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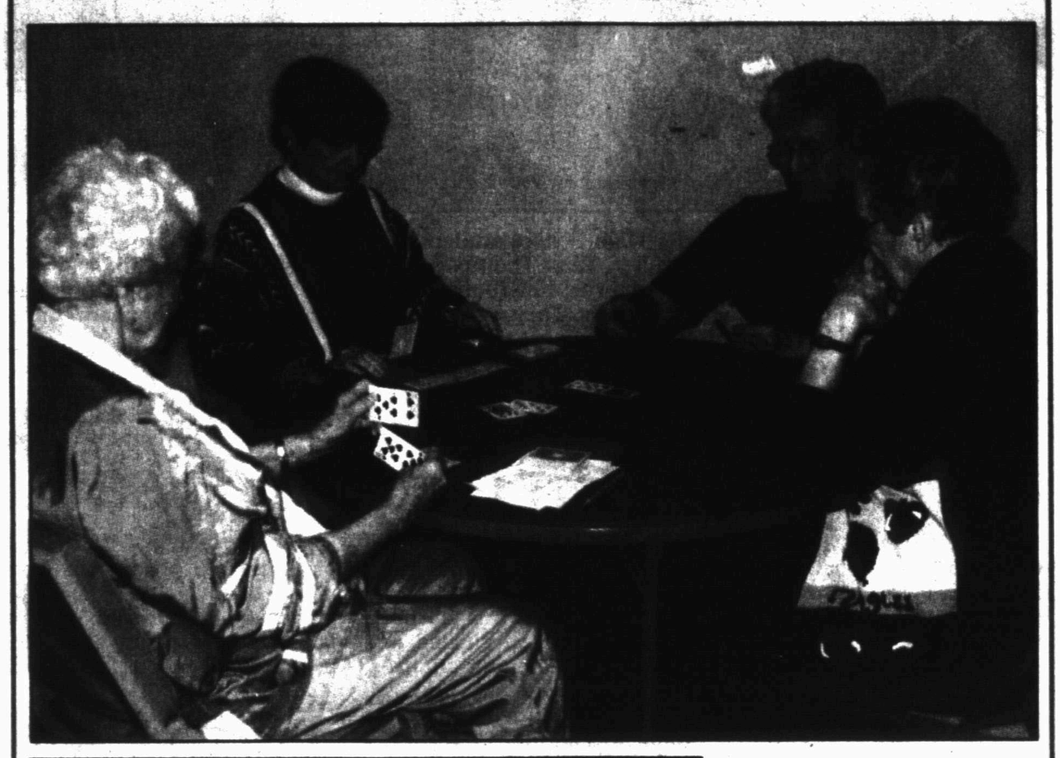
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Home of Cade Walton

It's cold outside...





IN FROM THE COLD — The Scurry County Senior Center was bustling with activity this morning as Snyder residents looked for indoor activities while temperatures outside dropped below freezing. Playing bridge from left are Marie Armstrong, Sarah Clanton, Natalie Sallee and Veida Gage. Working on a quilt were Viola Stone, left, and Pam Fenton, activity director. Other activities keeping patrons busy included billiards and dominoes. (SDN Staff Photos)

Dry weather fuels fire risk

Summer's lush growth now potential problem

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

An unusually wet summer in 2002 made this area greener and more lush than in recent years.

But now that the increased vegetation has died off in winter, firefighters are seeing warning sings of things to come.

Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the added growth during the warm seasons last year cculd cause more fires now.

"We had enough rain last summer to keep everything green and make the grass a lot taller and the vegetation was just bigger all over," he said. "Now that winter has come in, all that growth has died and is creating a serious fire hazard."

Last week, the National Weather Service issued an "extreme fire danger" warning for the area.

"All the elements came together," Westmoreland said of the warning. "The temperature was right and the humidity was right and the wind and a lot of other things were just right for a fire."

Fire Marshal Cy Posey said the department "has been lucky so far this year."

"What's been unique for us is that there's added vegetation and we've expected to be inundated with fire calls, but so far we haven't had them," he said. "That's partly because we, as a department, have made the public more aware of the danger. We urge people to take extra measures for safety if they are going to burn vegetation or trash."

The easiest and most effective prevention method for people who burn trash in drums, Posey said, is simply placing a screen over the barrel.

"People use these 55-gallon drums to burn their trash, but they don't realize that one little wisp of wind can send cinders flying out and there's a fire hazard," he said.

Westmoreland also urges people to be mindful of what they burn in their trash.

"Aerosol cans are explosive in a fire," he said. "Hairspray or deodorant or anything in a spray can will explode if it gets hot enough."

The fire chief said another courtesy appreciated by the department is when people notify firefighters before they start a fire, whether they burn trash or land.

"A lot of people use controlled burns to clear their land and that's fine, but we'd like them to call us right before they start it so we'll know to expect it. So we won't run out there when somebody that doesn't know about the controlled burn reports a grass fire."

In 2002, the fire department answered 332 fire calls around Scurry County. Forty-five of those were grass fires, while 21 were classified as trash fires and another six were brush fires.

Another source of fires that people are unaware of is glass bottles discarded along the side of highways, according to Posey.

"People throw their bottles into the ditch and then when these contractors mow the grass, the bottles are shattered into little pieces by the blades," he said. "When the sun catches those glass shards just right, it's the same as holding a magnifying glass and waiting until the grass catches fire. That's how a lot of these ditch fires begin."

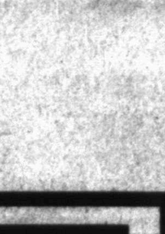
Both Westmoreland and Posey agree that one thing rivals everything else in preventing fires — common sense.

"If the wind is blowing hard or if the humidity is extra low, don't start a fire," Posey said. "And if you have a question or a concern, call us."

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



We were on the 10th floor of a Dallas hotel Saturday morning watching WFAA Channel 8's planned brief coverage of Columbia flying over north Texas.

On the tube was a vapor trail against a clear blue sky and then we looked out the window to see if we could see it live.

Apparently we were on the wrong side of the hotel, so we returned to the TV.

A comment was made that it looked like Columbia might be changing courses because it appeared more than one vapor trail was now visible and we all surmised that it had used some kind of propulsion system for that purpose.

Hence, the second vapor trail.

The TV was left on and after the news announcer said Columbia would be landing in Florida in about 14 minutes, we never thought much more about it.

That is until a trailer began running across the bottom of the screen that NASA had lost contact with the shuttle.

This was about 20 minutes after the live view of the shuttle.

A short time later, NASA announced a contingency plan had been put into effect. This was saying something had happened to the shuttle without actually saying it had gone down.

We left Dallas a little later heading east on I-20.

By then, the world knew the shuttle had tragically fallen to the earth in what could be a million pieces.

We all thought the process had started over Dallas, but now NASA feels that the heat tiles may have started coming off over California — a long way off on the map — but not long for a shuttle traveling 14,000 miles per hour.

As word spread that parts of the shuttle were being found all over East Texas, there was not a car we passed that did not have passengers and drivers looking down at the roadway, or up to the sky.

After spending the day taking in the sights in and around western Louisiana, including Barksdale Air Force Base, we got back into Dallas about 10 p.m. and one of the first sights was the Amber Alert signs alerting drivers to call police to report space shuttle debris.

The hotel was adjacent to the market center where the annual Dallas Boat Show was being held.

Friday night, the place was rocking with company representatives peddling boats, guns, fishing tackle, and the like.

Saturday night, it was hard to find anyone that was not talking about the tragic event of that morning.

On the way back to Snyder, we stopped to get gas. About the time we were leaving the station, 10 Department of Public Safety patrol cars pulled up to refuel.

One of the troopers who was there was James Arnwine who patrolled our local highways for a couple of years.

Arnwine is now stationed in Midland and he and his fellow troopers had received orders to report to Lufkin.

"I don't know what we'll be doing, whether we'll be guarding debris or walking fields searching for more debris," said Arnwine.

The day after the shuttle tragedy, there were reminders everywhere of what had happened.

Unfortunatley, we expect they will be around for a long time.

Strayhorn warns against more cuts in her office

AUSTIN (AP) — Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is expected to tell state leaders they will have about $500 million less to spend if she is required to cut her office's budget over the next two years, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

Strayhorn was preparing to send a letter to legislative leaders stating that cuts to her staff and resources beyond what she's already approved would hamper her ability to conduct audits and collect taxes.

Already, the state is facing a $9.9 billion budget shortfall.

Strayhorn planned to issue the letter today.

On Thursday, speaking to the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors board, Strayhorn indicated her agency should not sustain severe cuts.

"I'm a revenue-generating agency," she told the APME board. She said it doesn't make sense to cut back in an area that is collecting money for the state.



Carole Keeton Strayhorn

"I worry about across-the-board cuts," she said. "I think we can't mix up fiscal discipline with fiscal shortsightedness."

She also said education is "the last place to cut."

Strayhorn has agreed to cut her office's budget by 8 percent, about $16 million, in the current fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

State agencies were ordered to tell Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday how they would answer his request to cut their 2003 budgets by 7 percent.

Strayhorn warned that she can go no further in cutting at her agency, even though all state agencies are being asked to rebuild their budgets from a base of zero in 2004-05.

"Any further reductions in funding would severely impact my agency's operations and productivity and, most importantly, would impact our state's revenue," she wrote to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick.

Strayhorn may become the latest in a long line of comptrollers who have tried to use their revenue projections to negotiate funding for their own offices.

Capitol veterans remember Bob Bullock trying to get more auditors and computer equipment in the 1970s and 1980s and John Sharp using revenue projections to obtain the power to conduct performance reviews of other state agencies in the 1990s.

Terror alert status upped to 'high risk'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today raised the national terror alert from yellow to orange, citing a U.S. intelligence warning of a "high risk" of terrorist attack, a senior administration official said. It's the second highest level in the color-coded system.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the decision was based on an increase in intelligence pointing to a possible attack around the Muslim holy period of the Hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to the holy Saudi city of Mecca.

President Bush approved the decision in a meeting early today. Attorney General John Ashcroft, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge were scheduled to formally announce the change later in the day.

At a picture-taking session for the swearing-in of John Snow as Bush's new treasury secretary, the president ignored questions about the change in terror-alert status.

Senior White House, Justice and Homeland Security Department officials had considered raising the level for several days.

The alert has been at code yellow, or "elevated," which is the middle of a five-point scale of risk developed after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. It was last raised to orange in September and stayed there for two weeks to coincide with the first anniversary of the attacks. The highest alert level is red.

ASK US

Q—What was spent by Scurry County last year on court-appointed attorneys?
A—$31,879.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Michele Jenkins...

...is secretary at the county extension office and has been a Snyder resident seven years. Her husband, James, works at the TDCJ Snyder Distribution Center. Michele and James have three kids in Snyder schools. Whitney is a seventh grader, Ashleigh is in the fourth grade and Riley is a second grader. The family enjoys watching movies.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Mountain-moving faith is not just dreaming and desiring. It is daring to risk failure.

—Mary Kay Ash

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Krispy Kreme donuts

Price Daniel Unit employees are selling Krispy Kreme donuts. To pre-order, call 573-1114 by today and ask for Mrs. Merritt or Mrs. Cheyne. Orders will be picked up beginning at 7:30 a.m. Monday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Country and Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

8th grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting of all Snyder 8th grade parents to plan an end-of-school party. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at 3300 Ave. U. Anyone interested is invited. For more information call Cindy Brewster at 573-6337, Carlene Lee at 573-2709 or Tina Stansell at 573-4157.

Central Baptist Church

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh is hosting the country gospel group, "Desert Reign" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Retired teachers meeting

Snyder Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at the Shack. Program, "What About Music," will be presented by Emily Hataway.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Everybody Needs Jesus," followed by "Ingredients of a Godly Home."

Relay captains to meet

Team captains for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the teachers' lounge at Stanfield Elementary.

Apostolic Faith special services

The Apostolic Faith Church is holding special services at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through next Friday with Mark Palmer from Anchorage as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the meetings at 2510 25th St. For additional information, call 573-8115.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Monday, Feb. 17. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

Hospice memorial service

A memorial service for families who lost someone during 2002 will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the First Presbyterian Church.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Colonial Hill library. The topic will be financial management for caregivers. For more information, call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elms, Shumard Oak, Sand Plums, Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Green Ash, American Honeysuckle, Desert Willow and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 Thursday, Feb. 27. The meeting is for resident's family members on a program presented by Brenda Elkins of the Area Agency of Aging.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be 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 the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

101st Airborne to deploy

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — Pvt. Bryan Braddock drove from one dry cleaner to another looking for one that could sew emblems on his desert fatigues.

The announcement Thursday that the 101st Airborne Division would deploy overseas put Fort Campbell in a frenzy. But despite the scrambling, Braddock said the news was almost a relief.

"Waiting is hard," said the 22-year-old from Manhattan, Kan. "It's one of those things you just want to know."

The division — along with its 270 helicopters — will "support possible future operations in the global war on terrorism," according to a statement from Fort Campbell, where the division is based.

The exact location of the deployment and how many of the division's 20,000 soldiers are being sent was not disclosed.

The orders come as officials in Washington say the buildup of American forces in the Persian Gulf is accelerating, with two and possibly three more aircraft carriers likely to head toward the region in the next few days.

The deployment of the storied 101st, which parachuted at Normandy, fought on "Hamburger Hill" in Vietnam and played a crucial role in the Gulf War, was announced hours before President Bush urged the United Nations not to "back down" from Saddam Hussein.

The number of American troops in the region stands at an estimated 113,000 — nearly half in Kuwait, the main launch point for a potential U.S.-led ground invasion.

The Army said the 101st will deploy to the U.S. Central Command area of operations, which includes the Persian Gulf.

"The president of the United States has made no decision about any future military operations," said Maj. Carl Purvis, a public affairs officer with the 101st. "These deployments are prudent steps to increase military capabilities and enhance flexibility."

In recent years, the 101st has hunted suspected Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the mountains of Afghanistan. It is the Army's only air assault division, trained to rapidly deploy anywhere in the world within 36 hours.



SHS CLASS FAVORITES — Snyder High School student body elected class favorites recently. They are, seated and standing from left, Temi Thompson and Jeremy Torrez, freshman; Kayla Guerrero and Josh Hernandez, sophomores; Kelsi Johnson and Sterling Millhollon, juniors; and Hailey Putnam and Colby Driggers, seniors. They were recognized at the SHS coronation Thursday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Smallpox inoculation program off to slow start, official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two weeks into a national vaccination program that was expected to take a month, smallpox vaccinations have begun in just 16 states.

A top federal official acknowledged Thursday that the program was off to a slow start, citing the unresolved issue of compensation for people harmed by the vaccine as well as confusion about the risk of a bioterrorism attack.

Federal officials had hoped states would vaccinate close to 500,000 health care workers in about 30 days, beginning in late January. As of Wednesday, 687 people in 16 states had been inoculated.

The director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the program should not be measured by the number of people vaccinated or by how long it takes.

"Our goal is not achievement of a number. Our goal is achievement of a preparedness capacity," Dr. Julie Gerberding said. "We want the state and local health jurisdictions to implement this program as fast as they can but more importantly, as safely as they can."

Gerberding said the compensation issue has become a significant stumbling block. Based on historic data, a small number of people vaccinated will face life-threatening injuries, and federal officials acknowledge they need a way to offer compensation for lost wages and medical expenses.

Reimbursement for lost wages and medical expenses is now only available through the workers' compensation system, which has many holes.

Gerberding said the Bush administration is getting "closer and closer" to proposing a solution. An existing compensation fund helps people injured by other vaccines, but does not include smallpox.

State officials, hospitals and unions have expressed concerns about compensation, saying the issue is a barrier to recruiting people for the vaccination program.

At the same time, Gerberding said, many offered the vaccine are confused about the risk that smallpox, which was eradicated in the 1970s, will return through bioterrorism. Federal officials have said there is no imminent threat, but that the risk is not zero.

"That is not a very helpful parameter to people who are used to having very precise information," she said. "There is a great uncertainty about the probability of a smallpox attack."

In Charlotte, N.C., the Presbyterian Healthcare system is not participating, given the certain risk of the vaccine and the unknown risk of an attack, said spokesman Kevin McCarthy.

The hospital sees "no credible evidence of smallpox threat," he said. "Maybe if we were New York or Washington, D.C., maybe we would. We don't see the risk at this point."

In Atlanta, just two of seven metro trauma centers are participating, but that could change if the threat becomes better defined, said Dr. Kathleen Toomey, director of the Georgia Division of Public Health.

"If that intelligence changes, if there's more risk, all hospitals said they will reassess whether to get vaccinated," she said.

The vaccination program is being conducted by 50 states, the District of Columbia and three large cities — Los Angeles, New York and Chicago, as well as U.S. territories.

Today's chuckle

Michigan teen saves 3,500 Cheetos bags

MUNISING, Mich. (AP) — The past year has been crunch time for Munising High School junior Alex Johnson.

He ate a bag of Cheetos every day at lunch, and collected empty bags from classmates. His locker eventually became stuffed with 3,500 bags from the cheese-flavored snacks — each of them worth one gift point.

One of Johnson's teachers sent an e-mail to Cheetos manufacturer Frito-Lay Corp.

"They liked it so much, they sent somebody here," said Johnson, 17.



That someone turned out to be Chester Cheeto, a costumed cartoon figure and the point character in Cheetos marketing and advertising.

Chester appeared at a pep rally for the basketball team, and presented Johnson with a scrolled declaration proclaiming him an "honorary deputy of cheese."

"I think it's unusual and funny that this has actually happened," Johnson said. "It's kind of cheesy."

Johnson hasn't decided what he would redeem his Cheetos gift points for. "Whatever the biggest thing is," he said.

Date Book

Friday, Feb. 7, 2003

Today is the 38th day of 2003 and the 48th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1795, the 11th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, reaffirming the sovereignty of the states by prohibiting suits against them.

On this day in 1827, ballet was introduced to the United States in a performance of "The Deserter," in New York City.

On this day in 1999, Stardust took off on its mission to collect dust samples from comets, the first U.S. mission to be devoted solely to a comet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), writer and political figure; Charles Dickens (1812-1870), writer; Eubie Blake (1883-1983), composer and pianist; Sinclair Lewis (1885-1951), writer; James Spader (1960-), actor, is 43; Chris Rock (1966-), comedian, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, Joe DiMaggio became the first $100,000-a-year baseball player after signing a contract with the New York Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Damn the great executives, the men of measured merriment, damn the men with careful smiles ... oh, damn their measured merriment." — Sinclair Lewis, from his 1925 novel "Arrowsmith"

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 1) and first quarter (Feb. 9).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Healthy old age depends on lifestyle changes now

DEAR ABBY: I am in my mid-50s and look forward to traveling with my husband when he takes early retirement next year. My mother died at 82 with Alzheimer's disease, and lately, if I misplace my sunglasses or forget somebody's name, I become terrified that I'm coming down with it, too.

I have heard there are certain brain exercises people can follow to keep from losing our memories as we get older. My husband says I'm silly to worry about this now, but if there's anything I can do to protect myself from future problems, I want to get started. Any suggestions? — **WORRIED SILLY IN L.A.**

DEAR WORRIED: Although a family history of Alzheimer's does increase your risk, my experts tell me that recent scientific data estimate that only one-third of what determines memory ability and long-term brain health is genetically programmed. The other two-thirds are actually dictated by things that are under our own control, such as lifestyle and personal health choices. Thus, as we age, we have far more influence over our own brain fitness and memory abilities than we ever imagined.

It is not "silly" to be concerned about getting a head start on preventing age-related memory loss. I spoke with Dr. Gary Small, director of the UCLA Center on Aging, who says it is never too early to begin protecting our brains. In his book, "The Memory Bible," Dr. Small explains that our brains actually begin to show signs of aging when we are in our early 20s. He outlines ways to protect our brain function with healthy diet, mental aerobics, memory techniques and stress reduction.

Organizations like the UCLA Center on Aging (www.aging.ucla.edu) and AARP (www.aarp.org) also provide information and programs about healthy lifestyles and ways to stave off many age-related diseases. Check them out. It may give you some much needed peace of mind.

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DEAR ABBY: For the past six years, I've had a problem with my younger sister, "Robin." She "borrows" my clothes and other things from my room without asking, and then isn't smart enough to put them back. Every time I walk by Robin's room, I find another article of my clothing, shoes or jewelry on the floor. When I confront my sister in front of our parents, Mom rolls her eyes and says she's tired of my complaints. Then Dad will ask Robin point-blank if she "really did it," and she'll say, "Yes, but I was about to return it." That's it, end of story. It's happened too many times to count.

Last summer, I put a keyed lock on my door, which helped with the problem until the lock was mysteriously filled with "goop." It never worked after that. Just yesterday, I found an expensive dry-clean-only sweater of mine on Robin's floor. She had tossed it in the washer and dryer, and it was ruined. When I told Mom, she went out and bought me a new one, but just tonight I found one of my shirts on Robin's floor — also ruined.

I'll be moving out in July to go to college, but until then, I need some advice. Please help me, Abby — nobody else will. — **COUNTING THE MONTHS IN MASON CITY, IOWA**

DEAR COUNTING THE MONTHS: Your parents have been negligent in their responsibility to your little sister. They have failed to teach her responsibility, honesty, and respect for the possessions and boundaries of others. This will come back to haunt them — and your sister — in the future. Please show them this column and hang on until July. Your trials are almost over.

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Bush budget would cut aid for schools that teach military kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — School officials nationwide are criticizing a proposal in President Bush's budget to stop compensating them for teaching children of military personnel who are not living on bases.

School administrators say the plan is particularly galling because Bush also is asking some parents of these kids to get ready to go to war with Iraq.

"We've got bases that are deploying troops and if these children go unfunded, as opposed to no child left behind, we'll be leaving all military children behind," Robert Edmonson, controller of the Copperas Cove, Texas, school district, said Thursday.

The federal government helps fund public school districts that educate children who live on military bases, making up for lost local taxes.

Bush's proposed budget, submitted this week, envisions eliminating children of military personnel who live off base from the funding formula used to calculate the in-lieu-of-taxes payments.

Edmonson said his district, where many Fort Hood children attend school, would lose $9.5 million, about 20 percent of its operating budget.

A total of 1,300 school districts receive what is known as impact aid from the federal government because they can't assess taxes on federal property or tribal reservations, but still have to educate children whose parents live or work there.

The administration would still include in the formula the 142,000 children who live on military bases and attend local public schools. However, the 240,000 military children who live off base would no longer be counted in calculating the payments.

Bush also is proposing to eliminate payments for children of civilians working on government property and children living in federally owned low-income housing projects.

"If these students are living off base in private property, then the district is receiving property tax to pay for their education," said Amy Call, a spokeswoman for the White House Office of Management and Budget.

That explanation doesn't satisfy Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, whose district includes Fort Hood. The Army post already has deployed the 12,500-member 4th Infantry Division and other military personnel in the buildup for any war with Iraq.

"What the bean counters at OMB missed is you simply don't send servicemen and women off to the Iraqi theater and as soon as they get on the plane tell them, 'By the way, we are cutting education funding for your children, who will be back here at home,'" Edwards said.

John Deegan, superintendent of Nebraska's 9,000-student Bellevue Public School District near Offutt Air Force Base, said his system would lose $7 million. "I'm not sure how I can explain that to mothers of military soldiers who have been deployed," Deegan said.

The unified school district in San Diego would lose about $3.5 million, said its controller, Richard Knott. He said his school district already is laying off people because of state budget cuts.

John Forkenbrock, executive director of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, said the government pays an average $3,500 per child to local school districts for children living on base but not attending schools run by the Defense Department. For children of military personnel living off base, the payments average between $700 and $800 per child, he said.

EPA orders 11 companies to clean site

DETROIT (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered the Big Three automakers and eight other companies to clean up toxic lead residue from a former smelter or foot the bill for a federal cleanup.

The EPA said Thursday that it was forced to act because the companies failed to complete a cleanup that the agency requested in July.

On Wednesday, the EPA issued a cleanup order and described the Master Metals site as "an imminent and substantial threat to public health and the environment."

"Our patience with the responsible parties is at an end. Area residents deserve to have the site cleaned up quickly," the Detroit Free Press quoted regional EPA administrator Tom Skinner as saying.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., DaimlerChrysler AG are among those ordered to carry out the cleanup. Others include two of the smelter's former owners, Houston-based NL Industries Inc. and Allied Signal, now owned by Honeywell Corp.

The automakers sent batteries there to reclaim lead in them.

NL Industries and Honeywell declined comment on the order.

DaimlerChrysler spokeswoman Kathleen Graham said the order was welcome.

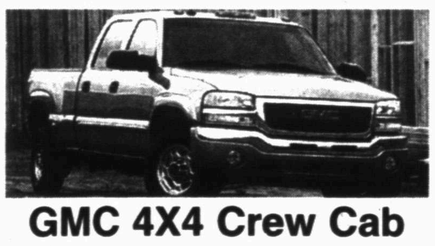
"Chrysler Group has, along with other parties, been cooperating with the EPA in a timely manner, and we hope that this order will bring about the involvement of some recalcitrant parties so the cleanup can move forward," she said.

Berry's World



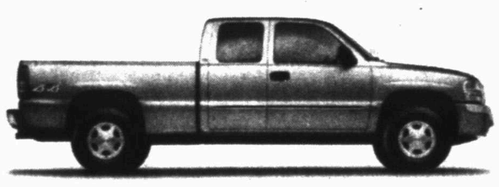
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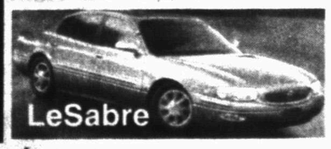

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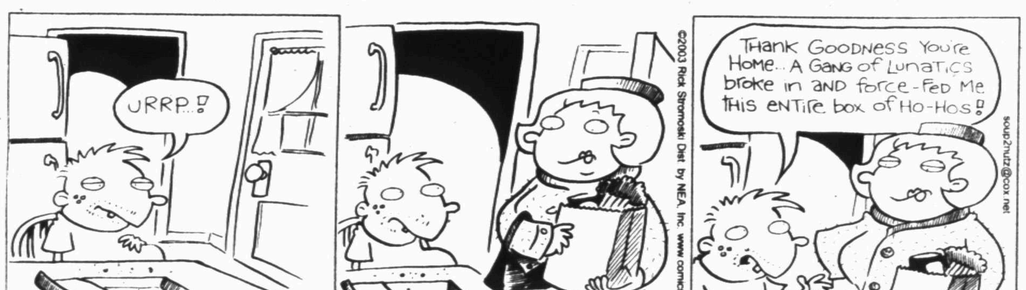
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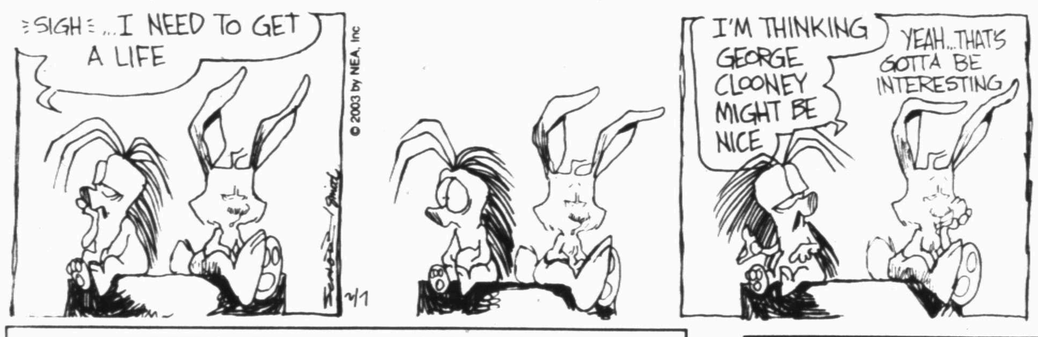
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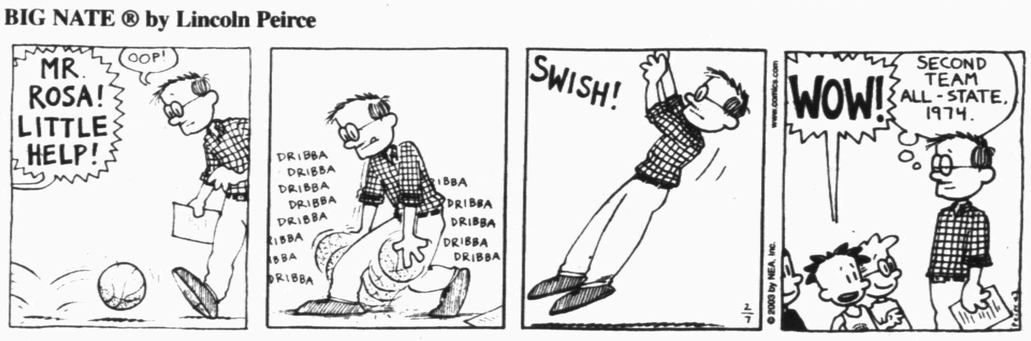
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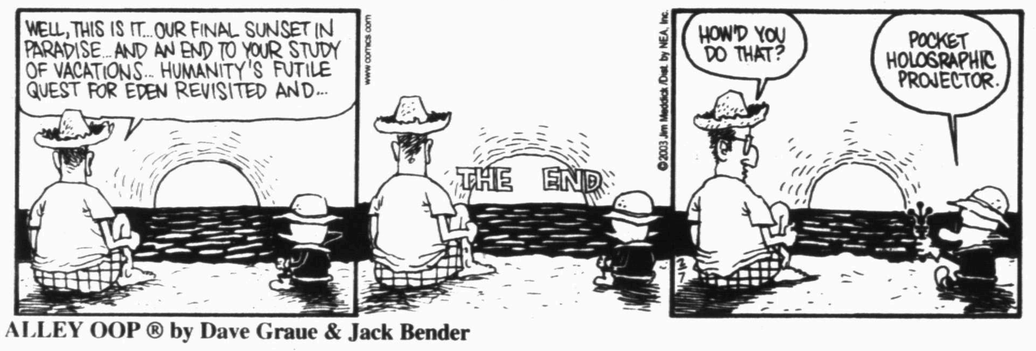
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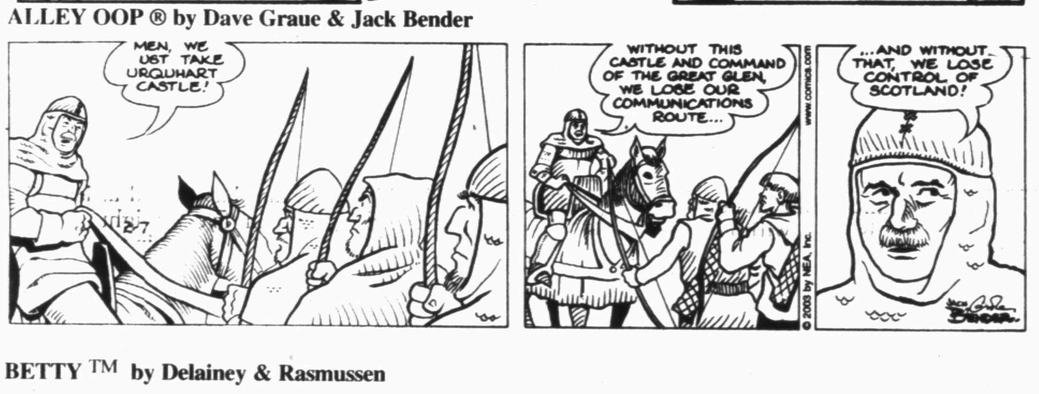
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ACROSS

1 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
4 Trade punches
8 Weird
11 Spring formal
12 Tiberius' garb
13 Settle up
14 Neutral tone
15 Desert dweller
16 Before
17 Prickly weed
19 Fillets a fish
21 Cartoon shriek
22 Goal
23 I.e. words
26 Lure
29 Noah's craft
30 EEC currency
32 Gossip
34 Holiday song
36 Dads, to granddads
38 Modern
39 Church readings
41 Gunslinger's tally
43 Tampa Bay pro
44 Leaf out
45 Beam
48 Fables
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61 Diligent insect

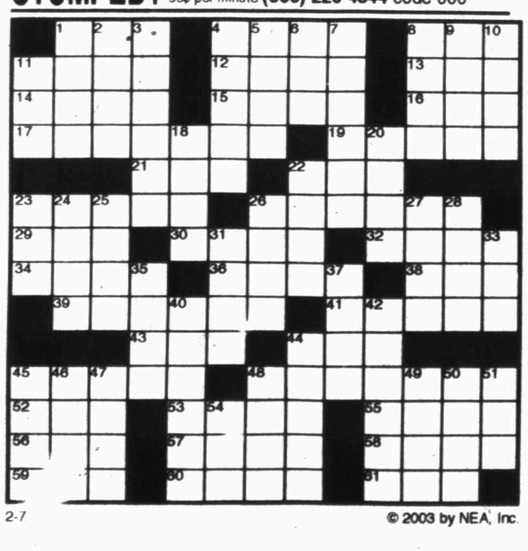
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3 Diverts
4 Hunt
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7 Cottontail
8 Ajar
9 Venture
10 Does batik
11 Favorite
18 Chapeau's place
20 Not include
22 Soon, to Juliet
23 Writer — Fleming
24 Fall
25 Barely scrapes by
26 Piccadilly statue
27 Unable
28 TVA supply
31 Green Beret's org.
33 Utility bill abbr.
35 Chemists' lairs
37 Cozy
40 Vandross or Burbank
42 Black Sea city
44 Assail
45 Bumps
46 Low-fat spread
47 Uncertain
48 San — Obispo
49 Lunch time
50 Simpleton
51 Fr. holy woman
54 Malt beverage

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

We have been reluctant to weigh in on the LeBron James "controversy" simply because it has been done to death by the national media.

But in the past few days, people seem to be looking for a victim in all of this.

Is James the victim of unscrupulous adults who have taken advantage of his talent to make their living off of him?

Uh, no.

James is 18 years old, which in this culture means he is an adult. He is eligible to vote, he can volunteer to go to the Middle East with a rifle in his hands, he must register for the draft, and he is old enough to pay child support.

He is certainly old enough to take responsibility for accepting free stuff he knew he wasn't supposed to take. But of course, instead of accepting his much-publicized expulsion from high school basketball and preparing for his inevitable pro career, he hires a team of expensive lawyers to have his expulsion reduced to a suspension.

Has he been misguided? Sure.

No doubt the vultures have been circling over him for years, waiting for the chance to give him free shoes, jerseys, and cars that cost more than the average home in West Texas.

His school sold his entire team out for $30,000, the sum ESPN paid to air his games.

And that network, which has in recent years increasingly become less about sports news and more about sports hype, is not without fault.

No wonder James has a sense of entitlement when the largest sports network on the planet has dubbed him "King James" before he has ever played a minute of competitive basketball against players of similar skill.

His mother seems like a caring, loving parent who can't wait to move into a 10,000-square foot mansion.

He has no business driving a Hummer, and the bank that made the loan to his mother had no business signing off on it.

Some, like that esteemed social commentator Deion Sanders, have claimed that a lot of rich kids drive expensive cars to school, and why should James be any different?

Well, because James isn't rich, that's why.

He and his mother live in government-subsidized housing, which begs the questions: Who is making the payments? And who do we need to talk to in order to get a similar deal?

James broke the rules, got caught, then promptly blamed everyone, including the media he has used as a tool to showcase his talents, for his troubles.

Just like a little kid.

If he is mature enough to accept the accolades that come his way, he should be mature enough to accept the blame when he breaks the rules.

The only victims in this entire, sordid, overblown story are the teammates who have been cast as extras in the marketing of LeBron James.

And the spirit and purpose of high school athletics.

Spurs win fifth straight

DENVER (AP) — Tony Parker knew someone needed to step up after injuries left the San Antonio Spurs with just nine players.

So he did.

Parker scored 19 of his 23 points in the third quarter as the Spurs extended their winning streak to five games with an 83-74 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

The Spurs were already without center David Robinson, then lost guards Stephen Jackson and Emanuel Ginobili to sprained ankles in the first half.

The Spurs led 40-32 at halftime, then extended the lead to 15 after Parker scored 14 points in the first six minutes of the third. He added a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws to tie Denver's point total in the quarter.

"A lot of guys needed to step up tonight and we played a pretty good game overall," said Parker, who also had eight assists. "(Coach Gregg Popovich) told me to be aggressive because Jackson and Ginobili both went out, that's all."

The Spurs were forced out on the longest road trip in franchise history because of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo at the SBC Center, but have responded with five wins in six games.

San Antonio opened the nine-game trip with a 106-95 loss to Minnesota, but followed with wins over Indiana, Orlando and Miami before beating Golden State and Denver on consecutive nights.

The Spurs, who don't return home until Feb. 18 against Denver, have won 14 of 17 overall.

"The rodeo is important in San Antonio and we have no choice, so what are you going to do?" Popovich said. "The guys have reacted really well."

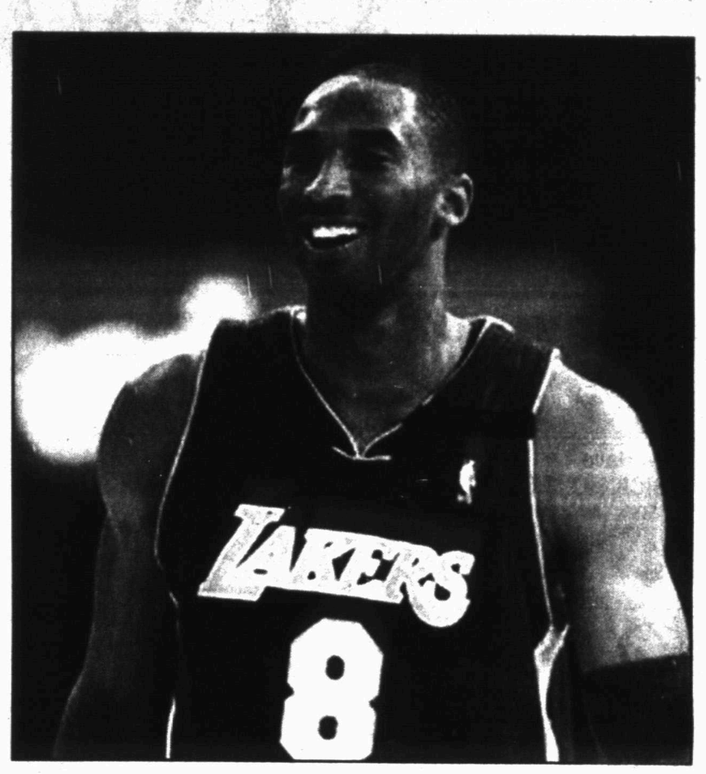
Denver set an NBA record with three points in the first quarter the last time against the Spurs and they weren't much better this time.

The Nuggets made just two of their first 11 shots and had just four points until Juwan Howard hit a 14-foot jumper with 3:54 left. Denver finished 6-for-18 to trail 20-12 after one quarter.

"You can pin it on me. You can pin it on youth and you can pin it on a lot of things, but the bottom line is it's not getting done," Denver coach Jeff Bzdelik said.

The Nuggets cut San Antonio's lead to 60-51 on a layup by Nene Hilario with 3:07 left, but didn't score again as the Spurs pushed the lead to 17.

The Nuggets missed their final five shots, including a short airball hook by Mark Blount, a straightaway jumper hard off the glass by Chris Andersen and dunk by Blount that caromed off the rim toward Denver's bench.



ALL SMILES — Kobe Bryant gives a grin toward the end of Thursday's game against the New York Knicks. Bryant scored a season-high 46 in the 114-109 victory. (AP Photo)

Tigers face must-win at Denver City tonight

The Snyder Tigers continue their postseason push tonight against the Mustangs at Denver City.

Against Denver City Jan. 21, the Tigers (12-17, 3-5) had 13 consecutive possessions without a score en route to a 56-39 loss.

The Tigers were held to just four second-quarter points in that contest.

The team is coming off a tough loss to Merkel Tuesday, after a thrilling, last-second win last Friday in Lamesa.

In other 3-3A action, Seminole takes on a Sweetwater club that has dropped two straight, while winless Lamesa must travel to Merkel to take on the undefeated, district-leading Badgers.

Kobe carries L.A. over .500

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Jackson recently asked Kobe Bryant to shoulder a bigger load of the Los Angeles Lakers' offense.

Boy, has Bryant responded to his coach.

Bryant dazzled the New York Knicks with an array of drives, jumpers and dunks, matching his season high with 46 points to lead the Lakers to a 114-109 victory Thursday night and their first winning record of the season heading into the All-Star break.

Shaquille O'Neal added 33 points as the Knicks had no answer for Los Angeles' dynamic duo. Bryant (40) and O'Neal (28) combined to outscore the Knicks in the first three quarters as the Lakers took a 97-67 lead.

"That was quite a show the first three quarters," Jackson said. "Shaq and Kobe put on a show tonight. It was a spectacular performance by Kobe."

Bryant has scored at least 35 points in five straight games, scoring 201 points in that stretch as Jackson asked his star for more offense.

"He's opened the offense up and allowed me to penetrate more," Bryant said. "I'm getting the ball in position where I can score quickly. I'm being more assertive."

The Lakers (24-23) then survived a spirited fourth-quarter rally by the Knicks to end the first half of the season with their fifth straight win, including four on the road.

In the only other NBA games Thursday night, Milwaukee beat Seattle 97-91 and San Antonio defeated Denver 83-74.

After a sluggish start left the Lakers 11-19 following a Christmas Day loss to Sacramento, the three-time defending champions have won 13 of 17 to close within 1½ games of Houston for the final playoff spot in the West.

"Kobe and Shaq have shown they're the top two dogs in the league," teammate Robert Horry said. "They're carrying us. You have to give the credit to those two guys."

The Knicks, who had won seven of 10, played the second half without leading scorer Allan Houston, who left with a bruised right wrist and is day to day.

Latrell Sprewell led New York with 24 points, Howard Eisley added 16 and Charlie Ward had 15 points and 11 assists.

Bryant had 16 of his 22 third-quarter points during a 25-9 run that put the Lakers up 95-61 with 1:41 to go.

Sports Briefs

Baseball scrimmage cancelled

Today's varsity baseball scrimmage game against Ft. Stockton has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

The team scrimmage Lubbock Estacado Saturday at 1 p.m. at Moffett Field, weather permitting.

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room. Players of all parents are encouraged to attend

Little League accepting applications

Snyder Little League will be accepting applications for manager and coach positions for the eight-and nine-year-old major and minor leagues.

Applications may be picked up at Farmers Insurance at 2517, and must be turned in no later than Monday.

No late applications will be accepted and please no phone calls.

WTC basketball tournament

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host an Outsiders Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 and March 1 at the WTC Gym. The entry fee is $100 per team, and there is a limit of 10 players per team. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 26. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 573-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at573-8511 ext. 509.

Jones fires controversial coach

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Relieved Marion Jones is leaving the coach who gave Ben Johnson steroids, track and field's ruling body now wants her boyfriend and sprint champion Tim Montgomery to do the same.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

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Team	W	L
Snyder Brick & Tile	52	16
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Snyder Iron & Metal	40	28
Blue Sunoco	36	32
The Shack	35.5	32.5
Timely Finance	32	36
NAPA Auto	23	45
Pin Busters	22	46
Robert Early's Weld		19
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High series: Kevin Jones, scratch, 596; Barney Tate, handicap, 623.
High game: Mark Thompson, scratch, 225; Howard Ziegler, handicap, 275.
Splits and special mentions: Russ Robinson, 4-5; Dewey Farley, 5-7; Jason Coy, 3-10; Stanley Maresch, 2-7; Harold Kornegay, 3-10; Gary Kinder, 4-5-7.

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Team	W	L
Timely Finance	11	5
Square Pants	11	5
Mama's Misfits	10	6
Snyder Iron & Metal	9	7
Quick Auto	9	7
WTP Energy	8	8
JB's	8	8
BCEC	7	9
Snyder Lanes	4	12
Rogers Backhoe	3	13

High series: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 551, Dana Stone, 544; **Handicap:** Krystal DeSilva, 663, Butch Evans, 634.
High game: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 216, Dana Stone, 200; **Handicap:** Jim Browning, 248, Dana Stone, 242.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	34	15	.694	—
Boston	27	22	.551	7
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	9
Washington	24	25	.490	10
Orlando	24	26	.480	10½
New York	21	27	.438	12½
Miami	17	32	.347	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	34	15	.694	—
Detroit	32	15	.681	1
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	8½
New Orleans	26	24	.520	8½
Atlanta	19	30	.388	15
Chicago	17	32	.347	17
Toronto	14	34	.292	19½
Cleveland	10	40	.200	24½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	38	10	.792	—
San Antonio	33	16	.673	5½
Minnesota	29	20	.592	9½
Utah	29	20	.592	9½
Houston	26	22	.542	12
Memphis	13	35	.271	25
Denver	12	37	.245	26½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	34	17	.667	—
Portland	32	16	.667	½
Phoenix	29	21	.580	4½
L.A. Lakers	24	23	.511	8
Golden State	21	27	.438	11½
Seattle	21	27	.438	11½
L.A. Clippers	17	32	.347	16

Thursday's Games
L.A. Lakers 114, New York 109
Milwaukee 97, Seattle 91
San Antonio 83, Denver 74
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at Atlanta

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball:	Snyder varsity boys at Denver City, 7:30 p.m.
	Snyder frosh at Denver City, 6 p.m.
Baseball:	WTC at Weatherford JC, 2 p.m.
Golf:	Snyder varsity boys at Horseshoe Bay.
	Snyder JV boys and girls at Big Spring.

SATURDAY

Baseball:	WTC at Weatherford JC, double header, 1 p.m.
	Snyder varsity vs. Lubbock Estacado, scrimmage.
Softball:	WTC vs. Western Oklahoma State, doubleheader, 2 p.m.
	Snyder varsity and JV at Odessa Permian, scrimmage.
Basketball:	Snyder jr. high Gold at Lamesa tourney.
	Jr. high Black at Snyder tourney, jr. high gym.
Powerlifting:	Snyder at Levelland, 9 a.m.
Tennis:	Snyder at Levelland quad meet, 9 a.m.
Golf:	Snyder varsity boys at Horseshoe Bay.
	Snyder JV boys and girls at Big Spring.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of AUDRY T. HEAD, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,783:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of AUDRY T. HEAD, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 4th day of February, 2003, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to MORRIS DEAN HEAD, 6051 CR 264, Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 4th day of February, 2003.

(s)MORRIS DEAN HEAD
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
AUDRY T. HEAD,
deceased

Lost & Found

LOST
5 yr. old, spayed, grey cat in Stanfield area. Answers to "Susie". 573-3281, 573-6107

LOST
Green Emerald ring, possibly at Beall's. $500 reward offered.
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Missing - girl's pink & white bike, vicinity 3000-3100 blk of Austin Ave. 574-1444

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Best Home Care in Big Spring is seeking RN for supervision of branch office to be located in Snyder. Please fax resume to 915-268-9924, or call 800-750-3851 to schedule an interview.

Full-time parts person needed Mon.–Fri., 7a.m.–5p.m.?? Some mechanical knowledge preferred. Serious inquires only. Apply in person at 84 Truck & Trailer.

Help needed at Burnett Safety Services. Start off salary possible. Apply in person at 307 N. College.

Maintenance person needed. Apply in person at Days Inn, 800 E. Coliseum Dr.

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MANAGER position available at East Hwy DQ of Snyder. Looking for friendly, customer service leader. Above average base pay for above average person with bonus incentive. Non smoking environment. Drug test required. Call District Manager, Dixie Neves, 915-725-3379.

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Apply at **Bowlin Automotive.**

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Saturday Feb. 8th 8a.m.–3p.m.
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19" remote control color TV.
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Local cutter. Part seasoned.
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2 GARAGE SALES
Thursday Evening
Fri. & Sat. 9a.m. – ??
**Inside Sale behind 112 Elm
Lots of clothes 10¢ each, Golf clubs & lots of misc.
**201 Hickory
Lots of clothes, Dishes & misc.

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
2508 34th St.
Saturday 8a.m. – 1p.m.
Antiques, Home appliances,
Ceiling fans, Household items,
Clothes & lots more!!

ESTATE GARAGE SALE
China Grove Community
Friday 9a.m. – 6p.m.
Saturday 9a.m. – 3p.m.
from Chevrolet house go 11.8 mi. south on Hwy 208, turn left on CR 4156, go 3.3 mi. to 1st stop sign, turn right to sale Towels, Sheets, Blankets, Quilting material, Sewing items, Craft items, Tupperware, Pots & pans, Refrigerator, Chest type freezer, Glassware, Clothes, Medical aids (walker, cane, bath bench, etc), Videos, Books, Knick-knacks, Tools, Battery charger, Saws. Too much to list! All items priced to sell!

GARAGE SALE
2503 Ave. U
Saturday & Sunday
8a.m. – ??
Some of Everything!!

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE
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Friday 3p.m. – 6p.m.
(rain or shine)
Kid's stuff, Toys, BBQ, etc.
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2 bedroom brick duplex, CH/A, appliances.
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3 bedroom house, CH, washer dryer hook-ups, cook stove, carpet. $325/mo. plus deposit. 573-5525

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2-1, $200/mo., $100/dep.
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***118 Browning**
2-1-1, $200/mo., $100/dep.
888-596-6218 or 669-1501

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3B/2B houses. 1811 Huffman, 959 N.Ave.R, 1711 Ave.I
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Several 2/3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile homes. Rent or sell. Starting at $1,000/dwn, $300/mo. 573-2251

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FOR SALE OR RENT
Recently remodeled 1 bedroom house. $175/mo., $75/dep.
Cute & adorable. 901 24th
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Real Estate

Beautiful Brick Home
Newly updated 3 bdrm-2bth, CH/A, fireplace, 2-car garage, large corner lot, new 6 ft. privacy fence. 3014 El Paso 573-6496

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573-9780

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20 acre farm, 3 bedroom, 3 bath rock house, shop, garage, cellar, barn, good water. 2 miles out of town. 573-0498

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2409 36th 3-3-3, sprinkler syst. Red. $155T
2800 34th 3-3-2 LA's, pool.....Red. $149.9T
211 37th 3-2-2.....$88T
4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2.....$87.5T
4105 Jacksboro 3-2-2.....$85T
2950 Gary Brewer Rd. 3-2½-1+shop $79.5T
3004 Beaumont 3-2 liv. areas-2-2 $79.5T
3309 Ave. U 3-2-2.....$79.5T
3600 41st 3-2-2.....$78.5T
2200 30th 3-2½-2 w/2 SOLD.....$75T
4505 Denison 3-1¾-1.....$68T
2204 45th 3-2-2 LA's.....Reduced $65T
7233 W. Hwy 180 3-2-3, 2.5 A's Red..$55T
2209 30th 3-2-1 + 1cp....Reduced $49.5T
2108 41st 4-2 living areas-1.....$45T
2203 43rd 3-2-1.....$45T
2315 42nd 4-2.....$43.5T
3742 Avondale 3-2- SOLD.....$37T
2609 Ave. U Duplex.....$35T
2507 College 3-1-1cp.....$34T
207 36th 3-2-1cp.....$32.5T
West 180 3-1-2.....$31.5T
W. Hwy 180 3-2, 1 acre.....$30T
2307 28th 2-1 + shop.....$25T
New! 2105 42nd 3-1.....$23T
501 35th 2-1.....SOLD.....$22.5T
New! 3010 40th 3-1.....$20T
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College Ave. Large office bldg.....$48T
Car Lot w/comm. bldg 709 Hwy 180.....$40T
1402 College Commercial lot.....$8T
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3607 College - Lg. Comm. Bldg.....Call
Comm. buildings downtown.....Call
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5603 Cedar Creek RV Garage Reduced Call
3211 Cherry CONTRACT PENDING.....$67.5T
513 34th Neat 2-1.....$17T
LOCATION! 3402 40th 3-1½ Corner Lot...$48.9T
3766 Ave. V CONTRACT PENDING.....$14.5T
3100 Ave. U 3-2-2, beautiful.....Call
New Listing! 4021 Eastridge.....Call
3104 41st 3-1¾-2cp, den & sprinkler syst. $55T
New! 1701 39th 2-1-1cp.....$26.5T
New! 3208 Ave. B 2-1, CH/A.....$26T

COMMERCIAL
1801 22nd.....Call
2703 College Ave......Call
401 37th St......Call
1801 13th Co CONTRACT PENDING.....$22.5T
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Reduced! The Hair Station.....Call

COUNTRY
New! Country 5320 FM 1607 3-1¾-2cp, 19 A's $65T
Country! Cute! 2 CONTRACT PENDING.....$38T

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3102 El Paso - Convenient to schools - 3-2½-2 LA's-2 Contract Pending.....$80's
2311 26th - Unique! 1-1, corner ...$30's
S. 208 - Country - 10 acres, 2-2-shop $100's
3606 Kerrville 3-2- Contract Pending $60's
Gary Brewer Rd. 3-2-cp, 1 acre .....$70's
3403 Irving - Large 4/5 bedroom, 2 LA's, FP $50's
2901 Ave. M - Lots of possibilities! 3-2, 2 story Contract Pending.....$30's
2105 42nd 3-1, fenced ....Low 20's
2212 Towle Park - Great Area - 3-2, 2 living areas, 2 car garage, office ...100's
Colonial Hills 3-2½-2.....Call
2212 43rd - Nice 3-1 .....$30's
Country 4-3 3 arcres .....$60's
2901 38th New 3-1 .....$35T
3112 Ave X - Must see to appreciate! 3-2-2 lovely yard .....Call
1508 Preston Trail Beautiful 3-2-2 private patio 2 living areas .....$100's
2508 27th - Good Buy! 3-1 .....$20's
4009 Irving 3-2-2, shop/boat parking ...$80's
3000 38th - 2-1-1 .....$20's
2212 42nd Cute 3-1, fenced .....$30's
2304 43rd Pl. Cul-de-sac, 3-2-2 Lots of potential $50's
3010 Ave. W - Old Contract Pending ...$25T
5603 Cedar Creek Dr. - Dream Home! .....Call
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Stock Farm 146 Acres Near Dermott
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5 Business Shopping Complex 606 Coliseum
2 Living Areas, 3-1¾-1+2cp....2111 43rd
Nice Storm Cellar 3-2-2cp 314 36th $37.5T
Good Floor Plan 3-1¾-2 4006 Jacksboro $54.9T
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AOL TimeWrn	11.11	10.50	10.57	—.27
AT&T Corp rs	18.08	17.42	17.44	—.38
Albertsons	20.75	20.14	20.14	—.41
Alltel	45.31	44.60	44.76	—.37
AmEl Pw	21.90	21.30	21.32	—.68
AndarkPtr	44.85	44.20	44.25	—.30
ATMOS Egy	21.93	21.51	21.53	—.31
Aviall	7.85	7.52	7.52	—.19
BP PLC	37.79	37.36	37.36	—.31
BakerHughes	32.28	31.61	31.65	—.24
Bank of Amer	69.17	68.20	68.40	—.02
BellSouth	24.05	23.55	23.70	+ .20
BurlNoSFe	26.25	25.76	25.88	—.05
Caterpillar	43.65	42.56	42.80	—.17
CenterPoint	6.75	6.15	6.39	—.39
ChevronTex	64.87	63.25	63.34	—1.31
Citigroup	33.89	32.61	33.21	+ .06
CocaCola	40.24	39.51	39.93	+ .02
ColgatePal	51.80	51.35	51.35	—.07
CmclMetals s	14.26	14.08	14.20	+ .12
ConocoPhill	49.14	48.60	48.67	—.18
Cooper Inds	37.26	36.50	36.89	+ .14
DaimlrChry	30.58	29.75	29.84	—.62
DeltaAirl	9.99	9.43	9.47	—.25
Dillards Inc	15.15	14.80	14.95	+ .33
DowChem	28.70	28.14	28.34	—.14
DuPont	37.25	36.80	36.88	+ .18
EastmanChem	33.54	32.85	33.07	—.16
EstKodak	30.94	30.27	30.35	—.20
EDS Corp	16.11	14.74	16.00	+ .29
Entergy	45.28	44.90	44.94	+ .05
ExxonMobil	33.90	33.17	33.31	—.30
FootLocker	10.68	10.46	10.53	+ .08
GenDynam	66.00	65.08	65.44	—.23
GenlElec	23.17	22.50	22.60	—.29
GenMills	44.52	44.06	44.25	+ .05
GenMotors	36.46	35.65	35.71	—.39
GaPacific	15.47	15.08	15.35	+ .10
Goodrich	17.54	17.04	17.30	
Goodyear	4.01	3.80	3.93	+ .36
GtAtlPac	5.58	4.90	5.14	+ .25
Halliburtn	19.41	19.03	19.19	—.09
Hanson ADS	22.40	22.10	22.10	—.08
HarteHanks s	18.04	17.93	17.95	+ .12
HomeDepot	22.00	21.31	21.35	—.28
HoneywellIntl	24.30	23.71	23.83	—.17
IBM	78.15	76.95	77.08	—.43
IntlPaper	36.25	35.59	35.61	+ .09
JohnsonJn	52.08	51.43	51.49	—.63
KinderMorg	46.28	45.77	45.95	—.05
Kroger Co	14.55	14.21	14.21	—.15
LockheedM	50.50	50.00	50.20	+ .05
Lowes Cos	35.44	34.26	34.37	—.27
Lubys	1.49	1.10	1.12	—.33
LucentTech	1.61	1.54	1.57	+ .06
MarathonOil	22.17	21.80	21.88	—.08
MayDeptStr	19.59	19.29	19.38	+ .12
Medtronic	44.08	43.68	43.81	+ .03
Motorola	7.96	7.75	7.81	+ .08
NCR Corp	18.84	18.55	18.67	+ .24
Navistar	25.26	24.46	24.46	—.48
PNM Rescs	21.25	20.70	20.80	—.20
Penney JC	19.33	18.95	19.06	+ .17
PepBoys	10.20	9.98	10.04	+ .02
PepsiCo	40.32	39.31	39.41	—.81
Pharmacia	41.24	40.08	40.34	—.58
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PilgrmPrd B	7.63	7.37	7.38	—.24
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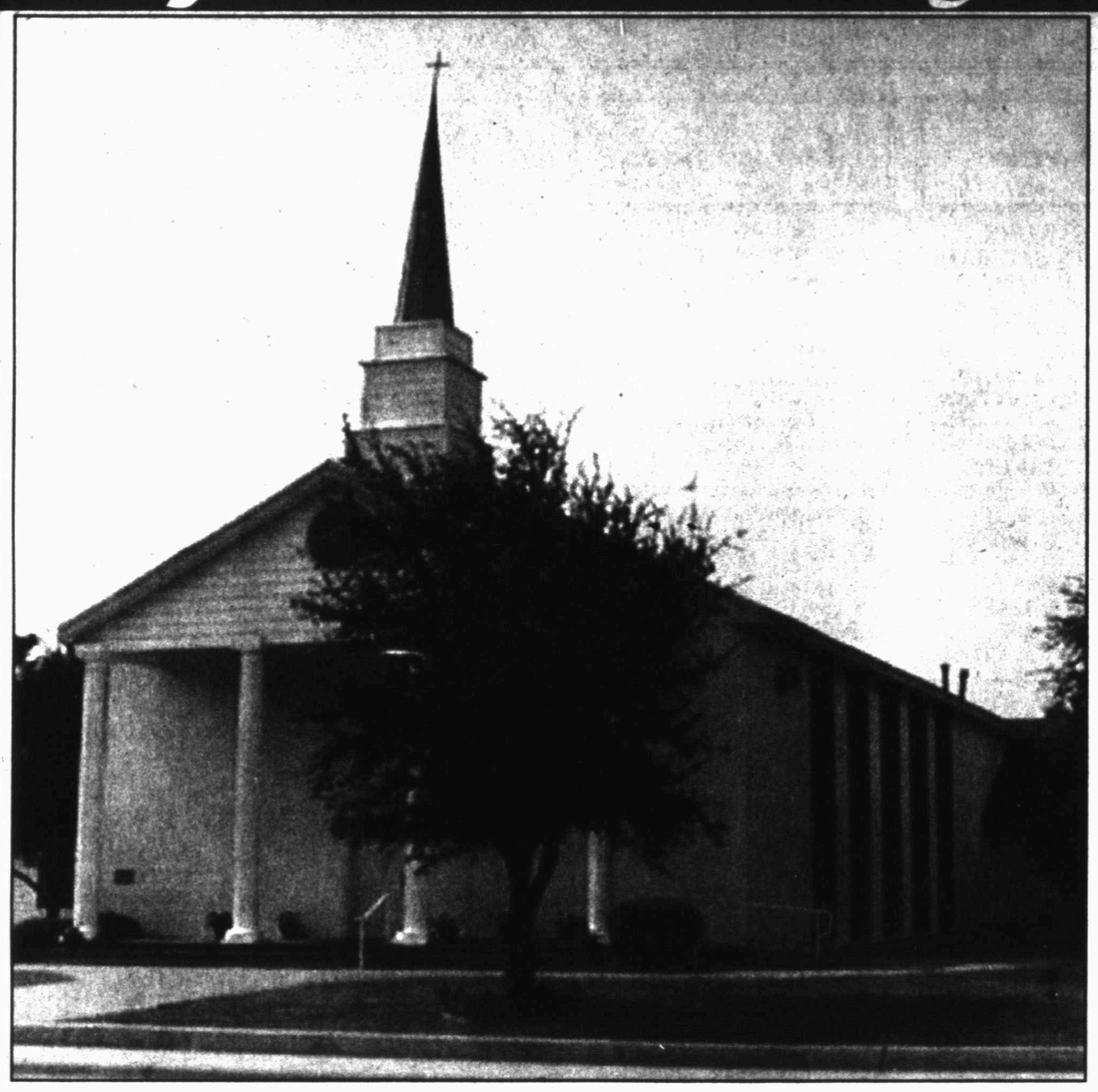
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Concert raises global warning awareness

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's only rock 'n roll — with a message — as veteran rockers the Rolling Stones turned a free concert into an effort to raise awareness about global warming.

"You know something, we're all here ... for a very good cause, and you should all feel good about yourselves," lead singer Mick Jagger said on stage at the Staples Center on Thursday.

The concert took place in an area that's one of the nation's smoggiest, despite strict statewide standards for motor vehicle emissions. The event was organized by the Natural Resources Defense Council, a nonprofit activist group.

Former President Clinton introduced the Stones with a speech about the dangers of global warming, telling the audience it is up to average citizens to "stop the planet from burning up."

"The reason this concert is important is that the old energy economy that's cheating us as a planet is very well organized, highly centralized, rich as can be and very well politically connected," Clinton said. "And the new energy future is decentralized, entrepreneurial and needs people like you to say, 'Give me a clean car, give me solar shingles to put on my roof ... Give me a clean future.'"

In introducing the band, Clinton invoked one of the group's biggest hits: "Even though the Stones once said 'It's only rock 'n' roll' — tonight it's way more than rock 'n' roll," he said.

The band then opened the show with "Start Me Up," followed by "Street Fighting Man" and "You Got Me Rocking." The night was filled with a repertoire of past hits, including "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Sympathy for the Devil" and "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," in which they lament women, consumerism and the world at large.

About 12,000 fans won tickets through an Internet drawing last month, while others received passes through nationwide radio station giveaways.

Among the Internet winners were Ken Fraser, 56, and his wife, Jane, 55, of Lake Forest, who said they were both Rolling Stones fans and supporters of the evening's environmental message.

"As we get older, we get more sympathetic toward the cause," Jane Fraser said. "I hope there's still a planet left for our grandchildren."

The concert brought out a number of celebrities: actors Leonardo DiCaprio, Pierce Brosnan, Cameron Diaz, Lisa Kudrow and director Rob Reiner.

At an NRDC news conference Thursday morning, DiCaprio urged the public to "adopt an environmental lifestyle," including buying hybrid gas-electric cars like one the "Titanic" star said he drives.

Concert expenses were paid by real-estate heir and entertainment producer Steve Bing, according to organizers.

The Rolling Stones are currently completing the North American stretch of their Licks World Tour, and will launch the international leg later this month in Australia.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003

An opportunity to team up with others for a mutual purpose could develop through an alliance you make in the year ahead. If there is money involved, be sure all contracts and legalities are securely tied down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Avoid situations today where you place yourself in the middle, hoping to appease two dissident factions. It could be a recipe for a three-way donnybrook.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Over the last few days, things may have come to you without your having to expend too much effort. Today, that might come to an end, and if you're not on your toes, it could leave you defenseless.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone who knows you are a soft touch may hit on you again today and take advantage of your generous nature. Sadly, you'll ante up even though you may realize you're being had.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It behooves you to make a conscientious effort to be more open-minded today, in order to offset the strong, opinionated attitude you're likely to adopt at this time. Don't be so self-involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If your expectations are grander than your contributions today, you will end up being greatly disappointed with what you receive for your efforts. Be realistic as to what they are worth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There can be a fine line between being frugal and being stingy. If others see you as the latter today, you won't receive any high marks where your human relationships are concerned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful that you don't become too demanding when attempting to achieve your ends today. It's a lot smarter to make a good impression on associates and get them on your side.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Any presentation you have to make today in promoting something you're trying to sell, whether it be goods or an idea, needs to be brief and to the point if you are to be effective. Don't oversell.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Turning down a loan to a friend today that you can't afford to make is not being insensitive, it's merely being realistic. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Discord defeats, agreement advances. In order for a joint venture to succeed today, both parties must be in total accord with one another concerning the primary objective. Do your part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you allow your fun activities to take precedence over your responsibilities, there will be a big price to pay later on. Be reliable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be very careful when handling things that are not your own. Being inattentive can cause clumsiness and ill-fated accidents to occur, for which you'll be held accountable.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-07-03
♠ A J 6 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ 7 6 4 2

West
♠ K 8 7 4
♥ J 8
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ K 8 5

East
♠ Q 10 9
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A 6
♣ Q 10 9 3

South
♠ 5 2
♥ A Q 10 9 3 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

Friday, Feb. 7, 2003

One other approach to opening

By Phillip Alder

William James said in a lecture, "I know that you, ladies and gentlemen, have a philosophy, each and all of you, and that the most interesting and important thing about you is the way in which it determines the perspective in your several worlds."

When deciding whether to open with a minimum hand, you should follow your partnership's philosophy. Do you like to bid aggressively, or are you more cautious? It pays to keep partner happy, and if he prefers a solid 12 (or, even worse, 13) high-card points for an opening, then pass with 11 or a poor 12. If opening would have worked better, mention it quietly after the session.

Now look at North's hand in the diagram. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade, and he rebids two hearts. What would you do now?

If you are going to open aggressively, responder needs to be more cautious, especially with a misfit. Although a 10-point hand is often worth a game-invitation, here North should pass. That singleton heart should ring a warning bell.

Against two hearts, West leads the diamond jack: queen, ace, two. East returns the diamond six to dummy's king. What would you (South) do next?

You have four side-suit losers, so can afford only one trump loser. Low to the 10 and low to the queen both work when East has jack- or king-doubleton, but the right play is low to the queen. This succeeds whenever East has king-third or king-fourth. To start with low to the 10 wins only when East has jack-third, which is less likely.

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Convicted killer in Texas executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — An apologetic Henry Dunn Jr. was executed for participating in the fatal shooting of a man who was abducted and targeted for robbery because he was gay.

Strapped to a gurney Thursday night, he expressed love for his family and asked for forgiveness from his victim's relatives.

"I hope you can find it in your heart to find forgiveness and strength, to move on and find peace," Dunn said, looking at Nicolas West's sister, brother and brother-in-law.

Dunn was pronounced dead at 6:15 p.m., six minutes after the injection began.

In a written statement released following his death, he said the death penalty in Texas is broken. He said unqualified attorneys were appointed for him under state law.

Dunn, 28, was the eighth Texas inmate executed this year and second this week. Three more are scheduled for lethal injection later this month.

The former fast-food restaurant worker acknowledged being present when the 23-year-old West was gunned down near Tyler more than nine years ago. But he said a companion, also sent to death row, was primarily to blame for the hate crime.

"I don't hate homosexuals," Dunn, who was 19 at the time of the killing, said last week. "That's their right to be that way if they want to."

Donald Aldrich, 38, also is on death row for the West slaying. A third man, David Ray McMillan, who was 17 when the crime occurred on Nov. 30, 1993, received a life prison term.

The U.S. Supreme Court Thursday afternoon refused to review the case and halt the execution.

West, a medical clerk, was abducted from a Tyler park known as a homosexual meeting spot. Taken to a remote area of Smith County, he was stripped, ordered to his knees and shot as many as 15 times.

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'Ground rules' set for inclusive prayer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House, responding to a Jewish lawmaker's concerns about the chamber's daily prayer, will caution clergy against mentioning anything that could exclude someone from participating.

A draft of the letter on House prayers was released Thursday by Speaker Tom Craddick's office, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The letter asks that "the tone and content be respectful of the diverse nature of the body, such that all members of the House, whatever their respective faith, may add their voice to the collective 'amen' that begins our day's work."

Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, one of three Jews in the chamber, said some House prayers this year have had a proselytizing tone and excessive references to Jesus Christ.

"There are a lot of us who do not pray in Jesus' name," he said. "That's not to take away from anybody who does. But when we are asked to do that, that cuts us out of the loop and that very much says we are not expected to participate."

Craddick, a Catholic Republican from Midland, supports the letter, spokesman Bob Richter said.

House Sergeant at Arms Rod Welch will sign the letter.

"Of course, once they get up there, they can say what they want," Richter said of clergy who offer daily prayers. "I think this at least sets ground rules."

So far this year, seven of the House's 13 sessions have opened with prayers mentioning Christ. Richter said Craddick "is not offended by references to Jesus Christ, but he understands some people could be."

The House letter was released the same day Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst ordered Senate officials to reinstate a rabbi's prayer that had been stricken from the Senate Journal for being too political.

In his Wednesday invocation, Rabbi Barry Block of San Antonio praised Planned Parenthood and said "reproductive freedom is a cherished American liberty."

Senate Parliamentarian Walter Fisher and Senate Secretary Patsy Spaw said they excluded the prayer from the chamber's official record because it was too political. The journal merely noted that Block "offered the invocation."

But Dewhurst ruled Thursday that "all prayers will be printed as they were given," according to spokesman David Beckwith.

Shuttle launch crew sets memorial at the planned landing site

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thousands of workers who launched shuttle Columbia into orbit gathered today on the landing strip where it was supposed to come home, honoring "as wonderful a group of human beings as you could ever hope to assemble."

Dark clouds loomed over much of the Kennedy Space Center during most of the hour-long service. As it closed with an aerial missing-man formation, the T-38 jet that broke away found one of the few holes in the clouds and flew out of sight. Moments later, the hole closed.

The hour-long ceremony at Kennedy Space Center was held in the same area where the astronauts' families had gathered before the shuttle's scheduled landing time last Saturday. Sixteen minutes before it was to land, Columbia broke apart in the skies high over Texas.

"She carried as wonderful a group of human beings as you could ever hope to assemble. ... We miss them more than words can describe," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said from a stage that bore a large logo for the mission, STS-107.

The service was open to the 15,000 workers at the space center, and more than 5,000 attended, officials said.

"On Saturday, when our worst fears were realized, the people of this center were focused," O'Keefe said. "The teamwork that was displayed was simply magnificent."

The ceremony began with musical tributes to the seven crew members. Others attending included Sen. Bill Nelson, a former astronaut, and Gov. Jeb Bush.

"Let us share the hope that when we look to the stars, we will see in them a reminder of the heroes who dared to travel among them," Bush said.

Robert L. Crippen, the pilot on Columbia's debut trip in 1981, reminisced about how a colleague called the shuttle "the world's greatest electric flying machine."

Columbia, along with the crew, "had her life snuffed out in her prime," he said.

Richard Khoury, a NASA transportation worker, said the service would allow workers to grieve publicly.

U.N. urged to 'make up its mind soon'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today urged the U.N. Security Council to "make up its mind soon" about confronting Iraq, or the United States would disarm Saddam Hussein with the help of a coalition of allies.

"If the Security Council were to allow a dictator to lie and deceive, the Security Council will be weak," Bush said before a ceremony to swear in new Treasury Secretary John Snow.

But France's ambassador to the United States, while agreeing Saddam was a dictator, said 10 or 11 of the 15 members of the U.N. Security Council want to extend inspections rather than use force.

"Let's have the inspectors do their job," Jean-David Levitte said at the United States Institute of Peace. "Saddam is in his box and the box is now closed with the inspections."

France, which has the power to kill any resolution with a veto, leaves open the use of force as an ultimate option, though, and will not decide on a position until after U.N. weapons inspectors report to the Council Feb. 14, he said.

Bush said Secretary of State Colin Powell's presentation earlier this week made very clear that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had not disarmed. The president said he is confident that allies will meet their responsibilities after digesting that information.

It would be helpful, Bush said, to have a new resolution out of the Security Council. But he left no doubt about his intention to take action without one.

"He's treated the demands of the world as a joke," Bush said of Saddam. "If he wanted to disarm he would have disarmed."

Births

Christopher Ethan Capetillo was born to Genice Capetillo at 8:24 a.m. on Feb. 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Christopher weighed six pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Rebecca Capetillo and Ester Tarin, both of Snyder.

Heavy snows fall in Northeast

By The Associated Press

A fast-moving snowstorm that built in power during the night swept into the Northeast today, surprising commuters who had to grapple with slippery roads but delighting schoolchildren who got the day off.

Several inches were on the ground from northern Virginia to New York, and forecasters warned that some areas could get up to 9 inches.

Thousands of salt spreaders and snowplows were trying to keep ahead of the mess.

The weather forced dozens of flight cancellations across the region. In the New York area, LaGuardia Airport reported 40 to 50 cancellations from 6 a.m. onward, while Newark (N.J.) Liberty International Airport reported 93 cancellations.

In Virginia, at least 32 flights were canceled at Reagan National. At Washington Dulles International Airport, one runway was closed.

The New York metropolitan area expected 4 to 6 inches of snow before the storm ended in the afternoon. The city deployed 350 salt spreaders ahead of the morning rush.

New Jersey also had several inches on the ground, especially in central and southern areas, where as much as 8 inches was expected.

"I'm pretty sick of this," said Paula Crowley of Ocean Grove, N.J., who had to spend 25 minutes brushing 4 inches of snow off her car.

"The roads were not plowed at all," she said. "It was really slippery. I think people got spoiled the last few years when we didn't have bad winters."

In Philadelphia, all public and private schools were closed and many city offices shut down for the day. Six to 8 inches of snow were expected around Philadelphia by Monday afternoon. Plowing and salting could not keep up with the heavy fall, and accidents were reported on several major roads.

Independent board is named to investigate shuttle disaster

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — An independent board named by NASA took the lead of the Columbia investigation, while officials at the space agency stressed that they were keeping an open mind about what might have caused the shuttle to break apart over Texas.

"We have not ruled out any possible cause," shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said Thursday, hours after an independent investigation board arrived at the Johnson Space Center to start its work.

Dittemore had said earlier that engineers were doubtful about a once-leading theory — that insulation slamming into tiles on Columbia could have been the basic cause of the shuttle's destruction. He backed away from that conclusion Thursday.

He said the theory was still being considered as part of the "fault tree" of possible causes of the disaster.

"The foam that shed off the tank and impacted the left wing is just one branch, and we are pursuing that," he said. "Even though we scratch our heads, we're going to pursue it and we're going to pound it flat."

Eighty-one seconds into liftoff, a 20-inch, 21/2-pound piece of foam insulation peeled off the shuttle's external fuel tank and smashed into the underside of Columbia's left wing. It's thought the foam may have damaged tiles, allowing the 3,000-degree temperatures of re-entry to superheat and weaken the wing.

Obituaries

Pauline Merritt

1914-2003

ABILENE — Pauline Merritt, a former Snyder resident, died Thursday, Feb. 6, in an Abilene hospital.

Services are pending for Mrs. Merritt, 88, at Girdner-Brown Funeral Home in Abilene.

Mrs. Merritt was born March 11, 1914 and married Lloyd Harvey Merritt on March 18, 1933 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

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Officers work two accidents

•Accidents

Snyder officers responded to two accidents Thursday.

The first occurred 5:50 p.m. in the Higginbotham Bartlett parking lot and involved a 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by Stanley Maresch, 20, of 13211 Springer Rd. and a 1987 Mercury Sable driven by German Rodriguez, 31, of 1269 N. Ave. O.

A passenger in the second vehicle, Sandra Rodriguez, 32, suffered minor injuries, but refused treatment at the scene. She later went to Cogdell Hospital and she was treated and released.

At 8:30 p.m. officers responded to College Ave. and U.S. 84 for an accident involving a 1998 Honda Civic driven by Gerrico Greenlee, 16, of 2464 Tobosa Dr. and a 2002 Chevrolet Impala driven by Anita Perales, 32, of 201 Chestnut.

No one was treated at the hospital from this accident.

•Theft

Margaret Johnston reported the theft of a ring from 3713 Ave. U just before 8 a.m. Thursday. Officers responded and advised an offense report for Class A theft would be submitted.

•Criminal mischief

A woman in the 1000 block of 28th Street reported damage to a vacant residence that belongs to her daughter. Officers advised the damage is old, but a close patrol was initiated and the woman said she would post no-trespassing signs.

•Noise complaint

A man in the Park Village apartments reported loud music at the complex at 11:10 p.m. Thursday. Officers contacted a woman who advised her son was playing the music and she would tell him to lower the volume.

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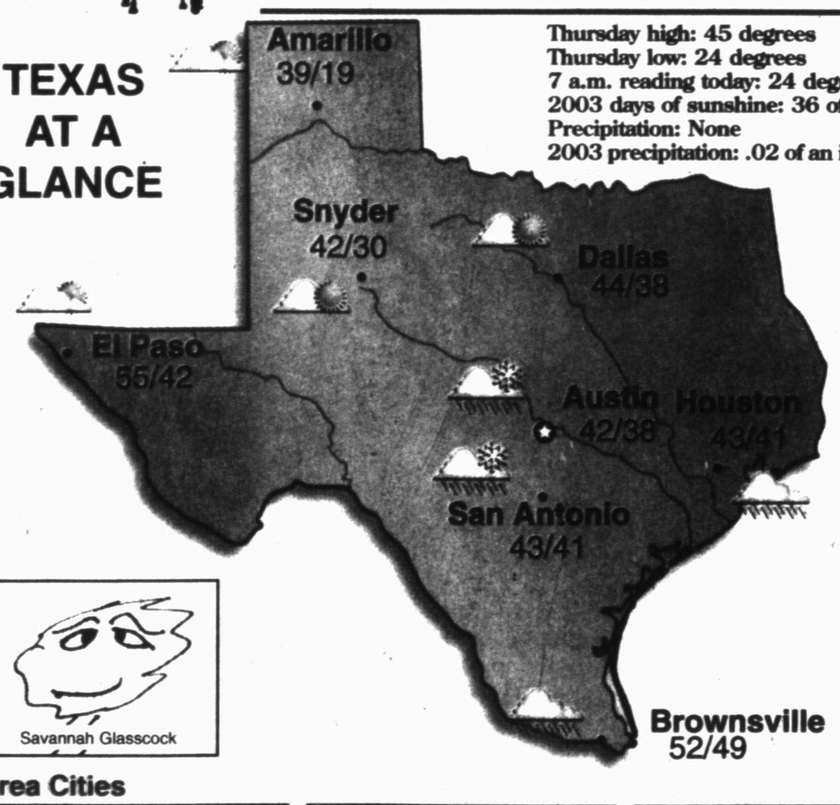
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 2/8	Sun 2/9	Mon 2/10
42/30	59/24	61/31
Mostly cloudy skies. High 42F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Morning clouds followed by late day sun.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 7:33 AM, Sunset 6:23 PM	Sunrise 7:32 AM, Sunset 6:24 PM	Sunrise 7:32 AM, Sunset 6:24 PM

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Thursday high: 45 degrees
Thursday low: 24 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 24 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 36 of 38
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Savannah Glasscock

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	41	35	cloudy	El Paso	55	42	pt sunny	Midland	48	36	pt sunny
Amarillo	39	19	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	52	38	cloudy	Raymondville	50	46	rain
Austin	42	38	sn shower	Gainesville	40	30	cloudy	Rosenberg	43	41	rain
Beaumont	43	39	rain	Greenville	40	32	cloudy	San Antonio	42	41	mixed
Brownsville	52	49	rain	Houston	43	41	rain	San Marcos	43	40	sn shower
Brownwood	43	35	pt sunny	Kingsville	49	44	rain	Sulphur Springs	42	33	cloudy
Corpus Christi	47	44	rain	Livingston	42	38	mixed	Sweetwater	42	33	cloudy
Corsicana	43	37	cloudy	Longview	46	35	pt sunny	Tyler	46	38	cloudy
Dallas	44	38	cloudy	Lubbock	49	30	pt sunny	Weatherford	41	31	cloudy
Del Rio	49	43	cloudy	Lufkin	47	40	rain	Wichita Falls	44	26	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	42	29	pt sunny	Houston	43	41	rain	Phoenix	67	35	rain
Boston	31	24	mst sunny	Los Angeles	64	45	pt sunny	San Francisco	57	41	sunny
Chicago	30	15	sn shower	Miami	77	65	pt sunny	Seattle	51	34	pt sunny
Dallas	44	38	cloudy	Minneapolis	17	-9	pt sunny	St. Louis	41	25	mst sunny
Denver	32	9	pt sunny	New York	31	22	mst sunny	Washington, DC	36	25	mst sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 1	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23

UV Index

Sat 2/8	Sun 2/9	Mon 2/10
Low	Low	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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