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## Local

### UIL contest

Seventh and eighth grade students competing in a UIL contest Friday on the junior high campus will be honored with a coffee from 7:30-8:15 that morning in the school library. Parents are invited to attend.

### Appraisal

Scurry County Appraisal District review board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Election of officers and approval of adjustments are among the agenda items.

### 4-H judging

4-H horse judging practice will be held at 6 this evening at the Karen Nachlinger residence. Call 573-2039 after 5 p.m. for directions to the residence.

### Teachers

Richard Gutierrez, Texas Classroom Teachers Association state president, will speak on legislative issues pertaining to education at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in the American State Bank board room. The public is invited.

### 'Key' series

What is "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit," the next tape in the Key to the Kingdom series, will air at 7 p.m. Monday on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2. Immediately following will be a 20-minute tape, Ephesus, which is the first of a four-part series on The Seven Churches of Asia.

### Book sale

Scurry County Library will hold its annual book sale today through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Items for sale include hardbacks, paperbacks, National Geographic, childrens books, encyclopedias and more.

### Vaccination

A rabies vaccination clinic will be held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory.

The shot is \$7. The city is waiving a \$2 tag fee. Other shots will also be available.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 47 degrees; low, 39 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 2.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy. A 40 percent chance of rain. Low near 40. East wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the upper 50s. East wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:01. Sunrise Thursday, 6:35. Of 87 days in 1995, the sun has shone 79 days in Snyder.



# WEDNESDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## Democrats to get blame...

# Term limits issue appears likely to fail

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans forced a historic floor debate today on whether the Constitution should limit terms in Congress. They expected to fail and prepared to blame Democrats.

The first-ever House vote on term limits, scheduled for tonight, also was turning into a major defeat for the Republican majority that took control in January. On the eve of the landmark vote, supporters were well short of the two-thirds majority — 290 votes — needed to pass a constitutional amendment, but they hoped to score political points for

airing the popular cause.

"Passage is far from certain. But the mere fact that we are having this debate ... suggests just how much change really has taken place at the United States Capitol," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., said Tuesday.

Pass or fail, Goss said, "we will establish some clear accountability and our constituents, I know, will appreciate that."

Americans overwhelmingly support term limits, and they were a cornerstone of the House GOP's campaign-season "Contract With America." Congress-

sional supporters, most of them Republicans, say a cap on congressional tenure would restore the citizen-legislature envisioned by the founding fathers.

"If we get half the Democrats, we will pass the term limits constitutional amendment," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., declared in a partisan jab as debate opened. He said more than 85 percent of GOP lawmakers would vote for the measure and "it ought to be possible to get half the Democrats to side with the country that elects them."

In their first chance to go on record, House members were choosing among

four alternatives. All would set a two-term, 12-year limit on senators. Options for the House were a 12-year national limit, a 12-year limit states could shorten, a six-year limit, and — the Democratic alternative — a 12-year retroactive limit.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., sponsor of a national 12-year limit, said longtime legislators engage in "rather poor decision-making" as a result of trying to stay popular with interest groups.

"That's why we've had such trouble balancing the budget and getting some common sense around here," he said.



MISS TEXAS VISITS WTC - Arian Archer, left, visits with WTC students Diane Rodriguez, Snyder, and Rebecca Massey, Pecos, after presenting a program at the college on her year



as Miss Texas. Archer is a graduate of Borger High School and will continue her studies at Texas Tech when her reign is over. (SDN Staff Photo)

## 'Be yourself,' says Miss Texas

By Wade Warren  
SDN Staff Writer

Seemingly much wiser than a young woman only four years out of high school, the reigning Miss Texas told a group of Western Texas College students that the road to success and happiness can be travelled much easier "if you be who you are and not who someone else might want you to be or do."

"You are an individual," said Borger native Arian Archer, "and you can be what you want to be."

"That is how I got to be Miss Texas."

Archer is currently working for "Texas Cares For Children," whereby she travels the state speaking to students in grades kindergarten through the 12 on drug awareness and self esteem. By the end of May, she will have spoken to more than 200,000 Texas students.

"This is my first time to speak to college students — hey, these guys are my age — and its been fun," she said.

Archer performed briefly for the audience and demonstrated

how she uses her singing talents to get the attention of the students.

She said she was raised in a Christian home and one of the first songs she learned was "Jesus Loves Me".

On stage, she sang the verses as a little girl of three years of age would have sang the song and then as one of her early singing favorites, Karen Carpenter, would have.

"Carpenter was my favorite my junior year at Borger but when I was a senior, my favorite was, Barbara Streisand," said Archer, changing to a sultry voice.

"But then I discovered 'real music' — classical music," she said, singing "Jesus Loves Me" in heavy classical style.

"But later on, I discovered that I should be singing the song as I feel like it should be sung. Remember, like I said earlier, be yourself!"

During the program and in a conversation later, Archer told how she suffered through high school in an emotional abusive

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## Trout tourney set here

Local anglers will be in a fishing frenzy Saturday at Towle Park as the pond will be stocked with almost 1,000 trout.

The event is an open tournament, sponsored by the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

Entry fee will be \$5 per person. Fishing licenses and trout stickers will be waived during tournament hours. The legal limit of five trout will be enforced.

"This is a great opportunity to catch some Colorado trout without the expense of a costly trip," said Warren Wallace, district executive for the Buffalo Trail Council.

The pond will be stocked with rainbow trout, some browns and cutthroat, ranging from nine to 16 inches.

Some of the fish will be tagged. Anyone catching a tagged fish will be eligible for a prize. In addition, prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish, bass and crappie caught at the pond during the tournament.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. There will be no fishing on Friday or Saturday morning before the tournament begins.

Registration will be at Towle Park prior to and during the tournament. Anglers may bring their own bait or artificial lures. Bait will also be available for sale at the park. Scouts will also be selling concession items.

The tournament is open to all ages. Area game wardens will assist.

A Scout Exposition will be held in conjunction with the tournament from 1-4 p.m. in the park.

## House passes \$77.6 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed \$77.6 billion state budget for the next two years is now in the hands of the Senate.

The House gave final approval to the proposal Tuesday and sent it on to the Senate, which is writing its own spending plan. A final version is expected to be hammered out later by a House-Senate negotiating committee.

The House plan requires no new taxes and makes public education and prisons the state's financial priorities.

Budget writers said the plan is the best they could devise in the face of increased demand for revenue from limited sources.

"My job ... was to bring a bill back within available revenue," said Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo. "We have done the very

best job we could do."

However, social services advocates say the measure is nearly \$1 billion short of the funding necessary to maintain current services to those in need.

"The sad thing is that what it means is our state's most vulnerable citizens are put at even more risk," said Dianne Stewart, head of People First!, an advocacy group for the disadvantaged.

"We're talking about women, children, people with disabilities, the elderly, families that are at risk," Ms. Stewart said. "The most basic services are going to be lost to them."

Ms. Stewart's group estimates that 10,000 children from low-income households would lose child care services under the bill, while 15,000 elderly Texans would lose community assistance.

Under the House plan, overall health and human services spending would increase by \$754 million, while Medicaid spending would build by nearly \$1 billion.

But budget writers acknowledged the increases fall short of that needed to maintain some social services at current levels. Junell said the state needs an additional \$270 million to \$300 million just to meet federal Medicaid requirements.

The proposed budget is an increase of \$2.8 billion, or 3.7 percent, over current spending.

Of the total, \$44 billion would come from the state's general revenue fund, which includes sales and corporate franchise taxes. The federal government would provide \$23 billion, with the rest to come from other sources.

The bill would boost spending on public education by \$18 billion, including \$170 million to help school districts build new facilities, and fully fund the public school system as required by the state finance law.

Public safety and criminal justice spending would increase by \$768.5 million under the plan, with most of that needed to open and operate new prisons. About \$77 million would support substance abuse treatment for inmates.

Another \$56 million would go into the Texas Youth Commission for new juvenile lockups, while an amendment to the budget plan would allow state officials to use unclaimed lottery money to help pay for juvenile crime reforms passed by the House last week.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Lost of an education is never as expensive as ignorance."

The police blotter can provide some interesting reading. There are others with scanners who regularly listen to calls citizens make to law enforcement centers.

A quick study of some items proves again the old theory that truth can be stranger than fiction.

A weekly newspaper in New Mexico had the following items:

"A man forced his way into room at The Inn at Rio Rancho, breaking door frame. He appeared surprised to see the family who had been staying there, then fled in a car where another subject was seen with gun. Police surmised the suspects were looking for man who had stayed in the room the day before."

"A homeowner in 4500 block of Zirconia reported someone had come into his yard and pulled weeds. No damage, nothing stolen."

"Two men got into fight in a parking lot on Rio Rancho Boulevard after one man shoved a grocery

cart in front of the other man's truck as he was trying to park."

"A woman said that several times in the past month, someone had entered her home in the 800 block of Villa Verde by unknown means, eaten some food and took two pairs of her underwear."

"A customer paying for gasoline poured himself a cup of coffee and then asked how much the coffee was. He poured the coffee onto the service counter and cash register, shorting it out. He then left the store. The license plate was traced, but the suspect, an Albuquerque man, could not be found."

Our all-time favorite occurred a few years ago. We don't remember the town, but the incident was a classic.

A burglar entered the house and decided to look into the refrigerator before collecting his loot. The thief spied a cold six pack.

He sat down on the living room sofa and started to consume the fire water. The thief got comfy. The homeowner returned and called police.

Officers had to wake up the thief in order to read him his rights.

## Maule reunion to air Thursday

Brad Maule's Camp Springs reunion is slated to air Thursday on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Three Snyder Cablevision channels will air the program at 4 p.m. They are KCBD in Lubbock, Channel 11; KTAB in Abilene, Channel 5; and WFAA of Dallas, Channel 8.

The program, about small town men who go on to do well, includes interviews with three people who knew Maule while he was growing up in Scurry County.

The interview was conducted in the home of Dorothy Martin, a longtime fan, who has three scrapbooks of photos, stories and other mementos.

Also interviewed were Louise Williams, a former babysitter who now lives in Rotan, and Jerry Wornham, Snyder High School drama instructor.



# Quarter of schoolchildren do not eat fruits and vegetables

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Almost half of America's schoolchildren think apple juice has more fat than whole milk, a misconception that reflects the poor quality of health education, the sponsors of a nationwide survey say.

The survey also found that nearly one-quarter of the nation's schoolchildren don't eat fruits or vegetables every day or brush their teeth every night.

The survey was conducted by the American Health Foundation, a private New York-based research organization, and Scholastic Inc., a publisher. The foundation's president, Dr. Ernst L. Wynder, said the findings show that Americans are doing a poor job of educating youngsters about

healthy living.

"Rather than blame the children, we should blame ourselves," he said.

Wynder released the survey findings Tuesday at a conference sponsored by the American Cancer Society. It was based on a questionnaire distributed to 3,112 children in grades 2 through 6.

Among the findings:

—24 percent had eaten no fruit and 25 percent had eaten no vegetables the previous day.

—24 percent did not brush their teeth the night before.

—15 percent thought cheese was a good source of fiber. (It's not.) And 16 percent said fiber reduces the risk of cancer. (It does.)

—48 percent thought apple

juice, which contains no fat, has more fat than whole milk, which has a lot. Moreover, 36 percent said watermelon has more fat than American cheese.

—59 percent did not wear a helmet the last time they rode a bicycle.

—7 percent said aspirin is an illegal drug.

—12 percent did not believe AIDS could be passed from person to person. Another 12 percent thought the disease is caused by vaccination.

—7 percent plan to smoke cigarettes, while 15 percent are not sure. Eleven percent of the sixth-graders have already smoked, and 34 percent have tried alcohol.

"These statistics knock you out of your chair," commented Dr. Edward J. Sondik, acting director of the National Cancer Institute. "The more we can teach youngsters about a healthy lifestyle, the better off we'll be. We aren't doing a very good job."

Studies suggest that about one-third of all cancer in the United States could be prevented by better diets. Even though the precise nutrients involved in cancer are not known, research suggests that people who eat plenty of fruits, vegetables and fiber and relatively little fat have a reduced cancer risk.

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-5 (one, five, five)



HUMAN BODIES — These Hermleigh second graders in Donna Finn's class made human bodies recently. From left, back row, Tyler Rogers, James Coonrod and Shae Rinehart; front row, Joseph Yruegas, Brenda Torres and Tyler Karl Smith. (SDN Staff Photo)

# FCC to study plan affecting all long-distance phone rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people don't realize that about half of their long-distance bill goes to local phone companies. But federal regulators are likely to change that, possibly saving customers hundreds of millions of dollars.

For every \$1 of long-distance revenue, about 45 cents goes to local phone companies to maintain the switches and the network used to route long-distance calls. The payment is called an "access charge."

These charges — \$20 billion to \$22 billion a year by Federal Communications Commission estimate — are passed on to long-distance customers.

"If these prices go down, your long-distance telephone calls go down," FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said in an interview.

FCC-ordered reductions in access charges have been the main reason that long-distance rates have dropped substantially over the past 10 years.

But long-distance companies and consumer groups contend that long-distance customers are still being grossly overcharged and are urging the FCC to make further cuts in the fees.

"We believe consumers' long-distance services are being overcharged \$6.5 million a day," said Bradley Stillman, legislative counsel of the Consumer Federation of America.

The commission on Thursday was to decide whether to order another reduction in access charges. The FCC's action is likely to result in lowering the charges, said attorneys familiar with the proceedings who spoke only on condition they not be identified.

Hundt said the FCC was trying to arrive at a fair charge. "Fair prices would be lower than they are today — hundreds of millions of dollars," he said.

"This is the one of the largest, if

not the largest, dollar issues before the FCC," said the commission's top telephone regulator, Kathleen Wallman. "In terms of bottom line for consumers, it's got to be one of the most important because of the pass-through effect."

BellSouth, along with the six other regional Bells and other local companies are proposing to preserve or reduce the existing fees, Wallman said.

The FCC is looking into the access charges as part of a review of four-year-old rules, called price caps, that govern and significantly changed that way the nation's largest local phone companies' interstate rates are regulated.

Since 1991 access charges have dropped a total of \$5 billion, BellSouth says.

But local phone companies insist long-distance companies are not sharing their savings with customers.

"That's false," said Jim Lewis, MCI's senior vice president of regulatory affairs.

Wallman said long-distance companies have been passing along reductions in access charges to their customers.

While other long-distance companies are not required to do so, AT&T, as the "dominant" long-distance carrier, must pass a proportionate share of access charge reductions to its customers under FCC regulations, FCC attorneys said.

Local phone companies say long-distance companies are using the access rate issue to cloud the fact that AT&T, MCI and Sprint have increased their most basic long-distance rates.

## Officers found innocent during shooting trial

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — After being targeted by hate mail from animal lovers across the country, two police officers have been found innocent of killing a stray dog by using it for target practice.

John Overstreet clenched his fists, hung his head and cried after the verdict was read Tuesday.

"We finally got to tell our side of the story after the rumors exploded to nationwide proportions," said Greg Trantham. "The bottom line is, no animal was killed."

Trantham, 27, and Overstreet, 32, constitute half the police department in Bayou Vista, a village of 1,200 about 35 miles from Houston. They were cleared of animal cruelty charges that could have brought them sentences of a year in jail.

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## Berry's World



"I think it's only fair to tell you that, if I can raise \$25 million, I'm going to run for president in '96."

## DUNN TRADE DAY FLEA MARKETS

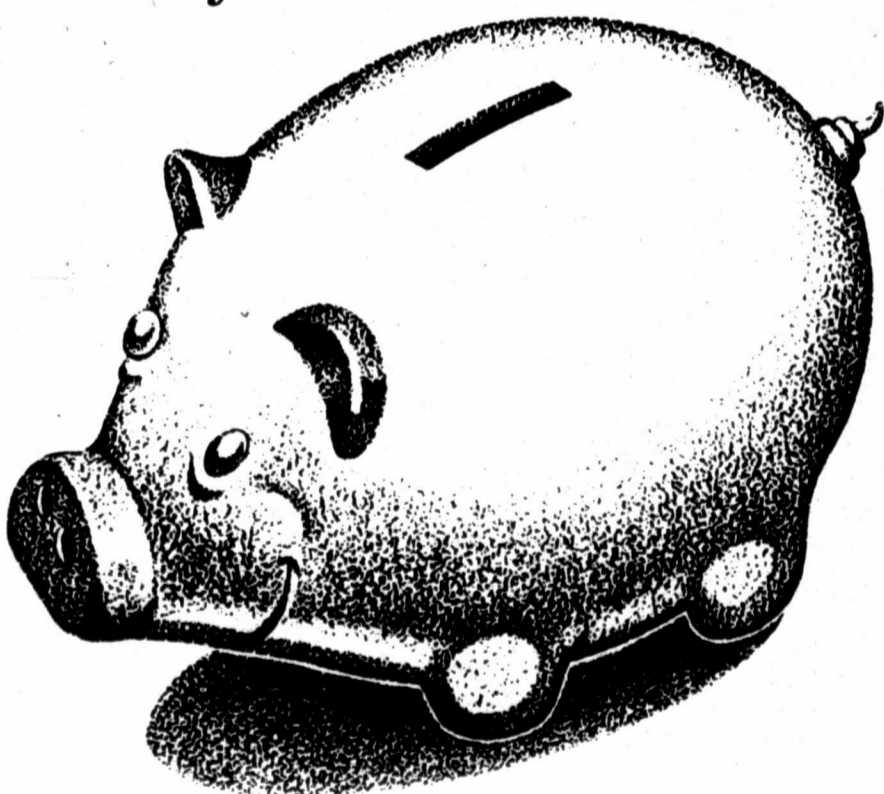
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# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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## Woman Can't Find Right Way To Put a Lid on Chatterbox

**DEAR ABBY:** Help me, please! I have a friend whom I have known for many years. She's my age (mid-40s) and lives on the East Coast. I live on the West Coast, but she thinks of me as her best friend.

This woman calls me a minimum of four times a week — and talks for at least an hour each time. She goes on and on about her family, friends and co-workers.

I make my living talking to the public eight hours a day, and the last thing I want to do when I get home is talk on the phone.

Abby, I can't get rid of her. When I tell her I have to say goodbye, she says, "There's just one more thing I have to tell you," then she rattles on for another 10 or 15 minutes.

I hate to hurt her feelings, but I am angry with myself for putting up with this insensitive pest. It's gotten so I hate to answer my own telephone. It would be very inconvenient for me to change my telephone number. How can I put an end to this annoying waste of time without hurting her feelings?

FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** The next time she calls you, say, "I'm sorry, I can't talk to you now. I'll call you later." Then hang up.

"Later" can be tomorrow, next week or next month.

Get an answering machine so that you can screen your calls, and commit this to memory: "Nobody can walk all over me unless I lie down first."

**DEAR ABBY:** I sympathize with all the people who wrote about their unfortunate wedding experiences. Here's mine:

My fiancé and I decided to get married in San Antonio. At the time, I lived in Boston, as did most of my family. We planned to fly down a few days earlier, but due to a snowstorm, we barely made it the day before the wedding. However, our luggage — including my wedding gown and those of my bridesmaids — did not!

The hotel where we had reservations burned down the day before,

and all of the hotels were over-booked, so we slept at my fiancé's house, already filled with relatives — six and seven in a room. Some slept on the floor!

My cousin, who slept in the same room with me, awakened thirsty in the middle of the night. Not wanting to disturb the rest of us, she drank a nearby glass of water instead of getting up to get her own. Well — that glass of water contained my contact lenses!

The next day, I was married in a white skirt, yellow sweater, ugly thick glasses and a veil!

My bridesmaids wore jeans, as did many of the guests from my side of the family. Meanwhile, the groom's family was dressed to kill.

We had to postpone our honeymoon because the temperature dropped from 70 to 30. The wings on the plane iced up and the airport had no de-icing equipment, because "it never gets that cold in San Antonio."

STILL MARRIED 10 YEARS LATER

**DEAR ABBY:** Regarding unwanted mail: If you receive something in the mail that you did not order and do not want, don't open it — simply write REFUSED on it and put it with your outgoing mail.

First- and second-class mail will then be returned to the sender. Third-class (or "junk") mail will be returned to the sender only if it is marked "Please Forward" or "Address Correction Requested."

If it doesn't have either of these messages on it, throw it away. This applies only to *unopened* mail; once you have opened something, you will have to pay the postage to return it.

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## Government sets development program

The goal is to help mildly retarded children make up ground

WASHINGTON (AP) — Armed with new evidence that mild retardation may be preventable and treatable, the government is launching an intensive mental development program to help such children make up ground.

Mothers who never finished high school are four times more likely to have mildly retarded children than better-educated women, scientists reported Tuesday. And black children suffer more than twice the retardation rate as whites — at least half of which is caused by poverty and other preventable sociological conditions, the researchers concluded.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is starting a federal program to help these at-

risk children develop better mental skills. The study will track the children to adulthood to determine whether mild retardation can be helped by improving maternal knowledge and countering socioeconomic challenges.

"I believe this nation can make a difference in the lives of children by helping to facilitate their early health and learning environments," said CDC Director David Satcher.

The project will target 5,000 children in 10 cities. Parents of at-risk newborns will be taught to stimulate their children with reading and other activities. Toddlers will be enrolled in special child-development day care centers until age 3. The CDC will study whether the children's later

performance in school improves.

The program starts with two small pilot studies early next year; sites have not yet been picked.

In the nation's most in-depth study of retardation among school students, the CDC and Emory University researched 10-year-olds in Atlanta. Overall, 12 out of every 1,000 students were retarded, as defined by IQ scores lower than 70, the researcher reported in Tuesday's American Journal of Public Health.

The rate of mild retardation — IQ scores between 50 and 70 — was 8.4 per 1,000, while 3.6 students out of every 1,000 were severely retarded. Relatively few had such disorders as cerebral palsy, contradicting a common perception that neurological diseases cause most retardation.

Because other studies have suggested early intervention may improve the IQs of the mildly retarded by as much as 15 points, the researchers focused on these children.

The biggest risks they found:

—Mothers who never finished high school were four times as likely to have mildly retarded children. Fifty-four percent of the retarded children in the Georgia study were born to such mothers.

—Black children were 2.6 times as likely to be mildly mentally retarded as whites. But when the researchers controlled for socioeconomic factors, including poverty and maternal education, the excess retardation among black children was cut by half.

—Retarded students also were slightly more likely to be born to teen-age mothers, and to have two or more older siblings.

Scientists have long known that the mother's education was key to a child's early development.

But the racial findings hold particular interest because of the controversy over whether intelligence is racially based. The book "The Bell Curve," published last fall, created a furor by arguing that blacks score lower on IQ tests and that the difference controls their destiny.

## Bridge By Phillip Alder

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♥ K 5 4			
♠ J 10 8 7			
♣ K 3			
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♠ J 9 3		♥ A 10 8 7	
♦ K 2		♣ 6 3	
♠ Q 10 8 4 2		♦ J 9 5	
SOUTH			
♥ A 3			
♦ Q 6 2			
♠ A Q 9 5 4			
♣ A 7 6			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

pa. What is the secret of the trick? How did I get so old so quick?

In bridge, though, it pays to take things steadily at the beginning. Map out your plan of campaign at trick one. Then, if you worked things out correctly, your old age, trick 13, will be happy with a plus score being entered on the score-sheet.

West led his fourth-highest club against three no-trump. Often with two stoppers it is correct to hold up both of them for one round. And South thought this was the case here. However, after winning the first trick with the club jack, East switched adroitly to the spade queen.

Declarer, suddenly feeling distinctly uncomfortable, won with dummy's king and took the diamond finesse. However, it lost and West returned a spade. When South led a heart, East won with the ace and cashed two spade tricks to defeat the contract.

As the key finesse in diamonds had to be taken into the hand with the long suit, it couldn't help South to duck the first trick. If he had put up dummy's club king and immediately taken the diamond finesse, he would have been all right (given that West didn't also hold the heart ace).

South ducks the second round of clubs, wins the third and dislodges the heart ace to set up nine tricks: two spades, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs.

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## Julia Roberts and Lyle Lovett split up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They said it wouldn't last. And it didn't.

Eyebrows raised when "Pretty Woman" star Julia Roberts married the loose-jointed, laconic country singer Lyle Lovett in the surprise wedding of 1993.

The union warmed the heart of armchair romantics: A peculiar-looking guy gets the Hollywood beauty courted by a bevy of handsome leading men.



JULIA ROBERTS announces split up

But the dream appears to be over. Roberts, 27, and Lovett, 37, released a brief statement Tuesday

saying they have agreed to a legal separation. No reason was given for the split.

"Big surprise," said psychologist Joyce Brothers. "The surprise is that it lasted as long as it did."

Before the marriage, Roberts was linked romantically to several of her former leading men, including Liam Neeson and Kiefer Sutherland. She planned to marry Sutherland in an elaborate wedding on a Hollywood soundstage in 1991, but canceled just hours before the ceremony and took off a few days later with actor Jason Patric.

After a whirlwind romance, Roberts and Lovett were married June 27, 1993, in a small church in Marion, Ind. The wedding was a hush-hush affair put together in just two days while Roberts was on a break from filming "The Pelican Brief." It was the first marriage for both; they had no children.

The actress had met the singer with the Eraserhead hairdo while filming the 1992 movie "The Player."

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m. SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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## The earlier the better

By Phillip Alder

Is it true that having children makes it more obvious that one is getting old? Ogden Nash presumably thought so because he penned:

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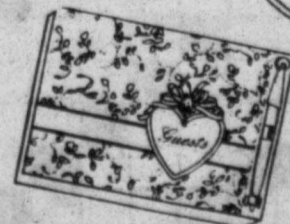
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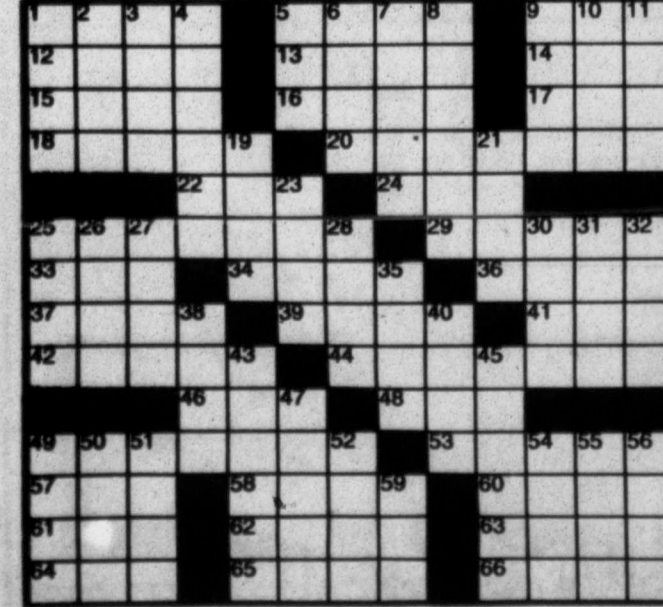
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  - 16 Storage structure
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  - 18 Chip of stone
  - 20 Brightest
  - 22 Wide shoe size
  - 24 Above (poet.)
  - 25 — Willie
  - 29 Yacht parts
  - 33 Type of bread
  - 34 Snow runners
  - 36 Snack (sl.)
  - 37 Sea eagle
  - 39 Jump over
  - 41 Chinese philosophy
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- DOWN**
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  - 2 Seaweed product
  - 3 — La Douce
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  - 7 Arctic abode
  - 8 Loops
  - 9 Algonquian

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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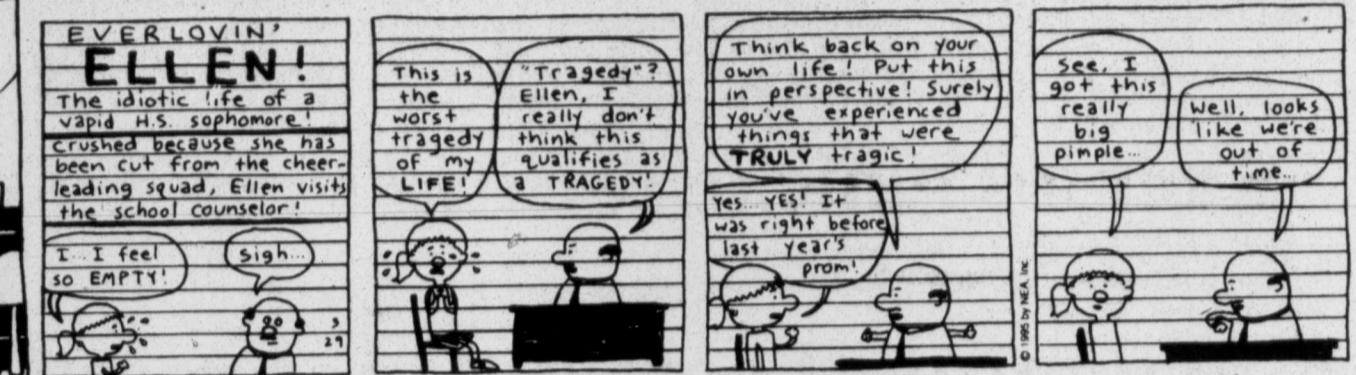
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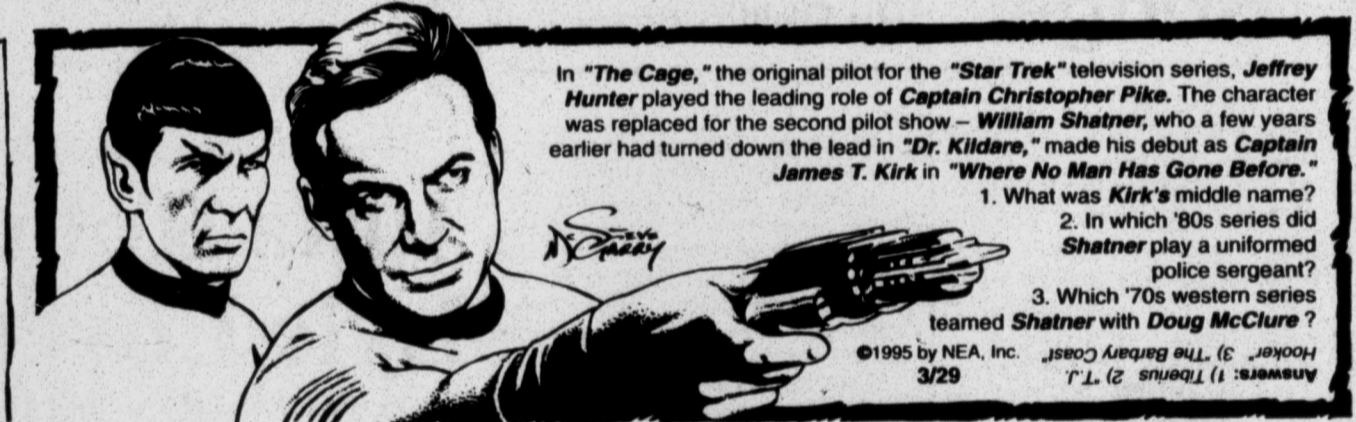
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# Sports

## Snyder gets its revenge

### Lady Tigers tag Granbury for 15 hits in 9-4 victory

By Todd Stanley  
SDN Sports Editor

It didn't take long for the Lady Tigers to get going Tuesday against District 9-5A foe Granbury, as Snyder scored six runs in the first inning en route to a 9-4 victory.

Snyder (10-8, 5-1) pounded Granbury (2-9, 2-3) early and often to capture its fifth district win in a row.

"I feel like this was a big emotional win for us after getting beat three weeks ago in extra innings at Granbury," Snyder head coach Billy Hicks said. "We came out early and dictated the tone of the game by hitting the ball well and getting six first-inning runs. We did a good job of not letting them get back in the game, which has been a problem for us."

The Lady Tigers were lead by second baseman Jodi White, who went 3 for 3 in the game with three RBIs. But, White wasn't the only Snyder player who had success against Granbury's Brandi Linney (2-10).

Linney surrendered nine runs and 15 hits to the Lady Tigers, while her pitching counterpart, Amanda Huff (4-3) limited the Lady Pirates to just three runs on seven hits. She walked 10 and struck out five in the victory. At the plate, Huff was 1 for 3 with two RBIs.

The Wemken twins, Joanie and Raechele, continued their torrid pace at the plate for Snyder, as each of them went 2 for 4.

Shortstop Mendy Winter was 2 for 4, as well, and Adrienne Bailey had another fine day, going 2 for 3.

Winter led off the top of the first with a single and moved to second on an error by the left fielder. White brought Winter home with a single to center, but was thrown out at second when Connie Payne grounded into a fielder's choice. Payne would score on a double off the right field fence by Joanie Wemken to make the score 2-0.

With Joanie at second, Raechele reached on an error by the Lady Pirates' third baseman, Huff, then, laid down a bunt, which resulted in a four-base throwing error by the catcher and a 5-0 lead. Snyder would go on to score one more in the first, another in the second and two in the fifth.

The Lady Tigers are slated to travel to Brownwood Friday to face the Lady Lions (7-7, 3-1) at 6 p.m.



DEAD AT THIRD — Snyder's Monica Blume tags Granbury's Delaney Hackett during the Lady Tigers' 9-4 victory Tuesday. Hackett was thrown out at third on a pickoff play. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Jordan goes for 55 versus Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls came into Madison Square Garden with so much to prove.

Inconsistent in the first four games of his comeback, could Michael have another Jordanesque Broadway show at the New York Knicks' expense? And could the Bulls, who might meet the Knicks in the opening round of the playoffs, make a statement?

In Tuesday night's 113-111 victory over New York, Chicago provided the answers: Yes.

And, if one is to believe the principal performers, not really.

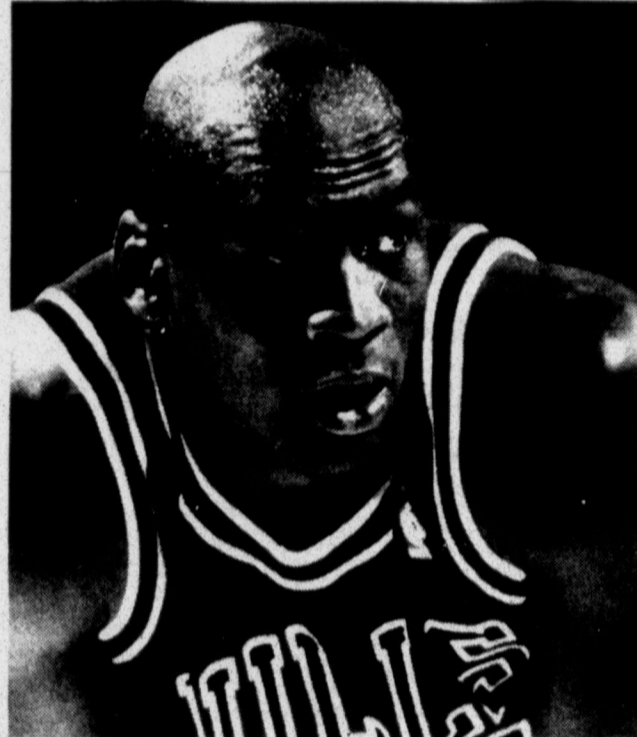
"I forgot how to make a statement," said Jordan, a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. "I'm just trying to get myself in a rhythm. I was shooting the ball well. I had a pretty good game."

Pretty good, indeed. Jordan scored 55 points on 21-of-37 shooting and assisted on Bill Wennington's winning dunk with 3.1 seconds to play.

"As far as a statement game, I wouldn't go so far as to say that. It's a statement that Michael is back to play basketball," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "But I don't know if it's a statement of how well we can play or how good a team we are."

Said Bulls guard B.J. Armstrong: "A couple of weeks from now, this will be just another win."

Whether he intended to make a statement or not,



HIS AIRNESS — Chicago's Michael Jordan scored 55 points in a 113-111 victory over New York Tuesday.

Jordan certainly proved that neither John Starks nor any other mere human can defend him one-on-one.

Asked if he thought the Knicks were similar to the team the Bulls beat en route to NBA titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993, Jordan said: "Starks looked a little bit different to me. I think he forgot how to play me. I got a lot of easy shots off him."

## Richardson does things his way

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Despite a national championship, three trips to the Final Four during the 1990s and schmoozing with President Clinton, Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson disdains the establishment tag.

Two years ago, he said, he relished going against Dean Smith of North Carolina because Smith is a member of that establishment.

"That still hasn't changed," Richardson said. "That's from a personal standpoint. But you've got to remember it's not Dean Smith vs. Nolan Richardson. In reality, it's Arkansas vs. North Carolina, and that's how we've got to keep it."

Arkansas (31-6) meets North Carolina (28-5) Saturday in the NCAA semifinals.

"Let's face it, I ain't no household world in basketball coaching ranks because I don't play like everybody else," Richardson said. "My style is too unorthodox, too chaotic. It doesn't look pretty."

Arkansas' style is to pressure the opponent.

"They can make you wish you had never touched the basketball," Richardson said of his Razorbacks.

"They have a reckless abandon for the ball, a tenacity you can't really teach," Virginia's Junior Burroughs said after Arkansas beat his Cavaliers 68-61 in the final of the Midwest Regional. "It's just in the heart of every member of their basketball team."

Smith's style is more apt to satisfy the purists, Richardson said.

Asked if there will be too much made of the contrasting philosophies, Richardson said: "I don't think so. Dean Smith is Michelangelo. That story ends right there."

Both are extremely successful.

In fact, a list of the top 10 winningest active Division I coaches starts with Roy Williams at Kansas. He has a 184-51 record in seven years. Smith is next with

830-235 in 34 years, followed by Richardson at 380-118 in 15 years.

Smith's 1993 team beat Arkansas on the Tarheels' way to the NCAA title.

Richardson said he thought his Arkansas team overachieved that year. Corliss Williamson, Scotty Thurman, Clint McDaniel and Corey Beck — all starters this year — each played 18 minutes or more against Carolina in 1993.

That loss, Richardson said, laid the groundwork for the 1994 national championship.

That championship was for the fans, he said. "Winning for others is easy," he said. "They want this one for themselves. I tell them, 'Let's go get it. In getting you one, everyone else can enjoy it.'"

Richardson said he was surprised that this team had returned to the Final Four.

"I've never been around a group of kids where the pressure was so intense from day one," he said.

### NHL Glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	11	4	38	104	92
Washington	12	12	7	31	77	73
New Jersey	12	13	6	30	88	87
N.Y. Rangers	13	15	3	29	81	82
Florida	13	16	3	29	78	86
Tampa Bay	12	16	2	26	79	86
N.Y. Islanders	10	17	4	24	78	101

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Quebec	22	7	3	47	129	84
Pittsburgh	22	9	2	46	133	107
Boston	16	12	2	34	92	75
Buffalo	13	12	5	31	74	74
Hartford	13	14	4	30	81	86
Montreal	11	15	5	27	79	102
Ottawa	4	21	4	12	63	101

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	21	7	2	44	116	68
Chicago	19	9	2	40	117	72
St. Louis	17	10	2	36	107	81
Toronto	15	12	6	36	92	92
Dallas	11	14	5	27	91	82
Winnipeg	9	17	5	23	91	117

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	15	13	5	35	105	94
Los Angeles	11	14	6	28	100	116
Edmonton	12	16	3	27	89	108
San Jose	12	16	2	26	77	106
Vancouver	9	13	8	26	87	100
Anaheim	8	18	4	20	76	112

**Tuesday's Games**

Boston 5, Philadelphia 1  
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 3  
Buffalo 5, Quebec 3  
Detroit 6, Anaheim 4  
Los Angeles 5, Calgary 3  
San Jose 6, Winnipeg 5, OT

**Wednesday's Games**

New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Hartford at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**

Ottawa at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.  
Quebec at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

### NBA Glance

By The Associated Press  
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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	52	18	.743	-
x-New York	44	24	.647	7
Boston	27	42	.391	24 1/2
Miami	27	43	.386	25
New Jersey	27	43	.386	25
Philadelphia	18	50	.265	33
Washington	18	50	.265	33

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Indiana	44	25	.638	-
x-Charlotte	42	26	.618	1 1/2
Cleveland	38	30	.559	5 1/2
Chicago	37	33	.529	7 1/2
Atlanta	34	35	.493	10
Milwaukee	27	43	.386	17 1/2
Detroit	25	44	.362	19

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Utah	52	19	.732	-
x-San Antonio	49	18	.731	1
Houston	41	28	.594	10
Denver	33	36	.478	18
Dallas	30	37	.448	20
Minnesota	19	50	.275	32

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Phoenix	49	20	.710	-
x-Seattle	48	20	.706	1/2
L.A. Lakers	43	25	.632	5 1/2
Portland	36	32	.529	12 1/2
Sacramento	34	35	.493	15
Golden State	22	47	.319	27
L.A. Clippers	14	57	.197	36

**Tuesday's Games**

Golden State 127, New Jersey 113  
Boston 126, Miami 115  
Chicago 113, New York 111  
Dallas 114, Milwaukee 93  
L.A. Lakers 106, Houston 96  
Utah 111, Phoenix 102  
Atlanta 102, Portland 91  
Sacramento 117, Orlando 105

**Wednesday's Games**

Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Miami at Washington, 7:30 p.m.  
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.

### District 9-5A Glance

Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Snyder	5	1	.833	10	8	.556
Brownwood	3	1	.750	7	7	.500
Cleburne	1	1	.500	1	6	.143
Granbury	2	3	.400	2	11	.154
Mineral Wells	1	2	.667	12	9	.571
Stephenville	0	4	.000	0	12	.000

**Tuesday's results:** Snyder 9, Granbury 4; Cleburne at Brownwood (ppd. rain); Stephenville at Mineral Wells (n).

**Friday's games:** Snyder at Brownwood 6 p.m.; Stephenville at Granbury 4:30 p.m.; Cleburne at Mineral Wells 7 p.m.

**SNYDER 9, GRANBURY 4**

	R	H	E
Granbury	0	0	10
Snyder	6	10	20

SHS: Huff and R. Wemken; GHS: Lianey and Wells. 2B — SHS: J. Wemken; GHS: Hackett. WP — Huff (4-3). LP — Lianey (2-10). Records — Snyder (10-8, 5-1); Granbury (2-11, 2-3).

## MLB players contemplate owners' offer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players are mulling the owners' new offer and plan to make a counterproposal by the end of the week.

"I assume there's room for negotiation," union head Donald Fehr said Tuesday night before the union's executive board began a two-day meeting. "If there isn't, we're in trouble."

With the season scheduled to start in four days with replacement players, it appeared a final decision to begin play wouldn't be made until the weekend.

## Blazers fan levies lawsuit against Rockets' Maxwell

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland Trail Blazer fan Steve George, embittered by accusations leveled at him by Vernon Maxwell, has struck back with a \$4.5 million lawsuit against the Houston guard and the team that employs him.

George, who was punched in the face by Maxwell during a game Feb. 7, said Tuesday that he might not have filed the suit if it hadn't been for the remarks the Rockets' guard made after the incident.

George told KFX radio that he was upset that much of the country seems to believe Maxwell's contention that

racist remarks and derogatory comments about members of Maxwell's family provoked the attack.

In his lawsuit filed Tuesday, George contends Maxwell's actions at the Feb. 7 game were "willful, wanton, malicious, excessive, unlawful and done with total disregard to the safety" of George and other fans.

The lawsuit seeks \$1.4 million from Maxwell for throwing the punch and for the allegedly slanderous comments he made afterward. Another \$3.1 million is sought from the Rockets for failing to control the player.

### JV game slated

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**Melissa Castro**  
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Curt, a senior, leads the Tigers with a .452 batting average and 16 RBIs going into Friday's district opener against Levelland.

Melissa, a freshman, followed up her first place finishes in the mile and 800 at the Canyon Reef Relays with a first in the mile at the Abilene Classic.

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# Attorney: former mistress ready to settle with Cisneros

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The attorney representing Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' former mistress says her lawsuit against her former lover could face a chilly reception from a jury. Linda Medlar's attorney, Floyd Holder of Lubbock, told the San Antonio Express-News for its Wednesday editions that Ms. Medlar is ready to settle her suit against Cisneros for a fraction of the \$256,000 she initially sued for. Cisneros' lawyer, Seagal Wheatley of San Antonio, said it's interesting that now she has dragged Cisneros' name through the mud, she's willing to settle. "She's had her fun, her lawyer's had his fun with the publicity. Now they want to get some more money and walk away from it, and I have to tell you frankly that this doesn't have much appeal

to me," Wheatley told San Antonio radio station WOAI. Wheatley said he'll relay any offer to Cisneros, but said Ms. Medlar and her attorneys should have come up with settlement proposals "long before any suit was filed and before Medlar sought publicity and sold her story." She has already "caused a lot of damage" to Cisneros, the attorney said. Wheatley said talk by Ms. Medlar and her attorneys of a settlement three weeks before the case is set to go to trial indicates they think the case they will present is weak. "It's encouraging, but whether this will be settled at this late stage — I really don't have any idea until I can talk to the Secretary and we can discuss this," Wheatley

said. Asked what dollar amount he'd want to settle Medlar's lawsuit, Holder told the Express-News, "Not a whole lot, probably." Ms. Medlar, a Cisneros aide when he was San Antonio mayor, now lives in Lubbock. She sued him in a state court in Lubbock last July, alleging that Cisneros owes her \$256,000 for hurting her career as a political fund-raiser and her marriage, which ended in divorce. Trial is pending. Until this week, Ms. Medlar's lawyers had said they were anxious to take her claims before a jury. But Tuesday, Holder said he was pessimistic about the outcome of a jury trial. He said he fears that female jurors won't look favorably on Medlar's claims. "The double standard still exists," Holder said. "Women can forgive any man, except their own husbands." Ms. Medlar said Cisneros broke a verbal contract to pay her \$4,000 a month until her teen-age daughter graduated from college in 1999. Holder said the lawsuit wasn't about anything but money. Cisneros said in a sworn statement that he never agreed to make regular payments to his former mistress but gave her thousands anyway to avoid public embarrassment. The lawsuit prompted an investigation by the Justice Department, which concluded that Cisneros lied about the amount of money involved when the FBI interviewed him during his background check to join President Clinton's Cabinet. Attorney General Janet Reno recommended March 14 that a special prosecutor investigate the payments.

# Fed's interest rates course meets with divided opinions

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the surprise of practically nobody, interest-rate policy-makers at the Federal Reserve are staying on the sidelines for now as the economy shows signs of cooling. But private economists are divided over the central bank's probable next step. Some predict the Fed has concluded a course of monetary tightening that began more than a year ago; others say it's only a pause.

The Federal Open Market Committee, after meeting in private Tuesday for four hours, issued a terse announcement that meant the policy-making body left interest rates unchanged. The committee next meets May 23, and events in the eight-week interim probably will determine the Fed's next move. "The question is whether the slowdown of the first quarter is just a hesitation after two booming quarters or whether it is the real thing," said economist Allen Sinai of Lehman Brothers. "If the economy rebounds and gets too strong, then the Fed could raise rates again at the May meeting."

In the best of all possible worlds, the central bank has engineered a rarely accomplished "soft landing" for the economy: moderate growth of around 2.5 percent accompanied by benign inflation of under 3 percent. But economists say that is a particularly difficult task in a fast-changing global economy that can be buffeted by such unforeseen crises as Mexico's peso debacle. "The economy has clearly

slowed and that is before the full impact of the Mexican crisis hits U.S. exports and before the full impact of the Fed's previous rate hikes come through," said Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

He urged the Fed to seek a coordinated cut in interest rates with Japan and Germany later this year in a move designed to protect the dollar from losing more ground against the Japanese yen and the German mark.

# Highlights of new education code for Texas listed below

AUSTIN (AP) — Highlights of the Texas Education Code rewrite approved by the state Senate:

- COST**  
Estimated at about \$524 million over the next two-year budget period. That includes \$286 million in funding to school districts for school construction and the rest for such items as a higher minimum teacher pay scale and paying for alternative education programs for disruptive students.
- NO-PASS, NO-PLAY**  
A school district by board policy could cut the suspension of a student from extracurricular activities to three weeks, down from the current six, the first time a student fails a class. Students could get one shortened suspension from extracurricular activities during junior high school and one during high school. They could practice or rehearse during the three-week suspension.
- SCHOOL YEAR**  
The school instructional year would be reduced from 180 days to 175 days to allow for more teacher training and development.

# O'Connor blames drugs for his son's suicide death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A tearful Carroll O'Connor said his son's long history of drug use led to his apparent decision to kill himself with a gunshot to the head. "My son Hugh, a beautiful boy, has been an addict of various drugs and substances for about 16 years," O'Connor told reporters late Tuesday. "He called me today and told me, he said he was going to shoot himself." O'Connor called police, and a crisis negotiator and a special weapons team went to his 33-year-old son's house. They found him dead about 6:30 p.m.

Hugh O'Connor played Deputy Lonnie Jamison on the TV show "In the Heat of the Night," which stars his father as Chief Bill Gillespie. The show, taken from the Academy Award-winning movie of the same name, is about a white Southern lawman working with a black detective. It first aired in 1988 and has been broadcast on both NBC and CBS. Hugh O'Connor was born in Rome, Italy. After graduating from Beverly Hills Preparatory school, he worked as a courier on his father's CBS series "Archie Bunker's Place" in its final season in 1982-1983. He later moved to New York City and worked as an assistant stage manager on Broadway before getting parts in television.

- STATE VS LOCAL CONTROL**  
— The state would continue to publish a list of approved textbooks that school districts could buy with state money. School districts could get waivers to buy alternative textbooks, with the state picking up 80 percent of the alternative books' cost.  
— School districts with voter approval could choose to become "home-rule," escaping many state rules.  
— Pilot projects would be created to give parents more choice in where to send their children. They include creation of up to 20 open-enrollment charter public schools, which would be exempt from many state requirements and would draw students from all over. In addition, some disadvantaged students could get tax money to pay tuition at private schools that agree to abide by certain state requirements, such as giving those students academic skills tests.
- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**  
— Rather than being required to pass an exit-level reading, writing and mathematics academic skills test to get a diploma, students would have to pass an end-of-course test in each "core" subject required for graduation. Those would be reading, writing, math, science and social studies.  
— The State Board of Education would prescribe courses that are required for graduation in addition to the core classes. They would include career and technology education, fine arts, health and physical education.
- DISCIPLINE**  
— A disruptive student could be removed from class and prevented from returning by a teacher.  
— School districts would provide alternative settings for students removed from class.
- TEACHERS**  
— The minimum pay scale would be increased and tied to growth in per-pupil spending.
- SCHOOL FACILITIES**  
— School districts would get money specifically to help build classrooms.
- OTHER PROVISIONS:**  
— School district residents could recall and remove a local trustee.  
— State transportation funding to school districts would be changed to shift more money to school districts with students who are geographically spread out. Urban school districts with students in a compact area would get less money.

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# Head injury, gene increases person's Alzheimer's risk

NEW YORK (AP) — People with a gene that raises their risk of Alzheimer's disease face an even bigger risk if they receive a blow to the head that knocks them out, a study suggests.

In people without the gene — about 70 percent of the general population — such a blow appears to make no difference.

Researchers found that in a group of elderly people, those who had the gene and had experienced a severe blow to the head were 10 times as likely to have Alzheimer's as were people with neither risk factor. In contrast, having the gene without a history of a head injury only doubled the risk.

The gene might act on a head injury by turning a normal repair process into a step toward disease, said Dr. Richard Mayeux, a professor of neurology, psychiatry and epidemiology at Columbia University.

Head injury and the gene, called apo-E4, had each been linked separately to Alzheimer's risk in prior studies. Mayeux and colleagues published their study in this month's issue of the journal *Neurology*.

"It's actually a very important paper" because it sheds light on how head injury promotes Alzheimer's, said Dr. James Mortimer, associate director of the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Walter Kukull, an epidemiologist at the University of Washington in Seattle who is studying Alzheimer's, cautioned that the conclusions must be considered tentative because relatively few study participants had head injury plus the gene. But the idea that apo-E4 could team up with head injury to raise the risk of Alzheimer's is plausible, he said.

Although head injury would account for only a small fraction of Alzheimer's cases, the new research is valuable for its insight into how genes and environment might work together to produce the disease, he said.

About 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, which has no known cause, cure or universally effective treatment. No single diagnostic test exists.

The study included 113 Alzheimer's patients and 123 healthy elderly people who were matched to the patients by age, gender and ethnic group.

Spouses or family members of patients were asked if the patients

had been knocked unconscious more than two years before the disease began. The healthy people were asked if that had happened to them at least two years before the interview.

Eighty-three participants had the gene but no history of head injury, 15 had the head injury but not the gene, and eight participants had both.

Mayeux said the study results may be due to the brain's reaction to serious head blows. Prior research found that in about one-third of people who die shortly after severe head injury, the brain shows deposits of a substance called beta amyloid. These deposits apparently come in response to the injury, Mayeux said.

Beta amyloid deposits also appear in brains of Alzheimer patients, although scientists are still debating whether they cause the disease.

The apo-E4 gene tells the body how to make a protein that binds relatively tightly to beta amyloid. This binding may encourage beta amyloid deposits to form after head injury, which in turn may promote Alzheimer's, Mayeux said.

He cited a recent British study of people who died soon after head injury. The apo-E4 gene showed up about three times as often in victims with amyloid deposits as in victims without deposits.

## Quiet day for officers

In a relatively quiet day Tuesday, local law enforcement agencies booked one individual into the Scurry County Jail.

A 28-year-old male was arrested at 8:45 p.m. in the 1900 block of Towle Park Road on a warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

A person notified deputies at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday of someone possibly taking his dogs from his residence, four miles south of Union.

An officer was requested at the Noah Project at 8:28 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a possible prowler.

While on patrol early this morning, city officers found an open window at Snyder High School and a door to a storage area open at Northeast Elementary.



CAMP SPRINGS REUNION — Brad Maule, second from left, paid a surprise visit to Camp Springs recently as three people who knew him while he was growing up in Scurry County were interviewed via satellite on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Dorothy Martin, far left, let her home be temporarily converted into a television studio. Joining her were Louise Williams of Rotan, a former babysitter, and Jerry Worsham, Snyder High School drama instructor. The trio are pictured in front of the GUYCOM mobile satellite unit which helped make the interview possible. The segment is slated to air Thursday at 4 p.m. on Channels 11, 5, and 8 on the local cable system. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Obituaries

## Herbert Cole

1907-1995

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Herbert Tillman "Hub" Cole. Officiating will be Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Cole died at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born in Clifton, Mr. Cole married Corena Gladys McElroy on Oct. 23, 1936 in Stephenville. Mr. Cole was a retired carpenter and had lived in Snyder since the early 1970s. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Corena Cole of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Lanelle and Robert Joplin of Lake Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. "Bob" and Essie Mae Cole of Snyder; two sisters, Ila Champion of Alford, N.M. and Ruth Reed of Abilene; a brother, Leonard Cole of Clifton; six grandchildren, Dawn Poe of Greenville, Donna Dupree of Snyder, Holly Johnson of Grapevine, Robert Cole of The Colony,

Scott Cole of San Diego and Gene Adams of Austin; and seven great-grandchildren.

Doris Jean Lail of Cherryville, N.C.; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

## Marie Allen

1926-1995

Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Marie Allen, 69, of Snyder who died this morning at Abilene Regional Hospital. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1926, in Broken Bow, Okla., and married Virgil Allen on April 6, 1946 in Clarksville. Mrs. Allen, a housewife, had lived in Snyder since 1952 and was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil Allen of Snyder; one son, Bruce Allen of Dallas; one daughter, Gale Goldring of San Angelo; one brother, Allen Wilson Jr. of Abilene; two sisters, Opal Davis and Jessie Palo, both of Snyder; and one grandchild.

## Ed Essery

1928-1995

Service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Marion Edward "Ed" Essery, 66. Officiating will be the Rev. Marvin Applin, pastor of Gentle Dove Ministries, with burial to follow in the Polar Cemetery.

Mr. Essery died at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in East Texas, Mr. Essery married Nellie Goodman in January, 1956 in Union. She died in 1993.

Mr. Essery was a retired oilfield worker and had lived in Snyder since the early 1950s, moving here from East Texas. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Essery, Ben Essery and Eddie Essery, all of Snyder; a daughter, Connie Essery of Snyder; a brother, Kenneth Essery of Clayton, Tex.; and five grandchildren.

## Pep rally set for contestants

LONGVIEW (AP) — A pep rally is scheduled Thursday at Longview High School, but it's not to spur the school's athletes on to victory.

The pep rally will be for more than 90 students participating Friday in Lufkin in University Interscholastic League academic competitions such as typing, spelling, debating and using calculators.

Mary Ruth Dunlap, student activities coordinator for the Class 5A campus of about 2,000 students, praises the pep rally, which was the idea of high school principal Bob McMinn.

"I don't know of any school, particularly one this size, that has had a pep rally for its academic competitions," Ms. Dunlap said.

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# Senate... Voluntary castration bill OK'd

AUSTIN (AP) — A prison inmate who has repeatedly been convicted of molesting children could choose to be surgically castrated under a bill that has been passed by the Texas Senate.

"Those people oftentimes are victims of uncontrollable urges. Many have asked that they be able to undergo this treatment so they can end those urges and live a normal life," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, sponsor of the measure.

The procedure currently isn't performed in Texas prisons because officials are unsure about their legal authority and concerned about potential liability, said Bivins' press secretary, James Hoard.

No other state performs surgical castration of inmates, Bivins said. Other states have experimented with chemical castration programs, according to medical ethics expert Arthur Caplan, who predicted a court challenge if the bill becomes law.

Bivins said studies of castration in European countries suggest it dramatically lowers the likelihood of men repeating their crimes. But others say those studies aren't conclusive and there's no guarantee a castrated man wouldn't hurt children.

The bill was passed 27-2 on Tuesday, with Sens. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, voting against it. Ellis initially was recorded as voting for the measure, but the tally was changed after he said he intended to vote no.

The bill now goes to the House, where Bivins said he is lining up a sponsor.

No one spoke against the proposal on the Senate floor, but West later called it "barbaric."

"We give now an individual under this bill ... the right to castration," said West. "What's the next step? If we have a habitual thief, do we give that person the right to cut off their hands?"

Bivins emphasized that he views surgical castration as treatment, not punishment.

He said there are safeguards in the bill to prevent it from being used as a plea bargain or to reduce a prison term. In addition, he noted that the bill would require the inmate to be evaluated and counseled before undergoing removal of his testicles.

"What's more barbaric? To allow a child molester to leave prison with a 70 percent certainty that he's going to go out and abuse another child, or to allow that same offender who requests it to be able to undergo this medical treatment that can result in a less than 5 percent chance of him re-offending?" Bivins said. "I think the former is far more barbaric than the latter."

## Appeals courts upholds three death sentences

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld two death sentences, including the capital murder conviction of a man who escaped from the Lubbock County Jail before murdering an 80-year-old woman in 1991.

The court made its rulings on Wednesday in the cases of Roger Dale Vaughn and Jonathan Bruce Reed of Dallas.

Vaughn was convicted of robbing and strangling Dora Watkins, 80, in Vernon on Oct. 16, 1991, two days after escaping from the Lubbock County Jail while awaiting trial on forgery and robbery charges.

Vaughn, who has a long criminal history, had argued on appeal that there wasn't sufficient evidence to back up the jury's finding that he was a continuing threat to society and should be put to death.

Reed was found guilty of raping, robbing and strangling Wanda Jean Wadle on Nov. 1, 1978.

Reed argued on appeal that the evidence wasn't sufficient to support that he had caused Ms. Wadle's death in the course of committing or attempting to commit robbery or while committing or attempting to commit aggravated rape.

But the Court of Criminal Appeals disagreed, upholding his death sentence.

# Miss Texas visits

Continued from Page 1

relationship with her boyfriend. "I suffered with low esteem all during high school and even into my freshman year at college at Lubbock Christian University. I knew something was wrong but I did not know what or what to do about it," she said.

She related an incident in which her roommate finally convinced her to seek counseling, where she was diagnosed as clinically depressed.

"I was in counseling for two years and this message is also one

I want to get out by serving as Miss Texas — clinical depression is an illness like any other illness and it can be treated.

"It took me awhile to talk publicly about that subject," said Archer, who will return to her studies in music education at Texas Tech University when her reign as Miss Texas ends. "But I feel that young people need to know that we (pageant winners and other public figures) are real people, too, who experience the same type problems that everyone else does."

Following her announcement as Miss Texas last summer, Archer embarked on the road to the Miss America contest.

She finished in the top 10 in that pageant but during the week of competition at Atlantic City, she suffered the loss of her grandmother who passed away en route to the pageant.

"I did not know if I could continue competing in the contest after learning of her death, but she was such a strong supporter of me entering the Miss Texas Contest that I knew I had to," said Archer.

In a touching moment, she told of going into a room after being told of her loss of her grandmother and all the other contestants were gathered there, holding hands and offering a prayer for her and her family.

Her future plans call for working on a master's degree in choral conducting at Tech.

And after that? "I've done some commercials and I am considering some more, and acting — well, who knows," said Miss Texas as she thought about it for a moment while sitting in the Student Center at WTC.

## Markets Midday Stocks

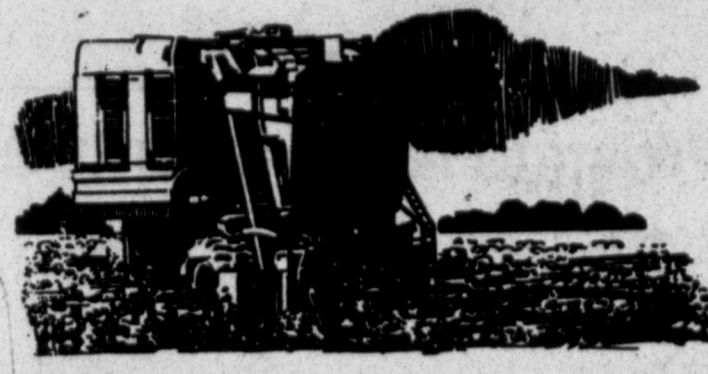
NEWYORK(AP)

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Albertsons	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/4	- 1/4
AlliedSignal	38 1/2	38	38 1/4	- 1/4
Alltel	29 1/2	28 3/4	29 1/4	- 1/4
AmStores	26 1/2	25 3/4	25 3/4	- 1/4
Ameritech	43 1/2	42 3/4	43 1/4	+ 1/4
Amoco	62 1/2	62 1/4	62 1/4	- 1/4
AndarKpr	43 1/2	42 3/4	43 1/4	+ 1/4
Armedco	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/4	- 1/4
AutoRichd	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	0
ATMOS Egy	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/4	- 1/4
Avial	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/4	- 1/4
BakerHughes	20 1/2	19 3/4	20 1/4	+ 1/4
BellAtl	55 1/2	54 3/4	55 1/4	+ 1/4
BellSouth	61 1/2	60 3/4	61 1/4	+ 1/4
BethSteel	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/4	- 1/4
CaseWest	83 1/2	82 3/4	83	+ 1/4
Chrysler	55 1/2	53 3/4	55	+ 3/4
CocaCola	24 1/2	23 3/4	24 1/4	+ 1/4
Conoco	47 1/2	47 1/4	47 1/4	- 1/4
Costco	40 1/2	39 3/4	40 1/4	+ 1/4
CocaCola	28 1/2	28	28 1/4	+ 1/4
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DeltaAirl	62	61 1/4	61 1/4	- 1/4
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DuPont	60 1/2	60 1/4	60 1/4	- 1/4
EastmanChem	55 1/2	54 3/4	55 1/4	+ 1/4
ElkRokk	54 1/2	53 3/4	54 1/4	+ 1/4
EllerInd	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/4	- 1/4
Entergy	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/4	- 1/4
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GenDynam	47 1/2	46 3/4	47 1/4	+ 1/4
GenElec	55 1/2	54 3/4	55 1/4	+ 1/4
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Litton	35 1/2	34 3/4	35 1/4	+ 1/4
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Lubys	21 1/2	21 1/4	21 1/4	- 1/4
Marx	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/4	- 1/4
MayDeptStr	37 1/2	36 3/4	36 3/4	- 1/4
Medtronic	72	70 1/4	71	+ 1/4
Mobil	91 1/2	90 3/4	91 1/4	+ 1/4
Monsanto	79	78 1/4	78 1/4	- 1/4
Motorola	57 1/2	56 3/4	57 1/4	+ 1/4
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Navistar	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4	- 1/4
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Nynex	41 1/2	40 3/4	41 1/4	+ 1/4
OxyEnergy	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4	- 1/4
PacTelesis	31	30 3/4	30 3/4	- 1/4
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PitneyB	35 1/2	35	35 1/4	+ 1/4
Praxair	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/4	- 1/4
ProctGamble	69	68 1/4	69	+ 1/4
PubSrvMch	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4	- 1/4
PubSrvMch	119 1/2	118 3/4	119 1/4	+ 1/4
UnPac	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/4	- 1/4
SFPCap	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/4	- 1/4
SaraLee	54 1/2	53 3/4	54 1/4	+ 1/4
SearsRoeb	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/4	- 1/4
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# Scurry County Country



## Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts  
County Extension Agent

### SENIOR CITIZENS MAY NEED MEAL ASSISTANCE

The aging process affects vision, health, mobility and other factors, which may leave elderly Texans unable physically to drive to the grocery store, shop for food, cook and feed themselves. With these physical barriers, it is no surprise that these elders or their family members may find them undernourished and unable to maintain their normal weight.

Help is available for those who want to help their parents remain healthy and independent as long as possible. Older adults can start taking advantage of the local community services such as congregate meals at the senior citizens feeding sites, local services providing meals on wheels or other available services for the elderly. These programs for which many may be eligible are designed to give you the boost individuals need to stay independent and living on their own as long as possible.

Some helpful eating hints for seniors, which also should be encouraged by family members who may be assisting their loved ones, are listed below:

- Eat a healthful diet chosen from a wide variety of foods such as those recommended by the USDA Food Guide Pyramid.

- Know and maintain a normal weight.

- Eat plenty of complex carbohydrates found in fruit, vegetable and whole grain products.

- Eat less fried foods, gravy and other foods higher in fat, saturated fatty acids and cholesterol.

- Limit salt, salty foods and other highly processed foods containing sodium.

- Include fiber rich foods (20 to 30 grams of fiber daily) such as whole grains, bran, and pectin in your diet. These are excellent choices for seniors.

- Drink at least a quart of water daily, whether or not you are thirsty.

- If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation.

If you have any questions concerning resources for helping seniors become better nourished, contact the office of your local county Extension agent. For information about senior nutrition programs, contact the National Meals on Wheels Foundation at (800) 999-6262.

## Predator Appreciation Day planned Thursday in Baird

BAIRD — A Predator Appreciation Day will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Baird Activity Center.

The educational event is being sponsored by Extension offices in Callahan, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor, Coleman, Brown and Eastland counties. Six continuing education units (CEUs) are being offered participants. Registration is \$10 per person at the door.

The first session is moderated by Greg Gerngross, Callahan County Extension Agent. The morning's topics and speakers include: "Interpreting Physical Evidence of Predation," Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo-based Extension Service wildlife specialist; "Assessing the Costs of Preda-

tion" (Livestock), Dr. Rick Machen, Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde and (Wildlife), Rollins.

Alternative predator control demonstrations will also be held during the morning. The methods shown will include leghold traps, snares and the M-44 device. These three methods will be demonstrated by Texas Animal Damage Control Service personnel. Crystal Wilbanks, Texas Department of Agriculture certification and training specialist, will discuss guard animals as a control measure.

The morning session concludes with a video production on "Using Livestock Protection Collar."

The noon lunch is courtesy of the Wichita Falls Production Credit Association. Rollins will give a predator calling demonstration during the noon break.

The afternoon session will be moderated by Marty Gibbs, Coleman County Extension Agent. Speakers and topics include: "A Perspective on Wildlife vs. Predator Management," Dr. Sam Beason, director of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University at Kingsville; "Feral Hogs in Texas: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (video) and "A Code of Ethics for Predator Management," Rollins; "Preventing Illicit Use of Pesticides in Predator Control Programs" (video) and "Predators as a Vector for Zoonotic Diseases," Dr. Keith Clark, director of the Zoonosis Control Division, Austin.

Following a 2:45 p.m. break, the final speakers and topics include: "Mountain Lions in West Texas," Richard Dickerson, Animal Damage Control specialist and trouble shooter, Fort Stockton; Coyotes: A Matter of Perspective" and "Update on Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board," Allen Turner, president, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Coleman.

The day ends at 4:30 p.m. with the completion of CEU paper work.

Prospective participants are asked to contact Greg Gerngross at (915) 854-1518 or Dr. Dale Rollins at (915) 653-4576, so an accurate lunch count can be made.

Future Predator Appreciation Days are planned for Culberson, Uvalde, San Saba and Tom Green counties during May.

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### Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a of 989 head of cattle for the Wed., March 22 sale. All stocker cattle were steady and active with feeder cattle sluggish. Packer cows and bulls 2 cwt lower.

- STEERS**
- 300-400: 92-100
- 400-500: 82-92
- 500-600: 75-84
- 600-700: 68-74
- HEIFERS**
- 300-400: 80-89
- 400-500: 74-81
- 500-600: 68-74
- 600-700: 63-70
- BRED COWS**
- Good: 500-650
- Older and plainer: 400-500
- PAIRS**
- Good: 650-800
- Older and plainer: 550-650
- PACKER COWS**
- Good: 41-45
- Low yielding: 34-40
- PACKER BULLS**
- Good: 52-57
- Low yielding: 47-51.

### Lubbock cattle auction

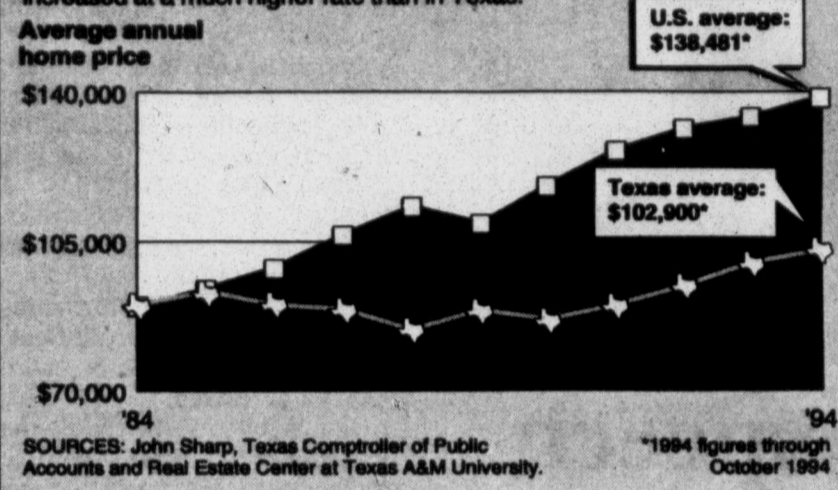
The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,114 head of cattle for the March 23 sale. Cows were \$3 to \$4 cheaper and yearlings and calves \$2 to \$3 cheaper. Trading was good and demand fair.

- Slaughter cows, (high dressing - cutters - utility) were 38.50 to 43.50; canners and low cutters, 31.50 to 37.50 and slaughter bulls 46.50 to 53.50.
- Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 75; 400 to 500, 72.50 to 85; 500 to 600, 68.50 to 75; 600 to 700, 64 to 68.50; 700 to 800, 62 to 68.
- Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 72.50 to 82.50; 400 to 500, 68.50 to 75; 500 to 600, 65 to 72.50; 600 to 700, 68.50 to 65; 700 to 800, 55 to 62.50.
- Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 60 to 74.50; 700 to 800, 55 to 62.50.
- Cow and calf pairs: good 525 to 750; grade 450 to 550
- Springers 350 to 675; baby calves 40 to 200; doolers 150 to 240.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Texas home prices below U.S.

The average price of a home in Texas in 1984 was about equal to homes across the U.S.—\$90,000. However, since 1985, average U.S. home prices have increased at a much higher rate than in Texas.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. \*1994 figures through October 1994

## Lack of moisture posing key problems for cotton growers

LUBBOCK — Lack of rainfall and a declining water table pose problems for cotton growers on the Texas High Plains as they begin preparing their fields for planting. Some 6.4 million acres of cotton are expected to be planted in Texas this year, with some 4 million of that on the High Plains.

Since Jan. 1, the 25-county area around Lubbock which annually produces about half of the state's cotton has received less than an inch of rain. Lubbock has recorded only 0.97 inches of precipitation — about half its longterm average for the first three months of a year.

Combined with the below-average precipitation last year, fields are without adequate subsoil moisture for planting and for a good growing season, says Kater Hake, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Fields without some deep water could suffer severe loss if July rains (during the peak of the growing season) aren't timely," Hake said. Some farmers who irrigate from wells are running into problems as they prewater fields to prepare to plant in the next few weeks, he noted.

"Well capacity is down substantially from 1994 and many wells are pumping dry during the prewatering," Hake said. He said that the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Number One reports that the average pumping depth dropped about two feet from last year. The water district noted that the year before, the average water depth dropped one foot, while the 10-year average decline has been half a foot.

Trappers set annual meeting

The public is invited, as trappers and fur hunters from all over the state gather at the Roscoe Community Center beginning Friday, April 7, for the annual spring rendezvous of the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association.

The statewide organization consists of men, women and children who have an interest in and who participate in fur trapping, predator calling and animal damage control activities. The latest in methods and equipment are highlighted at every meeting. This is a family oriented event with informative craft lessons for the women and plenty of activities to keep the children entertained.

Friday's activities will include videos, fellowship and an evening meal.

Saturday, April 8, will be filled with trapping demonstrations and instructions, trap speed setting contests, a predator calling contest, State Women's Skillet Toss Championship, business meeting and an auction of trapping, hunting, and outdoor gear.

This year's special guest will be Dr. Keith Clark of the State Board of Health, who will discuss the serious rabies epidemic in the state and the recent quarantine on animal movement. A noon meal will be available and trapping supply dealers will also be present.

Sunday morning church services will be held. Most activities will end by noon Sunday.

For more information, contact Curtis Hutchison at 915-235-1255, Sandy Gilley at 817-989-2298 or Al Barton at 214-435-3071.

## The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate,  
Pate Emu Farm

The question was asked, what to do to help frail chicks survive and do well. Dixie Fitzgerald, in the Ratite Journal, gave this reply.

"It has been my experience that ratite chicks love hard boiled eggs. It may take them a couple of days to learn to eat them but once they get a taste for them they eat them like candy if you allow it. I boil the eggs so they are hard boiled and allow them to cool then crush them, shells and all, and sprinkle a small amount of powdered vitamins (I use the brand called Veematon) and mix it with the eggs. I also put about one cap full of Pedialyte over the eggs and then I serve it to the birds in a shiny aluminum pie tin. The shiny pan attracts them and as they begin to peck at the tin they learn that the eggs inside taste pretty good. To get them started you can also cut fresh greens such as clover or alfalfa over the top of the eggs. No more than one egg per bird per day. If the area where you place the food dish is heated, be aware that eggs can spoil fast so the food dish must be removed after a short period of time to prevent contamination. Fresh greens cut into very small pieces is an excellent source of nourishment and as I stated, my preference is, number one, fresh alfalfa, and second, fresh clover. I

sometimes use Ratite Survival Plus as a source of extra calories, I also buy medicated turkey starter and offer them the choice of both Ratite starter and turkey starter. The turkey starter is much higher in protein and gives them the additional boost they need.

Frail babies need extra warmth and they need to be kept free from drafts. Extra heat lights over black rubber mats give them extra warmth as the black absorbs the heat. Be careful not to put the heat lights too close or it will burn them.

If the chicks must be raised indoors out of necessity, try to provide natural spectrum lighting. There are several brands and sources to purchase this type of lighting. Natural spectrum lighting gives out all the colors of the rainbow and is closest to natural sunlight." For further information call Pate Emu Farm at 573-5340.

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**ANTHONY'S**

Now through April 2nd.



## Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

### Prostate test warrants a follow-up

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** A recent blood chemistry showed my PSA to be 18.7. Does this reading confirm the presence of prostatic cancer?

**DEAR READER:** The Prostate Specific Antigen blood test is one of several tests used to diagnose prostate cancer. The normal range is 0-4.

An elevated PSA reading does not necessarily indicate prostatic malignancy — although the higher the reading, the greater the chance of cancer.

In my practice, I often examine middle-aged men who have enlarged prostate glands and PSA values in the 5 to 15 range. Further testing almost always proves that the higher reading merely reflects non-malignant enlargement of the prostate. However, levels above 20 are highly suspicious.

In your case, the PSA is in a "gray area" — too high to ignore but too low to be definitely diagnostic. Were I

your family physician, I'd refer you to a urologist for further examination, including ultrasound testing of the prostate and, probably, biopsy.

There are two reasons why I would refer you. One, the most important, is that your elevated PSA could reflect a serious condition needing the services of a specialist. Therefore, to give you good care, I'm obligated to refer you.

The second, less important reason, is that while I doubt you have prostate cancer, if you do (and I have failed to refer you to a urologist), I could be considered negligent and end up in court.

Therefore, you should ask your family doctor to refer you to a urologist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free 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 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I suffer from ulcerative colitis. I've been prescribed

Lanoxin, yet my medical book says I shouldn't take it. How safe is this medication for my condition?

**DEAR READER:** Lanoxin (digoxin) is a heart stimulant used for cardiac conditions. It is not useful in treating ulcerative colitis — or any other bowel disturbance.

Apparently your physician believes that you have heart disease, in addition to the chronic inflammation of your colon, for which azulfidine or prednisone would be more customary therapy. Lanoxin is not contraindicated in the presence of colitis.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.



## N. Gingrich wants networks to cover prime-time speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking a prerogative normally reserved for presidents, House Speaker Newt Gingrich is asking television networks to air a prime-time speech next week laying out a program to follow the "Contract With America."

The initial reaction from the networks was noncommittal, with CBS and ABC saying they would decide at a later date, and NBC and CNN declining comment Tuesday night.

But an aide for House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said the request was unusual. "I think it's a rather odd request for any network to grant — the airing, without interruption, the views of one party leader without giving equal access and equal time to the other," said Laura Nichols.

Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, said the first Republican speaker in 40 years wants to "report to the nation about where we go from here."

Republicans expect to wrap up

work on their conservative "contract" items on April 6 with a vote on politically popular tax cuts and spending reductions to pay for them.

Blankley said that after returning in May from a three-week break, Republicans would launch a "historic fight" to adopt legislation placing the government on a track toward balancing the budget in 2002. Democrats are poised to resist bitterly if, as expected, Republicans propose deep cuts in social programs such as student loans, Medicare and Medicaid.

Blankley said Gingrich, R-Ga., envisioned a 30-minute speech to be delivered from the Capitol. "We're just requesting that they (networks) consider" airing it, he said.

Media coverage of the Republican revolution — and Gingrich personally — has been intense, at times overshadowing that of President Clinton. But for the networks to grant the speaker's request would be extraordinary even in the current atmosphere.

The White House had no response to Gingrich's request, even though customarily, only presidents have been accorded prime-time live coverage for speeches.

Beginning as a campaign manifesto in last fall's congressional balloting, the "Contract With America" became a blueprint for an ambitious, 100-day legislative program when House Republicans gained the majority for the first time since the Eisenhower era.

Since convening the House on Jan. 4, Gingrich has overseen House passage of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution; anti-crime legislation; sweeping changes in the nation's welfare system; and a recasting of the nation's civil justice system, among other items.

### Staff helped on own time says Newt Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Newt Gingrich admits that employees of his GOPAC political organization solicited tax-deductible funds for his college course, but says they did so on their own time.

They were "private, civic-minded individuals" who "inadvertently or ill-advisedly continued to use GOPAC stationery and fax machines and continued to work out of GOPAC mailing addresses," Gingrich wrote the House ethics committee.

Gingrich on Tuesday released correspondence that he and his lawyer, Jan Baran, sent to the committee from 1993 through Monday. The earliest letters sought approval — which was granted — to teach the class; recent letters and a legal filing responded to an ethics complaint against the speaker.

Gingrich and Baran both referred to the role of GOPAC employees in raising money for, and preparing the course, as "superficial and irrelevant."

## President Clinton is finding events in key primary states

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Think of the states that are key to any presidential campaign and you might well include Georgia, Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, California and Michigan. President Clinton will visit all six in the next three months.

Although all are billed as official presidential functions, each event should give Clinton enviable political mileage toward the next presidential election — and all at taxpayer expense.

Today Clinton will preside over a regional economic conference here in the state that gave him his first Democratic primary win in 1992.

Modeled on the "economic summit" he hosted in Little Rock, Ark., during his presidential transition, the conference is one of four Clinton plans to hold this year. Another will be in California, always a key state for any presidential candidate.

From Georgia, Clinton heads to Florida — another fertile field — for stops in Tallahassee, Tampa and Palm Beach.

On April 25, he convenes a conference on rural America in Ames, Iowa. Iowa will be the site of the first precinct caucuses of 1996.

On May 5, the president gives a commencement address at Michigan State University in one of the nation's key electoral battlegrounds.

And on June 11 he'll be in New Hampshire — home of the first-in-the-nation primary — to give the commencement address at Dartmouth College.

So far, there has been little indication that Clinton will face any major competition from other Democrats for his party's nomination. Only former Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey has expressed any interest.

But it doesn't hurt Clinton to be seen in important primary states,

early and often. After all, conservative commentator Pat Buchanan in 1992 was viewed as a fringe candidate against then-President Bush — much as Casey is regarded now by Democrats — until New Hampshire.

There Buchanan exposed and dramatized Bush's weakness among Republicans by capturing 37 percent of the vote.

"These states are important in the nominating process," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman. "The president is assured of renomination. But you never take folks for granted."

White House officials deny that politics is a consideration. But Mellman said, "Scheduling like everything else has a political component to it. It does make sense to visit people who are politically important. Every president has done it as you start getting near a primary season."

"Being president is a double-edged sword," said Charles Black, a former Bush re-election official now a consultant for GOP presidential hopeful Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas. "It is a great advantage to be able to go on official business to any state that you want and talk on any subject."

"The disadvantage is that, when you get into the real campaign mode and have to start billing political organizations for the travel, it becomes extremely costly. To go anywhere with the president is like moving a battleship."

For the time being, the taxpayers are footing the bill for moving Battleship Clinton, since the

White House can assert legitimate reasons for the travel — even if no one really believes Clinton's travel to key primary states in the weeks ahead is pure coincidence.

In coming to Georgia, Clinton is returning to the state that gave the "comeback kid" his first 1992 Democratic victory, after Clinton's second-place finish — to former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas — in the New Hampshire primary.

In fact it was in Georgia that one of Clinton's 1992 Democratic rivals, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, predicted Republicans would "open him like a soft peanut."

In the general election, Clinton took Georgia — a key to any presidential candidate's Southern strategy — but only narrowly.

For now, the White House is playing down ulterior motives for Clinton's travels.

"It's a long ways away from any political season," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"So you don't do politics, is that it?" he was asked.

"I don't know enough about politics to do politics," he responded.

Yeah, right.

McCurry is the veteran of many presidential campaigns, most recently Kerrey's 1992 challenge of Clinton.

In fact, he may have written the line about the soft peanut.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum covers the White House for The Associated Press.

### Onetime Texan testifies in O.J. case

HOUSTON (AP) — A onetime Texan has taken the stand in the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles.

The ex-girlfriend of Simpson's former houseguest, Brian "Kato" Kaelin, is a Houston area graduate.

Kaelin's former girlfriend, Rachel Ferrara, testified Tuesday that she was on the phone with Kaelin on the night of the killings when he suddenly said he heard a bang. She said Kaelin asked her if there had been an earthquake after he heard noises outside his guestroom that evening.

## DATE BOOK

March 29, 1995

Today is the 88th day of 1995 and the 10th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1932, Jack Benny made his radio debut.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** John Tyler (1790-1862), U.S. president; Cy Young (1867-1955), baseball great; Howard Lindsay (1889-1968), playwright; Eugene McCarthy (1916-), U.S. politician, is 79; Walt Frazier (1945-), basketball great, is 50; Earl Campbell (1955-), football great, is 40; Jennifer Capriati (1976-), tennis player, is 19.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1990, Michael Jordan scored a career-high 69 points to lead Chicago to a 117-113 victory over Cleveland in overtime.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A manifesto will appear tomorrow from the Whigs in Congress reading John Tyler out of the Whig Church and delivering him over to Satan to be buffeted." — James Buchanan

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1945, a Boston high of 86 degrees set the city's March record for warmth.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Day before new moon.

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## Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



### Your Birthday

Thursday, March 30, 1995

In the year ahead, try to limit your involvements to situations that utilize your artistic and creative ideas. Your imagination has profitable possibilities.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not delegate tasks for a matter in which you have a substantial vested interest. It will be up to you to manage the situation personally to the best of your ability. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You might learn something valuable today if you listen more than you talk. Two friends may discard an idea that doesn't work for them, but it could work for you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Do not start new endeavors at this time unless they truly arouse your enthusiasm. If you are committed, success is indicated.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You are now in a cycle of new objectives. If you want to increase your status or your material possessions, raise your expectations.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do everything

you can in this cycle to add to your knowledge of your present occupational endeavor. What you learn could have various valuable applications.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your ability to transform obsolete projects into something useful will be intensified at this time. You might want to start collecting what others discard.

**L'BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A complicated arrangement you've been trying to negotiate will draw to a successful conclusion. You may need to be patient a little longer.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This is a good day to initiate that diet or exercise program you've been considering. If you start now, the odds are you'll stick to it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Over the next few weeks, your prospects for a happier and more active social life look good. It will be up to you, though, to hone in on a new circle of friends.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You are now in a cycle of endings and beginnings. Two unproductive arrangements will come to a close and something more rewarding will replace them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Put any business proposals in writing today, but just to be on the safe side, have someone you trust double check your copy for errors.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Beginning today, start raising your financial expectations. Developing a strong mental picture of yourself becoming more prosperous will motivate you to do it.

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Summer Recreational League  
Amateur Softball Association Sanctioned  
Ages 5 to 18

### REGISTRATION

**DATES:** March 31 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
April 1 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Snyder Savings & Loan Association  
Bring Parent/Guardian Birth Certificate  
**FEE:** \$25/\$20 For Additional Girl(s) In Family

### TRYOUTS

**AGES:** 13 & 14 April 7 - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
8, 9 & 10 April 8 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
11 & 12 April 8 - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
15 - 18 April 8 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
NO Tryouts For Ages 5-7 (Pixie)  
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Age Division Cut Off Date - 8/31/95  
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**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Boys & Girls Club  
**FEES:** \$20.00

Must be accompanied by an adult and have a birth certificate.

### LITTLE LEAGUE

Must be 8 by July 31, 1995

For more information contact Bob Doolittle

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Must be 7 by July 31, 1995

For more information call the Boys & Girls Club

## TRY-OUT

**12 YR. OLD** Thursday, March 30, 1995  
5:00 p.m.  
Logan Field (Little League Park)

**11 YR. OLD** Friday, March 31, 1995  
5:00 p.m.  
Logan Field (Little League Park)

**10 YR. OLD** Saturday, April 1, 1995  
9:00 a.m.  
Logan Field (Little League Park)

**9 YR. OLD** Saturday, April 1, 1995  
1:00 p.m.  
Logan Field (Little League Park)

**8 YR. OLD** Saturday, April 1, 1995  
2:30 p.m.  
(After 9 yr. old, time may not be exact)  
Logan Field (Little League Park)