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Snyder High wins district academic trophy

Local students fare well at district meet

For the 11th time in the past 12 years, Snyder High School has won the district academic trophy.

Now, it's on to Area, then Region.

Snyder High's "Ondine" cast and crew head to the Area One-Act Play Contest on Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. If they are successful there, they'll join classmates who were successful last weekend at the District Academic Meet.

Snyder garnered four first-place team titles Saturday and six first-place individual wins. A number of other individuals finished second or third, also earning a berth to the April 24-25 Academic Regional Contest in San Angelo. There is no Area level for academic contests.

Jenise Judah won first place in accounting and ready writing. Her top finish in accounting helped the three-member team also win district. Kenneth Darlin was second in accounting and Kevin Kerr placed third. Trevor Kerr was fourth.

Darlin added two other second place finishes to his weekend total. He placed second behind Snyder's Trey Gorman in computer science. Buddy Whittenburg took fourth as SHS won the computer science team competition. Wade Ashby was fifth.

Darlin also placed second on the mathematics team which won second place. Earning a fifth place finish in that category was Gorman. Ashby was also on the team.

Vanessa Jones placed first in spelling and vocabulary, helping that three-person squad to a top finish overall. Felsha Biggers was second and Windy Wood was third. Allison Bowden placed fourth.

Also winning district as a team was the literary criticism squad of Carol Strayhorn, who was second overall; Michael Hensley, third; and Jessica Mills, fourth.

In computer applications, Blake Bell brought home first place and Christy Tankersley was second. Katy Cooper won first place in prose interpretation and Britney Canada was fifth.

Ashby qualified for regionals in second place in number sense. Jim Collins was third and also qualified. The team of Ashby, Collins and Kim Moore placed second overall.

Also placing second as a team was Snyder's computer applications squad. Individually, Jon Hensley was fifth and Whittenburg was sixth. Ashby is also on that team.

Nick Means will make the trip to San Angelo in two subjects. He was third in persuasive speaking and in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Brady Collier was fifth in persuasive speaking and Michael Hensley was fourth in debate.

Melinda Hernandez was second in feature writing while Justin Guy was fifth. Guy also placed sixth in news writing.

In poetry interpretation, Traci Eicke placed third and Vanessa Jones was fourth.

Thomas Bishop was sixth in informative speaking.

Students placing first through third and teams placing first qualified for region.

Ritz musical dates extended

"Always...Patsy Cline," the popular Ritz Community Theatre production that sold out all six scheduled performances, will be be on stage for two more nights.

Organizers have extended the play's run to include Thursday and Friday shows at 8 p.m.

For reservations, call 573-8880. The box office is open from 2 until 5 p.m. Tickets are $7 each.

Pena quits energy post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Federico Pena, the highest-ranking Hispanic in the Clinton administration, announced his resignation today, citing "personal and family" reasons.

Pena, who served as Transportation Secretary in Clinton's first term, submitted his letter of resignation to President Clinton this morning.

At a news conference, Pena said he had decided to resign because he wanted to spend more time with his family and to focus more on his children. Pena also reportedly had wanted to turn to the private sector for financial reasons.

The energy secretary earns $148,400 a year.

"There is never a perfect time for a decision like this, but I believe that after five-and-a-half years as a member of the Clinton Cabinet, the time is now right" to depart, said Pena in a memo sent to department employees.

Pena, 51, had planned to leave Washington at the end of Clinton's first term. He reminded reporters Monday that he already had put his Washington house up for sale when he was asked by the president to head the Energy Department.

Pena said he planned to depart June 30.

A likely successor, according to administration sources, is Elizabeth Moler, now deputy energy secretary and former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Early voting begins for GOP runoff bids

Early voting opened today in the Republican Party primary runoff.

Seeking the GOP nomination for attorney general are John Cornyn and Barry Williamson.

For Place 1 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Mike Keasler and Vicki Isaacks are in a runoff.

And Harvey Hudson and Cheryl Johnson are in a runoff for Place 2 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals.

There is no runoff in the Democratic Primary.

Eligible voters are those who voted in the Republican Primary or those who did not cast a ballot in either primary in March. Those who voted in the Democratic Primary are not eligible to vote in the runoff.

Early voting runs through Friday at the county clerk's office. The election is set for April 14.



BIRTHDAY RIDE — Dorothy Broker enlisted the aid of several area members of the Christian Motorcyclists Club to take her on a ride to the large cross at Fluvanna in observance of her 65th birthday. Eddie Parks, left, and Bubba Dennis visit with Dorothy before the ride on Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tonight...

Cable refranchise to get city scrutiny

While the City of Snyder's cable television franchise with TCA does not expire until May, 2000, the city council is expected to begin looking at the renewal process tonight.

The council will consider contracting with cable TV consultant Jack Hopper of Austin to assist in the franchise process with TeleCable Associates (TCA).

Hopper has proposed a fee not to exceed $15,000 for his services, and will assist the city in having TCA reimburse expenses incurred during the franchise renewal process.

The council will consider several other items during its 6:30 p.m. meeting, including consideration of the second reading of an ordinance annexing a four-acre tract of land where the Rip Griffin complex is located.

Among the other items to be considered is a resolution designating Lorber Industries of Texas an enterprise zone business. Part of the city, including the area of the industrial park, was designated an enterprise zone in November, 1995.

The designation will allow the company to be eligible for a variety of state incentives, including sales tax reductions and regulatory relief.

Other items to be considered by the council are the cancellation of the May 2 city council election due to no contested races, awarding of bids for water meters and awarding a bid for a collection agency for the city.

Also, the council will hear a request from Snyder Area Model Airplane Club to construct an airpark on city-owned property between 30th Street and 37th Street, east of Deep Creek.

Reappointment of three planning and zoning members and two members to the zoning board of adjustment are also on the agenda.

Information items include the auction of surplus city property on April 25 and the city-wide cleanup April 21-24.

Wildflower tours given

Wildflower tours begin Tuesday at Western Texas College.

The tours coincide with the annual wildflower exhibit on display now at Scurry County Museum.

WTC botany students conduct the tours, and reservations are necessary. A second tour is available on the grounds of the Dodson House, adjacent to Scurry County Coliseum.

This is the 12th annual Texas wildflower exhibit at the museum and features creative art and writing of poetry, narrated by Scurry County school children. The museum is open until 5 p.m. weekdays through Thursday and until 4 p.m. Fridays.

To make wildflower tour reservations or for information about the museum, call 573-6107.

In 3-1 vote...

Court OKs additional voting box

Citing a convenience factor for constituents, Precinct 1 County Commissioner Ralph Trevey recommended creation of a new voting box in his precinct.

The commissioners court did approve the additional voting box at this morning's meeting, but splitting of voting Precinct 15 and adding Box 16 came after a three-to-one vote.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom voted against the proposal, stating he did not see much of a benefit in adding the additional box.

"There's only a mile difference between where they vote now and the new place," he told the court.

Voters in the newly-created Box 16 will vote at Scurry County Health Center. Presently, Box 15 votes on the north side of Scurry County Coliseum.

Trevey said there are 4,394 people living in the two precincts, with 2,860 of them of voting age.

"It's really a matter of convenience for the voters. Box 15 is a big box," the commissioner said. "Besides, all the other precincts have three boxes."

Trevey said he doesn't think there will be any additional costs associated with creation of the voting box.

"Currently, we have four workers in 15," he said. "I think they can easily move over to 16 and handle it."

He said if two additional workers are needed, it will cost the county about $60 per year.

Before implementation, the plan must first be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for approval.

The court had one other split vote — in approving the minutes of its last meeting.

Trevey said he did not feel the word "computer" could be added to the motion listing the electronic items county employees must now seek prior court approval before purchasing.

The motion called for the prior approval of cellular telephones, fax machines, copy machines and the use of the Internet.

Idom, who made the motion in prior meeting, said it was his intent to list computers as part of the electronic items.

All commissioners, with the exception of Trevey, voted to amend the minutes.

In other action, the court approved a fishing tournament for Towle Park on May 9 to be sponsored by the Boy Scouts, and adopted a proclamation naming April as Fair Housing Month.

Line-item transfers were approved for the district court and the extension office.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided. All commissioners were in attendance, to include Trevey, Idom, Howard Limmer and Jerry Gannaway.

Court rejects tobacco request

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court cleared the way today for the tobacco industry's forced release of 39,000 secret documents in a Minnesota trial.

The court rejected an emergency request in which the nation's cigarette makers claimed that most of the documents are privileged information that should stay secret.

A Minnesota trial judge had ordered their release.

Today's order means the documents must be surrendered to lawyers for Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. The state and the insurance company are suing cigarette makers to recover $1.77 billion assertedly spent to treat smoking-related illnesses. They also are seeking punitive damages.

Tobacco industry lawyers had argued that release of the documents would unfairly harm their clients in the Minnesota case and also in "hundreds of other pending cases."

Today, defense attorneys said they were disappointed with the high court's one-sentence rejection of their request for an emergency stay, saying that it set a bad precedent.

"I think it's very unfortunate," said Greg Little, an attorney for Philip Morris Inc.

ASK US

Q—When did the explosion occur in New London that killed nearly 300 people?

A—March 18, 1937. The explosion levelled the school containing grades 5-11 as a result of natural gas accumulating under the building. The town is located east of Tyler.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 82 degrees; low, 45; high Sunday, 71; low, 39; 7 a.m. Monday, 46; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 45-50. SW-W wind diminishing to 10-20 mph. Rain chance less than 20%. Tuesday, sunny, high near 80. SW-W wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



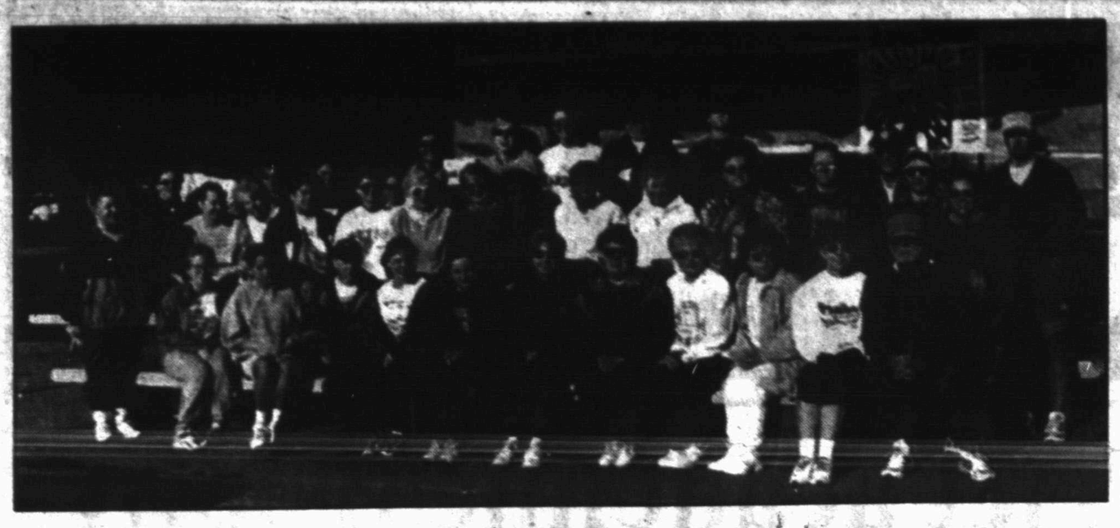
Alexander Griffith
Sunny

Sunset:
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Of 95 days in 1998, the sun has shone 93 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success consists of a series of little daily efforts.

Mamie McCullough



HEART WALKERS — Fifty people turned out Saturday morning for the Heart Walk at Towle Park, raising over $4,000. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

National drinking & driving threshold won't be changed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intense lobbying by the liquor and restaurant industries helped prevent a House vote on legislation lowering the threshold of drunkenness behind the wheel.

Such laws should be left to the states, not Washington, says the Republican committee chairman whose panel kept the measure off the House floor. But its Democratic sponsor says the committee action proves unmistakably that "the liquor lobby ... put profits ahead of people's lives."

The legislation was an amendment to a giant nighway spending bill that would have taken highway money away from states that don't enact .08 percent blood alcohol content levels for drunken driving.

It is shaping up as one of the most hard-fought drinking issues since the drive more than a decade ago to make 21 the nationally recognized legal age for drinking.

A month ago, the Senate passed such an amendment to its highway bill by a strong 62-32 vote, and President Clinton has endorsed a national .08 percent standard that already is in force in 16 states.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., main sponsor of the House amendment, angrily blamed the liquor and restaurant lobbies for stopping her amendment from even getting a vote. "Today the liquor lobby bottled up our bill and demonstrated loud and clear that they put profits ahead of people's lives," Lowey said.

Liquor and restaurant groups admit that after losing in the Senate, they waged a full-court effort in the House. The National Beer Wholesalers Association and the American Beverage Institute ran large ads in Capitol Hill newspapers, sent letters to lawmakers and had wholesalers and brewers write or fax their representatives.

The ABI's general counsel, Richard Berman, hired lobbyist Ann Eppard, who for 22 years was chief of staff to Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., author of the highway bill.

"We're very proud of the folks," said David Rehr, vice president of government affairs for the beer wholesalers. "They were not embarrassed to tell people that this was not the solution."

Normally members of the National Restaurant Association make lobbying visits to Congress every fall. This year, the association moved up the schedule, and the association's Kathleen O'Leary said 120 restaurant owners met with their congressmen. Their aim: To stress that ".08 is not the problem, it is the chronic drinker, the abusive drinker, underage drinking," she said.

Jackie Gillan of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety said the last time they went head-to-head with the alcohol and restaurant industries was 1984, when Congress was debating the nationwide 21 question. "They made the same Chicken Little predictions, that the sky would fall," Gillan said.

Beer wholesaler Rehr said their side struck a chord with lawmakers sensitive to the states' rights question, and the association's ads said the Lowey amendment was "federal blackmail" that imposed Washington's will on the states.

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Rules Committee that made the decision to disallow a vote on the Lowey amendment, agreed that it was "strictly a states' rights issue. ... We didn't want the federal government dictating to the states."

He said no one from the liquor lobby contacted him or others on the committee. At least one, however, shared their line of thought. Committee member Rep. Scott McInnis, R-Col., in opposing the Lowey amendment, said it was "federal blackmail."

Supporters of .08 percent say it is more lenient than drunken driving levels in most European countries, that it would save at least 600 lives a year and that it makes no sense for drinkers to be legal behind the wheel in one state and not in another.

Berry's World



Cuban immigrants

Alcohol factor in crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — In nearly 40 percent of violent crimes, alcohol is a factor, even as it declines as a cause of death, the Justice Department reports.

Alcohol is an even bigger factor in violence by a variety of intimates — a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend. Victims of those attacks cited alcohol as a factor in two-thirds of them. Victims of spouse violence alone said three-fourths of their attackers used alcohol.

The report, released Sunday by the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics, said that among the 7.7 million violent crimes each year where victims can tell whether attackers used alcohol, drugs or both, 37 percent thought their assailants were using alcohol or alcohol and drugs.

Of the 5.3 million convicted adult offenders in prison, jail or on parole or probation in 1996, 36 percent reported they had been drinking at the time of the crime for which they were convicted, the report estimated.

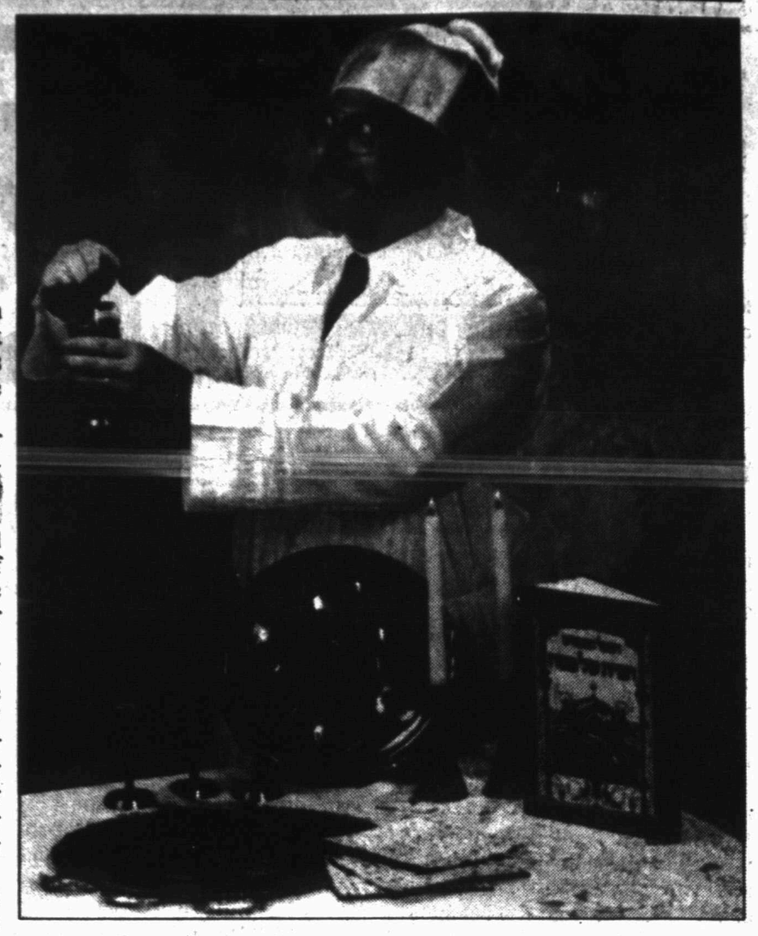
The report also said one in five victims of alcohol-related violence reports a financial loss. When injury occurred, the average out-of-pocket medical expense was $1,500.

Overall, 500,000 victims suffer financial losses each year in alcohol-related violence, and their losses total more than $400 million, the report said.

Meanwhile, the rate of all alcohol-induced deaths fell 19 percent between 1980 and 1994, according to National Center for Health Statistics data.

Also, the arrest rate for driving under the influence of alcohol dropped by 24 percent since 1990.

Nevertheless, local police made 1,467,300 arrests nationwide in 1996 for driving under the influence of alcohol. That was down from the peak of 1.9 million arrests in 1983 when 33 states permitted alcohol consumption before age 21. Since then, responding to federal highway funding requirements, every state has gone to a minimum drinking age of 21.



CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER — Stan Meyer will present "Christ In The Passover" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)

Hermleigh...

Christ in the Passover set at Central Baptist

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common?

Stan Meyer, speaking on behalf of Jews For Jesus, will answer that question in a presentation called "Christ In The Passover" slated at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Using a visual display of the traditional Passover accouterments, the "Christ In The Passover" presentation enhances Christians' understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion.

Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption, which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including representative foods which are explained, but not eaten.

The ceremonial seder plate, the three-compartment pouch in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, as well as the traditional cup of Elijah are presented, and new insights to their chronological significance are provided.

Those who attend the special "Christ In The Passover" program will also have the opportunity to examine some Jews For Jesus literature and materials. The program is open to the public, and Stan Meyer will be available to answer questions.

Federal government reveals breakthrough in cancer fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government has notified thousands of women of a breakthrough in the fight against cancer, saying a study for the first time shows that a drug may prevent breast cancer.

The National Cancer Institute, the agency that coordinates the nation's cancer programs, said its six-year study showed that taking the drug tamoxifen cut cancer rates by nearly half among women who were considered at risk of getting the disease.

Critics raised concerns about the drug's links to cancer in the uterine lining and to blood clots.

The institute has mailed letters announcing the breakthrough to the 13,000 women in the United States and Canada who participated in the study, which was first reported Sunday by The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"This is now the first study in the world to show that a drug can reduce the incidence of breast cancer," the letter stated.

Details of the study were to be made public today.

Sona Thakkar, a spokeswoman for the National Cancer Institute, said researchers were not discussing the report until it was formally released this afternoon. The report is expected to address the concerns about uterine cancer and the formation of blood clots.

One of the study's participants, 45-year-old Patricia Lorah of Reading, Pa., lost her mother and grandmother to breast cancer. The deaths prompted her to take part in one of the largest cancer prevention trials ever.

"I'm just thrilled. Wow!" Lorah said. "This is almost overwhelming."

Tamoxifen, made by Wilmington, Del.-based Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, is widely used to prevent the spread or return of breast cancer.

Women at risk of getting the disease because of family history, precancerous breast lesions or age were randomly assigned to five years on either a placebo pill or tamoxifen.

According to the institute, the drug reduced the rate of expected breast cancers from one in 130 women to one in 236 during the study — a decline of about 45 percent. Tamoxifen slips into estrogen receptors of breast cancer cells and locks up the cells, preventing them from growing and dividing.

Tamoxifen has been associated with increased risks for cancer in the uterine lining and with blood clots in the lungs. Those risks prompted The National Women's Health Network in Washington to criticize the study.

"If this turns out to be a good risk-benefit ratio for some women, that will be good news," said Cindy Pearson, the group's executive director.

Researchers must tell what they know about "the cost of this benefit," she said. "Did any women die of anything caused by tamoxifen?"

Activist musician receives honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Folk singer Pete Seeger brought Paul Robeson's memory to life at a tribute to the activist musician, performing his signature tune "Ol' Man River" for a crowd at Columbia University.

Fans who attended also honored Robeson with musical performances and political debate Sunday, while authors, actors and journalists recalled the blacklisted performer and civil rights activist.

"If the common people shake too much, the people at the top really get disturbed," said actor Ossie Davis, who described Robeson — also a noted lawyer, athlete and scholar — as an inspiration to the masses.

Robeson starred in the Broadway musical and 1936 film "Show Boat," in which he performed the show-stopper "Ol' Man River." In 11 films, including "Proud Valley," "Jericho" and "The Emperor Jones," Robeson helped chip away at the stereotypical parts Hollywood gave to blacks.

But his praise of Soviet socialism had made him a pariah by the 1950s. He was blacklisted and tailed by the FBI, and his career was all but destroyed. He died in 1976.

Robeson was born in Princeton, N.J., on April 9, 1898. More than 150 events are planned worldwide in celebration of his birth.

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 412 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce six barrels of oil and 235 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,457-3,260 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 3A-B Davis in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 51 barrels of oil and 26 barrels of water. Perforations were from 21,655-829 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 12-A G.M. Dodge estate in the Iatan East Howard field, 16 miles east of Big Spring. The well was completed to produce nine barrels of oil and 50 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,386-868 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Enrich Oil Corp. has completed the No. 1 Bud Aldredge, a wildcat located five miles west of Eskota. The well was finaled to produce 168 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,247-255 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 21, T&P survey.

San Antonio Gas and Oil Inc. will drill the No. 1 Howard, 11 miles west of Roby. Planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 7, Block Y, T&P survey.

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Climbers to clean up Everest

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A team of American hikers plan to clean up the mess at the top of the world.

The 15-member Everest Environmental Expedition left for Nepal on Saturday to make the arduous trek up 29,000-foot Mount Everest just to pick up the trash.

"We're going to try to clean up the whole mountain," said physician Mark Cole, who is making his second trek up Everest.

Ever since the first hikers reached the world's highest peak in 1953, hundreds have followed in their footsteps, littering the paths with emptied oxygen bottles and refuse.

The Nepalese government has threatened to fine climbers who fail to return from the mountain with their garbage. That's helped reduce refuse at the Everest base camp, at an elevation of 17,600 feet.

But the highest camp, just 3,000 feet below the summit, is littered with about 750 oxygen bottles — 18-inch-long canisters weighing about 10 pounds each, Cole said.

In the reduced oxygen at that height, climbers don't want the burden of carrying anything they no longer need.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Opening lead: ♥ K

A pair of twins

By Phillip Alder

Isn't it silly when people say "two twins" or a "pair of twins"? And it never seems to occur to them that they are being redundant. Still, two books appeared late last year that are fraternal twins. The first is "Reisinger Challenge" by Marshall Miles (C&T). (Its twin will be reviewed in tomorrow's column.)

The book's premise is that your team has reached the final of the Reisinger, arguably the hardest to win of the four major national-team titles (along with the Grand National, Spingold and Vanderbilt). And over the 54 boards, the spotlight falls on you every time. What a nightmare that would be in real life: You would be fit for nothing for a week afterward.

The best aspect of the book is Miles' "to the point" analysis after you have struggled with each tough problem.

Bob Hamman played this deal originally. In four spades, he received the heart-king lead. Can you make it, looking at all 52 cards?

Hamman realized that if he led a low spade, East would probably win the trick and return his singleton club (or something else, telling West he was void in clubs). Either way, the contract would be kaput. Instead, Hamman worked to keep East off the lead. He played the spade king. And after ruffing West's heart-queen continuation, he continued with the spade jack. Hamman ruffed the next heart, cashed the diamond queen, played a diamond to dummy's king, ruffed a diamond with the spade seven, and exited with a trump to East's 10. The dummy was high!

The book is $12.95 postpaid from C&T Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 525-4718 to order.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m. tee time.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th; Vickie Clark of Seminole, instruction in pastels; Marie Dollins, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents Groups; First Baptist Church, enter east side of church; for more information call 573-2631; child care provided; 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, cost $30; for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

Reagan memoralized with statue

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former President Ronald Reagan has been memorialized with a larger-than-life bronze statue at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

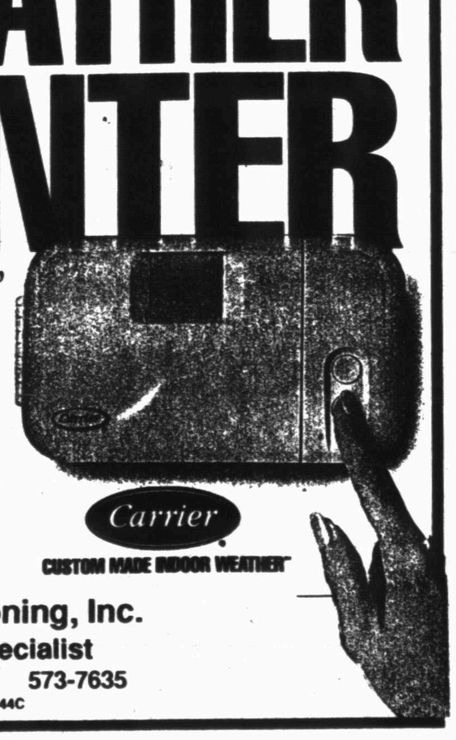
The statue by sculptor Glenna Goodacre depicts Reagan in the denim garb he was so often seen wearing at his California ranch. A pair of gloves flop out from his back pocket and the figure extends his hand as if to greet someone.

Reagan's daughter, Maureen, said the statute was "very Ronald Reagan."

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Crash survivor dog paddled following private plane crash

DENTON (AP) — The lone known survivor of a private plane's crash into Louisiana's Lake Pontchartrain says she "did a lot of dog padding" to survive 12 hours in the water before her rescue.

Carmen Rivera-Worley, the top civil attorney for Denton County government, told the Denton Record-Chronicle that all she recalls of Thursday night's crash was cold, quiet blackness.

Only her survival instinct saved her, she said.

Ms. Rivera-Worley does not remember most of the half-day she spent fighting to stay above the lake's surface.

"I was always out of breath," she said. "I did a lot of dog paddling from one place to another."

While Ms. Rivera-Worley struggled to stay afloat, her houghts drifted.

"I had thoughts about why this happened, how this happened and how I couldn't understand it," she said. "Then I began to think about how's the best way to help my survival chances and how to keep my legs from cramping."

The single-engine Piper Cherokee 235C was on final approach to New Orleans Lakefront Airport when it disappeared from air-traffic controllers' radar screens about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, about 10 miles north of the airport, the Coast Guard said.

Still missing and presumed dead today are Sarah Worley, Ms. Rivera-Worley's 17-year-old daughter; pilot Bryan Scott Taylor, 25, a Lewisville, Texas, investment broker; and John Scott, 35, director of Denton County's buildings department.

Ms. Rivera-Worley was found about 10:30 a.m. Friday, about one mile north of the last spot the aircraft was seen on radar. It had been a long struggle from the moment 12 hours earlier when the aircraft plunged into the lake.

"I came to and I instantly panicked because I was breathing water," she said Saturday from her bed at West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero, La., a New Orleans suburb. "I was still buckled into my seat in the plane. After I got loose, I just started kicking my way up until I got to the surface."

Ms. Rivera-Worley attributed her success in the water to her good physical condition and stamina, gained partially, she said, from having a swimming pool in her backyard.

"I was wearing a hot pink T-shirt, and I thought, the more hot pink any rescuers could see, the better," she said.

"I did that float so they could see more of the hot pink T-shirt. I would raise my head up and see if they were coming for me, and then I would do it again. I was like a needle in a haystack out there."

Ms. Rivera-Worley said she cannot remember portions of the 12 hours she spent in the water.

"I think I blacked out once I was out of the plane, because I was surprised how quickly daylight came."

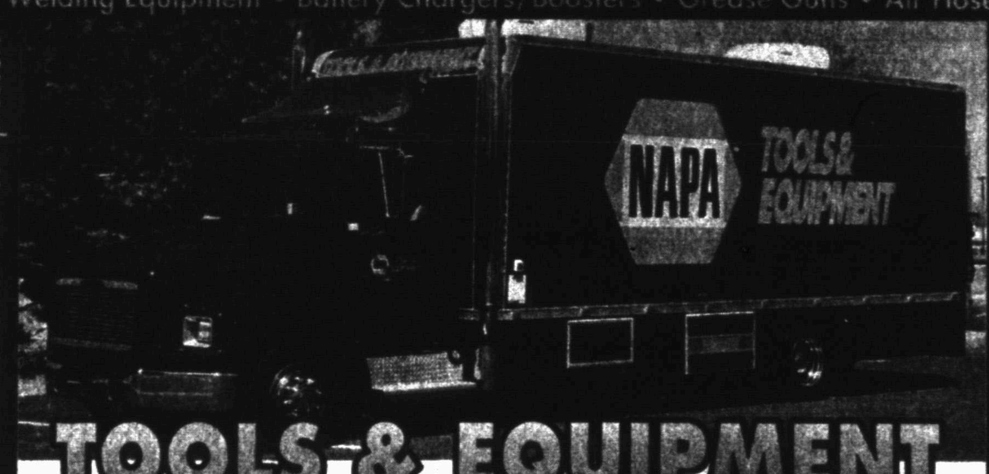
At one point during the night, she fiercely clung to what she thought was a soccer ball she found floating in the water — probably the float from a crab trap.

"I needed an opportunity to rest, but the waves kept hitting me in the face, so I had to let go," she said.



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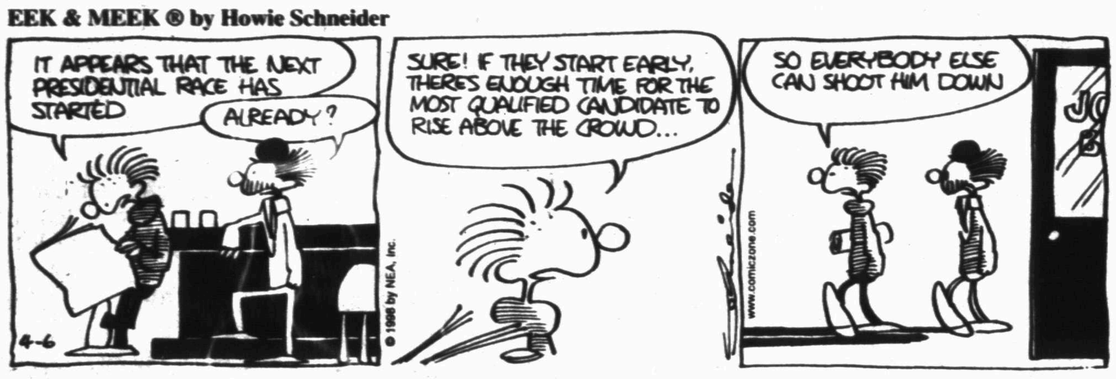
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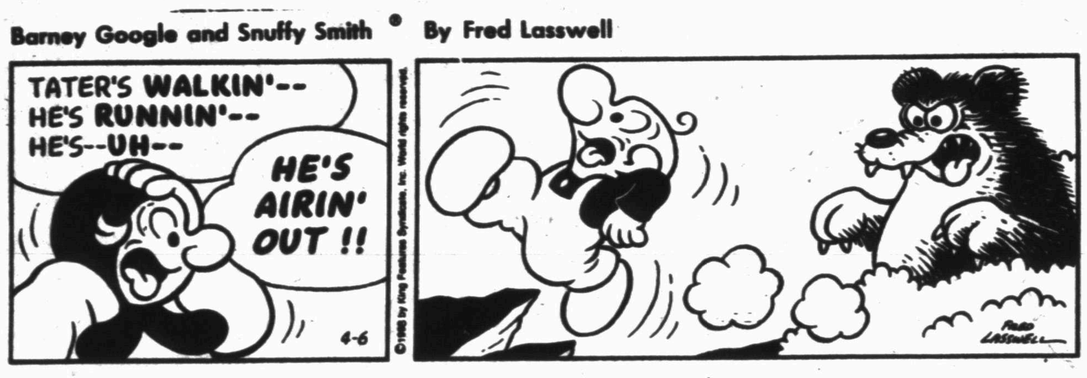
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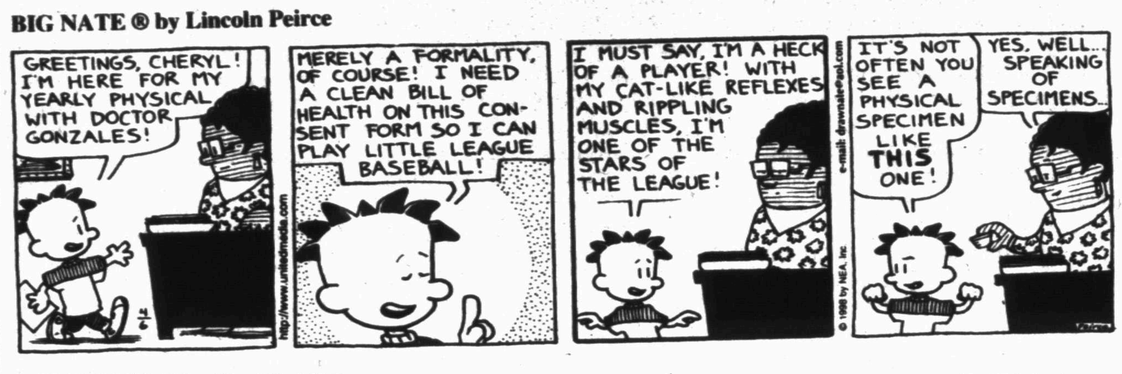
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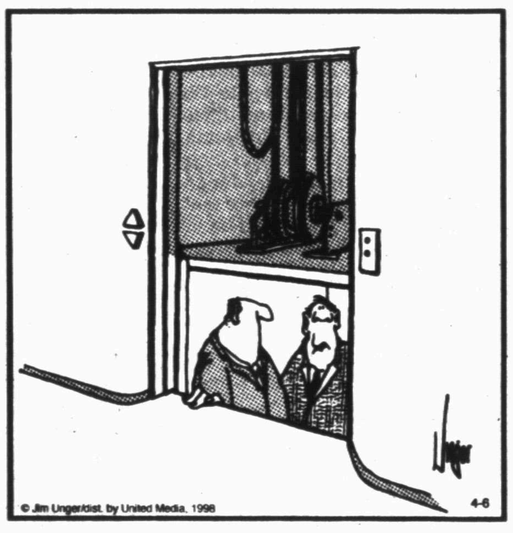
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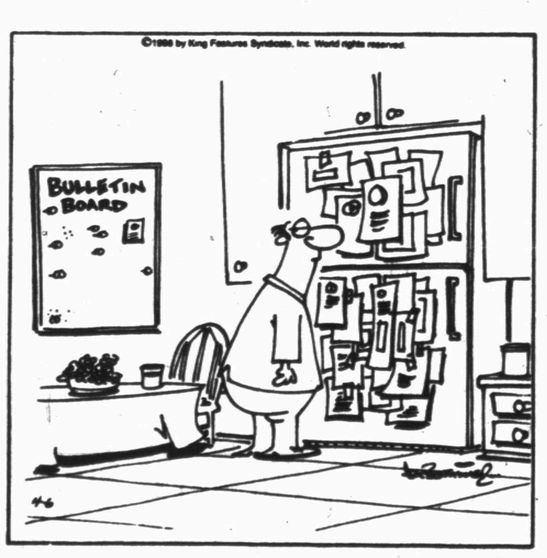


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7 Carport
13 Away from the coast
14 Visigothic king
15 Made invalid
16 Supreme
17 Seabird
18 Bernstein, for short
20 Which person?
21 Planned
25 Arab leader's domain
28 Boring tool
32 Accounting term
33 Take care of (2 wds.)
34 Astonish
35 — — ease
36 Customs
37 Word used before dum or dee
39 Attendant on a ship
41 Sine — non
44 Greek island
45 Actor Conway
48 Naked
51 Kind
54 Glacial epoch (2 wds.)
55 Runs off to wed
56 Expel from practicing law
57 African-Arabian waters (2 wds.)

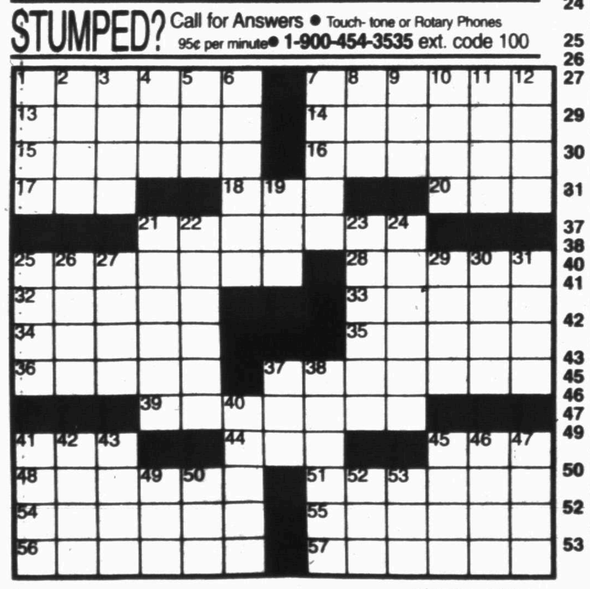
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3 TV actor Ken —
4 Mom's mate
5 Small bill
6 Certain trading unit (2 wds.)
7 Haggard
8 Map abbr.
9 Male sheep
10 In — — (lined up)
11 Actress Lillian —
12 Opposite of endo
19 French summer
21 Awards
22 Most tardy
23 Less difficult
24 Fought with swords
25 Dutch cheese
26 Office note
27 Construction beam (2 wds.)
29 Anglo-Saxon tax
30 And others (2 wds.)
31 Learn by — (memorize)
37 Pair
38 Laundry need
40 Sea duck
41 Tobacco chew
42 Hooklike parts
43 High cards
45 Bugle call
46 Arrow poison
47 High plateau
49 Chemist's workplace
50 Moslem commander
52 Ending for glob
53 Chic, in the '60s

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

WTC holds position in standings

Western Texas College helped solidify its spot in the national finals rodeo.

Following the NIRA rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum, the WTC women's squad remains in the top spot in the standings, while the Westerner men have a secure hold on second.

The Lady Westerners now have a total of 1,494 points, with Tarleton in second at 1,210.

West Texas A&M is running away with the men's title, but WTC remains a strong second with 1,325 points.

Over the weekend, the Western Texas women were powered by the performance of Talina Bird.

Bird garnered runner-up honors in the all-around competition, while finishing first in the short round and third in the average in barrel racing. Tona Wright finished tied for third in the barrel racing short round.

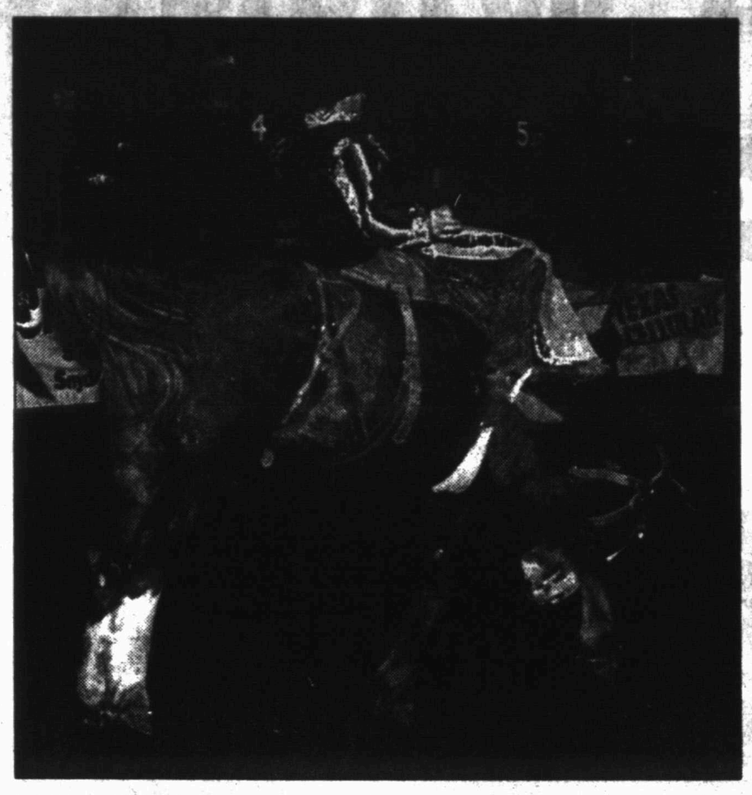
In goat tying, Wright's time of 7.2 seconds gave her first place in the finals. Teammate Paige Burelsmith was third.

For the men, Matt McCloy nabbed the top spot in the average of saddle bronc riding with a score of 73 in the short round. Shane Faulkner finished third and Lance Galliard was fourth.

In the calf roping finals, Joe Ross Jameson posted a time of 9.0 to take second place, while Zane Runyan finished fourth.

Kyle Bowers registered a 74 in the bareback finals, giving him third place in the average.

"I was real pleased with how we performed," WTC coach Greg Rhodes said. "Our women's team had another strong outing. Our men's team rode well, but the stock killed us. We just couldn't get a good draw."



ROLLING WITH THE ACTION — Rusty Crangle of Odessa College competes in the bareback riding at the NIRA rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum. The WTC women maintained their lead in the standings, while the Westerner men remain in second. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers top LHS, drop contest to Odessa

The Lady Tigers split their weekend softball contests to remain one game above .500 on the year.

Snyder put away Lubbock High, 9-7, before falling to Odessa High, 14-9.

Against Lubbock, the Lady Tigers committed only one error and were paced by the bat of Christy Tomlinson.

Tomlinson busted two doubles and a single, while Courtney Rinehart slapped four base hits.

"I was really proud of the way we played against Lubbock," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "We played like we are capable of, with everybody chipping in and not committing a lot of errors."

Brittany Drummond picked up the win for Snyder, walking one and striking out one over three innings.

Against Odessa, the Lady Tiger errors returned.

Odessa turned six Snyder miscues into five unearned runs.

But trailing 12-3 after five innings, the Lady Tigers tried to mount a rally in the sixth.

Bradi Johnson led off with a double, followed two batters later by a triple from Rinehart.

Four consecutive base hits from Darcee Purcell, CeCe Valadez, Keila Helms and Tomlinson led to six Snyder runs, cutting the deficit to 12-9.

But the Lady Bronchos added two in the seventh for the 14-9 final.

Kristin Martinez picked up the loss for Snyder, despite fanning five Odessa batters while not allowing a walk.

The Lady Tigers will be on the diamond again Tuesday at Midland Greenwood, beginning at 5 p.m.

Lubbock	002	122	0	7	14	0
Snyder	122	103	x	9	12	1

Snyder: Tomlinson, two doubles and single; Rinehart, four singles; Fisk, two singles; Valadez, Huff and Purcell, single.

Odessa	151	410	2	14	14	0
Snyder	010	206	0	9	12	6

Snyder: Rinehart, triple and single; Valadez and Fisk, double and single; Johnson, double; Davis, two singles; Helms, Tomlinson and Purcell, single.

Astros topple Rockies, 6-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The fans jumped on Darryl Kile from the start. The Houston hitters didn't take long, either.

Craig Biggio had a three-run homer and pitcher Shane Reynolds hit a two-run double against their former teammate in the second inning, leading the Astros over the Colorado Rockies 6-2 Sunday.

It didn't take the Astros long to get to him, doing it with two outs in a five-run second inning when Kile's control deserted him.

Sources say...

UT courts Utah's Majerus

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Majerus has said he's staying put at Utah, but he's reportedly a leading candidate to take over at Texas.

The Austin American-Statesman, citing an unnamed source close to the selection committee, reported Sunday that Majerus will meet with UT officials about the job vacated by Tom Penders.

The panel met Saturday in Austin to begin the search for Penders' replacement. Penders resigned last week after three weeks of controversy that began when unhappy players met with UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds.

Majerus led the Utes to the championship game of this year's NCAA tournament. Last week, he rejected a seven-figure offer from Arizona State.

Other top candidates on UT's list reportedly include Bob Bender of Washington, Kelvin Sampson of Oklahoma and formerly of Washington State, North Carolina assistant Phil Ford, and Rick Barnes of Clemson.

Bender, who is vacationing with his family in Florida, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Sunday that he spoke Saturday night with Dodds about scheduling a meeting this week to discuss the job.

"Tuesday or Wednesday, we're not sure," Bender said.

He said doesn't know high he is on the list of candidates.

"I really don't have a feel about the total situation until I sit down face to face with them," Bender said.

Majerus, 50, makes about $1 million annually at Utah. About half of that comes from a deal with Reebok. The Texas athletic department also is affiliated with Reebok.

Dodds has said UT will not pay its next basketball coach more than the $750,000 made by new football coach Mack Brown. Penders had received $550,000 annually.

Two coaches interested in the job have received strong recommendations.

Former North Carolina coach Dean Smith called Dodds on behalf of Ford, 42. Ex-NBA coach John Lucas also received an endorsement from a prominent UT booster, according to the American-Statesman.

Lucas, who coached the San Antonio Spurs and Philadelphia 76ers, has expressed interest in coaching at the college level.

Dodds declined to name his top candidates.

"I've got real strong feelings about some coaches I want to talk to," he said. "We have a long list, but I guess you can say in my mind there's a short list where we have a real serious interest."

UT guard DeJuan "Chico" Vazquez, a player adviser to the screening committee, met with the group for about 45 minutes Saturday. Vazquez said he told members that players would like a coach who will continue the same full-court style implemented and endorsed by Penders.

Bane paces SHS effort

LEVELLAND — Despite having only two athletes make the trip to Levelland, the Lady Tigers racked up 24 points at the Lobo Relays.

Amy Brooks secured second place in the discus with a 112-8 effort.

Then as Snyder's only runner, Callie Bane came through in both hurdle events. The freshman posted a time of 17.2 seconds in the 100 hurdles to claim the runner-up spot.

Bane then took second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 50.7.

In the boys division, Brady Cobb's fourth-place triple jump of 39-9 led the Tigers' output.

Dusty Ashby nabbed fourth place in the 3,200, with Danny Early finishing sixth.

"I was very pleased with how well we did, considering we only had two girls competing," Lady Tiger track coach Vanessa Gutierrez said. "Callie and Amy did a great job for us."

Both Snyder squads will be back on the track Thursday at the Big Spring Relays.

Texas shoots down Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — As long as he was keeping the ball in the park, John Burkett did just fine.

Burkett overcame three Toronto home runs, combining with John Wetteland to pitch the Texas Rangers past the Blue Jays 6-5 Sunday.

Shawn Green hit a three-run homer for Toronto, and Jose Canseco and Craig Grebeck had solo shots.

Sports Briefs

Women's Golf Association

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will begin its spring golf season at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Players should meet at the pro shop prior to tee off. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Donkey basketball

Bob Crosby's Donkey Basketball will be held at the Hermleigh gym at 8 tonight.

Advanced tickets are $5 for high schoolers and up, and $3 for youngsters. They can be purchased at the Hermleigh school. Tickets at the door will be $7 and $5. All proceeds benefit Hermleigh Booster Club.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the National Little Dribblers Tournament to be held in Snyder April 15-18.

Anyone wishing to help should contact the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Volleyball tournament

A 4 on 4 volleyball tournament will be held April 21 at the sand pit at WTC.

Women's, men's and coed teams are welcome. Entry fee is $40 per team, with $30 awarded to the tourney MVP.

Registration forms may be picked up at the WTC athletic office. For more information contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Tuesday night scramble

Snyder Country Club will begin its weekly scramble event at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Players should call to register before 5:15.

For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	46	21	9	101	208	149
x-Philadelphia	39	25	11	89	220	177
Washington	36	28	11	83	202	189
N.Y.Rangers	23	36	18	64	186	217
N.Y.Islanders	26	38	10	62	194	209
Florida	23	40	12	58	184	231
TampaBay	17	49	9	43	144	241
Northeast Division						
x-Pittsburgh	37	22	17	91	209	175
Boston	34	27	13	81	198	175
Buffalo	33	27	15	81	192	170
Montreal	35	30	10	80	219	190
Ottawa	30	31	14	74	175	184
Carolina	31	35	8	70	183	196

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	43	21	11	97	219	155
x-Detroit	41	20	15	97	230	181
x-St.Louis	41	29	8	90	227	179
Phoenix	30	33	12	72	206	209
Chicago	29	35	12	72	185	187
Toronto	23	40	9	61	174	219
Pacific Division						
x-Colorado	37	24	16	90	217	192
LosAngeles	34	30	11	79	210	204
SanJose	31	37	8	70	190	205
Edmonton	30	36	10	70	192	208
Calgary	25	36	14	64	200	222
Vancouver	24	39	13	61	212	258
Anaheim	24	40	12	60	187	241

x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Florida 4, Philadelphia 1
Washington 3, Los Angeles 2
Detroit 3, Chicago 2
St. Louis 4, Colorado 1
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 1
Carolina 1, Montreal 0
San Jose 5, Toronto 3
Vancouver 5, Dallas 3

Sunday's Games

Ottawa 1, Buffalo 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Chicago 1, OT
New Jersey 3, Phoenix 2
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 1
Calgary 3, Anaheim 3, tie

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	53	22	.707	-
NewYork	41	35	.539	12½
NewJersey	38	36	.514	14½
Washington	38	37	.507	15
Orlando	37	38	.493	16
Boston	34	41	.453	19
Philadelphia	29	46	.387	24
Central Division				
y-Chicago	58	17	.773	-
y-Indiana	52	23	.693	6
y-Charlotte	47	27	.635	10½
Atlanta	44	30	.595	13½
Cleveland	43	32	.573	15
Detroit	34	42	.447	24½
Milwaukee	33	42	.440	25
Toronto	15	59	.203	42½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	56	18	.757	-
y-SanAntonio	52	23	.693	4½
y-Minnesota	39	36	.520	17½
y-Houston	37	38	.493	19½
Dallas	19	57	.250	38
Vancouver	16	58	.216	40
Denver	9	66	.120	47½
Pacific Division				
y-Seattle	57	18	.760	-
y-L.A.Lakers	55	20	.733	2
y-Phoenix	49	25	.662	7½
y-Portland	41	33	.554	15½
Sacramento	27	48	.360	30
GoldenState	16	59	.213	41
L.A.Clippers	16	59	.213	41

x-clinched division.
y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

New Jersey 97, New York 94
Miami 101, Charlotte 88
San Antonio 88, Golden State 80, OT
Phoenix 90, Portland 83

Sunday's Games

Washington 88, Orlando 85
L.A. Lakers 105, Detroit 103, OT
Cleveland 94, L.A. Clippers 93
Minnesota 97, Atlanta 96
Indiana 93, Milwaukee 92
Chicago 109, Houston 94
Philadelphia 116, Toronto 104
Utah 99, Vancouver 93
Boston 102, New York 92
Sacramento 105, Dallas 99
Seattle 87, Denver 83

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	4	1	.800	-
Atlanta	3	2	.600	1
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	2
Florida	1	5	.167	3½
Montreal	0	5	.000	4
Central Division				
Chicago	5	1	.833	-
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	½
St.Louis	3	2	.600	1½
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	2
Houston	3	3	.500	2
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	2½
West Division				
SanFrancisco	4	1	.800	-
Colorado	4	2	.667	½
SanDiego	4	2	.667	½
LosAngeles	1	4	.200	3
Arizona	0	5	.000	4

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 6, 13 innings
St. Louis 8, San Diego 6
Chicago Cubs 3, Montreal 1
San Francisco 5, Arizona 3
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 4
Milwaukee 6, Florida 2
Colorado 5, Houston 3

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee 5, Florida 2
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1
Los Angeles 1, Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 0
San Diego 8, St. Louis 7
Chicago Cubs 7, Montreal 2
Houston 6, Colorado 2

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	1	.833	-
TampaBay	4	2	.667	1
Boston	3	2	.600	1½
Toronto	2	3	.400	2½
NewYork	1	3	.250	3
Central Division				
Cleveland	5	0	1.000	-
KansasCity	3	3	.500	2½
Chicago	2	3	.400	3
Minnesota	2	3	.400	3
Detroit	1	5	.167	4½
West Division				
Texas	3	2	.600	-
Anaheim	2	3	.400	1
Seattle	2	3	.400	1
Oakland	1	3	.250	1½

Saturday's Games

Toronto 9, Texas 2
Baltimore 2, Detroit 1
Oakland 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 8, Chicago White Sox 2
Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Seattle 12, Boston 6
Cleveland 11, Anaheim 0

Sunday's Games

Texas 6, Toronto 5
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Baltimore 6, Detroit 3
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 1
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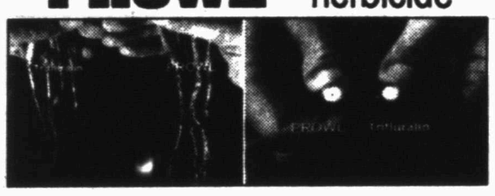
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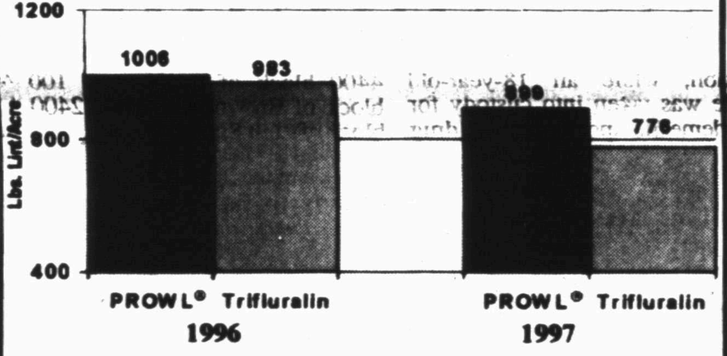
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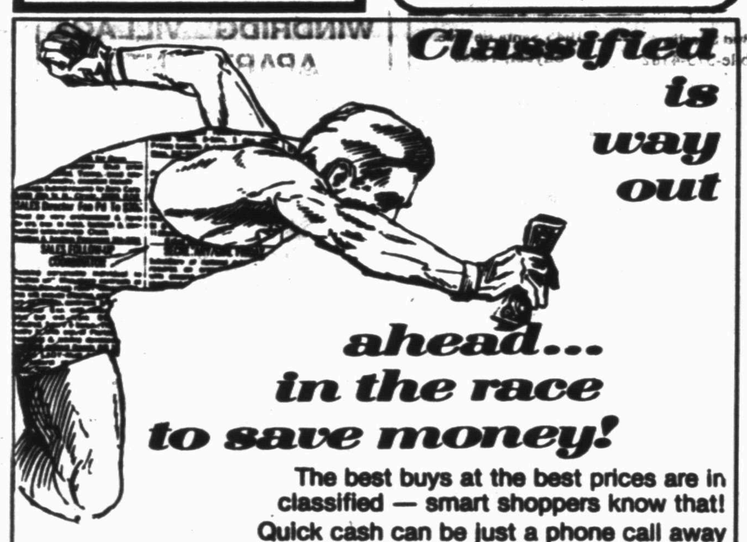
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Clinton closes weapons loophole today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vowing "to do our best to keep our people alive," President Clinton today closed a loophole through which thousands of foreign-made assault rifles found their way into the United States despite a 1994 ban.

With the White House Rose Garden and a wall of uniformed police officers as a backdrop, Clinton issued an executive order that permanently barred importation of 58 assault weapons that were modified for sport shooting in order to get around the ban. Most of the affected guns are variations of the AK-47 and Uzi semiautomatic weapons.

Clinton hailed an overall drop in violent crime since he took office in 1993, but said much work remains in preventing violence as long as gun manufacturers "can make minor cosmetic modifications to weapons of war" and send them onto the streets of America.

"There are still far too many children in harm's way, too many families behind locked doors, too many guns in the hands of too many criminals," Clinton said.

Speaking directly to gun makers, the president added, "You can read the fine print in our law and our regulations all you want, and you can keep making minor changes, but we're going to do our best to keep our people alive and stop you from making a dollar in the wrong way."

Clinton's order follows a Treasury Department review of 59 weapons,

Busy weekend for law officers

The weekend was busy for local law enforcement personnel as dispatchers received more than 100 calls.

Seven people were arrested, including two on felony charges.

Officers arrested Eddie Jim Overman, 35, of 700 20th St., at 8:38 a.m. Saturday in the 100 block of Browning on a warrant for felony revocation of probation.

Kimberly Dawn Henry, 29, of 538 Westover, Apt. #123 in Big Spring was booked into jail after midnight Sunday after first being arrested in Dallas on a motion to adjudicate guilt on a state jail felony charge.

DPS troopers arrested two people Saturday night at 8 p.m. on alcohol-related charges on Highway 84 near FM 1611.

A 58-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 55-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication.

Troopers also arrested a 26-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. He was taken into custody at 12:33 a.m. in the 1900 block of 11th Street.

A report of loud music around 6 a.m. Sunday from the 1200 block of 25th Street resulted in two people being taken into custody. Officers arrested a 22-year-old male on an outstanding city warrant for public intoxication, while an 18-year-old male was taken into custody for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

In other activity, officers were called to the Varsity Square shopping center at 5:44 p.m. Saturday in reference to persons selling items that were not what they were represented to be. An offense report for theft by deception was submitted.

An officer was called to the 3900 block of Muriel at 6:19 p.m. Saturday on a complaint that a seven-year-old juvenile had threatened a five-year-old with a knife. Parents of the two children were contacted.

An offense report for Class C theft was submitted at 6:46 p.m. Saturday after a person was caught shoplifting at IGA #400.

Offense reports for family violence was submitted Sunday at 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 1:49 Sunday as some storage buildings in the 900 block of Avenue T were damaged.

Carol Greathouse requested to speak to an officer at 2:38 p.m. Sunday from the 2600 block of Avenue I in reference to missing some jewelry. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

An offense report for an attempted overdose was submitted as officers was advised of a 13-year-old female being treated at Cogdell Hospital's emergency room. The person was admitted for observation.

Reports of possible prowlers were made early today from the 4400 block of Avenue U, 100 block of Browning and the 2400 block of 26th Street.

A report for loud music was made at 3:59 this morning from the 1200 block of 20th Street.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is ultrasound really painless?

DEAR DR. GOTT: You constantly write that ultrasound examinations are painless, but I believe that this statement is misleading. You are less than honest with your readers.

Last summer, because of prostate cancer, I had an ultrasound and three biopsies. I found the procedure to be quite invasive and painful. Please correct your misstatement.

DEAR READER: I believe that you are confusing two issues. Ultrasound tests, as I have previously written, are harmless and painless. However, the way they are performed may be uncomfortable.

For example, a pregnant woman who undergoes a sonogram lies on a table while the sonogram device is painlessly applied to her abdomen. In contrast, prostatic ultrasound involves the use of a rectal probe, which — for some men — may be unpleasant.

Moreover, if biopsies are obtained at the same time, all bets are off — because when a needle is used to sample tissue, the procedure can indeed be painful.

Therefore, your discomfort was not caused by the ultrasound test itself. Rather, the technique of obtaining the sonogram — plus the biopsies — was probably to blame.

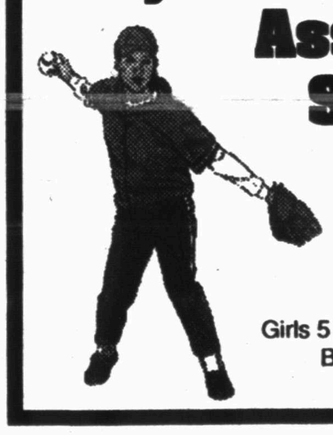
To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read with interest your column on stones in the salivary glands. I agree that it is prudent to drink plenty of fluids (especially lemonade) during meals. In addition, I've discovered a useful maneuver that often relieves the pain of salivary stones. When I feel the area around my cheeks become very sensitive, I firmly massage the gland around the stones and have found that I can significantly reduce the pain and swelling.

DEAR READER: Stones in the salivary glands can cause dry mouth, pain and swelling. Generous intake of fluids will help overcome this. So will lemon juice, which causes an increase in the flow of saliva. When the stones block the salivary ducts, the pain and swelling may be severe. In such instances, the early application of gentle massage may alter the position of the stones, allow drainage and soothe the inflamed tissue. Therefore, there is ample theoretical and practical justification for your maneuver. Thank you for writing.

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THURSDAY

Grilled ham, baked potato, cream gravy, blackeye peas, fresh spinach salad, white cake w/vanilla icing.

FRIDAY

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Red Ribbon effort praised

Snyder Lions Club, KSNY radio station and Leslie Cooley, Snyder Area Council Program director, were recently recognized for their work in promoting the 1997 Red Ribbon Week.

In its annual report for the Red Ribbon Campaign, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse commended the Lions Club for donating the red ribbons to area elementary schools.

The radio station was praised for playing interviews with Cooley to promote the wearing of red ribbons and offering campaign background.

The Red Ribbon Campaign is held each year on the last week of October. It was founded to help individuals make a committment to abstain from using alcohol or other drugs.

Many individuals and elected officials contributed to the week's events in 1997. The article quoted Debbie Brunson and Ashly Weaver, Snyder elementary school counselors, who coordinated the campaign for the lower grades.

"It (Red Ribbon campaign) makes the children and adults aware of the facts, warning signs, prevention and helps pull community, school and parents together."

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AT&T Corp	66	7-16	66	66 1-16— ⅛
AirTouch	49⅛	48⅛	48	13-16— 3-16
Albertsons	53⅜	53⅜	53⅜	— 9-16
AlldSignal s	45	7-16	45	1-16 45¼+ ⅜
Alltel	45¼	44⅝	44⅝	— 5-16
AmOnline s	75	73	73	— 1⅛
AmStores	24	15-16	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛
Ameritech s	50¼	48¾	49	13-16+ ¼
Amoco	86⅛	85	13-16	86 1-16— ⅛
Amocowi	43¾	43¼	43	5-16+ 3-16
AndarkPr	72¼	71⅞	72¼	+ ⅜
Anncoinc			6	5⅜ 5⅜
AtlRichfld s	78¼	77	13-16	77 15-16— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	29	13-16	29⅜	29 13-16+ 1-16
Aviall			15⅜	15¼ 15⅜— 3-16
BakerHughes	40	15-16	40	3-16 40⅝—11-16
BellAtl	102⅜	101⅛	101	11-16— ⅝
BellSouth	67¾	67	3-16	67⅜— ⅜
BethSteel			15⅜	15 15¼+ ⅛
BritPet s	88	87⅜	87	11-16+1 3-16
BurlNoSFe	106⅛	105	13-16	106⅜— ⅜
CBS Corp	36	5-16	35	11-16 35⅜— 7-16
Caterpillar s			55¼	54 11-16 54⅜+ ⅛
CenSoWst			27⅛	27 27 1-16— 1-16
Chevron	81	15-16	81¼	81 7-16— ⅛
Chrysler			41	9-16 41 41⅛+ ⅜
Coastal	67	15-16	67¾	67 15-16+15-16
CocaCola	80	15-16	79¾	79 15-16— ⅛
ColgatePalm s			88⅜	87 1-16 87⅜— ⅛
ComclMetals			35¼	35¼ 35⅜— ⅛
Cooperin			66⅛	64⅝ 65 11-16+ 5-16
CyprusAmax			17⅛	17 17 1-16+ 5-16
DallSemicn			37⅛	36¼ 36⅛+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	118¼	116	13-16	117⅜— ⅛
DigitalEq	52	15-16	52	7-16—11-16
Dillards Inc			37	3-16 36 15-16 36 15-16
DowChem	96	1-16	94	13-16 94 15-16+11-16
DresserInd			50¼	49¼ 49 9-16— ⅜
DuPont s			69⅛	67⅞ 67⅞—1 7-16
EastmanChem	68	15-16	68¼	68⅝— 7-16
EstKodak	65	5-16	64¾	64 15-16+ ⅜
EDS Corp	46	44	5-16	44 11-16— ⅞
Entergy			29¼	29 1-16 29⅛+ 1-16
Exxon			69⅝	68 13-16 69 — 3-16
FstBksAm			23¼	23¼ 23⅛+ 1-16
Flowers s	23	15-16	23¼	23⅜— 3-16
FordMotor			65⅜	64¼ 64⅝— ⅜
GTE Cp	61	13-16	61	7-16 61 11-16+ ⅛
GenDynam s			45⅝	45 5-16 45 5-16+ ⅛
GenElecs			88⅜	87⅞ 87⅛+ ¼
GenMills			75	7-16 75¼ 75⅛+ ⅛
GenMotors	68	3-16	67⅞	67 9-16+ 1-16
GaPacGP s			67	66¼ 66¼— 5-16
GlobalMar	25	3-16	24⅝	24 11-16— ⅜
Goodrich			52¼	52 1-16 52 7-16+ ⅛
Goodyear s	75⅜	74	11-16	74 11-16— 1-16
GtAtlPac			31¼	30⅝ 31¼— 1-16
Halliburtn s			52¼	51⅜ 51⅜— 5-16
Hanson ADS			29¼	29¼ 29 3-16+ 1-16
HarteHanks s	24	11-16	24	5-16 24 7-16— 1-16
HomeDepot s			71⅛	70 70 + 5-16
HoustonInds	29	11-16	29	5-16 29 9-16+ ⅛
IBM s	106⅛	105	7-16	105⅛+13-16
IntlPaper	49	15-16	49	1-16 49 1-16— ⅛
JohnsonJn			77⅛	76 76 1-16—15-16
K mart				18¼ 18 18⅛+ ⅛
Kroger Co			47	46¼ 46⅛— 1-16
Litton	60	7-16	60	1-16 60 7-16+ 7-16
LockhdMart	112⅛		111⅛	112 —1 5-16
Lowes Cos	69	15-16	68¼	68⅝— 1⅜
Lubys			19¼	19 19 — ⅛
LucentTech s			75⅞	73⅜ 75 + 2⅛
MayDeptStrs	63	15-16	62	15-16 63 — ⅛
Medtronic s	54	13-16	54	3-16 54 5-16— 7-16
Mobils	79	1-16	78⅜	78 15-16+ 1-16
Monsanto	54	15-16	53	9-16 53¾—1 1-16
MorganJP	143⅜		140⅜	142 11-16+ 8⅜
Motorola	60⅜	59	11-16	59 11-16— ⅛
NCR Corp	34	7-16	33⅜	33 15-16— ⅛
NationsBk			76¼	74⅛ 75⅛+ 1⅛
Navistar			34¼	34⅛ 34⅛+ 3-16
Norwests			43⅛	42⅝ 42⅞+ 7-16
OryxEngy			25⅞	25⅛ 25 9-16— 3-16
Penney JC	77	7-16	75⅞	75⅜—1 7-16
Pennzoil			67⅞	66¼ 66⅞+1 5-16
PepBoys			23⅜	22 15-16 23 1-16+ ⅛
PepsiCo	44	13-16	44⅛	44⅛— 9-16
PhelpDodge	65	5-16	64	64 15-16+ 9-16
PhilipPet	50	15-16	50	9-16 50 11-16— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	14		13	15-16 13 15-16+ 1-16
Polaroid	44⅜	44	9-16	44 13-16+ 7-16
Praxair			51⅛	51⅜ 51 11-16+ 1-16
ProctGamb s	88⅛	87	87	5-16—13-16
PubSNwMx	24	11-16	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛
RoyalDut s	60⅛	59⅜	60⅜	+1 13-16
SBC Comm s	44	15-16	44	44⅛— ⅛
SaraLee	62	7-16	62	3-16 62⅛— ⅛
Scripps EW			56	55⅛ 56
SearsRoeb	58	3-16	57	9-16 57⅜— ⅜
SherwinW	37		36⅛	36 5-16—11-16
SmthBc ADS s	65	11-16	64	13-16 65⅛+1 1-16
SouthernCo	27	15-16	27⅜	27⅛+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	30	3-16	29	11-16 30 + ⅛
Sprint	68¼	67⅛	67	7-16— 9-16
SunCo	42⅜		42⅛	42⅜+ ⅛
TNP Ent	32⅛	32⅛	32⅜	— 5-16
Tandy s			49	47⅞ 48⅛+ 1⅜
TempleInland	62⅛	61	7-16	61 7-16— 7-16
Tenneco			43⅜	43 43 + ⅜
Texaco s	63	1-16	62	1-16 62 11-16+ 9-16
TexInd	61	7-16	61	3-16 61 3-16+ 7-16
Texaslnst s	56¼		55	1-16 55⅝— 9-16
TexUtil	40⅛		40⅛	40⅛ 40 9-16+ 3-16
Textron s	78	15-16	78⅜	78⅝+1 3-16
Travelers s			69⅜	67¼ 69 1-16+ 7⅛
TriconGlbR n	32	3-16	31	11-16 31⅜— ⅛
TrinityInds			54¼	53⅜ 54⅝+ 1
TritonEngy	39	13-16	38	13-16 39⅛+ 9-16
Tyler			8	15-16 8⅜ 8⅜— ¼
US WestCm	57	15-16	57	3-16 57 3-16— ¼
USWstMda			35¾	35¼ 35 7-16+ ⅜
USX-Marathn			38¾	38⅛ 38⅜+ ⅛
USX-USS	39⅜	39	9-16	39 11-16+ ¼
UnCarbde	50¼	49⅝	49	11-16— ⅜
UnionPacif	58	3-16	57⅞	57⅜— ⅛
UnitedTech	95⅞	95	9-16	95 13-16+1 5-16
Unocal	40	11-16	40	3-16 40⅜— 5-16
WalMart	51	11-16	51	51 1-16— 7-16
WstnGasRs	18	15-16	18⅞	18 15-16+ ⅛
WinnDixie	44	7-16	43¾	43 5-16— 1⅜
Woolworth			25⅜	25 25 9-16+ 3-16
Xerox Corp	106⅛	105⅛	105	13-16+13-16
ZenithE			3⅜	3 1-16 3⅛+ 3-16

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Clayton Hms.	21 3/8	-1/16
Compaq	25 3/8	-7/16
Cabletron	14 1/8	-1/16
Cisco Sys.	70 1/8	-9/16
Dell	65 3/8	-2
Brinker Int'l.	21 11/16	-3/16
Calloway Glf.	28 3/16	-3/16
Fannie Mae	66 1/4	+1/16
Intel	75 1/8	-1 5/8
JP Morgan	142 15/16	+9
Korea Fund	7 7/16	+1/16
Lehman Bros.	80 5/8	+6
3 M	91 15/16	-3/16
Phillip Morris	39 13/16	-3/16
Microsoft	89 7/8	-3 1/8
Netscape	16 9/16	-7/16
Oracle	26 13/16	-1 5/16
Petsmart	9 15/16	-5/16
Patterson Egy.	12 1/2	-1/8
Sun Am.	51 3/8	+1 5/16
Safeskin	43 1/8	+1/4
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Senator offers plan to save Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative think tanks for years have pushed to privatize Social Security. They now have an unlikely ally who wants to take the first step in that direction: Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Moynihan, a liberal Democrat from New York who was instrumental in shaping the rescue package that bailed out Social Security more than a decade ago, thinks the time has come to let workers divert 2 percentage points of their payroll taxes into private retirement accounts.

"It adds a dimension to retirement benefits that would not have been understood in 1935 and is perfectly understandable now," Moynihan said. "It's called mutual funds."

His proposal, cosponsored by Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., comes as President Clinton prepares on Tuesday to kick off the first in a series of town hall meetings on keeping Social Security financially viable when millions of baby boomers begin to retire.

While Democrats and Republicans alike say all options are on the table, the administration has raised concerns about any privatization.

Under Moynihan's plan, beginning in 2001, workers could set up voluntary personal savings accounts funded by a cut of 2 percentage points in the payroll tax. Workers would be given a number of retirement investment options, all tax deferred.

Many details are still to be worked out, but employers would likely collect the money and send it to the Social Security Administration, which would oversee the investments.

A worker earning $30,000 a year and investing 2 percent of his or her income into an account earning 4 percent above inflation could retire after 45 years with a $350,000 nest egg.

Alternatively, a worker could take the employee share of the tax cut in the form of an increase in take-home pay equal to 1 percent of wages.

Social Security's old-age pensions and survivors benefits would remain mostly unchanged. However, the retirees' cost-of-living adjustments would be reduced by 1 percentage point each year.

Additional money would be saved by raising gradually the retirement age to reflect increased life expectancy. This would mean retirement ages of 68 in 2023 and 70 in 2073. Social Security's normal retirement age is already going up to 66 in the next decade and to 67 by 2027.

Moynihan also would subject more of upper-income workers' earnings to the payroll tax, which now stands at 12.4 percent. The payroll tax currently applies only to the first $68,400 of annual wages and is projected to increase to $82,800 in 2003. Under the bill, the taxable maximum would increase to $97,500 by 2003.

Moynihan would cut the payroll tax rate immediately from 12.4 percent to 11.4 percent. It would drop to 10.4 percent in 2001, then rise gradually to 13.4 percent by 2060.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



All should contribute to candy jar

DEAR ABBY: We have a large candy jar in our office that is kept filled by the people who eat the candy. All the secretaries contribute regularly.

Our problem is one of the executives. She scoops out candy by the handful every time she passes the jar, but has never contributed a dime! She has been "reminded" several times, but she continues to ignore our requests.

We've even tried letting the jar remain empty for several days, but she just waits until we refill it, then she cleans it out again. This is creating a lot of resentment — as well as expense — for those of us who can least afford it. (Her salary is more than all the secretaries combined.)

Abby, we don't want to penalize everyone else by doing away with the candy jar, but we can't afford to continue feeding this moocher. What should we do?

SWEET DILEMMA IN TULSA

DEAR SWEET DILEMMA: Shame on her. Her "perks" as an executive should not extend to the employees' snacks. Pool your money for a stash of candy that remains out of sight — and leave the jar empty.

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DEAR ABBY: I made a big mistake. I got involved with a married man at work. Everyone in town knows about it, and I'm embarrassed and ashamed.

His wife has filed for divorce and his kids aren't speaking to him. He told me his wife didn't understand him and she drank too much. I recently found out that I was not his first affair.

I wish it had never happened, but now I feel obligated to stand by him because he's alone and it's partly my fault. He says he loves me and has no one else. I feel trapped, even though I don't really love him.

I'd quit my job tomorrow, but I'm a middle-aged single parent and jobs are hard to find. Any suggestions?

SORRY, LONELY AND DESPERATE

DEAR SORRY: Yes. Don't compound your mistake by staying with a man you don't love. The relationship will be easier to end if you make a clean break.

Start looking for another job now. This married man is not your responsibility; he has found "someone" more than once, and he probably will again. Trust me.

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DEAR ABBY: "Hurting in Whittier," age 45 with wrinkles, complains that men prefer younger women. Tell her that she is a younger woman to men in their 50s, 60s and beyond.

Mature men have learned that as a woman ages, she becomes increasingly attractive. She gains more in wisdom, empathy and kindness than she loses in appearance. And, of course, men similarly improve.

"Hurting" is shopping in the wrong age bracket.

VOLNEY V. BROWN JR., RETIRED JUDGE, DANA POINT, CALIF.

DEAR JUDGE BROWN: Whether you're ruling from a bench in a courtroom or a bench in a park, you have rendered an enlightened opinion. It takes keen vision to see past the surface to the core of what's important. (And they say that "Justice is blind"!)

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Ex-saleswoman sues M. Kay for firing her during illness

PLEASANT HILL, Calif. (AP) — Claiming she was fired because she didn't meet a sales quota while pregnant and ill with breast cancer, a former Mary Kay saleswoman has sued the cosmetics giant.

Claudine Woolf, 28, says the Dallas-based firm repossessed her company car, then fired her last year, saying Mary Kay Cosmetics makes no exceptions on sales quotas.

"The more I thought about it, this was the cruelest thing I had ever experienced in my life," Ms. Woolf said. "I never want them to do this to any other woman."

Mary Kay spokeswoman Karen Dodge said the company could not comment because it had not seen the wrongful termination lawsuit, filed last week in Contra Costa County. But Ms. Dodge denied Ms. Woolf had been fired.

"She has kept her status all along," she said.

Ms. Woolf's attorney, former San Francisco Supervisor Angela Alioto, said it was only last week that Mary Kay told Ms. Woolf she still worked for the company when it learned a lawsuit was pending.

"Claudine was constructively discharged in January," she said. "For them to write three months later and claim she wasn't terminated only goes to show the lack of caring involved."

Ms. Woolf began selling Mary Kay cosmetics in 1995, a year after her first child was born. By January 1997, she had been promoted to sales director in charge of 50 people.

In March she learned she was pregnant again. Two weeks later, she was diagnosed with a virulent form of breast cancer. Tired and sick from chemotherapy, she found it increasingly difficult to work, and her team's sales began to slip.

She asked the company to reduce her monthly quota of $8,000 in sales but was told Mary Kay would make no exception, her suit said. While Ms. Woolf was bedridden at her parents' home in Pleasant Hill, the company sent a tow truck to repossess her company car, the suit said.

Ms. Woolf says she wrote to owner Mary Kay Ash herself pleading for help, but was warned by another executive that she would lose her position unless she met the quota.

Datebook

April 6, 1998

Today is the 96th day of 1998 and the 18th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, Brigham Young, the Mormon Church leader, married his 27th and last wife.

On this day in 1896, the first modern Olympic games opened in Athens, Greece.

On this day in 1947, the first Tony awards were presented in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Raphael (1483-1520), artist; Lowell Thomas (1892-1981), journalist; Andre Previn (1929-), composer-conductor, is 69; Merle Haggard (1937-), singer-songwriter, is 61; Billy Dee Williams (1937-), actor, is 61; Michelle Phillips (1944-), actress, is 54; Marilu Henner (1952-), actress, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, New York's Ron Blomberg became the first designated hitter in major-league baseball history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Order marches with weighty and measured strides; disorder is always in a hurry." — Napoleon Bonaparte

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1909, four people were killed in 15 minutes when a tornado hit a railroad station in Aberdeen, Miss.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 3) and full moon (April 11).

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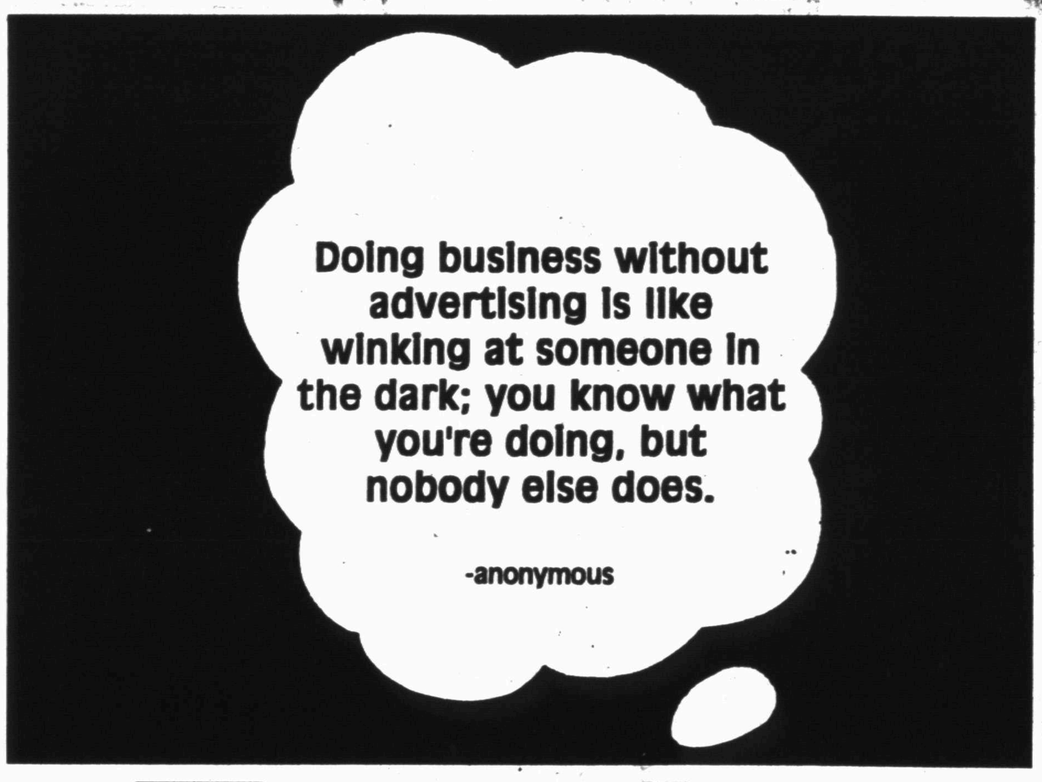
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Abuse allegations made in animal slaughter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Livestock are routinely skinned, dismembered or scalded while still conscious despite a law that requires animals to be knocked out before they are slaughtered, says a congressman who helped strengthen the law 20 years ago.

In a recent letter to the Agriculture Department, Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., alleged that packing plant workers "often find themselves resorting to unbelievable brutality" to keep production lines moving, some as fast as 1,100 animals per hour.

Brown, a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, urged Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to "take whatever actions are necessary" to ensure that the law is enforced.

His statement was based on allegations of USDA inspectors and a recent book, "Slaughterhouse," that is based on interviews over the past decade with workers at several plants.

The book quotes plant workers describing live hogs being dumped in scalding tubs and cattle being skinned or dismembered while still conscious. The workers say stun guns frequently fail to knock out the animals.

USDA officials, who are responsible for enforcing the law, deny widespread mistreatment of animals.

A survey conducted last year of 61 of the 1,900 packing plants nationwide "shows that the act is being followed in most cases," said Jacque Knight, a spokeswoman for USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The survey, not publicly released, found improper stunning of animals in only two of the 61 plants, which were visited unannounced last summer, according to officials familiar with the findings.

Representatives of the meatpacking industry say there is no incentive for them to slaughter conscious animals because the stress damages meat quality.

"For very, very selfish reasons, purely financial reasons, we try to treat the hog as gentle as we can prior to stunning because we get better quality meat," said Joseph Luter III, chief executive officer of Virginia-based Smithfield Foods.

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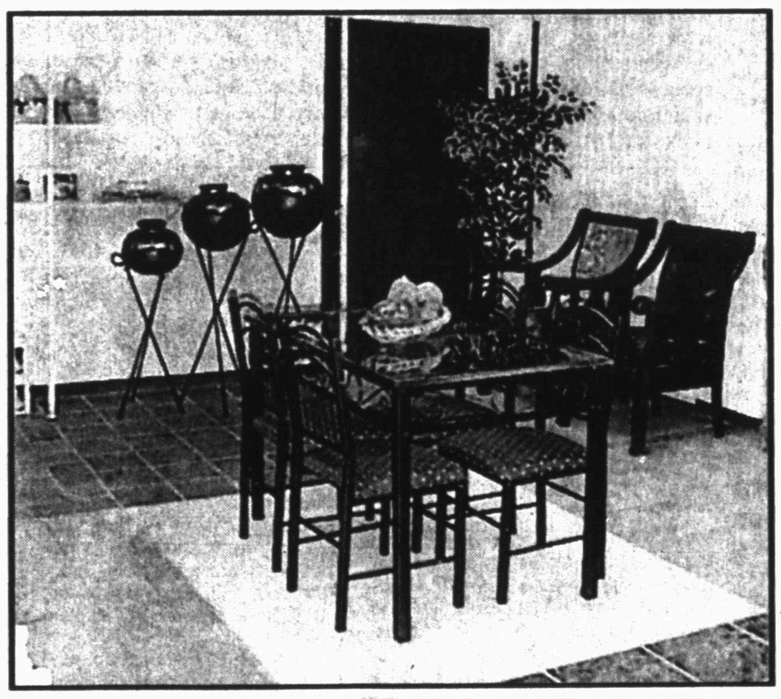
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Antitrust suit against Domino's rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to revive an antitrust lawsuit against Domino's Pizza Inc. by 11 franchise holders who accused it of monopolizing the $500 million-a-year market for pizza ingredients.

The justices, without comment, let stand rulings that threw out the lawsuit against the nation's second largest pizza company.

Domino's sells more than $1.8 billion a year worth of pizza and other food items through a national network of 4,200 stores. Some 3,500 of those stores are owned and operated by independent franchise holders.

Each franchise holder's contract with Domino's requires that all pizza ingredients, beverages and packaging materials conform to Domino's standards.

The contract also states that Domino's may require "that ingredients ... used in the preparation ... of pizza be purchased exclusively from us or from approved suppliers ' or distributors."

The lawsuit alleged that Domino's, which controls more than 90 percent of the market for pizza ingredients, used its market power to drive out an cooperative effort by franchise holders set up as a competing supplier.

A federal judge in Philadelphia threw out the lawsuit, and a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted 2-1 last year to uphold the dismissal. The full appeals court later voted 7-5 against restudying the claims against Domino's, which is based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for the 11 franchise holders argued that the appeals court ruling makes franchisors such as Domino's "wholly immune from antitrust liability where the victims of their monopolistic behavior are the franchisor's own franchisees."

Lawyers for Domino's urged the nation's highest court to reject the appeal, arguing that the franchise holders were attempting "to convert a contract dispute arising under a franchise agreement into an antitrust action."

Clinton says dismissal of suit removes obstacle from duties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says the dismissal of Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit removes an obstacle from his duties to the nation, and keeping his private problems and public obligations separate has "been a test."

Clinton scored a major victory last week when a federal judge in Arkansas threw out Mrs. Jones' case against him. But he still faces independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation into his alleged sexual relations with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, and Mrs. Jones is expected to decide this week whether to appeal.

In an interview in this week's Time magazine, Clinton said that if he were "just an average citizen, Joe Six-Pack," he would have wanted the Jones case to go to trial so he could prove his innocence.

As president, he said, having it dismissed "and putting this behind us is plainly in the best interest of the country."

Every president since George Washington, he said, has talked about how the country deserves a chief executive who can free himself of personal concerns "and become totally obsessed with the public interest. It's been a test. But I've tried to do that."

With the Jones case dismissed, Clinton said he was "freer to keep doing what I'm supposed to be doing," focusing on such issues as tobacco legislation, education and Social Security."

That was the theme of Clinton partisans on the Sunday television news programs, who emphasized that he continues to enjoy high marks among Americans for his political agenda.

"This president has chosen the politics of ideas and the battlefield of ideas. His opponents have chosen the battlefield of insult and innuendo," senior White House adviser Rahm Emanuel said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Mir crew ends space walk early

MOSCOW (AP) — Two Russian cosmonauts cut short their spacewalk today after an engine ran out of fuel, forcing them to return to the Mir space station ahead of schedule to hook up a replacement.

Cosmonauts Talgat Musabayev and Nikolai Budarin succeeded in the primary aim of their spacewalk: stabilizing a bent solar panel with a 5-foot metal splint.

The damaged panel is the only one of the Mir's 10 solar panels that is not working. Russian space officials said they have no hope of making it function, but were concerned it could have broken loose and hit the station.

The two cosmonauts installed the second of two footholds before starting work on the solar panel, which was damaged in a collision with a cargo ship last June.

About two hours into the spacewalk, they appeared to be on schedule, Mission Control officials said.

Police eye break-in in letters case

PARIS (AP) — French police confirmed today they are investigating a reported break-in at the Riviera apartment of a woman who allegedly stole love letters written by Princess Diana to James Hewitt.

The burglary reportedly took place over the weekend in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, a resort just west of Nice where Anna Ferretti — Hewitt's former fiancee — has an apartment, police said.

Ferretti, 39, was arrested last week in Britain for allegedly stealing some of Diana's letters to Hewitt, which Hewitt kept in a safe at his home. Ferretti was released and is now in Milan, Italy, the British news agency Press Association reported.

Obituaries



Eddie Lee Cobb

Mrs. Cobb

1918-1998

Mrs. Eddie Lee Cobb, longtime Snyder resident, died at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, April 4, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cobb, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Cobb was born July 6, 1918 in Wascom, Tex. She was married to Stanley Cobb who died in 1957. She worked as a housekeeper and was a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

A brother, James Floyd, preceded her in death on March 31, 1998.

Mrs. Cobb is survived by three daughters, Roann Clay and Vonnie Wallace, both of Snyder, and Maxine Sessions of Fort Worth; four sons, Brady Cobb, Melvin Cobb and Welton Cobb, all of Snyder, and Stanley Cobb of Monahans; two sisters, Dorothy Hunter of Abilene and Susie Bell Edwards of Riverside, Calif.; a stepbrother, Ennis Powell of Snyder; 27 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Roxie Beasley

1927-1998

ASPERMONT — Roxie Anna Beasley, the sister of Travis Collom of Snyder, died Saturday, April 4, in a Paris, Tex., hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Beasley, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Lawrence Ballou officiating. Burial will follow in the Aspermont Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 30, 1927 in Stonewall County, she graduated from Aspermont High School in 1945.

Mrs. Beasley had worked for Frazier's Restaurant in Aspermont for many years before moving to Detroit. She was a Baptist.

Mrs. Beasley was preceded in death by four sisters, seven brothers and two grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Norman Page of Aspermont and Dwayne Page of Tyler; a daughter, Vickie Neatherlin of Odessa; another brother, Jake Collom of Abilene; a longtime companion, O.J. "Dub" Dean of Detroit; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Max Grosshans

1916-1998

SAN ANGELO — Former Snyder resident Max H. Grosshans, 82, of San Angelo died at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in a San Angelo nursing center.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Born on March 7, 1916 to Henry and Emma (Ochsner) Grosshans in Sutton, Neb., he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Shirley Stahnke on July 3, 1958 in Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. Grosshans was a funeral director for 30 years and was employed with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 1971 to 1982. He had owned and operated funeral homes in Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Mr. Grosshans was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Palmer, in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Grosshans of San Angelo; one daughter, Shelley Allen of Robert Lee; and one son, Guy Grosshans of Fort Pierce, Fla.; two grandsons, Foster Allen of Robert Lee and Gregg Grosshans of Norman, Okla.; a granddaughter, Kim Shaw of Bassett, Neb.; his mother-in-law, Esther Stahnke of Lincoln, Neb.; and three great-grandchildren.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 7, 1998

You have strong indicators for material acquisition in the year ahead, but there are also signs showing you may be careless and wasteful. If you focus on the former, your chances for fulfillment are enhanced.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could turn out to be a big mistake today if you attempt to apply flattery to get others to do your bidding. Compliments must be deserved and sincere to evoke a favorable response. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A combination of insignificant time wasters could seriously impair your productivity today if you're not careful. Devote your efforts to serious endeavors, not frivolous ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might focus on trying to please persons who don't have your best interest at heart. If this is your primary objective, you could end up doing yourself a disservice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best not to criticize the ideas or suggestions of others today unless you're able to offer something more constructive in their place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could end up getting a bum deal today if you're indifferent or careless regarding the way you do business. You might snooze at the cash register, but the other guy won't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be cooperative with associates today, even when dealing with a person who has not treated you courteously previously. Nothing will be gained from his/her bad example.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You should be able to take major assignments in stride today. It will be petty little frustrations that could do you in. After you scale the mountain, don't trip over the molehill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though you'll be in a gregarious mood today, persons who indulge in too much small talk could bore you to tears. Seek out friends whose conversations have depth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to be original today instead of attempting to make the ideas of someone else fit your requirements. What works for him/her might not work for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take time to think things through clearly today before committing yourself to a course of action. There's a possibility your perspective might be slightly distorted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This might not be a good day for a shopping spree. You'll either come home empty-handed or buy expensive knicknacks for which you'll have no need.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It might be difficult to see eye-to-eye today with someone with whom you are usually in accord. Don't let a day of difference dent your relationship.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Band boosters to meet

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. today in the band hall to discuss the banquet and upcoming election of officers.

FFA Booster Club

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 6:30 this evening in the high school ag building. Business will include planning the year-end banquet.

Pre-contest concert tonight

Snyder High School choir department will hold a pre-contest concert at 7 this evening in Worsham Auditorium. It is free to the public. Choirs will be performing the music they will sing at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest Wednesday in Lubbock.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Right Relationships," followed by "Til Death Do Us Part" will begin at 7 this evening.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will conduct a free blood pressure clinic from 9:10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at Martha Ann Woman's Club Tuesday. The club will meet for Holy Week at the First Presbyterian Church.

Pecan management workshop

A multi-county pecan management workshop will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ledbetter Pecan headquarters in the Plains Community (Highway 1054 in Borden County). Dr. George McEachern, extension horticulturist, will conduct the workshop.

Lake Alan Henry information

Officials with the City of Lubbock and Texas Parks & Wildlife will be at the Snyder Bass Club's monthly meeting, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Snyder Savings & Loan building. The public is invited to hear plans for the lake and ask questions.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Hall.

'The Victor'

"The Victor," a dramatic Easter musical, will be presented Thursday through Saturday at First Baptist Church. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-4-8
(three, four, eight)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-19-29-30-49.
Estimated jackpot: $12 million.
Number matching six of six: 1.
Winning ticket sold in: Midland.
Matching five of six: 156. Prize: $1,257.
Matching four of six: 7,899. Prize: $89.
Matching three of six: 143,060. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

So long, 'Titanic'

'Lost in Space' grabs top spot at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Lost in Space" and its wandering Robinson family captured the nation's box-office crown over the weekend, with "Titanic" chugging along in its futuristic wake.

It took the movie version of the 1960s television series to knock "Titanic" from its record-setting, 15-week perch.

"Lost in Space" earned $20.5 million in its opening weekend, according to preliminary figures released Sunday by Exhibitor Relations Co.

In second was "Titanic," which recently won 11 Oscars, with $11.6 million — a 24 percent drop in ticket sales from the previous week.

"Mercury Rising," an action film starring Bruce Willis, debuted in third place with $10.8 million, followed by the re-issue of the musical "Grease" with $5.5 million.

But the Robinsons owned the weekend. Computer-generated imagery plays a central role in the tale of the family of space pioneers knocked off course by saboteur Dr. Smith, played by Gary Oldman.

The film also stars William Hurt, Mimi Rogers, Matt LeBlanc and Heather Graham — plus an updated version of the robot who always warned his young friend of peril with a wave of hands and a stern: "Danger, Will Robinson, danger!"

"Primary Colors" dropped 33 percent to fifth place in its third week with $4.7 million. Oscar winners "As Good as it Gets" and "Good Will Hunting" were eighth and ninth, respectively.

"The Newton Boys" rounded out the top 10 with $2.4 million.