## Supreme court upholds school finance law

The Texas Supreme Chorr on
Monday narrowly upheld the Monday narrowly upheld the
state's latest share-the-wealth state s
school finateste law, which had schen challenged by bout property
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stitutional in all respects, said
the $5-4$ decision written by Justice

John Conyyn
Children who 1 ive in
in property-poor districts and child
ren who live in property-rich dis tricts now have substantially equal access to the funds necessary for a general diffusion of The ruling brought sighs of re hef rouling brought sighs of re polntment from tawyers repree.
senting both poor and rich school denung b
Rick Howard, superintendent
for Ira school district, was atendng the annual midwinter schools ble for comment. Ira ISD is sidered one of the state's ric school districiss, whech, under Senate Bill 7 , must pass a portion of its wealth
districts.

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## ever, Mo move on und

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exans. For years, Ihave said that it is ave voted for 'Robin Hood' last time to get education out of the session, 1 am encouraged that we saal issue and concentrate on over- where it belongs. The time is now sial issue and concentrate on other at hand," Bullock said., substantive education problems," "It's quite a relief," said Sen.
he said. "tt is time to focus on re- Bill Ratiff, $R$-Mount Pleasant. he said "It is time to focus on re- Bill Ratuiff, R-Mount Pleasant, thites and decentralizing the Committee. "I really was a treAustin bureaucacy of the Texas mendous relief to know that we're
Education Agency."
not going to be facing that bloody Education Agency","
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called battle again."

The funding law upheld by the
ourt relies mainly on ancombinacourt relies mainly on ancombina
 in state and local funds, some The comes from the state. wealth and requires scoperiy ricts over the limit to share with he rest of the system. If gives Chem several optons for doing so.
Districts face the loss of taxable roperty or forced consolida (See Court, Page 8)


Ask Us
Q-What is the address to
make a donation to The Ritz make a donation to The Ritz
Community Theatre? A-The address is Local

Genealogy
There will be a genealogy
meeting at 7 tis evening meeting at 7 this evening in
the chamber of commerce the chamber of commerce
board room. Jo Thrower will present the program. Visitors are welcome.

## Chili supper

Ira Senior Class is spon-
soring an all-you-can-eat soring an all-you-can-eat chili supper at 5 p.m. today
before the Ira-Hermleigh basketball game basketbal game.
Price for the supper is $\$ 4$

Tiger's Lair
All balances on the 1995 nger sLair yearbook must
be paid by Wednesday or deposits will be forfeited and orders cancelled. Wednesday will also be
the last day to order a yearthe last day to order a year-
book. The price is $\$ 40$ and book. The price is.
must be paid in full.
Tax help
Dot Stokes, an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, will be
offering free tax help to lowor moderate-income taxpayers age 60 and older each Thursday from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. until
noon and $1-2: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ at the noon and 1-2:30 p.m. at the
Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M., from Feb. 2 through April 15.
Those interested should bring their current tax re cords and a copy of last
year's income tax return.

Tax bills
Scurry County citizens are reminded that today is the last day to pay property
taxes without incurring a taxes without
percent penalty. percent penalty.
Scurry County, Western Scurry County, Western
Texas College, City of Texas College, City o
Snyder and Snyder schoo taxes should be paid at the county tax office on the first floor of the courthouse. Ir and Hermleigh ISD taxes
should be paid at the Scurry should be paid at the Scurry
County Appraisal District office.

## Weather

## Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 56 degrees

 High Monday, 56 degrees low, 27 degrees; reading at 7a.m. Tuesday, 29 degrees; no a.m. Tuesday, 29 degrees; no ion for 1995 to date, .81 o an inch. Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low
in the mid upper 30s. Northin the mid upper 30 s . North-
west wind $5-15 \mathrm{mph}$. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High
in the lower 70s. Northwest wind $10-15 \mathrm{mph}$. 6:18. Sunrise Wednesday 7:36. Of 30 days in 1995 , the sun has
Snyder.


WINTER LAWN CARE - Scurry County em- around routine care at the park. (SDN Staff ployee Robert Hinkle aerates the soil at Towle
Park this morning. The process is part of year-

## Clinton shelves effort to win aid for Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pres- The package to prop up the financial markets have gone into ident Clinton today abandoned his peso had won the initial backing tailspin, with the value of the cureffort to win billion aid package for Mexico after congressional leaders told him that chances for winning approval were slim.
Instead, Clinton will use his ecutive authority as president to help stabilize shaky Mexican fihelp stabilize shaky Mexican i-
nances, said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.
McCurry did not elaborate what Clinton planned to do, but said the president would outline the nation's governors.
McCurry said that congressional leaders told Clinton that winning approval for the package of loan guarantees ", would be

## Appeals court affirms conviction and sentence

The 11th Court of Appeals has the time. Ferguson had initially
affirmed the 1993 conviction and been arrested for driving while affirmed the 1993 conviction and
sentence of Jimmy Don Ferguson who was found guilty of possession of marijuana. Ferguson was charged with
possession of marijuana possession of marijuana on Dec.
31, 1992, indicted by a 31,1992 , indicted by a Apri/May grand jury and was found guilty on
June 23, 1993 by a 132nd District Court jury which deliberated only 27 minutes.
Because Ferguson had been convicted of three or more prio
felony crimes, District Judge felony crimes, District Judge
Gene Dulaney set his sentence at 45 years.
In the appeal, Dallas Attorney John Hagler argued that the trial court erred in falling to supress
evidence seized as a result of Ferguson's consent to search and in allowing into evidence a photo album containing pictures of marijuana plants.
In the first In the first point, Ferguson's
consent to allow officers to a car and a residence, the defens held that the appellant's consen
was not freely and voluntarily giwas not freely and voluntarily gi
ven bectuse he was intoxicated at

The package to prop up the
peso had won the initial backing
of House Republican leaders. But support for it over the past few days eroded.
McCurry told reporters that the
president decided it president decided it wasn't worth
the effort to try to win the legisla the effort to
instead, the spokesman saic he president would take action "that would provide some long "erm stability for the peso." He said it would have been preapproved to have a congressionally approved package, but that Clin be cause of "the urgency" of the situation.
Mexico's financial crisis stems from its devaluation of the peso
last Dec. 20. Since then, Mexican been arrest
intoxicated.
However, However, in reviewing the case
he appeals court found that Fer uson was read the Miranda warn ing prior to giving search. Further, new he could refuse to give conknew he could refuse to give conaffirmed that Ferguson gave consent voluntarily, was present during the s
objection. In the second point, the appel-
lant held that admission of a photo aibum containing pictures of mariJuana plants was not relevant because there were other people living in the residence where it was to someone else.
The appeals. court, however, noted that testimony showed that he inside cover of the album was labled "Belongs to Jimmy Do cated the appellant knew what marijuana was and that his posses-
sion of marijuana in the residence sion of marijuana in the
was not by accident.

## ailspin, with the value of the cur-

 percent against the dollar. The decision to pull the plug on he package - which had not yet been formally introduced as legis-lation - was made by Clinton lation - was made by Clinton during an emergency meeting at
the White House with congressional leaders.
The leaders, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, left the White House by a side entrance ing outside.
However,
However, Gingrich earlier said
he would not schedule a vote on he would not schedule a vote on
the plan unless there are good he plan unless there are good
prospects for passage. Gingrich and other Clinton that the package was in deep trouble on Capitol Hill where critics have portrayed it as a bailout for U.S. bankers and Wall Street investors who have
millions tied up in Mexican
Clinton has denied that it was any such bailout and argued that Mexico through a short-term criMexico through a short-term cri-

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's hard to
guess the age of a person whose attitude has re mained young."
Saw a cartoon the other day where the kid asked his red-neck father how many days in 1995. Refer replied: "Only 100."
Just how different things will be will only be re vealed in time. Although we're not particularly hopeful, we would fast enlist into Dick Armey' army battling for a flat tax.
make some serious decisions this year sense of humor will remain important. Kids can help put things in the proper perspe tive, as shown from comments made in á book by Missouri grade school teacher who collected stu-
dent answers from government and history test over a period of years. The book is titled, "Our Hysoner aperiod of yea
terical Heritage."
A minor party is one that people under 21 are
allowed to join.

## Discrimination suit ruling favors CMH

A U.S. District Court jury this ney Gerald K. Fugit, denied the al norning returned a verdict in fa- legation and says there was a sysvor of Cogdell Hospital and its tematic pattern by management The jury ruled that the plaintiff, employment opportunity. Bell Ferris $\mathbf{L}$. Bell of Snyder, take no- also claimed age discrimination thing in the suit seeking damages and free speech violations.
in excess of $\$ 500,000$. The plaintiff had sought back The plaintiff had sought back
Bell, 54 , worked as a plant ser- wages, health and retirement benvice manager at Cogdell from July efits and reinstatement to his for7, 1992 until Nov. 11, 1992. Bell mer job. filed suit, claiming that the hospi- Testimony in the case began tal and former CEO Tim Lancaster Monday morning in U.S. District
discriminated against him when Judge Sam Cummings' court he was terminated for unsatisfac- Closing arguments were heard this ory job performance on Nov. 11. morning and the case went to the Bell charged that Lancaster, in his jury at 10:10 a.m. The verdict in role as hospital administrator, ac- favor of the defendants was re-

cused the plaintiff of sexual discri- turned about $10 \cdot 30$ cused the plaintiff of sexual discri- turned about 10:30. | mination against two female $\begin{array}{c}\text { Lancaster presently is a vice } \\ \text { president with Hendrick Medical }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | employees.

The suit, filed by Odessa attor- $\begin{aligned} & \text { president with Hendr } \\ & \text { Center in Abilene. }\end{aligned}$

## Teen Court debut

## considered success

session Monday and Municipal ganizations where they can learn Court Judge Tommie Mills and responsibility
Teen Court Coordinator Patty "We have choices now," said "The young people who partici- Court, the boys. would wash fire pated were exceptional," said trucks and the girls would work in Judge Mills. "My only regret is the library.
that the courtroom has to be
cleared before the cases can be Judge Mills said all the participheard because there are juveniles "They did not take it like it was see the qualityld like everyone to a joke or a game because it is not," olved inality of kids who are inAll the participants on Monday - including the prosecuting and defense attorneys and the jury -
were volunteers those who have been previously sentenced can serve in these capacities.
Four cases were heard Monday including two for disregarding
stop signs, one for Class C stop signs, one for Class C assault
and a case for minor consuming alcohol.

The teen
The teen-agers were sentenced work programs and community in a certain number of Teen Court help.
Davs. Several businesses, for in Davenport works closely with stance, offered coupons for food those sentenced to make sure their and drinks for Monday's particip-
sentence does not interfere with ants and a local grocery store prosentence does not interfere with ants and a local grocery store pro-
the school work or part-time jobs. vided snacks for everyone. She said the teen-agers are sen- The nextsession of the court is
tenced to do community service set for Feb. 13.

## The SDN Column <br> By Roy McQueen

An Independent is a Republican or
that cannot make up his mind which.
that cannot make up his mind which. them on the ballot, so you tear it up. --For campaigns, take two aspirants every four years.

## tics came along.

-The people who are expected to help Presi dent are sometimes locked up in his cabinet. --Before taking office, candidaies must rais their hand and take some oats. - A caucus is something people vote in. Sort of a small booth.
-The most promising candidate is the one who can think of the most stuff to promise.
--The president has the power to appoint
appoint.

- The dif
-The difference between a king and President is hat the king is the son of his father, the President is not. $H$.

2 The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Tues., Jan. 31, 1995

## Panel OKs Bomer

AUSTIN (AP) - Former state
Rep. Elton Bomer, chosen by Gov. George W. Bush as Texas insurance commissloner, has been
recommended for confirmation by he Senate Nominations The committee on Monday nanimously approved Bomer's ppointmen, wich could be conas Tuesday.
Bomer, a Democrat from Mo talba in East Texas, told senators ion and make to eliminate discriminance available to all Texans. He said he would work to get rid of fraud, starting by meeting with Travis County grand jury which has claimed the Texas Department of Insurance ignores fraudulent "I want to assure you wn't serve as a Republican or Democrat, but in the public interest, fair to both consumers and providers," Bomer said.
Bomer was questioned oned by some ence for the job.
He said in the late 1960s and early 1970 s he worked as a computer programmer for an insurnce company in Houston. He sai ccounting system, adding that 'You have to understand the business. pretty well to be able to do
Bomer served in the Texas House from 1981 to 1985. He then behalf of several businesses. He re-entered politics and won elecion in 1990.
"I don't recall lobbying for any Bomer said of the $\$ 150,000$ he received in campaign contribuions over the past three years, $\$ 1,400$ came from insurance interests.
Bomer said he supported the Counsel, a state agency representing consumers, which has been targeted for proposed legislative oudget cuts.
Bomer said, adding that he do, oppose any cuts in the agency's budget.
Insurance industry spokesman Jerry Johns, of the Southwestern lisurance information Service,
applauded the committee's vote. "All insurers have ever hope for is a person with a balanced, fair and responsible approach to insur-
ance regulation," Johns said
Pick 3
AUSTIN (AP) - The Pick 3 by the Texas Lottery, in order: $1-8-3$
(one, eight, three)

## TCA Snyder Cablevision invites you to a Retirement Reception Wednesday, February 1

 1:00 til 4:00 p.m. honoring
T.V. Early for his 31 years in the Cable Industry early today 88 minutes apart marking the first time in 44 years capital punishment on the same
Clifton Russell, 33, condemned or the robbery-murder of an
Abilene man in 1979, was the first o be strapped to the death chamer gurney.
and a half lower by wearly an hour lamis, 38 , sentenced willie Wil980 robbery-murder at a Houston
"I want to torank my friends and family for sticking with me frough all this,"' Russell said in a After a couple of deep breaths
and a single gasp, there was no further movement. He was declared dead at 12:29 a.m. CST, eight minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms.
A crowd of about 40 people most of them students from nearby Sam Houston University, applauded and cheered as witnesses merged from the prison. A few the punishment.
Corrections officials removed Russell's body from the chamber, eplaced the needles and tubes that carried the lethal chemicals and changed the gurney sheet while
Williams was driven the 15 miles from the Ellis I Unit prison, home of death row, to the Walls Unit in
downown Huntsville, where the eath chamber is located. me never was without love and peace in Islam," Williams

Berry's World


I have a theory. I don't 'get it,' because I am a MAN."

## Texas lawmaker proposing

 salary increase for teachers
## Two convicted killers executed in state

 Slingtone associate of President Clinton has turned over personal noufied he is a target or subject o ank records to Whitewater inves- by Whitewater indenducted ged campaign cash during he hand- counsel Kenneth Starr. gubernatorial race in Arkansas, the paper in today's colitions tha The Washington Post reported. his client is the victim of a "witch An attorney for Carol Willis, hunt" as a result of his role in dis45, a senior adviser at the Demo- tributing tens of thousands of dol-cratic National Committee, told lars to influential ministers and he Post that Willis has turned over political figures in Arkansas' subpoenaed bank records, but de- black community


Then read WTC's Back to Basics column in this weekend's Snyder Daily News!

## salaries would be lifted closer to Robert Junell, D-San Angelo. the national average under a state <br> about the Legislature passing costs of a pay raise on to local

 lion proposal. Let's do it this sessione," a raise Let's do it this session," sald Rep.Christine Hernandez, D-San Antonio,
She said She said Monday that her goal
is for Texas teachers' the national average in four years. Texas ranks 35 th nationally, with an average of $\$ 30,519$ for a
10 -month contract. The national 10-month contract. The
average is $\$ 35,958$.
average is $\$ 35,958$.
Under Ms. Hernandez's bill, the state would pay $\$ 742$ million and local school districts the remainder of the $\$ 1.24$ billion increase
for Texas' 265,000 educators. for Texas' 265,000 educators.
In addition, the state would In addition, the state would chip
in another $\$ 96.6$ million in pension-related costs.
But legislative leaders said state government can't afford its share
of Ms. Hernandez's proposal, which would give teachers raises of $\$ 500$ to $\$ 6,000$ and require fu-
ture increases as education spending rises.
m for a teacher pay raise .
inding $\$ 800$ million for any but finding $\$ 800$ million for any
project right now, we simply don't
put to death of the 263 inmates put to death nationally. The multiple executions, however, were the first in Texas since o the Texas electric chair in 1951 The only other state to conduct multiple executions in the modern era of the death penalty is Arkansas, which did it twice last year.
Russell spent much of his last day visiting with friends before eating a final meal of chili dogs, baked beans, corn and peanut buter cookies.
Williams
Williams visited with his mother and stepfather, then talked
by phone to his ex-wife by phone to his ex-wife and was two double-cheeseburgers, onion rings and cheese cake. Russell was 18 when he wa charged with killing Hubert To-
bey, 41, who worked as an air bey, 41 , who worked as an ajr
traffic controller in Abilene. Tobey, abducted from a self-sery
gas station Dec. 2, 1979, w found dead outside an abandoned house, his throat cut, his skull crushed by a 40 -pound concr Russell and an accomplice, William Battee, were arrested the following day in Hobbs, N.M.,
driving Tobey's blood-spatiered car. They had been at a shopping mall using the victim's credit cards. Battee testified against Russell and received a 60 -year prison
term. Russell got the death term. Russell got the death rds subpoen

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 ned to say wherner he has beenness of the system," he said in recent interview. "I see some thing is wrong with the system." ton, was convicted of the Hous1980, shooting death of Claude Schaffer Jr.
Williams
Williams and an accomplice Joseph Nichols, were buying a they pulled handguns on Schaffer Schaffer was shot in the back while he was squatting behind the counter of the convenience store. Williams, who fled with a coin box, was arrested three days later,
iding in a home freezer. He confessed to the slaying and pleaded guilty to capital murder. Both he and Nichols were sentenced to death Nichols is awaiting
DATE BOOK

## Jan. 31, 1995

## Today is the $31 s t$ da of 19955 day the the $42 n$

day of wint
TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in
1973, New York City police 1973, New York City police "copped"
to stealing one-fifth of all narcotics
seized since seized since 1961 .
TODAY'S BIRTH
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Schu-
bert (1797-1828), composer; Anna bert (1797-1828), composer; Anna
Pavova (182-1911), ballerina; Eddie Cantor (1892-1964), bomerian; Tallulah Bankhead (1903-1968), actress:
Jackie Robinson (1999-1972), baseball Jackie Robinson (1919-1972), basebail
great; Carol Channing (1923), atress,
is 72 ; Ernie Banks (1931-), baseball great, is $64 ;$ Philipp Glass (1937.-), com-
poser, is 58 ; Nolan Ryan (15. poser, is 58 ; Nolan Ryan (115.i.-), base-
ball great, is 48; Phil Collins (1951-),
musician, is $44 ;$, musician, is 44; John Lydon (Johnny
Rotten) (1956-), singer-author, is 39 Rotten) (1956-), singer-author, is 39 .
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1945, New York Giant tackle Al "The Human Howitzer" Blovis was killed by
German machine German machine-gun fire while
searching for $a$ missing patrol during a blizzard in a mancee's Vosges doring Moun-
tains. It was the lieutenat's ains. It was the lieutenant's first combat mission and came less than
two months after his final NFL game. woDAY'S QUOTE: "Jackie Robinson
will not make the major leagues. He
is a thousand-to-one shot at best. The is a thousand-to-one shot at best. The
Negro players simply dont have the
brains or the skill." - sportswriter Negro players
brains or the s
Jimmy Powers
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in
1989, Northway, Alaska, set the time record high barometric pressure
for North America, with a reading of 31.85 inches. The temperature at the
time of the rerord (around noon) was lime of the rerord (around noon) was
minus 46 degrees.
source. source: 1955 W
Pubbishing, Ld.
 school districts.
public education totals abou $\$ 16.5$ billion, with the state $\$ 16.5$ billion, with the state pick-
ing up 45 percent of the total. Ms. quire the state to pick up 60 per cent of the salary increase. Texas hasn't changed the mini-
mum salary scale in six years, mum salary scale in six years,
leaving raises to local school disricts' discretion, according to Of the 976 Tex sind Of the 976 Texas school dis tricts that teach kindergarten
through grade 12, a TSTA survey showed 42 had cut local survple ments and 433 had not improve their teacher pay scales during the

Salary hike for teachers detailed here
AUSTIN (AP) - Here, at a
glance, is the teacher salary increase proposed by Rep. Christine Hernandez, D-San Antonio:

- State-set minimum teach salaries would increase by $\$ 6,000$ for a 10 -month contract. For example, the minimum starting sal ary would rise from $\$ 17,000$ t spot on the pay scale, which has 10 levels, would earn a minimum of $\$ 34,400$ next school year added to the minievel would be added to the minimum pay scale i 1996-97, carrying a $\$ 35,54$
- Pay raises would vary de currently makes
Those already earning above $\$ 500$ raise. That would would ge half of the state's educators. Only about 4,000 teachers hose who don't already earn more hould get a $\$ 6,000$ raise The rest would be somewher in between.
- As education spending in mum salary schedule for teachers - The cost for the next two for raises, plus about $\$ 96.6$ million for associated Teacher Retiremen System costs. The money would go to approximately $265,000 \mathrm{edu}$ cators, who include about 230,000 classroom teachers, plus princi
pals, librarians, counselors and others with teaching certificates To build mansion MIAMI (AP) - She's got Cher has cher has submitted plans to hat will total 14,000 square feet -the size of six three-bedroom The house will cost $\$ 591,000$ se to three levels on one end and circle a fountained courtyard Cher describes the house's style as enetian-Moorish-Gothic. "The style is not all that out-
andish for this, area," said Ari Millas, a professor at the University of Miami School of Architec-
ture. "There's quite a tradition of ture. "There's quite a tradition THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Feb. 1 thru Feb. 14
By Appointment Only

Soup up your wintertime


## Community Calendar



Melt the butter over medium heat in a 3 -quart saucepan. Saute the
onions, leeks, carrots, parsnips and
garlic until softened, about 5 minute Add the mushroom, salt, pepper and
sage. Cook until mushrooms have oftened:
over high heateira Stir ind reduce by half tock. Bring to a boil, reduce the theat,
and simmer, covered for 50 or until rice is tender. Serve gar Note: To store soup for serlions. next day, stroine soup for serving the
solids and ref the broth from the solids and refrigerate separately
otherwise, all the orerwise, all the e liaưe separately. will be ab-
orbed into the grains. Whe o serve, combine the broth and the
solids, heat and serve Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- Recipe from "it - Recipe from "The Union Square Cafe Cookbook," by Danny Meyer and
Michael Romano (HarperCollins, 1994). CARROT-RED LENTL SOUP


MUSHROOM SOUP - Add barley and wild rice to mushroom for New England Culinary Institute)
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Add the stock and bring to a boil.
Lower the heat, cover the pot, and simmer for 30 minutes, until the veg-
etables and rice are tender. Puree the soup in a blender (working in batche
es) or food processor until smooth. Return the soup to the saucepan,
bring back to b boil, and stir in co-
conut milk and lime juice cook for bring back to a boil, and stir in co-
conut milk and lime juice. Cook for 1
minute more and serve. Note: Coconut milk is available,
canned, in specialty stores and some canned, in specia
supermarkets.
Yield: 6 servings.
Cafecipe from "The Union Square
Cafe Cookbook," by Danny Meyer and
Cafe Cookbook," by Danny Meyqer and
Michael Romano (HarperCollins, 1994).
 FOOD


The night before you are to make
the soup, put the beans in a bowl and the soup, put the beans in a bowl and
cover with several inches of cold
water. Soak overnight. Discard soak1. Pound dried cannellini beans, The Scurry County Penwomen
rinsed and picked over Mrs. Franklin Bryant of Ira with
Janelle Burk presiding. Garnet Quiett gave the invoca-
tion and business was conducted. tion and business was conducted. Quiet was elected chaplain. For-
mer chaplain Christine Killgo rmer chaplain Christine Killgo re-
cently moved to Odessa. Sherry Bryant was elected treasurer and scrapbook chairman.
In order to inspire a poem or an
article, Burk gave each member a aruicle, Burk gave each member a
sheet of paper and asked that they write freely for 15 minutes on in-
stantaneous thoughts. She advised the group to do this often. During the reading session,
members reading their own work included "False Spring" and "Going for the Gold," by Burk; "My
Garden Walk" and "To Mom", by Garden Walk" and "To Mom," by Bertha Warren; and "The Sojour-
ner" and "Winter Cinquains," by Quiett.
Bryant read a poem and gave the "word of encouragement" by Leading from "Widen My Vision Warren won the hostesses gift.
The next meeting is to be Feb. 22 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burk and those interested in writing are invited to visit or to be-

The Pleasure's Mine
2502 Ave. $R$
Defensive Driving Class; Snyder Savings a Lo 6 -9 pim Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park \& Llub in Winston Park for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park
formation call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.
People Without Partners; SATURDAY
and dominos; 6:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information MARIALISA CALTA

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## By Phillip Alder

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the course is $\$ 52$ which Includes tultion, toes and toxtbook. For more Information and to pre-register, please call 573-8511, ext. 390. Class slze is limited. Pre-registration is required.



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Writers invited to Midland seminar Feb. 4
Free lance writer Vidya Srinivas, a native of India, is the
speaker for West Texas Writers on Saturday, Feb. 4.
The group will meet at 2 p.m. in W. Missour Ave Llorary, 301 Mrs. Srinivas will describe her experiences writing for publica tions in her native country. Her ardicies on business and women's issues were written in English for translation into India's 26 languages for publication
A brief stide presen
accompany the talk.
Since moving to Midland, Mrs Srinivas has written for M Maga zine and the Midland ReporterCelegram and has been active in Those interested are invited to attend.
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## Sports

## GRUDGE MATCHES

Snyder takes on Sweetwater

## Hermleigh and Ira battle



By TODD STANLEY SDN Sports Editor Like cats and dogs, the Snyder Tigers continue to go after one another The Tigers spoiled the Musangs' hopes of capturing their whn tournament in December on their turf.
In contrast, the Mustangs came to Snyder for the opening of District $5-4 \mathrm{~A}$ play and blasted the Tigers in the first
quarter to claim a $63-53$ victory.
Tonight, the two teams battle for the third time this seasongame time is 8 o'clock in
Sweetwater well prove to be the turning point of the Tigers season. In the second meeting, the

After the game, however Snyder has gone on a four game losing streak, most recently 60-52 loss to Lubbock Esta cado. Sweetwater, on the othe
hand, has done a litule better, by hand, has done a little better, by their last game, the Mustangs fell at the buzzer $61-60$ to Lamesa.
Snyder (11-14, 0-5) will look lo get back into the district race
and Sweetwater (11-13,
$2-3$ ) and Sweetwater (11-13, 2-3)
hopes io remain in striking distance of Levelland and Estacado, as the two teams head into In girls' action, the story is a little different. Snyder (10-17, 4-3), which remains close to District 5-4A leaders, Level-
land and Frenship, needs a win land and Frenship, needs a win to stay in contention.
Sweetwater $(5-20$, the other hand needs a win to save face. A win against rival Snyder could make the Lady Mustangs' season:
In the first game betwee
these two teams. Snyde hese two teams, Snyder
jumped out to an early lead. However, Sweetwater was able to slow the game down more to its liking and control the game.
Snyder ended up winning the low-scoring affair by a score of 32-28.


By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor
The battle between Hermleigh and Ira should be decided
on who can knock the other one out the fastest. Both the Cardinals and the
Bulldogs have had difficulty Bulldogs have had difficulty coming back from early Herm
Hermieigh's boys have be tive shells recently. But both teams will be fighting it out, a they battle for Scurry Count ragging rights.
The game that means more in and playoff implications is the
girls' contest.
Hermleigh and Ira both boa identical 2-0 district recoast and appear as the front-runners in the conference, despite Hermleigh's slow start.

## Hermieigh's slow start. The Lady Cardinals (5-1

overill) are Ied by Michalle
Roemisch and Kelly Gonzalez, Roemisch and Kelly Gonzalez,
both of whom are coming off 20-plus scoring night against Loraine.
The Lady Bulldogs (13-9 over leadership and youthful exhuberance.
Jennifer Northcotu and Jennifer Rankin anchor the squad, but Melissa Brasuel and Jody Rankin have added scoring punch to the team.
In the boys'
game, HermIn the boys' game, Herm-
leigh (10-12, 2-0) counts on a leigh (10-12, 2-0) counts on a The Cardinals are led by
charge. Ricky Sosa, Chris Roemisch, Billy Luna and Joey Sanchez. The Bulldogs, ( $0-2$ in district
play), count on the point proplay), count on the point pro-
duction of Heath Mathis to pace the team.
"This district is very compe titive," said Hermleigh coach
Wayne Poehls. "We have to Wayne Poehls. "We have to go
in and play hard every night to win."
Tonight's action is all in Ira and begins with the girls' game at $6: 30$. The boys tip off at 8 .
Ira Senior Class is sponsoring a pre-game chili supper at 5

Freshmen blast AHS, fall to Sweetwater

SWEETWATER - After Alowing out an overmatched the Snyder freshman "A" "team, traveled to Sweetwater Monday, only to end up on the short side of a two-point victory. A see-saw batle the entire way left the Tigers looking for quarter scoring flurry came up short.
Snyder trailed at intermision 18-15, and at the end of the third quarter 32-22, but an Mustangs in the fourth. The Tigers outscored Sweetwater 5-7 in the final stanza. Howver, the comeback turned out Tigers were led vin Fabre, who finished the night with a team-high 11 points. Jack Carter added nine in the losing cause.

NBA Glance


Over the weekend, Snyder had a little better luck; plowing over Abilene High 76-68 in
Abilene. The Ti quick 21-12 first quarter to a vantage and continued to pour it on in the second, 18-11. Snyder commanded a huge Sweetw hater closed the gap in the second
half.
Snyder took a $18-17$ scoring edge in the third quarter but the Mustangs attempted a late Sweetwater outscored the Tigers 28-19 in the fourth quarter.
Kyle
Kyle Beck led the Tigers with 19 points and Jimmy Taylor chipped in 15 . Kelly Gentry Smith knocked down 10 .

## NHL Glance

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## SJHS boys turned back at Sweetwater

SWEETWATER - The last halftime, but rallied in the second time the Snyder Junior High
hoys' basketball teams lead by one with $: 17$ on the boys' basketball teams travelled to Swee
mixed.
Snyder was able to take two out of four from the Mustangs, with
the eighth grade "A" team losin the eighth grade " $A$ " team losing
by just four points and the seventh grade " $B$ " team falling by only
The Tigers and Mustangs knocked heads again ith weetwas-
ter Monday night, with the Mustangs taking three of four this time around.
Only the eighth grade " B " team was able to come
ter with a victory.
Snyder (6-4), which led at the half 26-19, had to hold off a Mustangs rally in the second to capture a 42-40 victory. It marked the sixth straight win over "B" team competition for the Tigers. $\quad$ Jim Collins scored 10 points to lead Snyder and Ricardo Hernandez chipped in six. The closest game of the nigh team game. After swamping the Mustangs
$57-19$ in their first meeting 57-19 in their first meeting, Sweetwater escaped a last second, in-and-out bucket by Josh Ward ment beginning the Snyder tournato claim a 49-48 win. "A" beginning Friday, while the College Basketball Scoreboard


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STRETCHING OUT - Snyder's Brad Gober (50) leans in for a bucket during the Tigers' $\mathbf{0 0 - 5 2}$ loss to Estacado Friday. Snyder is going for their first district win tonight at Sweetwater. Tip off is
scheduled for 8. (Photo by Todd Stanley) District 5-4A Glance

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Another 18 -year-old male arrested at the same location for consumption of alcohol by a minor, evading arrest and possession of marijuana.
Also arrested at 3500 College was a 23 -year-old male who was
charged with public intoxication and evading arrest.
At 2 p.m. Monday, a 17-year-
old male was arrested in the 1000 block of 27 th Street for probation
A 19-year-old female was arrested at $2: 45$ p.m. from the 1400 evoke probation revoke pr
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nience store on North College nience store on North College
Avenue at $11: 21$ p.m. Monday Avenue at 11:21 p.m. Monday and charged with driving while
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garage at 1908 Towle Park garage at 1908 Towle Park Road. A close patrol of a residence i
the 4100 block of Kerrville wa requested after eggs were thrown on a vehicle.
A report of a forged check was
made at 10:42 a m in referenco made at 10:42 a.m. in reference to a check being passed at the WesJan. 13.
Officers were notified at 1:23 p.m. Monday of three juveniles playing on the railroad tracks eas of College Avenue.
1:52 p.m. that eggs had been thrown on a vehicle in the 2200 block of 40 th Street.
A report of a gas drive-off was
made from the mace fore at 6:48 p.m. CouveniTwo reports of Class C assault
were filed at 8:03 p.m. Monday in reference to an altercation in the
"Yet you are two healthy wo men and you don't want to enter two healthy men. You push them toward war by not letting them enter an intimate relationship. ... I each Chechen would have a wo That's why you're the source of

Bullock feels good and has quit smoking AUSTIN (AP) - Lt. Gov. Bob pass surgery in September, say
he's feeling fine he's feeling fine and has quit smoking, at least temporarily.
Bullock, 65 , who began his sec Bullock, 65, who began his sec ingly chided news reporters Monday for not asking recently about his health.
"That's all many of you have written about for years - that next day," Bullock said, adding that his health "happens to be real
good." ood."
Bullock said he stopped smok again and quit again 30 days agd aga's using a nicotine patch to help him overcome the urge, adding,'" felt like I needed that crutch. . So will he stay off cigarettes? morrow, but today I'm not," Bul-

## Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Rex Glass, 2606 Ave. G; Ty Springer, 17550 CR 3164; Eliza Trew, 2904 Snyder Oaks Care Center; Casey
Frizell, Hermleigh; Frizzell, Hermleigh; Cynthia
Jackson, 3501 Austin Place; Lisha acatherwood, 1752 Garden Lane. DISMISSALS: Donald Brock, Rachel Rivera and Aron Ornelas, eatherwood. Census: 48 (Med-12, Long erm Care-32, $\mathrm{CCU}-2$, OB-1

## Births

Toby and Rhonda Roemer ot daughter born at 5:55 p.m. on Jan 0 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, three
ounces. ounces.
Jeff and Kathy Kellner of Ira are parents of a daughter, Sarah Lena, orn on Jan. 26 in the Senic MounShe weighed seven pounds, $6^{1 / 2}$ ounces, and was welcomed home by a brother, Wesley.
Grandparents are Judy and Andy Keliner of Ira, Melva Craig orth. Great-grandme Lena Ainsmeda O'Neal of San Angelo.
David William Wooldridge was Dorn to Ronnie and Sha wna Wool dridge of Snyder at $8: 37$ p.m. on
Jan. 24 at home, assisted in delivery by Caroll Hutson and Linda Kemp from Abilene.
Grandparents are O.N. and Betty Wooldridge of Snyder City, and Duane and Marilyn Conatser of Tulsa. Great-grandparents are Myron and Gale Fenton of

## Court upholds school funding law

Continued From Page 1 in poor districts are being denied in Texas has ended. if they don't choose an option. $\begin{gathered}\text { opportunities,'" said Al Kauffman } \\ \text { of the Mexican American Legal }\end{gathered}$ if they don't choose an option.
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of the Mexican American Legal court's role under our Constitu- remain van, school finance will school districts that must share Defense and Educational Fund. tion's separation of powers provi- working to find enough money to this school year - out of a total 1,045 districts statewide - chose
to comply by either sending money to the state or becoming partners with a poorer school district.
Lawyers for both rich and poo
schoots disagreed with the ruling. "We are very disappointed that the court doesn' $\ddagger$ agree with u that the school funding is still ine Cornyn, a Republican, was
joined by Chief Justice Tom Phillips, also a Republican, and three Democrats: Justices Raul Gon
zalez, Jack Hightower and Bob
Gammage. This is the firs Rppul Gammage. This is the firs Rppul
liaancontrolled Supreme Cour since Reconstruction.
In his majority opinion, Cornyn
wrote; "Our judgment in this cas quitable and that at of children nal not interpreted as a sig sion should be one of restraint
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ture how to discharge its duty" ture how to discharge its duty."
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## Happy 20th  <br> 

 poor districts will now be muc worse off than rich districts."The ruling, Ms. Spector The ruling, Ms. Spector wrote "is based on the previously
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constitutional responsibility is saconstitutional responsibility is sa
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## Obituaries


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one sister
one sistr. sand include a daughte Won, Larry Hooper of the bome ive Larry Hooper of the homildren, Diana Blanco Michelle Rose, Renee Tomlin Stacey West and Tracey West, all of Dallas; three sisters, Ladel Yardley of Arlington, Wadi mith of California and Marjori six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.
Mrs. Huddleston
1921-1995
Service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale FunHuddleston, 73, who died at 1:25 p.m. Monday at her home following a lengthy illness.
Officiating will be the Rev. C.J. assisted by Leroy Ochoa of Knapp Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.
Born in Thibodaux, La., she married Delphin Leon Bowles on July 28,1939 in Hannville, La. Cecil Huddleston on March 5 1970, and he died in 1980
Mrs. Huddleston, a homemaker, moved to the Knapp com-
munity in 1958 and had been an active member of the Knapp Bapist Church since that time
Mrs. Huddleston was also active in the Knapp Home Debridge and domino groups. Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Bowles of Knoxville, Tenn. and Mary Purswell of Snyder; a brother, Sidney Can-
cienne of Marrero, La.; a sister, Estelle Duboise of Marrero, La.; two grandchildren, Robin Velasquez of Snyder and Scott Sharp of Ira; and three great -

Malcolm Helton
FORT WORTH
eryice is set for $11: 30, \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Wedservice is set for Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst for Malcolm L. Helton, 74, who died Sunday.
Burial will follow in Moore Memorial Gardens.
He was the brother of Zelda At He was the bro
wood of Snyder.
Born in New castle, Mr. Helton Born in Newcastle, Mr. Helton
was retired after 45 years with General Dynamics, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.
Survivors include his wife, Heen Helton of Fort Worth; two sons, Jerry M. Helton and Jay
Helton, both of Fort Worth; a daughter, Sandra Kennedy of Fort Burch of Graham; three grandgrandchildren.

## PD investigates

 assault complaintSnyder police are investigating
complaint filed by a school a complaint filed by a school maintenance employee who ach Friday afternoon. Police Lt. Steve Warren said
this morning that no charges have this morning that no charges have
been filed and the investigation is been filed a
continuing.
Police were contacted shortly after 3 p.m. Friday from Cogdel Memorial Hospital, where the maintenance employee was being, treated for a laceration over hi left eyebrow and a chipped tooth.
The altercation allegedly occurred in a laundry room at the high school field house and started with a disagreement ovef
some work to be done. some work
Snyder High School Principal Larry Scott said this morning that and he could not discuss it Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax is out of town
for comment.

## Trial resumes

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The woman who claimed she saw rou
men speeding away from nea where Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman awere slain is " known liar and a Simpson cas groupie
today.
She called Gerchas "one of
thase people who comes out of whese prople who comes in high profite casces

## Smithsonian sets post-mortem

 on controversy over Enola GayWASHINGTON (AP) - The
Smithsonian Institution is planning a post-mortem or two to see
why its planned exhibition of the why its planned exhibition of the Enola Gay blew up in its face and museum or can deal with history
Nobody -was left happy by
Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael give up trying to tell the 50 -yearold story of the use of the atomic bomb against Japan and the consequences that flowed from it. Instead," the National Air and
Space Museum will display the Space Museum will display the
fuselage of the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the bomb over Hiroshima, possibly with a video
of crew members recalling that of crew m
mission. It will be shown without com
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one of the turning points in human
history. museum had spen
The bit in May that would have pro bit in May that would have pro-
vided the context of the bombing - the discussion within the Truman administration of whether to use the bomb, the rejection of a demonstration bombing, the selec-
tion of a city as a target, the envirtion of a city as a target, the envir-
onmental and health consequonmental and health consequ-
ences of subsequent open-air nuclear testing and the dozens of
Cold War issues that ensued. Cold War issues that ensued.
But it proved too controversial. But it proved too controversial. Veterans groups objected that the
bombing of Japan was an unmitigated blessing for the United States and its fighting men and the exhibit should say so.
They said as planned it paid too
much attention to Japan's much attention to Japan's suffer-
ing and too little to Japan's brutal ity during and before World War IIt and that it underestimated the number of Americans who would have perished in an invasion.
Announcing the decision Mon Announcing the decision Mon-
day to scale back the exhibit, Heyday to scale back the exhibit, Hey-
man said the University of Michigan had agreed to co-sponsor a forum on 'the appropriate ways fial mubeums to handie controver-
curators, military historians, rep- tion. "You can't "uck your his-
resentatives of veterans and peace tory," he said. "You've got to groups and others to discuss how deal with it. I think it's a funny the Smithsonian can discuss the position for the Smithsonian to issue of atomic weapons. "I regret that the Enola Gay The exhibit's opponents - on controversy has led some to doubt both sides - were not satisfied the value of historical inquiry by with the decision to virtually
museums," he said. "I believe scuttle the exhibit museums," he said. "I believe scuttle the exhibit. that important artifacts of Ameri- The American Legion pressed
can history ought to be exhibited for congressional ingestigations in a historical context. However, I "scrutinize, very closely, the decido intend to conduct an extensive sions that led up to this exhibit," management review of the Na- while an anti-nuclear group, Physional Air and Space Museum." icians for Social Responsibility,
Former Wes Roy Flint, president of the Society rendering to "right-wing congres-

## Gingrich calls for task force to eye Medicare

icare and the agency that - Madminis- eral affairs for the American Asso ters it need to be reinvented to give ciation of Retired Persons, said his senior citizens greater health care group is ready to discuss the future
choices, House Speaker Newt of Medicare But "it's choices, House Speaker Newt of Medicare. But "it's going to be
Gingrich says. Gingrich says. have to rethink the whole structure sation if at the same time we'ree all because as long as you have the spending cuts,", he said. Health Care Finance Administra- While Gingrich suggested abol-
tion micromanaging and having ishing the Health Care tion micromanaging and having ishing the Health Care Finance too much red tape, it doesn't Administration, the federal
work,", Gingrich, R-Ga., said agency that administers Medicare, Monday. Corry called the idea premature Speaking at the annual meeting "HCFA, for all the brickbats it tion, Gingrich said the current "Any replacementent," he said. "highly centralized, bureaucratic "Any replacement administrative structure, offering one menu for everybody in a monopolistic manner, is the opposite of how America works."
Gingrich proposed forming a task force to revamp the program,
choosing its members from senio citizen groups, the hospital association and medical societies. "We are going to rethink Medicare from the ground up," he said. "It's not just a question of saying structure; it's a question of thinking through at the vision and strategy level, what might be righ
about the replacement."
kñow industry adopts a system zard Analysis and Critical Control Points, that stresses actions to prevent contamination. Acting Secretary of Agriculture
Richard E. Rominger Richard E. Rominger stressed that
the proposal, a typewritten 320 pages, "is not about more regulation.' bie regulation," he saide sensiThe government doesn't require testing of meat and poultry food are estimated to sicken at least 6.5 mil
kill 9,000 .

## Astro-graph

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dealings today. When you think the odds
are in your favor, they may actually be are in your favor, they may actually be
stacked against you.

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ships might take on new significance ships might take on new significancce.
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defeat from the jaws of victory.
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23-Aug. 22) Make sure to get everything in writing today if you'r Leave nothin
agreements.
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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you
might become involved with a person might become involved with a person
who is extremely abrasive. Try not to
complicate this situation by emulating hisher behavior. LBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Untortunately,
unpleasant tasks will not pertorm them-
selves today. Bite the bullet or hold your ose and take care of those nasty little SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you take a risk today without carefully weighing
the possible gains, you might play a large
gamble for something almost worthless in the end.
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everyone steop on it instead of tring to
hammer out a solution. Tomorrow calmer heads will prevail.
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 poultrywon't begin until next year, be-
cause the public will have 120 days to comment on the proposals
before a final rule is published, before a final rule is published
which will take several months. which will take several take sev
The HACCP plans will take eral years to put in prace. The Food and Drug Admi-
nistration announced a HACCP plan to regulate seafood a year ago this month, but the final rule ha
yet to be published yet to be published.
The USDA prop adopts two key elements of a poul try inspection plan announced las July: zero tolerance for any trace of fecal contamination, and ant microbial rinses. But it omits
costly requirement that a new in costly requirement that a new
spection point be added and that all birds, rather than a sample, be reinspected after further proce ing if initially found to be
contaminated. Thomas Billy, deputy administrator of the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service,
said it is unresolved whether those said it is unresolved whether those
requirements will be necessary, requirements will be neces
given the proposed rules. The proposals follow by two years a deadly food-poisoning
outbreak in the Pacific Northwest that forced a new look at safety issues. cated a HACCP system but opposes the use of tests as a bensystem needs to replace the current system of carcass-by-carcass inspection rather than being added
to it. "We're not necessarily wanting to see new ideas and new tech-
nologies coming on merely to be nologies coming on merely to be
layered what's on top of what's already there," said Tom Cook, vice president of government afAssociation.

## Poll shows

 ratings up for ClintonWASHINGTON(AP)-President Clinton's job rating has
umped 9 percentage points in jumped 9 percentage points in
three weeks and 70 percent of hose questioned in a new poll said with the new Republican majorities in Congress.
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of those surveyed in the ABC of those surveyed in the ABC News-Washington Post pol ©inema|


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Parents' Lack of Discipline Keeps Grandparents Away
DEAR ABBY: This is an open
letter to "Disappointed in Cincin-
nati," the mother of two small boys who complains because her parents
and in-laws don't spend enough and in-lawer dinildren. new breed I see tearing up of the and restaurants while their mother phone with, "What do you want?" in a surly manner? Are they impolite mitted to reprimand them? Prior to their visit, must the house be
cleared of every precious object, lest Io be a a -year-old have to pick up a crystal bowl or a clock to examine it
while the mother Why do 2 - and 3 -year-olds have
to eat a bite the dinner table, take a bite, and run back outside - repeating
exercise throughout the meal? At family celebrations in restau rants, why does a mother (or father
have to remove a screaming 4 -year-


## Life improving for rescued children

CHICAGO (AP) - The cops adequate food and clothing went in looking for drug dealers even though the mothers were colinstead: 19 children, from 6 a year in welfare. months to 14 years old, crammed into an apartment littered with feces and
drug-ridden urban neighborica's
Six of the children huddled this People sat back and said, 'Is under a dirty blanket on a single where we're going?"' said Patrick maturess; five slept in their under- Murphy, the Cook County public wear on a hardwood floor. Two guardian. Shepherd over a chewed bone. A is limited by-confidentiality laws filthy refrigerator stood almost empty. Now, a year later, the case that
Vice President Al Gore called a Vice President Al Gore called a
"warning bell" for America's have a happy ending.
The children are in foster homes and most appear to be thriving. "They're going to school, they're getting fed, they're sleep-
ing in their own bed," said attoring in their own bed," said attor
ney John Savittieri, who worked for the public guardian's office. "They are in much better shape out of the custody of the adults at
Keystone., Keystone."
apartment on Keystone Avenue apartment on Keystone Avenue
the children seldom went to
school, didn't receive medicine school, didn't receive medicine

## Protein found in saliva does give protection against AIDS

"But for the number of child-
, people need to understand hat this is not the exception," said Yvonne Holte of the public guar-
dian's office "These dian's office. "These situations exist all over the country and need
to be addressed." be addressed.
Michael, 5 , is on
faring much better. Last February, he couldn't walk and ate only from a bottle. He suffers from cerebral
palsy and seizures but was receivpalsy and seizures but
ing no medication.
Today, he walks with a brace and is beginning to talk and feed himself. Once reluctant to be touched, "he hugs and kisses -
he's a very loving kid," said an athe's a very loving kid," said an at-
torney familiar with the case. He is on a fast track for adoption, living with a foster-care couple who hope to become his parents. Some of the mothers have taken
encouraging steps, too. Denise encouraging steps, too. Denise
Melton soon may be ready to leave an in-patient drug treatment facility, according to attorneys. Her maternal cousins and 4, live with maternal cousins. She visits them
every Saturday.

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oo. Diana Melton, mother to two ocaine baby days after the police earch. Authorities took it away She hasn't tried to visit the three children in almost a year, and has been jailed twise since then. Records indicate she was tossed out of a jail drug-treatment program She will soon give birth to another
child. child.
Mean
Meanwhile, the house on ey
stone Avenue stands empty; the city's efforts to force its owner to demolish it or sell it for rehabilitation is winding through the courts.
Across the street, an open-air Across the street, an open-air
bazaar of illegal drugs prospers. Drug users are frisked by dealers as they wait their turn to score.

## Boyz II Men wins

 three 'American" awards MondayII Men capitalized on all but one of picked up its 13th consecutive fatheir four nominations at the 22nd vorite group trophy Ace of Base, Michael Botton and ton" aced the "' "Toni Brax Reba McEntire received two tro- in sout-R\&B, and competition phies apiece. vocalists of All-4-One youthful "I'll Make Love to You" vocalists of All-4-One won the brought Boyz II Men honors for. "The Lion King" soundtrack favorite single in the pop-rock and was chosen over Counting Crows' soul-rhythm and blues categories, "August and Everything After" R\&B group. They won top soul- and Carey's "Music Box" as fa for adult contemporary artist. Counting Crows did "It's something we believe in Counting Crows did collect a "It's something we believe in trophy for alternative music artist,

- romance and falling in love," and in a bittersweet victory, Nirgroup member Shawn Stockman vana was top heavy metal-hard said backstage. Monday night's awards show honored such American Music Award veterans as McEntire and
Alabama, along with new stars ranging from Counting Crows to Snoop Doggy Dogg.
Top male artist awards went to Michael Bolton in pop-rock,
Babyface in soul-R\&B and Garth Babyface in soul-R\&B and Garth
Brooks in country. Favorite female artists were Mariah Carey in pop-rock, Anita Baker in soul-
R\&B and McEntire in country. Bolton also collected the award for favorite adult contemporary
artist. artist.
McE McEntire's other victory was in
the country album competition for her "Read My Mind,"" which beat the popular compilation work
"Common Thread: Songs of the "Eagles" and
Capping a phenomenal rise to popularity, Sweden's Ace of Base quartet was named pop-rock's fa-
vorite new artist over All-4-One vorite new artist over All-4-One
and Counting Crows, and favorite pop-rock group over Pink Floy and Stone Temple Pilots.
Comparisons to Sweden's earlier export, Abba, were inevitable, but Ace of Base member Buddah
didn't mind. "I think Abb or Sweden, so to be the new Abb is great I think," he told reporters Country winners also included
Tim McGraw as favorite new tist, Vince Gill's "Whenever You
add a little surprise and a whole lot of fun to all your special occasions!!!

National Institute of Dental Re-
search, believes she has found it. search, believes she has found it. A protein in saliva called secretory leukocyte protease inhibitor, or SLP (pronounced siippy, ate
ches itself to white blood cells and protects them from infection. Just how SLPI does this is unclear. But it may open up new strategies for AIDS medicines. Researchers from a biotechnology
company, Synergen Inc. of Boulcompany, Synergen inc. of rights to develop SLPI, contributed to McNeely's study
McNeely said it may be possiMcNeely said it may be possi-
ble to inject SLPI directly into the blood stream to keep the virus from attacking blood cells. SLPI already circulates in the blood, but
in extremely low levels.

WASHINGTON (AP)-AIDS
is not a kissing disease. and now researchers think they have found at least one reason why.
Their discovery a protein in human saliva that keeps the AIDS virus from infecting white blood AIDS does not appear to be ing or oral sex. In fact, it's difficult to even find HIV, the AIDS virus in the saliva of people who are infected.
"It has years that the spread of HIV through saliva is not extensive,
Dr. Tessie Mc "That's why we were prompted to look for the physiological reason
for that." for that."
McNeely, a researcher at the

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