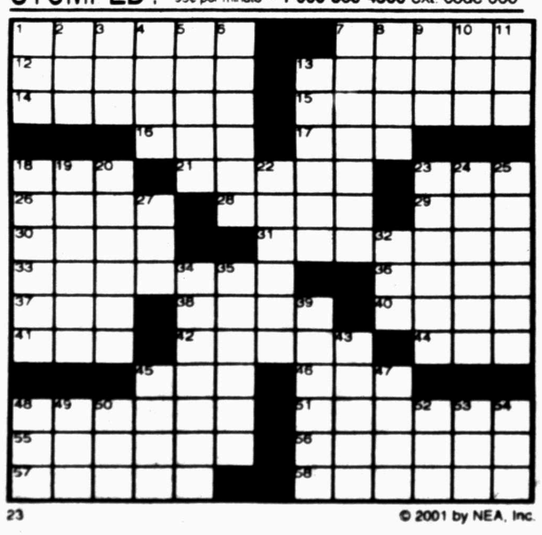

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"HERE COMES RIFF-RAFF AND RUFF."

SPORTS

Tigers host showdown with FHS

After a two-year break from one another, Snyder and Frenship are back in the same district, and it seems as if nothing has changed.

Snyder and Frenship square off for the District 4-4A lead at 7 tonight at Moffett Field. The winner will improve to 4-0 in the standings and deliver the first blow in what looks to be a three-team race.

"There's no doubt about it. This is an important game," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "Right now it looks like it's going to come down to us, Frenship and Andrews. So anytime you play those guys, it's going to be huge."

Snyder and Frenship were in separate districts the past two seasons, but are very familiar with one another. In 1997, they split their two scheduled district meetings, forcing a third meeting to decide the district champion. Frenship came out on top.

"It's always a hard-fought game when we play each other," Herrera stated. "It's one of those games where neither team can afford to make a mistake. I can remember some games we've played against Frenship where one error was the difference between winning and losing. I expect it to be the same way tonight."

Snyder sports a 10-4 mark after knocking off Lake View, Levelland and Big Spring to open district play. Frenship is 12-6 on the year.

The Tigers will send junior left-hander Tito Alaniz to the mound. Alaniz, who worked two innings on Tuesday for his second district win, is 4-1 on the year with an ERA of 0.424.

"Tito has been throwing great this year, and we'll need him to again tonight," Herrera remarked. "Frenship also has great pitching, so this may turn into a pitcher's duel. That's why you can't afford to make any errors."

In other action around the district, Andrews hosts Big Spring. Plainview visits Estacado, and Lake View travels to Levelland.

While the Tigers host Frenship, the Lady Tigers hit the road to face Estacado at 5 this evening.

The Snyder girls are deadlocked with Andrews for second place in the standings at 4-1. Estacado is winless.

Following tonight's contests, the Lady Tigers host Andrews on Tuesday, while the Tigers travel to Plainview.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	3	0	10	4
Andrews	3	0	11	3
Frenship	3	0	12	6
Big Spring	1	2	7	8
Plainview	1	2	5	8
Estacado	1	2	4	7
Lake View	0	3	2	10
Levelland	0	3	7	9

Friday's games: Frenship at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Plainview at Estacado; Lake View at Levelland.

Women's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Pittsburgh

Missouri (22-9) vs. Louisiana Tech (30-4), 11:37 a.m.
Connecticut (30-2) vs. N.C. State (22-10), 2:07 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Birmingham, Ala.

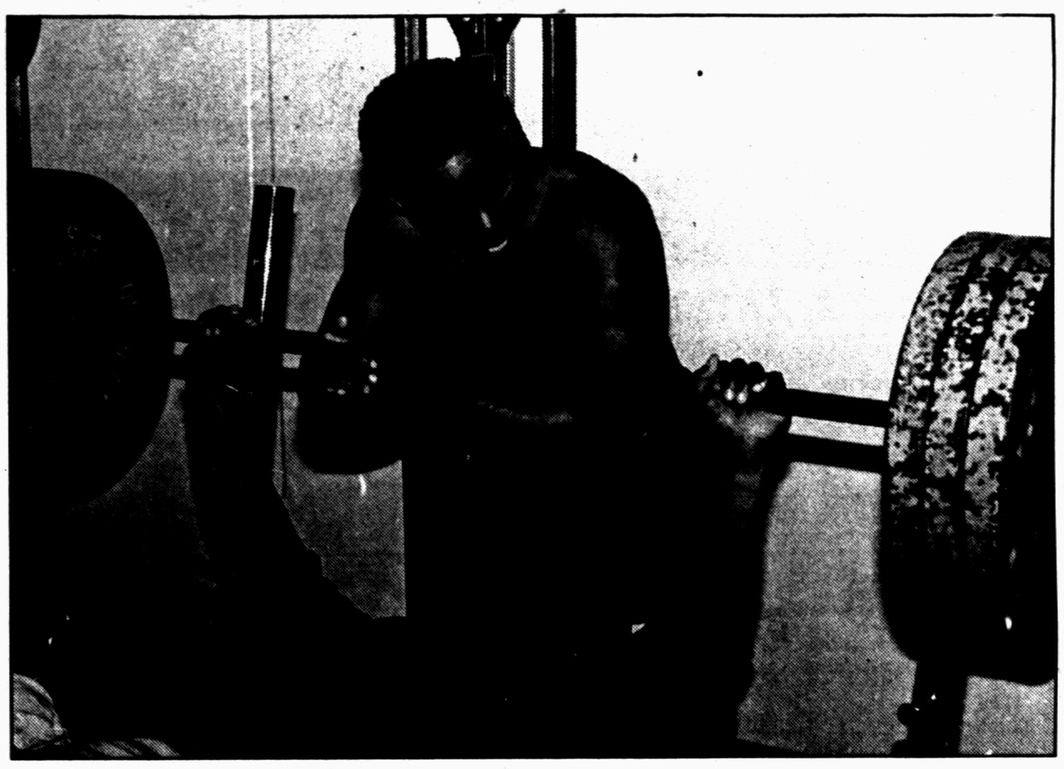
Tennessee (31-2) vs. Xavier (30-2), 12:07 p.m.
Texas Tech (25-6) vs. Purdue (28-6), 2:37 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Denver

Notre Dame (30-2) vs. Utah (28-3), 8:07 p.m.
Iowa State (27-5) vs. Vanderbilt (23-9), 10:37 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Spokane, Wash.

Duke (30-3) vs. Southwest Missouri State (27-5), 10:07 p.m.
Oklahoma (28-5) vs. Washington (21-9), 12:37 a.m.



PUSH — Snyder powerlifters Edwin James, standing, and Tremaine Johnson workout Thursday in preparation for Saturday's THSPA State Championships in Fort Worth. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder lifters eye titles at state meet

Tremaine Johnson and Edwin James would love to win a state title. But the Snyder High School seniors also recognize the benefit they get from just competing in powerlifting.

Johnson and James make their state-title bids Saturday at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Championships at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The local lifters qualified for the state event based upon their efforts at the regional meet. James won the regional title in the 165-pound class, while Johnson was runner-up in the 275-pound division.

Both lifters have a chance to medal, but awards aren't the only thing the pair has derived from competition.

"This sport is great because it helps you improve in other sports, too," said Johnson. "It keeps you in shape and makes you stronger, and that makes you an overall better athlete."

James added that the physical aspect isn't the only benefit.

"It makes you mentally stronger, also," James stated. "You have to be focused on every lift or else you'll never make it. It teaches you how to stay focused for a long period of time."

It will be Johnson's second consecutive trip to the state meet, and he had one piece of advice for his teammate.

"Get plenty of rest the night before," said Johnson. "It's a long, tiring day. It's worth it, but it takes a lot out of you."

Johnson and James competed together on the SHS football team, but admit that they have to prepare differently for the individual sport of powerlifting.

"You don't have teammates to rely on," James remarked. "Once you get under the bar, you're the only one who can make it a successful lift."

SHS powerlifters are coached by Joe Granato, who also coached Johnson and James on the gridiron.

"In powerlifting, he's just like he is on the football field," Johnson said. "He's very intense."

James echoed the remarks.

"It's a lot of hard work," James stated. "But it pays off in the results. Coach Granato teaches us that to achieve anything, we have to outwork the other guy. I enjoy working hard for Granato, because we know that he's always on our side."

USC upsets Kentucky; Duke rolls on

By The Associated Press

David Bluthenthal left his Southern California coach speechless. Duke's Jason Williams rendered UCLA defenseless.

In the East Regional semifinals, Bluthenthal delivered clutch free throws down the stretch for USC, and Williams carried the Blue Devils in the second half as the unpredictable NCAA tournament held to form Thursday night.

Bluthenthal hit five free throws in the final half-minute as USC moved within in a game of its first Final Four since 1954 by upsetting second-seeded Kentucky 80-76 in Philadelphia.

"The' last three games, I've been speechless," USC coach Bibby said. "I like being speechless in these situations."

Williams was the unlikely hero for Duke, scoring 19 straight Blue Devils points and matching a career high with 34 as the Blue Devils found themselves in a familiar spot with a 76-63 victory over UCLA.

"(Assistant coach) Johnny Dawkins told Jason, 'You do your thing,' and he did his thing and that's why we won," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

The top-ranked Blue Devils (32-4) reached the regional finals for the 10th time in 16 years and will play sixth-seeded Southern California (24-9) on Saturday with a Final Four berth at stake.

In the West Regional semifinals in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday night, top-seeded Stanford beat No. 5 Cincinnati 78-65, and third-seeded Maryland outlasted 10th-seeded Georgetown 76-66.

The South and Midwest semifinals are Friday night. In the South in Atlanta, Gonzaga faces defending national champion Michigan State, and Penn State plays Temple. In the Midwest in San Antonio, Illinois faces Kansas, and Arizona plays Mississippi.

Advancing past the second round for the first time since it reached the Final Four 27 years ago, USC started quickly, hitting 12 of its first 17 shots and building a 21-point lead in the first 10 minutes.

Kentucky (24-10) managed just four baskets in the first eight minutes. The Wildcats faced their largest halftime deficit of the season at 43-24.

"We felt we were getting open looks, but we were not hitting," said Kentucky point guard Saul Smith, who hit five 3-pointers. "We dug ourselves a big hole by not doing enough on the defensive end when we needed to."

Sam Clancy added 17 points for USC.

Lady Tigers optimistic about 4-4A golf race

For the first time in a number of years, the Snyder Lady Tigers enter the district golf campaign without the tag of district favorite. But that's just fine with them.

"Andrews is considered the favorite, and I think deservedly so," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "But it doesn't matter where you're picked to finish, it only matters where you stand in the end.

"Our girls have improved tremendously since the beginning of the year, and I think we can give Andrews a run for their money."

Snyder begins District 4-4A competition Saturday at Comanche Trails Golf Course in Big Spring.

The Lady Tigers then turn around and host a district event Monday at Western Texas College, wrapping up half of the league race in a three-day span.

"It's kind of odd how the schedule worked out," Glenn remarked. "We play Saturday and Monday, and then we don't play again until the next Monday."

Teeing it up for the varsity Lady Tigers will be Andra Lancaster, Kara Harrison, Katie Kerley, Kellie Dodson and Lauren Day.

Competing for the junior varsity will be Christan Curry, Hailey Putnam, Paige Smith, Catherine Whitworth and Cami Trout.

The Snyder boys open their district race Monday at Levelland Country Club.

Leading the Tigers will be Zach Starnes, Landon Day, Clinton Calmes, Brady Reed and Levi Mandrell.

Lining up for the JV boys will be Stafford Gray, Vaughn Wiggins, Jason Williams, Matt McCormick, Tanner Beard and Nathan Hines.

Men's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At First Union Center
Philadelphia

Southern California 80, Kentucky 76
Duke 76, UCLA 63

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24

Southern California (24-9) vs. Duke (32-4), 7 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Michigan State (26-4) vs. Gonzaga (26-6), 7:38 p.m.
Penn State (21-11) vs. Temple (23-12), 25 minutes after first game

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25

Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Alamodome
San Antonio

Illinois (26-7) vs. Kansas (26-6), 7:55 p.m.
Arizona (25-7) vs. Mississippi (27-7), 25 minutes after first game

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25

Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.

Maryland 76, Georgetown 66
Stanford 78, Cincinnati 65

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24

Maryland (24-10) vs. Stanford (31-2), 4:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31

East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion

National Championship
Monday, April 2

Semifinal winners

National Basketball Association

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Miami	41	27	.603	7
Orlando	37	31	.544	11
Boston	30	38	.441	18
New Jersey	23	48	.324	26½
Washington	17	51	.250	31
Central Division				
Milwaukee	42	25	.627	—
Charlotte	40	28	.588	2½
Toronto	36	32	.529	6½
Indiana	30	37	.448	12
Cleveland	25	43	.368	17½
Detroit	25	44	.362	18
Atlanta	21	48	.304	22
Chicago	11	56	.164	31
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division				
San Antonio	49	20	.710	—
Utah	46	21	.687	2
Dallas	43	25	.632	5½
Minnesota	40	28	.588	8½
Houston	38	31	.551	11
Denver	33	35	.485	15½
Vancouver	20	50	.286	29½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	46	21	.687	—
L.A. Lakers	45	23	.662	1½
Portland	45	24	.652	2
Phoenix	40	27	.597	6
Seattle	37	34	.521	11
L.A. Clippers	25	45	.357	22½
Golden State	16	52	.235	30½

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 115, Atlanta 101
Cleveland 109, Vancouver 95
Boston 113, New Jersey 98
Portland 101, Utah 99
Phoenix 91, Seattle 88
Sacramento 103, Detroit 98
L.A. Clippers 97, Houston 92

Friday's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Girls' Little Dribblers

Hornets 10, Suns 0

Hornets: Savannah Valdez, 10; Xalee Northcutt, 2.

Wildcats 35, Swoopsters 15

Wildcats: Shaquita Sneed, 20; Tosha McGlouthin, 6; Heather Newton, 5; Chassidy Sterling, 4. **Swoopsters:** Erma Rodriguez, 10; Lauren Zamora, 3: Consuelo Acosta, 2.

Sonics 45, Starzz 15

Sonics: Terann Ragland and Kelbi Pitner, 15; Kendra Burns, 13; Jessica Hopper, 2. **Starzz:** Sydney Wright, 13; Ashley Luecke, 2.

Saturday Night
DANCE
9:00-1:00
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Levelland tops Snyder Junior

LEVELLAND — After an opening round victory, Snyder Junior suffered its first setback at the Little Dribblers Regional Tournament.

Snyder fell to Levelland, 28-25, in Thursday's second round.

The locals will be on the floor again at 7:15 tonight in an elimination game against Plainview.

Rance Dunn's six points paced Snyder.

Seth Sanchez added five points. Riley Davis dropped in four, and Rey Juarez tallied three.

Bubba Perales, Jake Crenwelge and Kasey Young finished with two points, and LaShoncdrick Richardson chipped in one.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Baseball

Frenship at Snyder 7 p.m.
Ira vs. Cross Plains, at McMurry, 5 p.m.

Softball

Snyder at Estacado, 5 p.m.

Track

Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo Relays

Tennis

Snyder at Odessa Invitational

SATURDAY
Track

Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo Relays
Snyder varsity girls and JV boys and girls at Post's Caprock Relays

Tennis

Snyder at Odessa Invitational

Golf

Snyder varsity girls at Big Spring
Snyder host junior high invitational, girls at WTC golf course, boys at Snyder CC

Plainview nips Snyder Major

LEVELLAND — In a game of rallies, it was Plainview who put together the last run.

Plainview scored 15 points in the fourth quarter Thursday to slip past Snyder Major, 37-34, in a first-round match-up at the Little Dribblers Regional Tournament.

The setback drops Snyder into an elimination game at 8:30 tonight against Levelland.

After posting only two points in the second quarter, Snyder rallied with a 14-point outburst in the third to take a 25-22 lead.

Plainview answered with its largest output of the night in the final stanza, outscoring Snyder 15-9 in the fourth to pull out the win.

Lance Day poured in nine points to pace Snyder, while Bobby Mitchell added eight more.

Brent Bollinger drained six points. Jamie Arnold tallied four. Ricky Sanchez, Pedro Villa and Corbin Clements chipped in two points apiece, and Cody Burney finished with one.

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'Matrix' sequel to begin shooting soon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shooting begins in the next few weeks on the sequels to the 1999 sci-fi blockbuster "The Matrix," but Carrie-Anne Moss won't divulge much about them.

"The Matrix 2" is set for a Christmas 2002 release, with "The Matrix 3" expected in summer 2003.

"The scripts are just fantastic and the journey of my character, and for everybody, it's different," she said. "It's just great. So it'll be just interesting to see. It'll be cool. I look forward to it."

Moss, 30, said there's more to her character, Trinity, than just sunglasses, leather and attitude.

"I look at her heart and her soul and I just believe in her and believe in the warrior that she is and believe in the cause that she's fighting for, which is for people to be awake," she said. "The 'Matrix' movies are incredibly deep for me and very much about things I believe in, in my life."

Lynn hospitalized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Loretta Lynn is being treated for pneumonia and will miss scheduled appearances at a tribute to singer Johnny Russell on Thursday and on the Grand Ole Opry radio show Saturday.

Lynn, 65, was admitted Tuesday to a hospital near her home in Hurricane Mills.

"She is in good condition, but the doctors are watching her closely," said her spokeswoman Schatzi Hageman.

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Torricelli campaign staffer involved with improper funds

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Federal prosecutors believe that a paid staffer on the successful 1996 campaign of Sen. Robert Torricelli helped arrange a fund-raising dinner and art auction with two French nationals, triggering a series of campaign finance violations.

Investigation documents unsealed Thursday at the request of two newspapers reveal that one of the men, Philippe V. Hababou, pleaded guilty to a campaign finance misdemeanor in September and implicated Torricelli campaign staffer Adam C. Crain.

"I didn't realize how easy it was to buy or get close to an American politician," Hababou told The New York Times in today's edition. "When money is involved, they don't check anything."

The papers also reveal that during a closed hearing before a federal judge in September, an FBI agent said prosecutors were preparing indictments of unidentified Torricelli campaign officials, The Washington Post reported in today's edition.

So far, no indictments have been issued in the probe.

Hababou, who has since been extradited to France to face financial fraud charges, admitted that a business associate agreed to donate $100,000 to the campaign and also offered to contribute $500,000 of radio advertising time to the campaign.

The associate, reportedly Marc A. Rousso, is a Frenchman who became a U.S. citizen. Individuals are barred from donating more than $2,000 to a federal candidate during an election cycle. Non-citizens, such as Hababou, cannot contribute anything.

Hababou said campaign officials agreed to accept the money and discussed efforts to give part of the radio advertising to a citizen's group where it could be secretly controlled by the Torricelli campaign, according to a transcript of his plea proceeding.

Representatives of the group, New Jersey Citizen Action, participated in discussions on taking the radio time, Hababou said. But he did not say whether the scheme came to fruition.

Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, executive director of New Jersey Citizen Action, said Thursday she never participated in such discussions.

The art auction fund-raiser for more than 100 people took place June 1, 1996, at the Four Seasons Hotel in New York City. Rousso purchased 40 paintings, at $1,000 each, to be auctioned, but was not reimbursed by the campaign, leading investigators to consider it an illegal contribution, the documents showed.

Although the campaign had guaranteed payment to the hotel on its credit card, Crain refused to let the campaign pay its invoice, which exceeded $10,000, and pressured Rousso to pay the bill, the documents disclosed.

Crain has not been charged but is believed to be a target of the Campaign Financing Task Force. His lawyer, Adam F. Hoffinger, issued a statement Thursday saying his client "at all times attempted to scrupulously follow applicable rules and regulations."

Torricelli has denied knowing about the illegal contributions, and issued a statement Thursday praising Crain: "He has been a valued employee to me, to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, to the Democratic National Committee, and it is outrageous to compare his credibility with that of an international fugitive with a lengthy criminal record."

A lawyer for Hababou, Kevin H. Marino, declined to answer any questions. Rousso's whereabouts could not immediately be determined.

The task force's multiyear inquiry into the campaign by the New Jersey Democrat has resulted in at least seven people, including Hababou, admitting they made illegal contributions.

U.S. District Judge Alfred M. Wolin agreed to requests from The Star-Ledger of Newark and The Record of Bergen County to release transcripts of closed hearings last year and other documents involving Hababou.

Man convicted of rape receives 25 year term

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A man convicted of raping and murdering a 13-year-old boy who was gagged with his own underwear has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for the sexual assault.

Joshua Brown, 22, still faces up to life in prison for his role in the death of Jesse Dirkhising. Brown's penalty for his first-degree murder conviction will be determined by a judge, who said he would impose a sentence March 30.

"Twenty-five years on rape is not enough for a crime of this magnitude," prosecutor Bob Balfe said. "The murder is what makes this an extremely heinous crime."

Jurors who found Brown guilty and imposed the prison sentence for the rape conviction said Thursday night they were split 11-1 on the penalty for the murder charge. They could have sentenced him to life in prison on both charges.

Jesse was drugged with an anti-depressant, bound with duct tape and nylon rope, gagged, sodomized and raped in September 1999 at the apartment Brown shared with his lover, Davis Don Carpenter.

Medical examiners said the boy died from a combination of the way he was strapped to Brown's bed during the hours-long assault and from a drug overdose.

The defense argued Brown didn't intend to kill the boy and suggested the bondage-sex was consensual.

Carpenter, 39, faces trial May 7 on rape and capital murder charges. Prosecutors say he choreographed the assault and watched part of it.

Jurors voted Wednesday night to convict Brown of the rape and settled on a first-degree murder charge Thursday morning.

Balfe had urged jurors to sentence Brown severely, telling them they showed enough mercy when they rejected the capital murder charge.

"He received forgiveness when you saved his life," Balfe said.

But juror Milton Davis said the panel believed Brown didn't intend to kill Jesse and that Carpenter was more at fault.

California...

Five hurt in school shooting

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Gunfire erupted at another high school in the hills east of San Diego, less than a month after two students were killed in a school shooting a few miles away.

Police say an 18-year-old senior armed with a shotgun and handgun opened fire at the school Thursday, hitting at least three students and two teachers with shotgun pellets.

The most serious injuries were sustained by the suspect, who was shot in the jaw and buttocks in a gun battle with a campus officer, said police Capt. Bill McClurg.

At the time, police and district officials were at a nearby middle school investigating graffiti that threatened an attack there.

"All of a sudden we heard shots and glass breaking," said William Ditzler, 16, who was in the Granite Hills High School office when he spotted the gunman through a window.

"I was under the desk," Ditzler said. "I was just praying that he wouldn't walk through the door."

Junior Chris Wesley said the gunman fired at least eight shots and reloaded his weapon during the shooting.

Police said the shooter, identified as Jason Hoffman, had a 12-gauge shotgun and a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun, which prosecutors said came from Hoffman's home.

District Attorney Paul Pfingst said prosecutors were considering a range of charges, from assault to attempted murder. Because of Hoffman's injuries, the arraignment will be delayed, he said.

The motive for the attack wasn't clear.

"There were no warning signs," said senior Travis Peters, who shared an algebra class with Hoffman. "He wasn't an outcast, no one made fun of him. ... As far as I know, he was like every other kid."

Jiovani Guerrero, a junior who went to Granite Hills with Hoffman last year, said Hoffman may have been upset about not getting enough credits to graduate this spring.

"He was supposed to graduate this spring, but that wasn't going to happen," Guerrero said.

"The thing I got from him was that he never had friends," said Andrew Dunkel, 18, a senior who has known Hoffman since elementary school and described him as always appearing upset.

The shooting, at about 1 p.m., occurred the day after someone sprayed graffiti outside a middle school, threatening a shooting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, according to the Grossmont Union High School District. Police were investigating that threat when the shooting at Granite occurred.

Ditzler said Granite Hills High had been rife with rumors about violence since the shootings at nearby Santana High School in Santee.

"We've been having graffiti all over our gym saying, 'You guys are next,'" Ditzler said.

Several students described Hoffman as large and intimidating, a muscular loner who had few friends and seemed to be angry at the world.

"He had this hate-the-world walk," student Sean Connacher, 18, told the San Diego Union-Tribune. "This is a kid who didn't get picked on very often because most of the kids were afraid of him."

The violence sent a new jolt of fear through communities still shaken by the March 5 rampage seven miles away at Santana High, where a 15-year-old student allegedly killed two classmates and injured 13 others.

"I think everyone was kind of in shock because it happened again," said Aaron Novotny, a Santana freshman.

Andy Yafuso, 15, was the only victim still hospitalized Friday. He was recovering from pellet wounds to his chest, arm and head, said Dr. Frank Kennedy. The suspect underwent surgery at the same hospital, said Sharp Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Eileen Cornish.

"After Santana, I thought people would actually learn never to bring a gun to school," said Granite Hills sophomore Cristina Flores, 16. "If you hate school, it doesn't mean you have to bring a gun. It's just wrong."

Junior Roger Pollock, 16, was in math class taking a test when he heard a rapid succession of about six shots being fired.

He said he looked outside the window and saw a young man with blood on his face. Everyone in the class then ducked. The students stayed in the room for 20 minutes, until police escorted them out.

Red Cross spokesman Mickey Stonier, who had also been at Santee, went to El Cajon to help reunite parents and kids.

"This is like pulling a scab off a fresh wound," he said.

Officials at the 2,900-student school canceled classes until Monday, but said students would be allowed to back on campus Friday afternoon to get their belongings.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Nursing home animals are appropriate

DEAR DR. GOTT: What do you think about nursing homes that acquire birds and other animals? I would think that the practice is potentially dangerous for residents who are allergic to animal hair.

DEAR DR. GOTT: While it's true that some nursing home residents could have reactions to animal dander, such reactions should be rare and, in most cases, mild. This small risk is largely outweighed by the tremendous enthusiasm with which most residents greet the introduction of birds and animals into the nursing home environment. Thus, in my experience, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." 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: I am involved in a science project in my 8th grade class and want to learn more about muscular dystrophy. Is there a cure? Can it be avoided?

DEAR READER: Muscular dystrophy is really a class of inherited, progressive muscle diseases of unknown cause.

Pseudohypertrophic (Duchenne) muscular dystrophy is the most common type. It affects primarily boys between the ages of 3 and 7, causing weakness of the large muscles in the upper legs, leading to a waddling gait, frequent falls and difficulty walking. The leg muscles are slowly replaced by scar and fatty tissue. There is no treatment. Most victims are confined to wheelchairs by age 12. About half of these patients have low IQ test results. Most die by age 20 from respiratory complications.

Fascioscapulohumeral (Landouzy-Dejerine) dystrophy is a rare muscular disease that usually begins in early adolescence. It is marked by difficulty moving the lips, closing the eyes and raising the arms. Again, no treatment is available. However, life expectancy is normal.

Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy causes weakness of the shoulders and pelvic muscles. It characteristically begins in adulthood. There is no treatment. Patients eventually become handicapped.

Ocular myopathy leads to progressive weakness of the eyelids (ptosis), as well as poor coordination in other muscles in the face.

Congenital myopathies are individually named according to the muscle groups involved. Like the examples above, they are inherited muscle disorders, affecting children and causing weakness and delayed walking, which are not progressive.

In summary, the muscular dystrophies cause profound deterioration in various muscle groups. By and large, the afflictions are progressive and untreatable, although physical therapy will help dystrophic patients cope with their diseases and maintain some independence.

Because muscular dystrophy is inherited, rather than contagious, it is believed to be caused by genetic abnormalities. Therefore, genetic counseling for at-risk would-be parents is a must. People with family histories of muscular dystrophy are often encouraged not to have children.

Good luck with your science project.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does caffeine have effects on an unborn baby?

DEAR READER: Yes, it can. Because caffeine crosses the placental barrier and is absorbed into the fetal circulation, it can affect an unborn child in much the same way it affects an adult: nervousness, jitteriness, insomnia and rapid pulse. In the vast majority of cases, however, fetal stimulation is minimal and causes no problems, unless the mother-to-be uses truly excessive amounts. Prescription drugs, illicit drugs and alcohol are far more dangerous to unborn babies.

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Convicted killer of Earth girl is dead

LUBBOCK (AP) — A laid-off farmhand, who had volunteered to help South Plains law officers search for a missing 5-year-old girl but was later convicted in her slaying, died after complaining of chest pains.

Eddie Rowton, a death row inmate, was escorted Wednesday to a prison infirmary in Livingston, where he collapsed 15 minutes later in the exam room, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said.

Prison officials began cardiopulmonary resuscitation and alerted emergency medical services who transferred Rowton, 47, to Memorial Medical Center.

The inmate was pronounced dead at 9:31 p.m. Wednesday, said Larry Fitzgerald, a TDCJ spokesman.

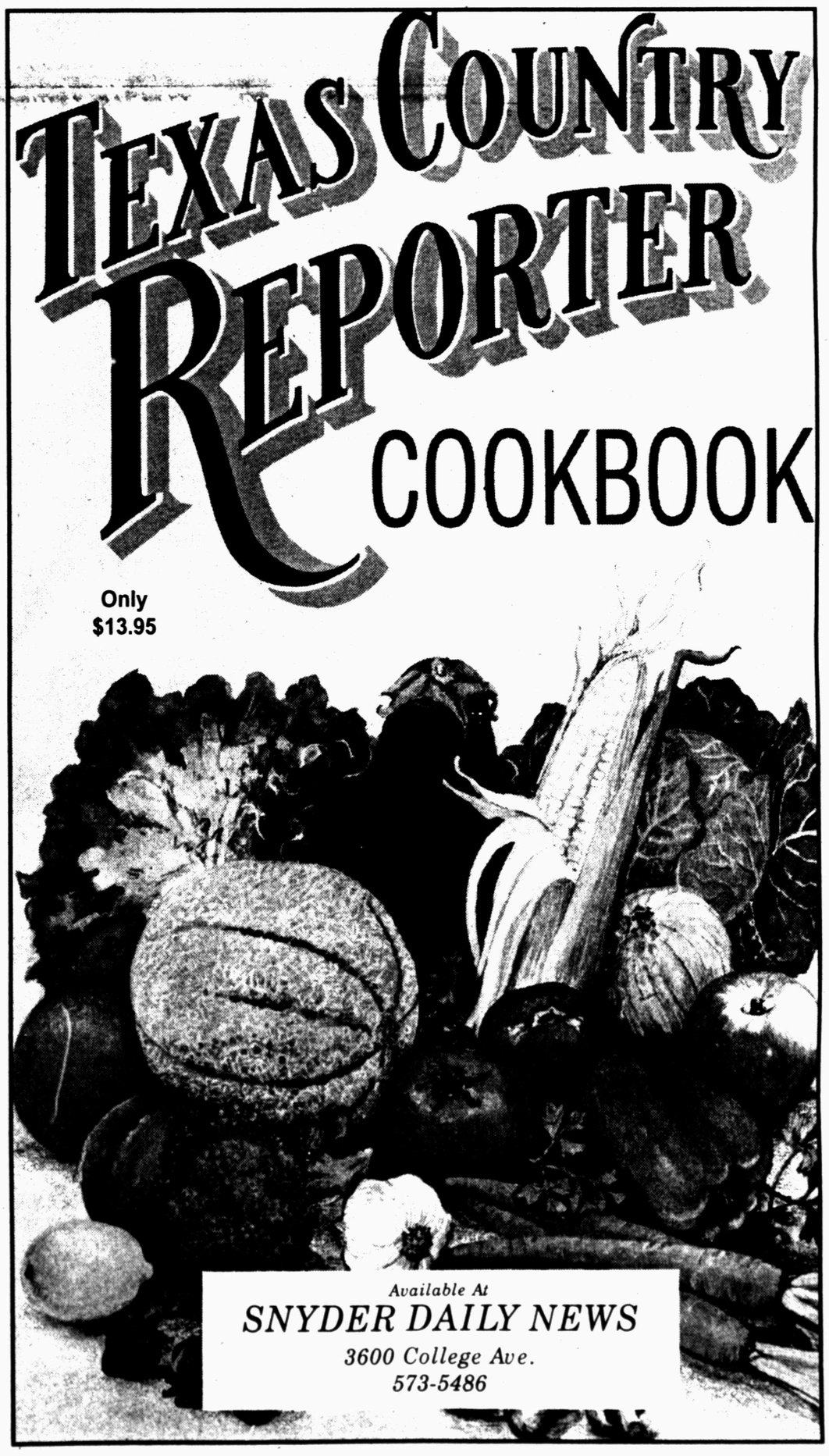
Rowton was sentenced to death in 1999 for the beating death of Shawnlee Perry, whose body was found in a field after a 111-day search by residents in the small South Plains town of Earth, about 55 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Former Lamb County sheriff's Deputy Tracy Bridges testified during Rowton's capital murder trial that the farmhand had at one point volunteered to help search for the missing girl.

John Cox, who was Earth's police chief during Shawnlee's disappearance, spent many hours trying to solve her disappearance. He said that he had planned to attend Rowton's execution before getting word of his death.

"I can't say it saddens me," Cox told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in Friday's editions. "The big judge took care of it is what it sounds like to me."

Earth Police Chief K.D. West, who also worked on the case, said, "I have no sympathy whatsoever for that monster."



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Bush says U.S. right to expel diplomats

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a new round of tit-for-tat U.S. and Russian expulsion of diplomats, President Bush considers the matter closed, the White House said today. His attorney general said the United States is not about to drop its guard.

"We did the right thing," Bush said while visiting a Salvation Army facility in Portland, Maine. "They can make whatever decision they deem necessary. Our country took the right course of action."

The U.S. action, Bush added, sends the message "that we will be firm and consistent in our foreign policy."

Attorney General John Ashcroft declared: "We always need to be vigilant that we have security risks, not only from foreign intelligence operatives, but we need to make sure that our own organizations are as risk-free as possible."

He spoke on ABC's "Good Morning America" after Russia notified the United States it was expelling four American diplomats and a U.S. official said another 46 will be asked to leave by the summer.

The expulsions are in reprisal for the ouster of four Russians implicated in the Robert Hanssen spy case. Another 46 Russians assigned to the embassy in Washington and consulates across the country were told to leave by July 1.

The Kremlin did not specify which Americans would be ousted beyond the four diplomats declared persona non grata. But a senior U.S. official said Thursday a like number of Americans would be sent home and today the official confirmed the number was 46.

"We're aware of what Russia has said it will do. The president considers the matter closed," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said on Air Force One as Bush headed to Maine for a speech.

Earlier today, the Russian Foreign Ministry had announced the four immediate expulsions, saying the U.S. Embassy officials would be expelled from Russia for activities incompatible with their diplomatic status — a euphemism for espionage. A ministry press service statement did not announce the other 46 expulsions referred to by the State Department, but it indicated that more retaliatory measures would follow.

Today's move by Russia was the latest act in a diplomatic squabble that began when the United States announced its expulsions of more than 50 Russian diplomats suspected of undercover intelligence activities.

On Thursday, Bush called for realistic, normal relations with Russia. Russian officials made it clear the matter was not closed: They had threatened to "adequately respond" to the U.S. expulsions. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov called the U.S. expulsions a groundless, "political" act harking back to the Cold War.

Patterson country home damaged during burglary

• ***Burglary***

The Scurry County Sheriff's Department is investigating a burglary at Glenn Patterson's country home that left two rooms heavily damaged.

Investigating Deputy Kevin Roemisch said the kitchen and living room of the 2665 County Road 1105 house received extensive damage. Tables and plates were broken and the stove was busted, he said. "The kitchen and living room were demolished."

The windows on the west side of the house were broken out allowing entry for the burglar or burglars.

Taken were a wide-screen television, another smaller TV, two VCRs and a cordless telephone.

Deputy Roemisch declined to comment if any suspects had been identified. He said the investigation is continuing.

• ***Forgery***

A representative with United Supermarket contacted the Snyder Police Department at 12:23 p.m. Thursday in reference to two forged checks. The checks had been stolen and forged on the personal checking account of Coy Rhodes.

• ***Obscene language***

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 3 p.m. Thursday in reference to two male subjects using obscene language towards her. An officer spoke with the two men and advised them of the complaint.

• ***Loud music***

Officers spoke to a male subject in a vehicle parked at the Coin Laundry at 12:29 a.m. today in reference to loud music.

• ***Arrest***

At 6:26 p.m., an 18-year-old man was taken into custody for Class B possession of marijuana.

A Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 36-year-old man at 1:23 a.m. today at the U.S. Highway 84 and Polar Road cutoff for driving while license invalid.

• ***Accidents***

An accident report was taken at 7:50 a.m. Thursday in the United Supermarket parking lot at 3500 College Avenue. Involved were a 1985 Ford pickup driven by Victor Rivera Hiracheta, 57, of 2122 73rd Street in Lubbock and a 1993 Ford Mustang driven by Toni Treat, 39, of 1663 Huffman.

At 8:36 a.m. Thursday, a minor accident occurred in the parking lot of McDonald's at 3400 College Avenue. Involved were a 1992 Volvo truck tractor towing a Great Dane trailer and a 1996 Ford pickup.

Patrick Rougeau, 30, of 1013 Baldwin in Denton was driving the truck while Bill Sealy, 74, of 2901 36th Street was driving the pickup.

Bills could save at least $32 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A package of bills that would help curb prescription drug costs could be just what the doctor ordered for the state's ailing budget, some lawmakers say.

So far this session, budget writers were told rising health care costs, including increases in drug prices and use, would cost the state more than $1 billion in additional funding over the next two years.

"What we're trying to do is find a way that we can deal with that and there may be many approaches to that," said House Public Chairwoman Patricia Gray. "We can't just throw up our hands and say there's nothing we can do."

Her committee discussed two dozen bills Wednesday in hope of getting a handle on the skyrocketing costs. The prescription bills were left pending.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee left similar bills pending Thursday.

Also Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee included a rule in the proposed budget that would require state agencies to receive a rebate from drug manufacturers if the seller also offers a rebate under the Medicaid program.

"It saves the state money," said Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin.

Any savings, especially in health care, would be welcomed with open arms this session as lawmakers work with the tightest budget in a decade.

The pinch is being felt from the state's prison system to Medicaid to retirement programs for state and school employees. The increases are eating away at the proposed $108.2 billion budget and any expected surplus.

"We're not going to tolerate 17 and 18 percent increases in drug costs in our state budget every year. We can't tolerate it. We just can't afford it," said Gray, D-Galveston.

Representatives from the pharmaceutical industry said there are many reasons the state is being squeezed by prescription costs, including more patients receiving more prescriptions.

Obituaries

Eula Maupin

1923-2001

DEMING, N.M. — Eula Virginia Maupin, former Ira resident, died Tuesday, March 20, in Mimbrea Memorial Nursing Home in Deming.

Graveside service for Mrs. Maupin, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 17, 1923 in Ira to E.D. and Una Jones Holdren, she was a 1942 graduate of Ira High School. She married I.E. "Red" Maupin on April 14, 1955 in the Knapp Baptist Church and lived in Ira until 1980.

She resided in Ranger from 1980 to 1994 when she moved to Deming. Mrs. Maupin was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Red Maupin; two sisters, Ila Cox and Lola Huddleston; and by five brothers, Lewis, Delmer, Onice, Roy and J.W. Holdren.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Jay Yates of Deming; one sister, Ellie Brown of Midland; and three grandchildren, Amber, Ira and Zay Yates of Deming.

Family visitation is set from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

A pot-luck dinner will be held at the Ira Baptist Church following the service.

Pallbearers will be Bud House, Corky Kruse, Robert Irwin, Bobby Stokes, Tommy Sterling, Darryl Calley and Lance Autrey.

Ms. Hulslander

1971-1998

COLORADO CITY – A memorial service for Daytina Rhea Blair Hulslander, a former Snyder resident, is set for 6 p.m. Saturday in the Oak Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hulslander had been missing since April, 1998 and her remains were found southeast of Midland last Feb. 28.

Born Aug. 21, 1971, she was a resident of Colorado City when she was reported missing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rodney "Rocky" Blair; her grandparents, Paul and Corienne "Janie" Makurin and Louis and Louise Blair; and her aunt, Paula Alberts.

Survivors include three sons, Dakota Cliff Blair, Kenneth Aaron Blair and Randall Todd Blair, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Corienna Deann Hulslander and Dreamer Cathlynn Hulslander, both of Midland; her mother, Elfie Ratliff of Colorado City; her brother, Todd White of Kermit; her aunts, Lunita Fryer of Big Spring and Louise Richardson of Austin; four nieces, Danni Lee and Samantha White, both of Colorado City, Summer White of Hermleigh and Catrina Rich of Kermit; two nephews, Buddy White and Terry Rich, both of Kermit.

Other special survivors are Dianne Nelson and Debbie Yandrich, both of Big Spring; Dorothy Loyd, Gabby Scott and Dianna Ballard, all of Snyder; Paula Alberts, Shirley Smith, Mary Riley and Tommy and Jane Cooper, all of Colorado City; Perry Keith Donnell and Ronnie Sumerald, both of Midland.

Willie Mann

1913-2001

AMARILLO – Willie Mae Mann, a former Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, March 20, in Amarillo.

Service for Mrs. Mann, 87, was held today in the Central Church of Christ with Paul Sneed, associate minister, officiating. Burial was to follow in the Llano Cemetery.

Born March 27, 1913 in Ardmore, Okla., she married Bill Mann in July, 1989 in Amarillo. She grew up in Scurry County and was a longtime resident of Amarillo and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Mann of Amarillo; a sister, Hazel Morton of Amarillo and formerly of Snyder; and five brothers, A.G. Flippin, Ray Flippin, Harold Flippin and Bob Flippin, all of Amarillo, and Gene Flippin of Brownwood.

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Births

Oriana Rain Renshaw, weighing 6 lbs., 8 ozs., was born at 8 p.m. March 17 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Parents are Deanna Renshaw and Brance Acker, both of Snyder.

Analicia Marie welcomes her brother, Alejandro Roman, born at 4:14 p.m. March 19 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 ozs. Parents are Jennifer and Hugo Jaimes.

Maternal grandparents are Domingo and Lydia Luera and paternal grandparents are Sebastian and Melesia Jaimes, all of Snyder.

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ONGOINGS

United Way workday

United Way board members will have a workday from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the new office space in the 1700 Block of 25th Street. Involved will be moving furniture, cleaning and setting up the new office.

Revival services

The public is invited to revival services at Faith Baptist Church beginning Sunday. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Jerry Reed is the evangelist.

Ave. D Baptist concert

The Robert Haynie Family from Lubbock will be in concert at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited. For additional information, call 573-0971.

Math and science night

Snyder Junior High School will have a fun with math and science for eight graders and their parents at 6 p.m. Monday at the school cafeteria.

Ira Masonic Lodge

The Ira Masonic Lodge will have a stated meeting and work in the EA Degree at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the lodge.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Wisdom of Solomon"| followed by "Role of Miracles in New Testament."

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

CPR certification classes

CPR certification classes for health-care providers will be held from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Room 7C at Western Texas College. To preregister and for more information, call 573-8511, ex. 390.

Golden Apple Awards banquet

SISD's sixth annual Golden Apple Awards banquet will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

C.H.I.P. signup

Children's Health Insurance Program signup will held from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library's children's room. Jo Thrower will present a program on "The Hidden Half of the Family." Anyone searching for females in their families should attend. Membership dues are $12 a person, or $15 a couple.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

MAWC game day and luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon will be held Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

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.

GED testing dates

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will next 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.

Bible College choir

The Apostolic Faith Church at 2506 25th St. will host The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs, Ks. at 7 p.m. next Friday.

Rabies vaccination day

The yearly rabies vaccination day will be held from 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, at the Snyder Fire Department. The cost is $6 for the vaccination and city tags will be free. Patrons are asked to park behind Texas Savings Bank.

Gateway fundraiser

Gateway Family Services will present the Flying J Wrangers from Ruidoso at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $25 and include an evening of food and entertainment.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical at 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 8 at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.