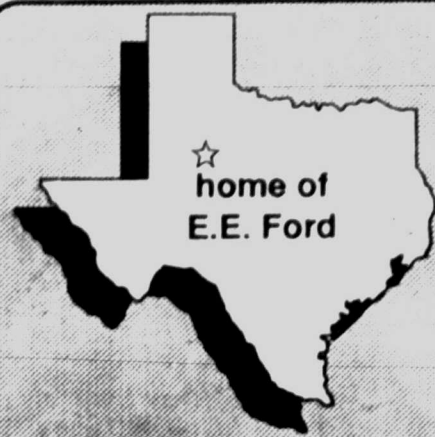


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FRIDAY

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Ask Us

Q—How many beds does Cogdell have?

A—The hospital currently has 84 beds, including 35 for long-term care patients.



In Brief

'Copter crash

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Investigators were walking through knee-deep mud, searching for clues to the crash of a National Guard helicopter as it tried to make it back to Martindale Army Airfield in stormy weather. Two Alabama men were injured in the crash, which occurred about 3:30 p.m. Thursday, and were taken to Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, said Lt. Col. Ed Komandowsky, a spokesman for the Texas National Guard.

Local

Band video

Video tapes of the Snyder High School band's trip to state are available through the Band Booster Club. Those interested should contact Dorothy Gober at 573-4286.

Clinic news

Scurry County Health Unit clinic will be closed Dec. 24 and 26 and will be open in the morning only on Dec. 31.

GS party

Girl Scout troops will have their Christmas party at the Girl Scout Hut Saturday from 6-7 p.m. Santa will make an appearance at 6:30.

Donations

Scurry County Library will be accepting donations of canned goods for Goodfellows and the Noah project. Those owing video fines will receive \$1 of the fine for a donation.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 49 degrees, low, 38 degrees, reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 47 degrees, 1.37 inches precipitation, total precipitation for 1991 to date, 27.39 inches.
Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy and colder with an 80 percent chance of rain and possibly a few evening thunderstorms. Low in the upper 30s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph Saturday, cloudy and cooler with an 80 percent chance of rain. High in the mid 40s. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Almanac: Sunset today, 5:44 p.m. Sunrise Saturday, 7:39 a.m. Of 353 days in 1991, the sun has shone 337 days in Snyder.



PRISON BID — Roy Baze, Helen McLeod and Ricky Fritz, members of the economic development committee, are pictured with the community's proposal for an additional TDCJ correctional facility. The proposal was finalized Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Prison proposal complete, now receiving final review

Snyder's proposal for a second state of Texas prison — a 200-page document — was completed Thursday, almost a month before the deadline. Proposals are due in Huntsville on Jan. 15 and members of the Economic Development Committee will spend the next few weeks proofreading Snyder's bid package. A total of 15 copies must be submitted. Roy Baze, chairman of the prison task force, said contents of the proposal are being kept confidential because of the competitive nature of the process. Texas Department of Criminal Justice said more than 100 communities have expressed interest in a prison and have requested a copy of the department's Request For Proposal dated Sept. 23. On Nov. 5 Texas voters approved a \$1.1 billion constitutional amendment authorizing the sale of bonds to finance new facilities. Scurry County passed the issue by 80.5 percent — third highest in the state and about 15 percentage points above the state-wide average.

Snyder hopes to attract a duplication of the 1,000-bed Price Daniel unit which opened here in 1989. Such a unit would employ approximately 300 persons with an annual payroll of \$7 million. In a change from the two previous rounds of prison bidding, communities this time will not submit an application for a specific type unit. In addition to 1,000-bed facilities, the state is expected to build about six 2,250-bed maximum security units as well as sub-

Snyder nursing facility listed, but problems in past, says administrator

A Snyder nursing facility, targeted last month for violations of health and safety standards, is one of 19 homes in the state subject to action by the state's attorney general. Texas Department of Health said it had asked Attorney General Dan Morales to seek civil penalties against 19 homes — including Snyder Nursing Center. The homes are said to have violated health and safety standards, but the administrator of the Snyder facility said all deficiencies are in the past and have been corrected. "This is based on a past deficiency. All situations have been corrected," said Sandra Givens, administrator at Snyder Nursing Center. "We are delivering quality care to our residents. We have a dedicated and very hard working staff and I am very proud of all of them." The action is believed tied to a Nov. 1 notice that imposed liquidated damages against Snyder Nursing Center for violations found following a state inspection. Three days later, the state lifted the liquidated damages notice and said that "effective Nov. 4, 1991, Snyder Nursing Center of Snyder was found to be in compliance with health and safety standards required for Medicaid program participation." Each of the 19 homes recommended by the health department for civil penalties have been assessed either 23-day or 90-day terminations of Medicare participation. The state health department said Snyder's facility was on the

stance abuse treatment facilities in either 500 or 1,000-bed sizes. State-owned land will be considered, and Snyder is looking at a site just north of the present unit, located on the 575-acre tract donated to the state in 1987. Sufficient utilities are already at the site to accommodate an additional prison. Baze said he is confident that some of the incentives contained in Snyder's proposal are unique. "We doubt that anyone will have anything similar to some (see PROPOSAL, page 10).

Fed lowers rate by one percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve today slashed its key discount rate from 4.5 percent to 3.5 percent, the lowest in more than a quarter of a century, in a continuing effort to sustain a recovery on the brink of relapsing

into recession. The reduction came amid growing signs the already weak economy may be sliding into a so-called "double-dip" recession, in which it turns down after a period of growth.

Special session is called

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature will return to work next month in a special session to carve up new state House and state Senate districts.

And although there is a nursing home and psychiatric hospital scandal, a possible education crisis, and the threat of heavy job losses at an Arlington automotive plant, state leaders said Thursday redistricting will be the only subject of the session.

"We do not think that in the time that a special session allows, it really will allow a discussion for all the items that other people would like to include," Richards said after calling the Jan. 2 session.

But Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said the Legislature should reform state mental health (see SESSION, page 10)

For all practical purposes, the recession continues," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Tuesday.

Later, he said the administration does not believe there is a recession in a technical sense, but is using the term because that is the way most Americans view the economy.

President Bush has ordered a speedup in government economic assistance already available while he considers an fiscal stimulus package to be unveiled during his State of the Union message next month.

The decision came on a 6-1 vote with board member Wayne Angell casting the lone no vote.

It was the fifth change in a year in the discount rate, the interest the Fed charges commercial banks and other financial institutions for overnight loans.

A decrease in the discount rate often signals that other short-term loans such as adjustable-rate mortgages and car loans also will become less expensive.

Earlier this month, the Fed permitted another key interest rate, the federal funds rate, to fall from 4.75 percent to 4.5 percent.

Rain continues; more is forecast

from local, wire reports

Snyder picked up another 1.37 inches of rain over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today and forecasts called for more of the same through Sunday.

The rain was expected to become mixed with freezing rain or sleet in the Panhandle and South Plains early Saturday.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s over most of West Texas, ranging from the 20s in the Panhandle to the 40s in the Big Bend area, in the 40s and 50s in North Texas and in the 50s and 60s in South Texas.

Combined with a precipitation of .93 of an inch Wednesday and early Thursday, Snyder has received 2.30 inches of moisture over the past 48 hours.

The year's rainfall total stood at 27.39 inches as of 7 a.m. today.

The rainfall has been triggered by an intense upper level storm system combined with abundant low level moisture over the state. Forecasters said the rainfall should continue over most of the state through Sunday.

Charles Cam, who resides several miles east of Snyder, recorded 2 inches over the past two days. During the past 24 hours, north Scurry County reported 2.5 inches, Hlavanna 2.2 inches, Ira 2.3

inches, Dunn 2.3 inches and Hermleigh 2.2 inches. The Lake Thomas area reported 1.9 inches. A flash flood watch was in effect for much of the eastern half of Texas as heavy rainfall was expected (see RAINFALL, page 10).

Jaycees name prize winners

Victor and Sheila Means and Danny and Tonya Menges have been named winners in the annual Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest.

The Means' residence, located at 2903 El Paso Ave., won first place in the theme category. The Menges, who reside at 4111 Jacksboro, took first place in the general lighting category.

Second place in the theme category went to Joey Arnold of 4801 Galveston. Second in the general lighting division was won by Paul and Jamie Lovar of 2001 Ave. I.

Prizes were \$25 gift certificates from Travis Flowers, Friendly Flowers, Cox Jewelry and Haney's Jewelry.

Seventeen homes were entered in the lighting contest.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A man who won't lie to a woman has very little consideration for her feelings."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors.

All those speciality catalogs and magazines that come in the mail have a strange smell. O.G. Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, says you may beware about stocking up on too many fragrances.

Said Nieman, "It's amazing how far the liberal do gooders will go to protect us. If anti-aroma activists have their way, all the 'no smoking' signs will be joined by those proclaiming 'No Perfume'."

"There is a movement underway that would add fragrances to the list of restricted or banned substances. In New York, for example, State Sen. Martin Connor has sponsored a bill that would require publications to either discontinue scented pages or wrap their journals in odor-proof sealant."

"The bill was introduced in response to some postal complaints of headaches and librarians who said they were sick after receiving certain

magazines.

Fragrance bans are also cropping up in public places. Chicago restaurateur Jimmy Fohr has declared his eatery both smoke free and scent-free, banning perfume from the premises.

"In Marin County, Calif., the county board of supervisors has been asked to provide fragrance-free areas at public meetings. According to Business Week, the request came from the Environmental Health Network — a group of 500 environmentally sensitive people.

"The chairman of the supervisory board said enforcement could be difficult, and that budget restraints would not allow for sniffers at the door.

"What worries me is that the no-perfume movement could grow to include all kinds of scents. Just imagine a ban against anti-perspirants and deodorants.

"It would be no secret that we'd be caught with our Right Guard down and sure unhappy that the Ban kept everyone from using Dial.

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Jurors accidentally sprayed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jurors listening to testimony in a dispute involving barking dogs were accidentally sprayed with a chemical dog repellent as a lawyer was demonstrating what happened in the case.

The incident came as lawyer James Sieloff was questioning Mary Bowman, wife of George Bowman, who brought the suit against the neighbors. The suit contends that two dogs owned by neighbors Rudy and Cindy Ruiz have caused the Bowmans "psychological pain" by barking at them.

The woman had testified she sprayed a canned chemical dog repellent called "Halt" over a fence in an attempt to get two dogs to stop barking.

Holding a can of the repellent high over his head, Sieloff asked Mrs. Bowman, "Like this?" He lightly touched the nozzle. Spray spewed toward the jury box about six feet away.

Locals placed on the Dean's List

CLARENDON — The following Scurry County students were placed on the Dean's List at Clarendon College for the 1991 fall semester.

They include Rana Eicke of Snyder and John Young Stewart of Dunn.



MISS CLARENDON COLLEGE — Rana Eicke has been named Miss Clarendon College. She is 19 years old, an accounting major, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Eicke of Snyder. (College Photo)



FOR GENTLE DOVE — West Texas State Bank donated its winnings for having the "Best Use of Lights" float in the Christmas Parade to Gentle Dove Ministries. Sharon Applin, director, second from left, accepts the donation from bank personnel, from left, Barbara McGee, Anita Clinkinbeard, Becky Winkler and Jennifer Voss. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cardboard cop clones help crush crime in some cities

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — The latest cop on the beat in this town and other American cities is flat, lifeless and a stiff conversationalist.

But the life-size cardboard cutouts are helping cut down on crime.

The photographs are credited with reducing shoplifting in a Colorado food store by 25 percent, and the Dallas Police Department praised their deterrent effect even though a supermarket chain there quit using them.

"It's like a scarecrow. People see the image and they think of a real cop," said Ron Jones, president of Palo Alto-based Colossal Graphics Inc., a manufacturer of Clone-a-Cop cutouts. "It's the psychological intimidation factor."

The cutouts are popular in Britain with women living alone. They buy them on the theory that criminals will mistake them for real officers and stay away.

In the United States, flat cops are standing guard in Illinois, Texas, Colorado and California, usually to deter shoplifters.

Manufacturers photograph real police officers to make the models. Often police departments send letters to stores, telling them of the product.

Police Chief James Cost in Campbell, a community south of Palo Alto, was enthusiastic about the program after one of his officers posed for a cutout.

Cost wrote to businesses in Campbell urging them to use the cutouts, which cost \$400 apiece. The department plans to buy them, then distribute them free to interested business owners.

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TOYS FOR TOTS — Jaycee Elida Garza accepts toys from several Lucky 13 members for the Toys for Tots project headed by the Snyder Jaycees. From left are Stephanie Davis, Stephanie Hedges, Jamie Beck, Joellen King, Melody Sargent, Michelle Derouen and Julie Johnson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Governing party oks funding

TOKYO (AP) — The governing party has decided Japan should contribute to the \$8.25 billion superconducting super collider to be built in Texas, a party official said today.

President Bush is expected to make Japanese contribution to the project a major issue during his visit Jan. 7-10.

A special Liberal Democratic Party committee on scientific research agreed in a meeting Thursday that the project was meaningful and should be backed, said party official Eiichi Sugimoto.

But the amount and timing of the contribution have not been decided, he said.

There have been conflicting reports over whether Japan will contribute to the project, with some officials quoted as opposing financial help.

Japan, already facing difficult trade relations with the United States, has been stung by recent criticism from Washington that it does not contribute enough to the

international community.

In the current parliament session, which ends Saturday, the government failed in its attempt to pass a bill to send Japanese troops abroad for U.N. peacekeeping activities.

In addition, a storm of protest forced the government to withdraw a proposal to tax beer and ci-

garettes to raise money for a \$4 billion pool to be used during international crises such as the Persian Gulf War.

The superconducting super collider is proposed as an integral tool to keep the United States at the forefront of physics developments.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

TABC agents oppose dropping charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has been asked to reject a request by the head of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to dismiss charges against a convenience store clerk who refused to let three TABC agents into her security booth.

The three agents who made the arrest Thursday filed a motion in state court claiming that Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Acting Administrator Jeannene Fox wants to dismiss the case against clerk Maria Delacueva for the wrong reason.

Agents Keith Coleman, Mike Barnett and Robert Samford contend

Fox is acting out of "political concerns rather than ... the interest of justice," agents Keith Coleman, Mike Barnett and Robert Samford claim in their motion.

The clerk said she was terrified when the three plainclothes agents demanded to enter her booth at Mr. Mercury's Drive-In in Jacinto City to check her receipts about 9 p.m. Nov. 13.

The three showed credentials.

Ms. Delacueva acknowledged, but she said she had never seen a TABC badge and feared they were robbers. From January through mid-November, there had been 1,600 convenience store holdups in the Houston area, resulting in 11 killings.

The agents beat on her booth and shouted at her as she called

police, she said. When officers arrived and confirmed the agents' identity, she opened the door and was arrested.

Ms. Fox wrote Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. that she believes the misdemeanor liquor law charge is valid, but that no "significant public purpose" would be served by prosecuting the clerk.

cutting the clerk.

Holmes said Wednesday he would drop the case but wants court records to show that he was acting at Fox's request.

Holmes said he agrees that there is little point in prosecuting Ms. Delacueva, but is concerned that not doing so might suggest the agents acted improperly. A TABC report on the incident does not reflect this, Holmes said, although they might have acted more diplomatically.

The motion, filed by attorney Burt Springer for the Texas Conference of Police and Sheriffs, says failure to prosecute could leave them vulnerable if Ms. Delacueva sues over the Nov. 13 incident.

Although Ms. Delacueva has not brought suit, she says that facing three armed men in plainclothes, being handcuffed and spending the night locked up with prostitutes left her distraught and unable to concentrate.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-20-91			
♦ A Q J 8 2			
♥ J 4 3			
♠ 7 6 3			
♣ J 6			
WEST		EAST	
♦ 10 3		♦ 7 4	
♥ 10 9 5		♥ K Q 8 6 2	
♠ A J 5 2		♠ Q 10 9	
♣ 10 7 5 2		♣ Q 9 4	
SOUTH			
♦ K 9 6 5			
♥ A 7			
♠ K 8 4			
♣ A K 8 3			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 10			

his holding in the suit. South's jump to three spades over his partner's transfer bid showed a maximum one-no-trump opening with four trumps. North was happy to push on to game.

West led the heart 10, the three was played from dummy, East encouraged with the eight and South ducked, letting West win the trick. Declarer won the heart continuation, drew trumps in two rounds, cashed the A-K of clubs, ruffed a club in the dummy and ruffed dummy's last heart in hand. Now South led his last club and, when West produced the 10, discarded a diamond from the dummy. West, with nothing but diamonds left, could do no better than lead the ace and another, giving declarer both a trick with his king and his contract.

That was very well played by South, but East shouldn't have given him a chance to shine. When declarer doesn't cover the heart 10 with dummy's jack at-trick one, West is marked with the heart nine. East should overtake with the heart queen. If South ducks, East can switch to the diamond 10 (or queen), defeating the contract immediately. If South wins trick one, he cannot eliminate hearts. East must get the lead on the second round of the suit for the fatal diamond switch.

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Drawing the key inference

By Phillip Alder

Bridge is primarily a game of counting and analysis. If you have counted the points and suit distributions, you can usually work out the best line of declarer-play or defense. But sometimes you must also draw an inference from a particular play of an opponent. Because he played one card rather than another, you can deduce

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Today is the 354th day of 1991 and the 89th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1860, South Carolina seceded from the Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Harvey Firestone (1868-1938), tire manufacturer; Walter Adams (1876-1956), astronomer; Branch Rickey (1881-1965), baseball executive; George Roy Hill (1922-), director, is 69.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Doug Small of the Winnipeg Jets scored the quickest goal in NHL history — 5 seconds into the game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Prefer the errors of enthusiasm to the complacency of wisdom." — Branch Rickey

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1942, an early cold wave in Massachusetts chilled Boston at minus-11 degrees and Nantucket at minus-3 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Dec. 21).



TODAY'S BARS BY PHIL PASTORET
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Dallas zoo deaths blamed on rat virus

DALLAS (AP) — A Philadelphia expert on rodent control says the Dallas Zoo needs a permanent staff member to monitor a virus spread by rats.

That virus — called encephalomyocarditis, or EMC — is blamed for the deaths of five animals since the week of Nov. 10.

Consultant Thomas Parker arrived last week in Dallas to go over current rodent controls put in place since the deaths began. Parker has been hired periodically by the park.

"Zoos, because they are wide open and have food and water and shelter readily available, have intense pressure from a variety of animals," Parker said. "Unfortunately, some of these animals may carry diseases that may cause problems in the collections."

The EMC virus is believed to be spread by rats that deposit their waste in feeding areas.

The zoo has nearly 900 rodent traps placed throughout.

"I think we're all optimistic that the situation has improved,"

Ron Kagan, Dallas Zoo's general curator, said. "It certainly has stabilized, and I think our efforts are focused on preventing future outbreaks of the virus."

Last month five animals died within a week: an African elephant, a red panda, two howler monkeys and a female kangaroo. The kangaroo did not die from EMC, but the other four and a monkey that died Dec. 1 were all killed by the virus, zoo officials said.

GM shutdowns are pitting parties against each other

DETROIT (AP) — Whether by design or not, United Auto Workers locals may fall into intra-union squabbles as General Motors Corp. decides which of its 21 assembly and component plants will be shuttered by 1995.

The specter of battle was raised Wednesday, when GM Chairman Robert Stempel announced a sweeping restructuring of its North American operations. The moves include the closing of six assembly plants and 15 component operations during the next four years.

Stempel didn't identify the plants, keeping thousands of GM workers in the dark about whether they'd have jobs by the mid-1990s. The plan was aimed at reversing GM's severe losses in its North American automotive operations.

He also announced other cost-cutting measures, including the elimination of 74,000 jobs through attrition by 1995, all aimed at turning around North American losses estimated to be running in the \$6 billion-a-year range.

In the mid-1980s, the UAW fought bitter battles with the huge automaker over rating plants by quality and cost performance. The UAW called it "whipsawing," and at the time GM said it simply wanted to make better cars, trucks and parts.

"Consciously or unconsciously, the announcements

made yesterday will pit one local against another," auto analyst John Kirnan of Kidder Peabody & Co. said. That, he said, could be good for GM's vehicle quality.

"I think it's human nature that if people are paranoid about holding onto jobs, as most of America is at this point," he said, "people would be just that much more conscious."

However, Stempel vehemently and repeatedly denied that "whipsawing" was part of the plan announced at the Wednesday news conference.

The most obvious competition is between GM's Arlington, Texas, assembly plant and its Willow Run plant outside Ypsilanti, Mich. Stempel said one would be closed.

Both make large, rear-wheel-drive cars, including the Chevrolet Caprice and Buick Roadmaster. Sales of the plants' products so far this year aren't enough to run one plant at full capacity.

A decision is expected during the first quarter of next year.

"You have an impact here in Michigan and you have an impact down in Texas and that has to be weighed very carefully," Stempel said. "We don't take those decisions lightly. It's going to take us some time to do that."

Arlington Mayor Richard Greene, who's also chairman of Vandegriff Chevrolet-Geo in the Dallas suburb, said the plant pays \$3.4 million a year in local taxes.

Greene said if GM asks for any special government benefits to keep the plant open, there's a good chance authorities will easily approve them.

"The city, the county and the state of Texas are anxious to do what can be done to secure the plant's future," he said.

At the same time Stempel was speaking, members of UAW Local 276 in Arlington voted to begin bargaining on a change in the plant's work schedule. Among the options is a three-shift plan with 10-hour work days four days a week. At other plants, such a schedule has increased production and employment.

That could be seen as giving the Arlington plant a leg up on Willow Run since GM has expressed interest in transplanting three-shift operations it has used profitably in Europe to the United States.

At Willow Run on Thursday, Local 1776 benefits representative Henry Tincher said there were no talks about instituting a three-shift operation at his plant.

"We wish them the best down there," Tincher said of his union colleagues in Texas.

But differences in local agreements, especially between plants competing for survival, could drive a wedge into the UAW next year.

In June, the union holds its constitutional convention in San Diego, where UAW President Owen Bieber will face his first opposition since he was elected head of the 900,000-member union in 1983.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about Huntington's disease?

DEAR READER: Huntington's disease is an inherited neurological disorder in which patients exhibit progressive intellectual deterioration and uncontrolled random movements of the extremities. These movements often include a lurching gait and flicking motions of the arms and legs.

The psychiatric manifestations may precede the movement disorder. Initially, patients may seem merely apathetic and irritable; however, this progresses to full-blown emotional disturbances, such as severe mood disorders and loss of contact with reality. In time, patients become incapable of taking care of themselves; they are unable to walk, have difficulty swallowing and become severely demented.

Because there is no cure for Huntington's disease, genetic counseling is extremely important: The children of an affected parent are at 50 percent risk of inheriting HD. Symptoms of the disease generally appear between ages 30 and 50, but have appeared as early as 2 and as late as 70. As a result of new medical research, however, certain patients with Huntington's disease can be identified at an early age through genetic testing.

The symptoms of Huntington's disease may be helped by medicine, such as Haldol. Patients in the final stages of the disease almost always require institutional care.

The Huntington's Disease Society of America provides a toll-free information line: 1-800-345-HDSA.

To provide further information I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Huntington's Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would like information on cellulitis. How is it acquired and, most of all, how can it be prevented?

DEAR READER: Cellulitis is a diffuse, spreading infection of the skin and underlying structures; the inflammation sometimes affects tissues in deeper areas. The most common cause of cellulitis is streptococcus, a ubiquitous class of bacteria associated with many human infections, such as strep throat.

Cellulitis may follow trauma, such as animal bites; more often, no clear path of entry can be identified. The bacteria probably work their way into the skin through the pores; once entrenched, they grow prolifically and spread by using an enzyme to break down the body's usual defenses.

Penicillin (or similar antibiotics) is the treatment of choice. Severe infections may have to be surgically drained; however, in most cases, antibiotic therapy suffices.

Cellulitis is more common in patients with deficient immune systems, diabetes and other chronic illnesses. Recurring infection can often be prevented by regular washing with an anti-bacterial soap.

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'JFK' a hit with Dallas moviegoers at premiere

DALLAS (AP) — Not everyone at the Dallas premiere of "JFK" was persuaded by Oliver Stone's version of the events surrounding John F. Kennedy's assassination, but most were impressed — even awestruck — by the controversial film.

Patricia Patterson of Dallas said she hadn't been so moved by a film since the 1976 drama "All the President's Men," which portrayed the unfolding of Watergate.

But Ms. Patterson, who attended Thursday night's premiere, wasn't persuaded there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

"I think the film is subversive," she said. "We're dealing with young people who don't trust

the government anyway. I think it's a very dangerous film, but on the other hand it's beautifully made.

"It certainly is going to cause a ruckus. It's a fabulous film."

About 1,000 people, many of them wearing tuxedos or evening gowns, packed the theater at a price of \$100 apiece to attend the benefit premiere.

The film, starring Kevin Costner as a New Orleans district attorney who investigated the assassination, has garnered widespread acclaim from critics but harsh criticism from others who say the depiction is misleading.

The movie dismisses the Warren Commission report, which

said Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot the president. "JFK" contends the military, Central Intelligence Agency and corporate defense contractors arranged the murder.

Stone, who attended the premiere, told the audience he was relieved the movie finally has been released. It opened nationwide today.

"I'm so glad that ... we finally will get out into what Thomas Jefferson called the free market of ideas," Stone said. "This will cease from being precensored and prejudged."

Michael Rooker, who co-starred in the movie as New Orleans assistant district attorney

Bill Broussard, said he hopes the film raises debate.

"I'm just as confused as most Americans. Our movie raises some tough questions. I don't know if there are any pat answers," he said.

Regardless of what moviegoers thought about Stone's message, there was little doubt they were dazzled.

"I thought it was spellbinding," said Sandy McDonough, 49, who appears in the film as an extra. "I was one of those who fully

believed in the Warren Commission. I guess back in those days I was programmed to believe that way. Here of late I've changed my mind."

"It was very intense," said David Pittman, 43, of Dallas. "I thought it brought up a lot of good points. I'd like to see a lot of them investigated."

Last spring, Stone successfully lobbied Dallas County commissioners for use of the former Texas School Book Depository, now a government office building,

where Oswald was perched on the sixth floor.

Stone spent about a month in Dallas, hired local actors and featured historic sites: the book depository, Dealey Plaza, the rooming house where Oswald stayed, and the Texas Theater, where he was arrested.

Downtown, trees were trimmed to their 1963 height and street signs were changed to preserve the look of the motorcade route. A fake masonry facade was constructed to make the book depository

2 new Baptist missionaries both have links to Snyder

RICHMOND, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Jones were among 31 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Dec. 10 at Central Baptist Church.

The Joneses have four children: Timothy Landon, Philip Scott, Andrew Shea, and Aubrey Faith. The family will go to Rockville, Va. in January for a seven-week orientation before leaving for the field.

With more than 15 million members, Southern Baptists are the largest evangelical denomination in America. Their missionary-sending agency, the Foreign Mission Board, is the largest evangelical or Protestant career foreign missionary board in the U.S. With more than 3,800 missionaries in 121 countries, they have a goal to locate 5,000 missionaries in 125 countries by the year 2000.

The Joneses will live in Tanzania, where he will develop a youth program in the community of Shinyanga and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

He attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. They are members of Tate Springs Baptist Church in Arlington.

Born in Lubbock, Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Snyder. While growing up he also lived in Snyder and Morton. He considers Snyder his hometown. First Baptist Church in Snyder and First Baptist Church in Monahans were influential in his Christian growth.

Jones received the bachelor of music education degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He expects to receive the master of arts in religious education degree at Southwestern seminary in December.

He has been minister of youth and outreach at First Baptist Church in Monahans; minister of youth and music at First Baptist Church in Savoy; and summer youth intern at First Baptist Church in Snyder.



MR. & MRS. TERRY JONES

Born in Seminole, Mrs. Jones, the former DeLena Vickers, is the daughter of David and Phyllis Wiman of Fort Worth and W.D. and Judy Vickers of Houston. While growing up she also lived in Snyder and Georgetown. She considers Snyder her hometown.

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Espinosa joins Army Reserves

Anna Maria Espinosa, 19, daughter of Lawrence and Juana Jaramillo, has joined the Army Reserves and will become a member of Midland's 974th Combat Support Company (detachment one, repair parts).



Espinosa, a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School, will leave in March for basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and then go to Army Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va. where she will learn to be a material storage and handling specialist.

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Bentsen prods Bush to include increased funding for customs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The benefits of increased trade with Mexico will be negated unless U.S. border entry posts are manned with more Customs inspectors, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says.

In a letter Thursday to President Bush, Bentsen said the United States urgently needs more inspectors to reduce the traffic bot-

tlenecks occurring on the border.

Earlier this year Congress approved \$6 million to fund 135 new border inspectors, of which 44 will be assigned to Texas. But that extra manpower is not enough, Bentsen said, in his request for 745 more inspectors for Texas and other border states.

Bentsen urged Bush to include

in his fiscal year 1993 budget, scheduled to be unveiled in February, the necessary funding needed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"The lack of inspectors is causing long delays and wholesale disruption among the commercial and private traffic entering Texas," Bentsen, D-Texas, wrote.

The letter came on the heels of a General Accounting Office study that said more inspectors, improved roads, new bridges and better coordination between the United States and Mexico are needed to improve border traffic.

"We've got to move forward now or risk choking off the benefits of any increased trade with Mexico," Bentsen said when he released the study.

Kim Massey picked for Golden Key National Honor Fraternity

LUBBOCK — Kim Massey, a junior at Texas Tech University, has been selected to be a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Patsy Massey and the granddaughter of Mrs. Emma Huffman.

Golden Key is a national academic honor organization whose membership is by invitation only and includes the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors. It is an organization that is dedicated to excellence and provides opportunities for scholarships and other rewards.



KIM MASSEY

Massey is an accounting major with a 3.75 GPA. She is a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School and was a member of the National Honor Society.

While attending Western Texas College she was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for junior colleges.

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Mother of dead toddler has been jailed for injury to child

HOUSTON (AP) — A mother remains jailed today in connection with the death of her 21/2-year-old daughter who was found lying outside a Houston apartment complex.

Katrina Mumphrey, 23, was charged Thursday with injury to a child by omission. She remains in Harris County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

Her daughter, Temetria Mumphrey, was found before dawn Monday by a newspaper delivery man. The child had been left on a lawn, clad only in a diaper, nightgown, jacket and one slipper in 37-degree temperatures.

Harris County Medical examiners ruled the child died of a blow to the head.

Ms. Mumphrey had been detained for questioning since late Monday after a former foster mother recognized Temetria's clothing on television news broadcasts and was able to identify the girl. A door-to-door search of the apartment complex by police failed to find anyone who knew

the child.

Police said Ms. Mumphrey has denied hurting the child, but admitted taking her on a cab ride several miles from their home and leaving her at the apartment complex.

Police said Ms. Mumphrey knew her child was seriously ill, but was afraid to take her to a hospital. She said she feared authorities would take Temetria and her three siblings away from their mother.

Temetria had been in foster care since she was six months old. She

and two siblings had only been returned to her mother on Oct. 21. Before that, Ms. Mumphrey had given birth to another child. A fifth child previously had been adopted by Ms. Mumphrey's father.

CPS regional administrator Gene Daniel said officials believed Ms. Mumphrey's only problems with the children was providing a home for them. He said Ms. Mumphrey had been involved in counseling and a parenting training class. There had been no indication of physical abuse of any of the children, he said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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Hospice patient helps bring cheer to others

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — W.R. Stuart stuffs a pillow under the front of his Santa suit and checks the effect in the mirror.

"Last time I dressed up as Santa, 10 years ago, I didn't need a pillow," he said.

That was back when he weighed 210 pounds. Back before he almost died.

"Can't complain, though," he said, tightening the big, black belt

around his skinny middle and fluffing out his own white whiskers.

"How can I complain when it's so good to be alive?"

First stop: an expensive home at Lake Nasworthy.

Stuart carries a brightly wrapped bag of sausage rolls and mince meat pie to the door. He is followed by his wife, Eva, a

21/2-year-old "elf" named Holly,

Holly's mom and Jean Galindo, a nurse for Hospice of San Angelo Inc.

Inside, in the living room, a middle-aged woman lies curled on her side on a hospital bed.

"Ho-ho-ho," Stuart says slowly, pausing to breathe between "ho's."

"Mewwy Chwistmas!" Holly the elf adds.

The dying woman smiles.

A retired accountant for the El Paso Natural Gas Company, Stuart, 67, suffered his first heart attack in 1978.

"They did bypass surgery on me. I was unconscious for 13 days before I came to, and they told my family I wouldn't make it."

Then, last April, suffering from congestive heart failure, Stuart again gave his family a scare.

"They told my wife to call our children together, that I wouldn't make it through the night," he says, scratching his whiskers.

"But, what do you know? Here I am."

He became one of Jean's hospice patients.

Now, she visits him several times a week, checking his vital signs and bringing her own style of British cheer and hope along with medical advice.

But, instead of dying, he grew stronger. Not well. Not cured. But better.

So, Monday night, when Jean set out to make her annual delivery of Christmas baskets to her hospice patients, she asked Stuart to play Santa and help drop off the baskets.

From College Hills to Grape Creek, he visited one home after another, standing beside sick beds, reaching over to hug emaciated bodies, putting his own thin arms around the shoulders of patients who were even thinner.

World War II Gun Needs to Be Discharged From Vet's Home

DEAR ABBY: I need to know how I can legally get rid of a military .45-caliber handgun that I have had since I was in the U.S. Army back in 1943. It was issued to me prior to my being shipped overseas.

When I was discharged, the parachute and most of the other equipment I had been issued was requisitioned back by the military, but no mention was ever made of the gun, or the 1 1/2 clips of ammunition that I still possess. (In all of this time, I have never fired the gun.)

I want to return the gun to the government, but I don't want to find myself in hot water for having possessed it all this time as a civilian. Since the gun is plainly marked "U.S. Property," I am wondering if my civilian possession of it all these years may have somehow been illegal ever since my discharge.

WONDERING IN SAN JOSE

DEAR WONDERING: According to Sherry Lawrence of the Personnel Command Public Affairs Office of the Army, the failure of the military to reclaim the weapon at the time of your discharge was probably the result of a paperwork slip-up.

Because the weapon is old and probably has not been maintained, it may be a safety hazard.

Call your local police department and explain that you have a weapon from World War II that needs to be safely disposed of. They will either advise you to bring it in, or offer to pick it up.

I advise you not to handle it — lock it up until you either deliver it to the local police or they pick

it up. Peace of mind is only a telephone call away.

DEAR ABBY: Recently we had a devastating fire in the East Bay hills of Berkeley and Oakland. There were many lives lost — people and animals injured, and countless homes destroyed.

In the days after the fire, the San Francisco Chronicle printed stories of personal loss. Those who were able to escape from their homes with a few personal treasures mentioned that they grabbed photographs! This brought to mind that perhaps one of the best things family and friends of those who have lost their homes can do is to go through their own personal photo collections and choose photos to give the family who has sustained this tragic loss.

Negatives can be made from photographs, and perhaps some of the local film developers could offer a discount on the process for this particular group of individuals. It would be a small way to give people back parts of their lives.

SYLVIA CLONINGER, BELMONT, CALIF.

DEAR SYLVIA: Only a person with a generous heart would have thought of the above. Take a bow, Sylvia!

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more letter about tattoos?

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Fragile nations survive but U.S.S.R. is going to pieces

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's hard to bring down a whole country.

Since the United Nations was founded 46 years ago, more than 100 countries have come into being but only two have ceased to exist: East Germany in 1990 and South Vietnam in 1975. Both were absorbed into a neighbor with which they were rooted historically but from which they had been artificially divided.

Another candidate for extinction nowadays is that bogus brotherhood called Yugoslavia.

Normally, however, once countries come into being, they survive, even the fragile ones. This can explain the nearly universal astonishment over the fact that the once robust Soviet Union, now a sickly 74, won't live long enough to greet the new year.

"I never thought I would live to see the day," says Norman Podhoretz, a veteran of the anti-communist cause.

Some countries consist of little more than a flag, an anthem and a relative handful of subjects. But they don't become extinct. Leaders of a country may come and go, its economy may be in ruins, its people may be restive but its place on the map is generally secure.

The world usually does not look kindly on dictators who try to redraw maps. Saddam Hussein miscalculated when he decided to try

to make Kuwait Iraq's 19th province. Kim Il Sung paid dearly when he tried to reunify the Korean peninsula by force. Kuwait and South Korea live on.

Who would have believed even a year ago that the Soviets would now be taking their final breaths? This is the same country that once felt confident enough to say that its productive capacities were such that it would one day "bury" the West, the same one that once envisioned a New World Order built around the concept of Marxism-Leninism, with Moscow at its center.

The Soviets could boast as recently as two years ago that no country that had come under Communist rule had ever reverted to another system. Now we not only find communism disappearing from the Soviet Union but the country itself disappearing.

Nine years ago, Ronald Reagan dreamed of relegating the Soviet Union and its philosophy to the ash heap of history. But that seemed more of a hope than an expectation.

The events in the East leave an extraordinary number of unanswered questions. Will what used to be the Soviet Union be able to make the transition from state-run to a market economy? Will there be starvation this winter?

Will the nuclear weapons built by the Communists be dealt with

responsibly or will they wind up in unsafe hands? Will the scientists who helped develop them now make themselves available to the Iraqis or some other nuclear weapons aspirant? Who will get the Soviet seat on the U.N. Security Council?

And what will become of Mikhail Gorbachev, Time's Man of the Decade in January 1991 — unemployed in January 1992?

Bowman to become counselor for victims

MIAMI (AP) — Patricia Bowman, stepping out from behind the electronic shield that protected her during William Kennedy Smith's trial, said she decided to go public after his lawyers suggested she was mentally disturbed.

"I'm not," she declared in an interview with Diane Sawyer broadcast Thursday night on ABC's "PrimeTime Live."

Ms. Bowman, whose name was edited out and whose face was obscured by an electronic blob during TV coverage of Smith's rape trial, said she consented to the interview to make it easier for rape victims to come forward.

"I am not a blue blob. I'm a person," she said. "I have nothing to be ashamed of. ... I'm terrified that victims everywhere have seen my case, and potential victims who have seen my case will not report because of what's happened to me."

Sawyer said Ms. Bowman plans to work as a counselor for rape victims.

In the taped interview, Ms. Bowman tearfully retold her story that Smith, a 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, raped her March 30 at his family's Palm Beach estate — a story the jury rejected in less than an hour and a half.

She said the verdict literally knocked her off her feet when she heard the news in a prosecutor's office.

"I remember just leaning up against this door frame. ... And the next thing I remember is, they were helping me get up off the floor," she said.

During the program, Sawyer reported that a Smith attorney had written to say he considered Ms. Bowman's continued allegations libelous. Smith attorney Mark Schnapp refused to comment late Thursday.

During the interview, Ms. Bowman, 30, of Jupiter, Fla., denied defense claims that she was promiscuous and had "a deep mistrust of men." But she confirmed that she was abused as a child and had used cocaine in the past.



FINALIST — The 1990-91 Tiger's Lair (Snyder High School yearbook) is currently being considered as a finalist for publication in Taylor Publishing Company's "Yearbook-Yearbook." The book includes yearbooks from around the nation that have shown superior performance in cover design, theme development, page design, and copywriting. If chosen, the Tiger's Lair would be

displayed in Taylor's book along with others in its class. Taylor Publishing Company chose the book from among 8,000 other books throughout the nation. Eight hundred books were picked as finalists. Susanne Holton, Tiger's Lair editor, and M'Lys Lloyd, assistant editor, are pictured with the 1990-91 yearbook, "Just the Right Mix." (Photo By Christina Rodriguez)

U.S. apples are a hit abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. apples are finding increasing favor around the world, with exports rising 70 percent in volume and 93 percent in value in just four years.

"Sales in 1990-91 of 359,824 metric tons valued at \$224.7 million represent all-time records in both categories," said an article in the January issue of the Agriculture Department's AgExporter magazine.

It attributed the expansion to aggressive marketing efforts, availability of high-quality products, trade liberalization, improvements in technology and transportation "and the U.S. apple industry's growing acceptance of the importance of exports."

"Many targeted markets have not yet reached their saturation

point and new markets are opening each year," the article said. "On the technical level, further expansion may lie in extending the marketing season for U.S. apples abroad by promoting controlled-atmosphere fruit and promoting a greater number of varieties."

Although there still are impediments to U.S. apple exports, the article said, "U.S. government and industry cooperation has shown that a strong, consistent attack on trade barriers leads to further expansion of market opportunities in the future."

Asia is the most important destination for U.S. apples, although exports there dipped slightly from the record level a year earlier to 143,870 tons valued at \$86 million.

Two major Asian markets remain closed, however, the article noted. South Korea has not removed import license restrictions for apples and Japan continues to prohibit U.S. apples, based on plant health concerns.

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USAir may soon be flying Trump shuttle following deal

NEW YORK (AP) — USAir is poised to paint developer Donald J. Trump's name off the Trump Shuttle, after reaching a preliminary agreement to fly the carrier that caters to Northeastern business travelers.

But Trump, who in his high-flying days of the 1980s put his name on everything from New York skyscrapers to Atlantic City casinos, said Thursday that doesn't bother him.

"It's been a success in many respects, but we're in a depression," Trump said Thursday evening in a telephone interview. "I don't have any regrets. We come out whole and have no regrets."

Earlier in the day, USAir reached a preliminary deal to fly and possibly purchase the Trump Shuttle, after a rival suitor, American Airlines, withdrew its bid to run the shuttle.

The deal would represent a further consolidation of the air travel industry, while symbolizing the decline of Trump's crumbling empire. USAir said it plans to rechristen the airline "The USAir Shuttle."

USAir was negotiating with Trump and his bankers on an ar-

angement to let USAir fly the shuttle for up to 10 years, giving the carrier a stronger presence in the Northeast corridor.

USAir, based in Arlington, Va., would also get an option to buy the shuttle after five years, under the deal that must be approved by Trump Shuttle creditors.

"We expect that a definitive management agreement will be reached shortly after the first of the year," said Seth E. Schofield, USAir's president and chief executive. The shuttle offers frequent nonstop service between New York, Boston and Washington.

USAir, Trump and Citibank, which represents the shuttle's creditors, declined to discuss specifics of the deal.

But two executives familiar with the negotiations, speaking on condition they not be identified, gave conflicting versions of the package.

One executive said USAir would put up \$25 million to run the shuttle, getting a small stake of the airline, with an option to buy the rest for a price in excess of \$360 million after five years. Trump's debt of \$360 million

from the shuttle purchase will be erased by the deal, that executive said.

That was the price paid when Trump bought the shuttle in 1989 from now-defunct Eastern Airlines. The executive said USAir, Trump and the bankers will all get money from the shuttle's operations.

A different executive said USAir was putting up money, but the figure of \$25 million was "high." That second executive said USAir will hold a 40 percent stake in the shuttle with an option to buy the rest in five years for an undetermined price.

The second executive said profit from the shuttle's operations will go toward paying off some \$275 million in loans on the shuttle. In addition, \$100 million of a \$135 million personal loan to Trump will be forgiven by his banks. Trump will still owe \$35 million, that executive said.

Although USAir will not get money from the operations of the shuttle, "they have the benefits of ownership for what in effect is a low-cost upfront option" to buy an airline in the lucrative Northeast markets, the executive said.

As Trump's business has fallen onto hard times, Trump stopped making interest payments on the shuttle. Bankers have been seeking someone else to take control.

American pulled out of the running because its union pilots wanted to fly the Trump Shuttle planes, while American management wanted to keep the current pilots and work rules, said an airline industry source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

This past summer, Northwest Airlines had come close to flying the shuttle, but the arrangement fell apart when Northwest and Trump's bankers could not come to terms.

If USAir ends up running the Trump Shuttle, its main competitor will be Delta Air Lines, which recently purchased a similar shuttle from now-defunct Pan Am.



BEST ORNAMENTS — Cindy Rogers' third grade class at Hermligh won the school's contest for making the best ornaments. In back, from left, are Janet Eckert, Billy Lambaren, Samantha Smith, Robert Stanley, Salvador Luna,

Chris Sookraj, and Michael Roberts. Front row: David Digby, Lisa Sanchez, Mary Martinez, Kami Bates, Shannon Barnes, and Lori Eckert. Bryan Thomason is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cuomo still said undecided

WASHINGTON (AP) — Depths of despair and peaks of comedy have marked this over-long drama; moments that felt hopeless or surreal, and moments that felt like we'd been there before.

If it were a play, it would be called Waiting for Cuomo.

Was there a time when we were not waiting? Yes, it was more than seven years ago, before he made The Speech that summer in San Francisco.

It seems much longer, but it's only been 10 weeks since the New York governor told a group of contributors that he'd think about running for president. Ten weeks crackling with the kind of excitement only a Mario Cuomo can generate.

There have been daily newspaper fixtures devoted to his deliberations. Comedians cracked

jokes about him. He's clashed with candidates, columnists and even the vice president of the United States.

It's all been keyed to what the protagonist once described as a "tedious teasing process."

But a less charitable writer called it public fantasizing and a rival candidate — Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin — unkindly referred to it as "one man's search for a solution to his personal crisis."

Cuomo did say Thursday that "I am just about at the point where you really can't avoid saying something reasonably decisive."

True, today is the last day to register for the Feb. 18 New Hampshire primary, but his remark must be seen in its proper context.

On Oct. 20, Cuomo said "the time left is sometime in November. By then, you either have to be in or not in." On Oct. 24, he said:

"I'd like to do it as soon as I can." Oct. 25: "I want to end it as soon as I can, and I will."

Oct. 31: "The whole process will be over very, very shortly."

Nov. 1: "I'll do it as fast as I can."

Nov. 8: "As soon as I can."

Nov. 25: "I am not yet out of time."

Dec. 12: "We're at the final stage."

But the mere chronology doesn't give the full flavor of the wait. There have been so many points of interest along the way. Like the time Cuomo said "distinct ethnic types are always threatening to someone." But that was in July, before he decided to think about running.

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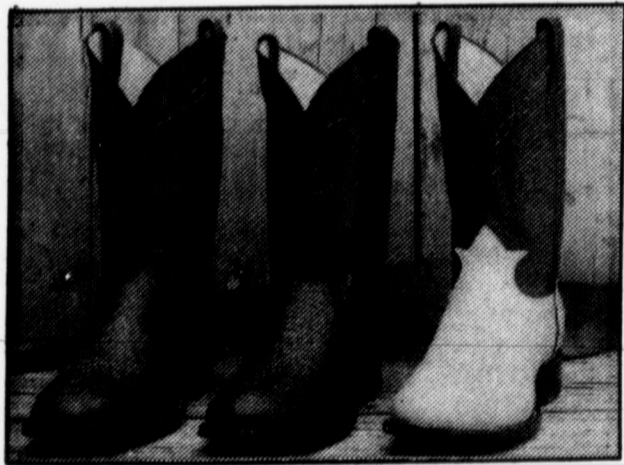


YOUTH COMPETE — Scurry County 4-H youth competed in the District 2 4-H Food Show held recently in Levelland. From left are, Ashley Breuer, Jenise Judah, Angie Breuer, Charlie Busby, John Busby, M'Lys Lloyd, and A'Lise Lloyd. (4-H Photo)

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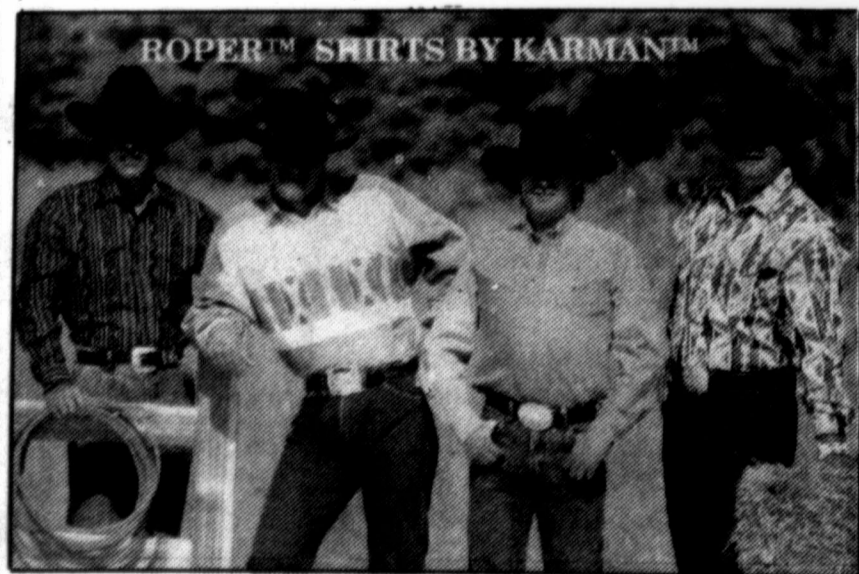
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