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(Staff Photo by Larry Hollis)

Pampa Medical Services personnel load a 'victim' during Wednesday's drill.

Only a test Weather causes real disaster

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

Speaking at the critique session Wednesday afternoon, one of the participants in Wednesday morning's disaster drill said thanks ought to go to whoever had "simulated" the day's blizzard conditions.

"But isn't it about time he was told the drill is over?" the participant suggested.

Pampa and Gray County emergency and medical personnel, community service departments, law enforcement units, human service agencies, industry employees, school staff and students, and others conducted extensive disaster drills Wednesday as part of the state-sponsored Ice III drill.

The state scenario, involving other Panhandle communities and coordinated by the Amarillo Department of Public Safety office, called for temperatures in the upper 20s with blowing winds and snow creating a

Texas Panhandle blizzard.

Though it was only to be a practice drill, the weather turned out too near the proposed conditions: temperatures in the low 20s, winds blowing nearly 30 mph and light snow skipping across the sometimes slick roadways.

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The chill factor during the drill hovered near 5 degrees below zero.

And amid the practice situations, emergency personnel had to be sent to cover three real accidents, including a cattle truck that had jack-knifed near U.S. Highway 60 and Loop 171.

The cold weather conditions also speeded up the drill, with the activities being concluded about 10:20 a.m. instead of continuing

until noon and with a few other planned minor incidents being canceled.

Pampa Environmental and Emergency Management Director Steve Vaughn said the drill was "one of the better exercises we've ever run. We've learned quite a bit."

Added locally to the state drill were two main disaster incidents: a blown valve at the Celanese Chemical Co. plant west of the city that sent dangerous chemical fumes into the air and a bus-truck accident with a hazardous chemical spill at 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway.

Both incidents provided "injured victims" that required medical treatment and transportation to the Coronado Community Hospital emergency room.

Having to make emergency responses to all the practice and actual situations were the Pampa Fire Department, the Pampa Police

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Siberian air bites Pampa

From Staff and Wire Reports

The "Siberian Express" carried wintry weather from the Plains deep into Dixie today, but apparently it has ended its stay in the Pampa area.

"We're at 17 degrees right now, but we had a bit of sunshine poke through, so we'll be up in the mid 30s this afternoon," National Weather Service meteorologist Charles Hodgekinson of Amarillo reported this morning.

"We're getting south winds and a big high shifting to the east, so we'll be warmer by the week-end if everything goes according to Hoyle," Hodgekinson added. "But if Hoyle goes on vacation, we're in trouble."

Still, the National Weather Service issued travelers advisories for this afternoon because of a 20 percent chance of snow, but little chance of accumulation.

Pampa's low temperature this morning dipped to 11 degrees, 5 degrees above the record 6 degrees recorded for the date in 1916.

The high Wednesday crept to just 35 degrees by mid-afternoon.

Down south "blanket brigades" warmed transients in San Antonio as freeze warnings stretched from Texas to the Atlantic and the homeless packed shelters.

"You don't usually see this until January ... until the worst part of the winter," Scott Tansey said today from the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Low temperatures early today ranged from zero to minus 20 in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Iowa, and freeze warnings were posted in Arkansas, Alabama, parts of North Carolina, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Texas. Lows tonight were expected to be in the teens in the New York City area.

At least 20 deaths have been blamed on the weather since the season's first major snowstorm hit the northern Plains last week.

"I doubt it comes all the way from Siberia, but you could say the 'Siberian Express' has arrived," National Weather Service meteorologist Al Moeller said Wednesday night in Fort

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Arsonist back on the streets

A 30-year-old Pampa man whose September firebombing spree was halted by an irate neighbor pleaded guilty to arson charges Wednesday.

William Edward Gray, 428 Aft, was fined \$200 and placed on four years' probation by 223rd District Judge Don Cain.

The arsonist had been in the Gray County Jail since tossing molotov cocktails at three vehicles on Sept. 29.

Gray was indicted Monday on a three-count charge of arson. He was indicted for tossing flaming bottles of gasoline at cars owned by Carol Flores, 438 N. Cuyler, Danny Estep, 317 W. Buckler, and Anastasia Blackwell, 427½ N. Russell, all friends of Gray's estranged girlfriend.

The bombing spree was abruptly halted when Blackwell's husband J.R. punched Gray in the face, knocked him down and held him until police arrived.



Gray

Blackwell's action may have saved Gray's life and the cramped neighborhood a major fire.

Neighbors later found all gas jets turned on in Gray's apartment, located less than five feet behind Blackwell's small home.

RRC considers slashing permitted oil production

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP)—Proposals to trim Texas oil production in an attempt to stabilize oil prices have been taken under consideration by the Texas Railroad Commission.

The cut in statewide allowable production, opposed by major oil firms, was argued Wednesday by two Dallas independent oil producers. Texas has had so-called 100 percent monthly allowances since April 1979.

William Burrow and H.S. Bennett asked the commission to consider cutting the monthly production time by three or five days, which they said would avoid waste and eventually boost sagging oil prices.

Susan Cory, commission chief counsel who conducted the hearing, asked if they realized only about 500 of the state's 232,000 oil wells actually pump 100 percent every month for a total of about 141,000 barrels per day.

"Ten percent (three days reduction) would mean only 14,000 barrels," she said.

"That's a beginning," Burrow said.

Bennett said if Texas reduced its production, he believed Louisiana and Oklahoma would follow.

"Those three states, with Alaska, produce more than 60 percent of the U.S. oil," he said.

Major producers, joined by many of the state's independents, told the hearing that such a reduction would cost oil producers and the state millions of dollars.

"A 10 percent reduction in the Texas state allowable will not in any way strengthen our domestic energy industry and will have a significant negative impact on Texas," said Everett Hutchinson, spokesman for Exxon Corp.

"If this 10 percent reduction went into effect, Mo. would have to shut in 300 wells in Texas," said J. Swaggert, speaking for Mobil Production of Texas and New Mexico.

Burrow said he and Bennett amended their original request for a 10 percent cut to include a five-day reduction which was recommended by T. Boone Pickens, a prominent Amarillo oil operator.

"T. Boone said a 25-day production schedule would firm oil prices and I think he's right," Bur-

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\$10 gem could net millions

KILGORE (AP)—A \$10 investment by two boys may net them a large trust fund if a star sapphire purchased with the money is sold by their father.

Roy Whetstine bought the 1,905-carat sapphire in rough form at an amateur gem show in Tucson, Ariz., in February. It has since been appraised at \$2.28 million, his agent said Wednesday.

Whetstine is selling the stone so that his sons could "be set up financially for the rest of their lives," said Jim Griffin, a Longview jeweler and agent for the Whetstine family. Griffin said he has named the stone the "Life and Pride of America's Star."

Although the sapphire has been appraised as high as \$2.28 million, Whetstine said Wednesday that he believed that he may get \$1.5 million on the market.

Johnathan, 11, and Stephen Whetstine, 4, each gave their father \$5 to bring something back from the Tucson gem show. On a whim, Whetstine bypassed the professional gem dealers and went to an area where more than 5,000 gem dealers were displaying their wares.

Whetstine found the egg-shaped, brown-

and-black stone in a box of rocks priced at \$15, and realized he had made a valuable find.

"You want \$15 for this?" Whetstine asked, holding the potato-sized stone. The dealer promptly cut the price to \$10.

A star sapphire is an opaque stone marked by a white criss-cross. Sapphires are a type of mineral known as corundum, which also includes rubies. Sapphires usually are dark blue.

Griffin said after having the stone authenticated by the Gem Trade Laboratory Inc., a subsidiary of the Gemological Institute of America, other experts declared the stone was larger than "The Star of Queensland," a star sapphire found in 1948 in Australia.

That stone weighed 1,156 carats in its rough form, which is more than 700 carats smaller than the "Life and Pride of America's Star," said Griffin.

According to Griffin, an appraisal by the L.A. Ward Gem Lab of Fallbrook, Calif., estimated the market value of the Whetstine sapphire at \$2,000 per carat when cut and finished. The rough stone was appraised at \$1,200 per carat, said Griffin.

Texas/Regional



Off Beat
By
Larry
Hollis

Walk easy, bird dog

A reporter can learn a lot from covering all the meetings he — or she, to include Cathy and Dee Dee — has to attend to provide the news for the public.

Often, however, there are things uttered at a commission meeting or a banquet or a planning session that are never reported. It's not because the utterings are asked to be kept off the record or because they are just plain insignificant or irrelevant.

Instead, it's just that often the comments made during a break in discussion or stories told before and after meetings may not be newsworthy or relevant to the subject at hand. But the remarks can still be interesting or intriguing or thoughtful ... or puzzling.

For example, I attended a city council meeting the other night that still has me wondering. I won't use names, mainly because I enjoy attending the sessions and would like to be welcomed back.

But during a slow part of the meeting, while council members were checking some figures and reports, the city secretary and a councilwoman started chatting. The secretary revealed that she was planning to make some "shoes" for a bird dog. It seems the dog had been picking up burrs on its feet while out hunting, threatening its usefulness as a hunter.

My ears perked up. *How does one make dog shoes?* I thought.

That was partially answered when the secretary later mentioned she was planning to use Naugahyde and fabric.

Yeah, but how do you measure the dog's feet? I wondered. *Do you trace it on a piece of paper? Or use a measuring tape? Or do they have shoe sizes like they have in people shoe stores?*

I listened closely, but that aspect never came up. I guess the others, probably all experienced hunters and dog fanciers, knew what was involved in fitting a dog with shoes.

That seemed even more apparently to be the situation when one of the councilmen suggested the secretary just go get a pair or two — most dogs do have four feet, even I know that — of rubber dog shoes from one of the veterinarians in Pampa.

I surreptitiously raised my eyebrows. *Vets sell dog shoes? Maybe there's a feature there. Perhaps they also offer other canine apparel. Maybe even dog sweaters, I thought. Nahhh. Who'd put a sweater on a dog?*

Then the discussion wandered into the pricing of the shoes. "How much do the rubber shoes cost?" the secretary asked. One man said \$4 a pair; another said it would cost \$16 or \$20 for a set. *Hmmm. Is a set "two" or "four?"* I mused.

The secretary said she felt she could make the shoes less expensively herself than by purchasing them from a vet.

Well, maybe there's a story there, I found myself thinking. An economic analysis of the prices of manufactured dog shoes compared to self-made ones? With these tight economic times, maybe people in financial difficulties could save money by shoeing their dogs at home. Or are some vets willing to offer bargains on dog shoes to help their distressed customers? It sure would beat having to write another figure-laden sales tax report, I thought.

Then the men got more involved in the discussion. It seems there's been an abundance of burrs in nearby fields the past couple of years because of the unusual amounts of rain.

Hey! A story on the effects of weather on hunting habits! Wow — is bird hunting facing dire times locally because of tender-footed dogs? Is the burr tragedy a trend or just an aberration that another dry year could resolve? Maybe I ought to warn our hunting and outdoor reporter (John Gerdel Jr.); he could do a whole series on it!

Intrigued by all the possible stories I could be writing, I was taken aback when the mayor suggested the council actually get back to business.

The meeting soon ended, and I headed toward the door.

"You're not going to write about the dog shoes in your story, are you?" I was asked.

I replied no, but it might make an *Off Beat* topic. They laughed.

Clements' sale of jet may be grounded

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Bill Clements' plan to sell the \$3.1 million jet purchased at Gov. Mark White's urging may be grounded by the state board that owns the plane.

Aircraft Pooling Board chairman Don Adams of Austin said Clements would have to make "a good economic case" for selling the plane before the board would hang a for-sale sign on it.

The Mitsubishi Diamond 1A, like the 42 other aircraft in the state fleet, is owned by the Air-

craft Pooling Board, which leases it to White's office.

"We'll put it in the fleet before we'll give it away," Adams said.

During the recent campaign, Clements pledged to sell the jet "as soon as my hand comes off the Bible" at his Jan. 20 inauguration. He called the plane a symbol of White's free-spending style of government.

If the three-member board goes along with Clements' idea, the airplane first would be offered for sale to other state

Color the trees cold



Jennifer Reed, left, and Jasmeen Dunn walk home from school under the changing canopy of pecan trees in Irving. Cold temperatures which plunged into Texas Wednesday should trigger more leaves to change color.

Committee head proposes mergers

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of a committee studying the state's system of higher education has proposed three mergers of universities statewide as well as several other measures aimed at improving Texas' state universities.

The memo containing the proposals by Larry Temple, chairman of the Select Committee on Higher Education was distributed to committee members earlier this week and was to be reviewed in a meeting today and Friday.

North Texas State University and Texas Woman's University, both in Denton, should become one institution with a new name, the memo said.

Temple recommended the downtown campus of the University of Houston should be merged into Texas Southern University.

The memo proposed that Corpus Christi State University and Texas A&I University should form a new comprehensive university based in Corpus Christi with a campus in Kingsville.

Benefits of the three mergers would include eliminating administrative and academic duplication, and concentrating faculty and library resources for better service to students, the memo said.

Temple said Wednesday that he has received some unfavorable comments on the merger proposals, as well as on some of his other recommendations, from officials at several of the affected universities. The merger in Denton, which has been proposed several times before, may face the most political opposition, he said.

The recommendations also include adoption of revised statements of purpose for each of the state's universities, and a review of doctoral programs with the possibility that some will be dropped.

Institutions also would be classified into four types according to their mission, and the mission of a school would be a guide for the basic level of state funding.

Scientists seek to stamp out worms

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Scientists are working on a project that may give parasites and ultimately farmers the upper hand in the battle against worms that annually destroy millions of dollars of crops, officials say.

The result also may help reduce the amount of pesticides farmers spray on their crops, Texas A&M University researchers said Wednesday.

S. Brad Vinson, an entomologist in A&M's College of Agriculture and project leader, says the scientists are looking into the possibility of artificially rearing hundreds of thousands of tiny mosquito-like parasites.

Vinson wants to raise the parasites in laboratory conditions.

Groom school cuts its bonus

GROOM — Tight budgets are forcing the Groom School Board to cut its employee holiday bonus in half.

Trustees agreed Monday to grant each of the school employees a \$50 Christmas bonus. In the past, they got a \$100 bonus.

In other business, trustees hired Lee Brown of McLean as the school maintenance superintendent and Ellen Gray as custodian.

They approved minor revisions to the state mandated discipline management plan.

Groom eighth graders were treated to "Blizzard" milk shakes at the Groom Dairy Queen Friday for being the class with perfect attendance during

Task force to look at cuts in spending

AUSTIN (AP) — A budget review task force being appointed by Gov.-elect Bill Clements will look at all state agency spending for ways to save money, its chairman says.

Clements on Wednesday appointed Rep. Mike Toomey, R-Houston, to head the panel which will make recommendations to the incoming governor before the 1987 Legislature convenes in January.

Toomey has been a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which helps write the state budget every two years. He was a member of the House-Senate conference committee which cut more than \$500 million from state appropriations during this summer's two special legislative sessions.

In a telephone interview from his Houston office, Toomey said the review panel will consider all options for holding down state spending, including cuts the Legislature to date hasn't looked at. He said he hopes to begin meetings next week.

"There are a lot of things that we (in the Legislature) didn't do. In my opinion, we didn't do a zero-based budgeting approach," he said.

Such an approach starts the budgeting process with no money for an agency, then requires it to

justify all proposed spending.

The lawmaker said the Clements panel will look at such options as consolidating agency functions. "Does every licensing agency need a hearing examiner and a lawyer? Can you not pool those functions?"

Joining the lawmaker on the panel will be Billy Hamilton of the Texas Association of Taxpayers, Jared Hazelton of the Texas Research League and Tony Profitt, spokesman for Democratic state Comptroller Bob Bullock.

"The task force will review the budget and make specific recommendations on spending that I will be able to incorporate into my proposals for the Legislature to consider," Clements said.

During his campaign against Gov. Mark White, Clements complained that state government spending was out of control. He also criticized the \$860 million in new taxes the Legislature approved in September to help make up a projected \$2.8 billion state budget deficit.

The day after he was elected, Clements said he would appoint the task force which he began naming Wednesday.

"Texans want state spending under control. Texans no longer will tolerate the spending spree of the recent past," Clements said.

Commissioners to discuss location of new JP's office

The winner of the race for Precinct 1 justice of the peace is scheduled to meet with Gray County commissioners at 9:30 a.m. Friday to discuss the location of the precinct's justice of the peace office.

Bob Muns, 1920 Lynn, who defeated Pat Steele of Lefors in the Nov. 4 general election, plans to request that the commissioners permit moving the office from Lefors to Pampa. Muns said that if the office is moved to Pampa he plans to travel to Lefors once or twice a week as needed to hold court.

He said relocating the office in Pampa would give taxpayers more for their money and would relieve some of the burden on the busy Precinct 2 office manned by Wayne Roberts.

Muns also plans to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the office with commissioners. He is scheduled to take office Jan. 1.

In other action, commissioners plan to:

- consider change orders for current construction work at Perry Lefors Field and a hangar lease agreement at the airport.
- tour McClellan Creek Water-

shed Project sites with District Conservatorist Lee McDonald, weather permitting.

- receive proposals from local certified public accountants for an independent audit of county books for 1986.
- review the county treasurer's report.

- pay salaries and bills and consider time deposits and transfers as recommended by the county auditor.

McLean flea market set

McLEAN — Artisans, craftsmen and holiday shoppers are expected at the November Flea Market - Arts and Crafts Sale, Saturday and Sunday at the old foundation factory.

The sale, a monthly money raiser for the city of McLean, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

"This is a good opportunity to get a start on holiday shopping," said flea market manager Sam Green. "But even though we are concentrating on the holidays, we do not want to discourage anyone who might have other things to sell."

"We had a very good response from the previous markets," she said. "And we are planning to continue these sales on the third weekend of each month."

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REDUCTION IN AT&T'S TEXAS RATES

The Public Utility Commission of the state of Texas has entered orders in two recent cases that would substantially reduce the charges which AT&T pays to the state's local telephone companies and which could allow AT&T to reduce prices for most of AT&T's customers on calls placed within the state of Texas.

The total amount of the reduction to AT&T's customers is expected to be between \$115.3 million and \$120.6 million. This is in addition to the \$19.8 million reduction in AT&T's Texas basic long distance prices that went into effect on March 1, 1986 and is in addition to the approximately \$2 billion in AT&T interstate price reductions that took effect earlier this year.

If the changes are approved, all of AT&T's direct dialed long distance, directory assistance, WATS and 800 service customers would be affected, and would experience a decrease in their prices for these services when calling within the state of Texas. The following tables show the anticipated impact of the changes on AT&T customers by service category:

Class of Service	Approximate Overall % Reduction	Approximate Overall Dollar Reduction (in millions)
Long Distance	9.2	\$ 68.4
Directory Assistance	20.0	1.0
WATS	29.1	29.7
800	19.9	21.5

The rate reductions are presently anticipated to occur in two phases on or about October 22, 1986 and November 12, 1986. The matter has been assigned as Docket Nos. 6926 and 7113. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene or participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf. A complete copy of the tariffs reflecting the potential rate reductions will be on file with the Commission on or before October 23, 1986.



Chamber breakfast meeting to be at Pampa Country Club

The November breakfast meeting of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce will be held at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club.

Chamber President Norman Knox said Don Lane and Doug Carmichael will once again emcee the fun program.

"Those who have attended our breakfasts in the past will tell you that the program will be fast moving, entertaining and exciting," Knox said. "You can never tell what will happen next when this duo gets moving."

New Chamber members who have joined in recent months and not yet been introduced at a

monthly meeting will be introduced at the breakfast.

In addition, the regular door prize and membership drawings will be a part of the program, Knox noted.

Sponsor for the November meeting is Citizens Bank and Trust Co., which will host its "ever famous Silver Dollar Breakfast," Knox said.

The buffet breakfast will cost \$7 a person.

Reservations should be made with the Chamber office at the Pampa Community Building or at 669-3241 before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Knox urged.

Reception planned for college staff

Faculty and friends are invited to a reception at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Pampa Community Building to honor Clarendon College-Pampa Center instructors.

The reception, to be in the M.K. Brown Meeting Room, is hosted by the Education Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Larry Gilbert said, "This is a very casual affair, with instructors past and present being honored."

Hors d'oeuvres and punch will be served.

Coronado Community Hospital is sponsoring the reception.

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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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Opinion

Immigration action destroys new jobs

The possibility is remote, but so long as there is any chance, we would be remiss if we did not urge President Reagan to veto the immigration bill passed earlier this month in Congress.

The bill will not solve the problems widely perceived as stemming from illegal immigration. It will make many of them worse. And while a veto would evoke some initial howls of protest, support for the approach embodied in the congressional bill is a mile wide and an inch deep. Many people believe something ought to be done, but few believe strongly that what Congress did is the right thing.

The chief problem with our current immigration laws is that the quotas for legal immigrants are unrealistically low. That is why so many people decide to bypass legal channels, which may take years before a "legal" spot opens up, and simply vote with their feet. The United States is still the land of opportunity, and few people know it better than those who live in other countries.

Congress' "reform" operates from the premise that the country can maintain unrealistically low quotas if the enforcers simply have more money, power and exotic enforcement techniques at their disposal. Well, eluding the INS may become more complex or expensive, but those who are determined enough will do so, even as they do so now.

That might not be so bad if it weren't likely that some provisions of the bill will harm American freedoms and the American economy. Advocates of the new bill say they want to eliminate jobs as bait for immigrants by imposing employer sanctions and requiring two forms of identification for all new employees. They may be sincere in believing these requirements will not destroy jobs, but will open them to native-born Americans.

Every new layer of paperwork, however, hits hardest at small business, the most productive source of new jobs in our economy. Few realists doubt this new imposition will ensure that some jobs that would have been created will not come into being. And that's not to mention the real possibility that many employers will play it safe and tell most Hispanic-looking applicants that no jobs are available.

The urge to limit immigration is based on the impression that immigrants are somehow a drain on the economy. Yet the president's own Council of Economic Advisors — and almost every reputable economist who has looked into the matter in any depth — believes that immigrants, legal and illegal, are an economic boon. Immigrants add energy, vitality and a willingness to do the kinds of jobs some native-born Americans prefer not to do.

The way to solve the immigration "problem" is to set up processing stations that check for infectious diseases and association with terrorist groups, then let people in — after telling them they can expect to receive no welfare for five years or so and enforcing that policy. Congress' approach will not work. It won't stem the tide. It will almost certainly destroy jobs.

Local U.S. authorities along the Mexican border already are estimating that under the new bill, local taxpayers will pay even more than they do now to mishandle immigration problems.

Congress can and should do better, and the president should veto the immigration bill.

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James J. Kilpatrick

Money dumped on toxic waste

WASHINGTON — A working theory in politics holds that the best way to attack a political cause is to throw money at it. Some of the money will miss, but enough will hit the target to keep the home folks happy. So it is with Congress and the Superfund.

In its waning hours Congress authorized \$8.5 billion over the next five years to clean up toxic wastes, plus another half-billion dollars to deal with gasoline storage tanks. This is three times the present level of spending. It is \$3.7 billion more than the Environmental Protection Agency had asked. Even in a town in which a measly million bucks is scorned as chicken feed, that is a whale of a lot of money.

Granted, toxic wastes present a whale of a problem. Across the nation an estimated 2,500 dump sites have created varying degrees of risk to public health. People tend to fear the unknown, and much indeed is unknown about chemical contamination. The fear has fed upon such disasters as Love Canal, N.Y., and Times Beach, Mo. Responding to this emotion the Senate voted 88-8 and the House 386-27 for the Superfund bill.

Can the \$9 billion be spent efficiently? In the view of human events, the whole thing is a boondoggle. Other critics contend that the technological problems of detoxification are too complex to be solved by crash programs. John Martin, the EPA's own inspector general, concluded in a report in September that in some instances the agency has paid more than it should have paid to clean-up contractors.

Martin's audit dealt with four companies that won emergency clean-up contracts over a two-year period. In one case involving equipment rented by the hour, the contractor had charged EPA with a 321 percent markup. In other instances labor was billed at more than double the cost, and equipment was billed at more than 100 times its estimated cost. Other inflated costs, according to an in-house EPA "management memo," were found in transportation, disposal, materials, and per diem allowances.

Howard M. Messner, the EPA's man in charge of contract administration, points out that Martin's audit dealt only with emergency contracts. In such cases, he asks, "how much is too much?" The tasks are always unpleasant and often dangerous. "I don't believe we've been ripped off."

In contracting for the clean-up of waste sites, Messner tries generally to pay what private companies and other public agencies pay for similar work. The Corps of Engineers, for example, regularly contracts for major excavation jobs. The Coast Guard deals with oil spills. Relying upon their experience, the EPA forms a rough idea of what a particular dump site should cost.

The trouble is, says Messner, that not many contractors are interested in EPA work at any price. This is a relatively new field. Bidders are uncertain what chemical wastes may be found in a long-abandoned dump. The whole idea of a Superfund clean-up is to protect the public; meanwhile the workers themselves must be

protected. Messner believes the availability of \$9 billion will do much to spur competition. With that much money waiting to be spent, more contractors will come after it. Prices should come down.

The expanded Superfund program will be financed by a series of new or boosted taxes on industry. The bill imposes a tax of 8.2 cents per barrel on domestic petroleum and 11.2 cents on imported petroleum. It reimposes a tax on 42 industrial chemicals. Over the five-year period an estimated \$2.5 billion is expected from a new tax of \$12 per \$10,000 of corporate income in excess of \$2 million a year. The \$500 million earmarked for leaking underground gasoline tanks will be financed by an additional tax of 0.1 cent per gallon on all fuels used in transportation. Here, at least, is one program with significant characteristics of "pay as we go."

If the bill offers a prospective bonanza for contractors, it also offers a lucrative vista for trial lawyers. Under the act, a new statute of limitations is created for damage suits arising from toxic wastes. Instead of running from the date an injury or illness is suffered, the statute will begin running from the date at which the injury or illness is discovered. Some forms of cancer may be decades in developing. Fixing responsibility will be a major job for the courts.

My own feeling, for whatever it may be worth, is rooted in the maxim that some things can't be hurried no matter how much money is thrown at them. In putting up \$9 billion, Congress has ordered the EPA to bite off more than it can chew.



Lewis Grizzard

A lobby on the eighth floor

SOMEWHERE IN THE USA — This begins my third straight week on the road in search of publicity for a book. Some observations:

■ It really doesn't matter how long it takes to fly from one place to another anymore. Once an airplane is in the air, it goes about as fast as I want it to go.

What is of consequence today, however, is how long it will take to get the plane into the air in the first place.

I've been in an airplane everyday for two weeks, and not a single one has taken off on time. There are traffic delays, weather delays, mechanical delays and delays where there are no explanations at all.

From the time I left my hotel, it took me eight hours to get from Chicago to Detroit. The flight itself took less than an hour.

■ What we need in this country are corridor trains that go 150 mph, downtown to downtown. No traffic. Shorter cab rides. Less hassle.

We won't have that, however, because it

makes too much sense.

■ Do you realize there is no such thing as cable TV in the city of Chicago? Something political, I presume. But where do these people get their wrestling shows without Ted Turner's Superstation?

■ Until Friday, I'd never been to Minneapolis before. Now I know why.

■ I asked a bellman outside a Miami hotel to call me a cab; it was late in the evening. Just then, I noticed a cab parked across the street.

"Never mind," I said to the bellman. "There's a cab across the street."

"No, no," said the bellman. "That is a fake cab. You get inside and the driver takes off somewhere and beats you up and takes your money."

"Oh."

■ At the Marquette Inn in Minneapolis the soap is blue and comes in the shape of a seashell. At the Marriott Marquis in New York, the lobby is on the eighth floor.

■ When you fly on certain American Airlines flights, you get to look at a screen and see what

the pilots see when they take off and land. I covered my eyes on both occasions.

■ Most big hotels have what is called "Spectravision." You can watch first-run movies on your TV for a meager \$5.95. I saw "Running Scared" and "Back to School" in one day in New York. Later that evening, I went to sleep during "Sexy Stewardesses."

■ Radio station WMAQ in Chicago, once one of the nation's most powerful country stations, is going all-talk. Explained a DJ there, "The country music thing is all over."

■ Tampa, Fla., is much too nice a town to deserve the Buccaneers.

■ On a railroad bridge in Detroit somebody had spray-painted the word "Lionel."

■ At the Hilton in Jacksonville, Fla., the room clerks were rude. I got even though. I took a shower and didn't put the curtain inside the tub.

NEXT: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Dallas, Charlotte, Nashville, Fort Worth and Baton Rouge.

That is, if I live that long.

Churchill provides lessons on summits

By Ben Wattenberg

Since Oct. 12, I have been musing, somewhat metaphysically, about how the past impacts on the present, and how the present sends us dim glimpses of the future.

Oct. 12 was the night that President Reagan and his negotiating team returned from the Iceland summit.

It was also the night of the final episode of the eight-part series "Churchill: The Wilderness Years," aired by the Public Broadcasting Service.

Having now read more than enough about the Reykjavik summit, I am convinced that the Churchill programs explained more about what's happening to us than all the Iceland commentaries rolled into one.

The PBS programs brilliantly dra-

matize Churchill's lonely uphill fight during the 1930s to alert England to the threat posed by Hitler's military buildup. We see Churchill plead for more English arms and for a stern Western diplomatic response to the growing Nazi war machine.

The British military intelligence community sends Churchill a stream of secret documents detailing the German menace. Churchill makes eloquent speeches. But his alarmist and hawkish views are rejected by the English people and derided within his own Conservative party. He is frozen out of the Conservative Cabinet.

Limp-wristed Conservatives tell Churchill that the country won't stand for cutting the social welfare budget to increase the military. They say Churchill is exaggerating the Nazi

threat, that he sees Nazis under every bed. (Sound familiar?)

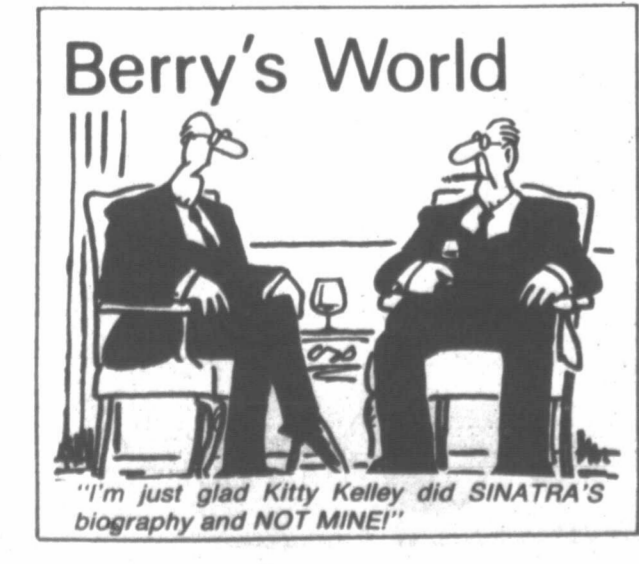
In 1938, Prime Minister Chamberlain goes to a summit meeting with Hitler in Munich and comes back assuring us there will be "peace in our time." He says that what is needed is more arms control, not more arms, and that he will deal with Herr Hitler. Later, Chamberlain says, "Our policy of appeasement is beginning to work." And the British public applauds the appeaser. Within months, Hitler is on the march. Sixty million people will die before the war is over. Cut to Iceland. Another summit, almost half a century later. It's more than a little confusing about who did what to whom in Iceland, but several things come into focus. Reagan went to Iceland having already presided

over a large American military buildup following a decade of Soviet adventurism. And he surely was not pushing Star Wars — whatever its merits — to appease the Soviet Union.

As soon as the Iceland summit ended, many liberal pundits criticized Reagan for not making the arms control deal of the century. Why, we could save a trillion dollars if we dumped Star Wars! And we have a deficit and poor people to think of.

Reagan, the Churchillian hawk, returns to America. But this is not the 1930s; Reagan's popularity jumps. Public support for Star Wars goes up.

Reykjavik and Munich. Both on our television on Oct. 12. History does not always repeat itself. People do learn from experience.



Nation

Researcher fears hysteria over Alzheimer's discovery

BOSTON (AP) — A researcher who discovered what could be the first effective treatment for Alzheimer's disease says he fears his encouraging results will spark "mass hysteria" among people desperate for the experimental drug.

Dr. William K. Summers disclosed his results in a study published in today's New England Journal of Medicine. Of 17 senile people treated with the pills, 16 showed sometimes remarkable improvement in their memory and ability to cope with daily life.

"If this is validated, I think we will have our first viable treatment for Alzheimer's," he said in an interview.

However, the drug, known as tetrahydroaminoacrine, or THA, is not available for routine use. Doctors cannot prescribe it. Until it's approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, it will be given only to people in scientific experiments, and no one knows how many years approval will take.

"I am very enthusiastic about this drug, but I don't want to get a mass hysteria going," he said. "I'm trying to avoid everybody getting whipped into a frenzy about this, because it will be some period of time before it's available."

Summers, a researcher at the University of California, Los Angeles, based his study on the treatment of people with moderate to severe Alzheimer's senility. "Of these 17," he said, "four of them got dramatically better, seven got clearly better and five of them got better to anybody's eye."

Among the patients were two so badly affected by the disease that they didn't know their own names. After receiving the medicine, they could feed themselves, go to the bathroom on their own and recognize their families.

One less severely affected man went back to work part-time. A retiree who before could barely speak took up daily golf again, while another victim resumed driving, cooking and cleaning her house.

Summers stressed that the drug does not cure Alzheimer's disease. Instead, it eases the symptoms of the disease, such as insulin controls diabetes or L-dopa relieves Parkinson's disease.

THA also does not stop the progression of the disease, and victims probably will reach a point when they are not helped by the drug, he said.

"It causes a reversal of symptoms, principally those related to memory deficits," he said. "I am anticipating that it will continue to do that for a period of time, but as the illness progresses underneath the medication, I expect that toward the end there will be more or less a sudden collapse of the symptoms."

Another Alzheimer's expert, Dr. Kenneth L. Davis of Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, was cautious about the drug's potential.

It's not "a golden bullet," he said. "I do think this drug will help some people, and there is a market for it. I see it as a short, rational step" toward controlling Alzheimer's disease.

He noted that similar drugs have failed to produce dramatic results, and he suggested that Summers' study might have benefited from fortunate selection of study subjects and careful monitoring of the patients' drug levels.

Alzheimer's disease is the major cause of senility among the elderly. An estimated 1.5 million to 3 million Americans have the illness, and it causes more than 100,000 deaths each year.

Mammals in midtown



Animals destined for the stage of Radio City Music Hall in New York are led to the stage door by their co-stars, the Rockettes dancers. A variety of animals, including camels, sheep and donkeys, will star in an annual Christmas production.

Report: Families are victims of liberal social programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report today to President Reagan by a special administration task force charges that the fabric of American family life has been torn by two decades of liberal social experiments, from no-fault divorce laws to permissive sex to the easy availability of welfare.

The task force on the family, in a report authored by its chairman, Gary L. Bauer, undersecretary of education, endorses restrictions on welfare for unmarried teen-age mothers, exhorts the courts to back off rulings that undermine traditional family mores and urges the government to resist social engineering and lighten the tax burden on families.

Bauer was releasing the 70-page report, "The Family: Preserving America's Future," at a news conference today. He presented the recommendations at the White House on Wednesday to the Domestic Policy Council, and it will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting with the president in several weeks.

The report hews closely to Reagan's own conservative views, arguing that the government can best help families by interfering in their lives as little as possible.

It also challenges conventional wisdom on teenage sex.

"Contrary to the old excuse, everybody is not doing it. Adolescent sex is on the decline," the report said.

Citing data from the National Center for Health Statistics and other surveys, the report said,

Canadian reemployment plan will be tested in six states next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — A successful Canadian program for helping workers find new jobs after, or even before, they get caught by plant closings and mass layoffs will be tested next year in six states.

Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Vermont each will get \$20,000 under grants approved Wednesday by the Labor Department to foster reemployment labor-management committees at two companies in each state anticipating large layoffs in 1987.

Responding to mounting criticism that the Reagan administration is doing too little too late to help the nearly 2 million workers displaced annually by layoffs and plant closings, Labor Secretary William Brock agreed earlier this year to take a close look at a heralded Canadian worker reemployment program.

The congressional Office of Technology Assessment said in a report in September that it usually takes three to five months for the Labor Department to get job training and placement aid to dis-

placed workers after a layoff is announced.

Because most employers provide less than two weeks notice of layoffs or plant closings — and many give none — the government aid is seldom timely or effective, the OTA report said.

The trial experiments in the six states will be modeled on the two-decade-old Canadian Industrial Adjustment Service, a small government agency with a record of finding new jobs — usually within a year or less — for 66 of every 100 workers displaced by plant closings.

As in Canada, the government will pay half the costs of establishing and operating the labor-management committees with the participating companies expected to pick up the other half.

Often chaired by a retired businessman agreeable to both labor and management, the Canadian committees usually are set up on the same day a layoff is announced and exist for a year or less.

But by quickly contacting employers in similar industries and cooperating unions, they have a record of finding jobs for laid off workers at an average cost of only \$108 to the government.

Reagan pays tribute to Mets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, putting aside his own National League baseball allegiance, paid tribute to a delegation of the World Series champion New York Mets, toasting them as the pride of America.

Reagan greeted a handful of players, including pitchers Dwight Gooden and Bob Ojeda, and catcher Gary Carter, in a Rose Garden ceremony marked by accolades, humor and fond recollections.

"You have certainly done yourselves, the city of New York and all America proud," Reagan, a self-described Chicago Cubs fan, said Wednesday.

Reagan recalled the 1962 Mets, a hapless bunch that posted an embarrassing 40-120 record and prompted Casey Stengel to question, "Can't anybody here play this game?"

"Well, not only did the Mets show America that the 'Other Team from New York' could play

this game, they did it their way — the Mets made 'em say, 'Ya Got-ta Believe,'" the president told the audience of players' wives and members of the New York congressional delegation.

Reagan brought back the image of Game 6 of the World Series. Trailing the Boston Red Sox 5-3 in the 10th inning, and three times one strike away from elimination, the Mets rallied to win 6-5. Two days later, they

again came from behind to win Game 7 and the Series, four games to three.

"... You came back to epitomize what that other bard of baseball, Yogi Berra, once said — 'The game isn't over 'til it's over,'" the president said.

Carter presented Reagan with an orange-and-blue Mets warm-up jacket, with the name Reagan emblazoned on the back.

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- 5 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
- 8 Hissing sound
- 12 Hawaiian island
- 13 Always (poet.)
- 14 Aware of (2 wds.)
- 15 Composer
- 16 Negative answer
- 17 Soviet city
- 18 More circular
- 20 Resin
- 21 River island
- 22 By birth
- 23 Colorful lizard
- 26 Small fruits
- 30 Locust
- 31 Average (comp. wd.)
- 32 Type of cross
- 33 Three (pref.)
- 34 Tilt
- 35 Slavy
- 36 Sherry
- 38 Store up
- 39 Ram's mate
- 40 Mai (cocktail)
- 41 Choreographer
- 44 Crew members
- 48 Arabian name
- 49 Little child
- 50 Distant (pref.)
- 51 All (pref.)
- 52 Airline information (abbr.)
- 53 Send forth
- 54 Speedy
- 55 Roman coin
- 56 Loch monster

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- 1 Evening (Fr.)
- 2 Othello villain
- 3 Biblical pronoun
- 4 Smith or Jones

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Principle
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- 7 Use
- 8 More quickly
- 9 Cross
- 10 Stalk
- 11 Foot part
- 19 Across (pref.)
- 20 Air (comb. form)
- 22 Snug retreat
- 23 Concerning (2 wds.)
- 24 Daughter
- 25 Polynesian god
- 26 Singer
- 27 Virginia willow
- 28 Organs of hearing
- 29 Destroyer's targets
- 31 Return
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- 34 Makes afraid
- 35 Hit
- 37 Emend anew
- 38 Motoring association (abbr.)
- 40 Present time
- 41 From (2 wds.)
- 42 Explorer Vasco
- 43 Members of a convent
- 44 Reduce
- 45 Same (Fr.)
- 46 Division of ancient Greece
- 47 Catches
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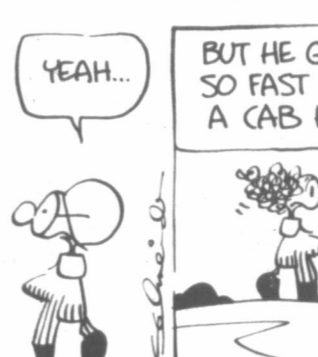
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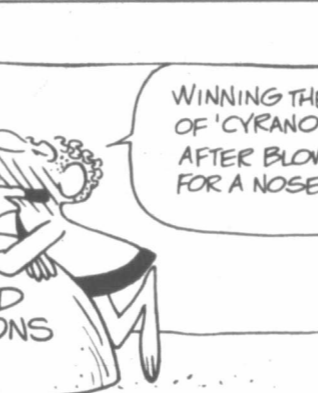
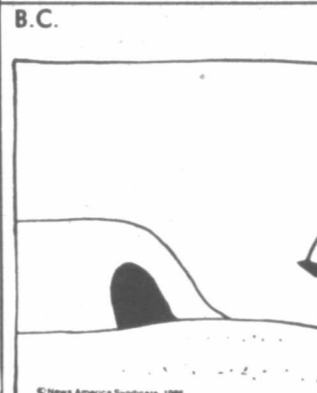
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Nov. 14, 1986

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to maintain harmony in your valued relationships today, it's imperative that you keep your emotional intensity under control. Don't overreact. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your workload could be a bit heavier than usual today. Unfortunately, you might compound this condition by doing what needs doing the hard way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be conduct-conscious in your social involvements today. If you are not mindful, there is a chance you might do something foolish in front of your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will get the opposite of what you desire if you try to force your will upon family members today. Avoid harsh tactics.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Little things that don't usually bug you could raise the hair on the nape of your neck today. Watch your step so that you don't snap at someone who doesn't deserve it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your financial prospects look a shade dubious today. Don't contribute to matters by spending funds earmarked for essentials on extravagant whims.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's best not to rehash volatile domestic issues with your mate today. Each of you could take offense at what the other says, and the way he or she says it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Demands placed on you by others could be rather extreme today. Be on guard so that they do not make you the fall guy for their own feelings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You won't be missing anything if you don't attend a gathering today that is sprinkled with people you dislike. Why invite discomfort?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Strive to be extra tactful when dealing with others today. They will resent you, especially if you are the head honcho who is issuing orders.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're not apt to be too tolerant today of individuals who do not wholeheartedly support your views. Pressing your opinions on the unresponsive may invite an argument.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be profit-conscious today. Try not to give away the store just to make a deal.

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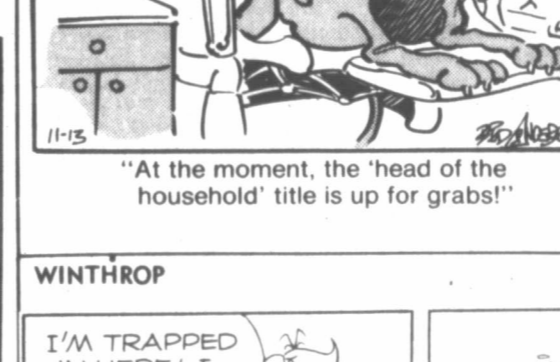
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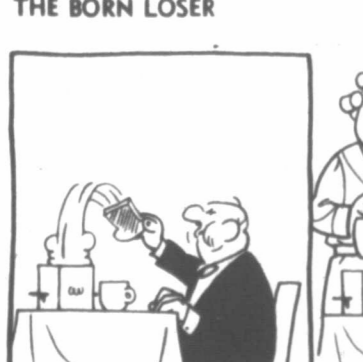
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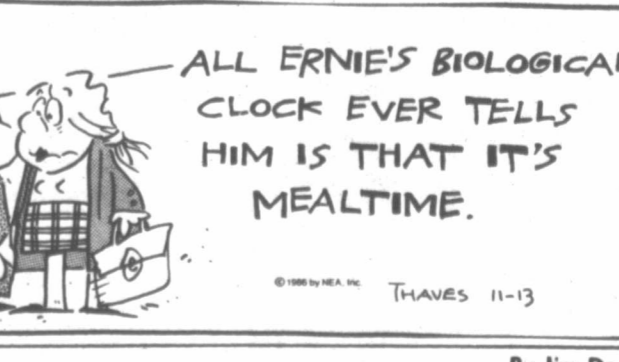
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Lifestyles

Dressmaker finds thriving business at home

By MELLA McEWEN
Midland Reporter-Telegram

MIDLAND (AP) — The Bible tells the story of a widow who, during a drought in Israel, went to the prophet Elisha because she couldn't feed her family. He asked her what she had in the house, and she replied a jar of oil. He told her to borrow every vessel she could and fill them with the oil. She did, filling every vessel with oil. Elisha then told her to sell the vessels and provide for her family.

"I believe the Lord is telling us he can help us make a living in these hard times, if we'll take what's in our house and use it to make a living," says Paula Ramsey, owner of Cottage Clothes-

line, "and that's what I've done." She has looked to the cottage industry concept of making and selling items at home as the formation of a new business.

The Department of Labor, recognizing a return to the cottage industry, recently ruled certain articles could be manufactured at home. Mrs. Ramsey has made the cottage industry concept work for her.

Starting with little more than a handful of clothing patterns and a business plan, she has built in less than a year a viable business that employs 10 seamstresses and four salesmen — and all without the benefit of massive manufacturing facilities and corporate offices.

Cottage Clothesline makes and

markets girls' clothing through home parties throughout Texas and New Mexico.

The company also makes uniforms for private schools. Cottage Clothesline just completed uniforms for a school in Pecos and is working with a private school in Austin on another order.

Mrs. Ramsey employs 10 local seamstresses to make the clothes, and uses others on an emergency basis. When an order comes in, the material is cut and distributed to the seamstresses with the size chart.

"The seamstresses can work at home and make money at the same time," Mrs. Ramsey says.

Each set, custom-fit to each child, costs \$200 and consists of eight pieces that can be mixed

and matched to create 20 outfits. "That boils down to \$10 an outfit," Mrs. Ramsey points out. "It's so cost-effective. There aren't many places where you can buy custom-made, monogrammed garments for under \$25."

Each set, available in sizes 1 through 8, consists of two pinafores, two jumpers, two long-sleeve dresses and two blouses. The clothes are made in an A-line style so the child has room to grow, and are designed to wear year-round, according to Mrs. Ramsey. There are four different fabric groupings in the little girls sizes, and one grouping for the older girls.

Mrs. Ramsey says she's adding clothes for older girls, through

size 14. The older girls' wardrobe will include brighter colors, sweats, skirts and peasant tops that can also be monogrammed.

She got the idea for the wardrobe about five years ago. "I raised three daughters, and I knew there needed to be an easier way to dress them than one outfit at a time." She says that when she's acted as a sales representative, 80 percent of the customers who've seen the clothes order a set.

Mrs. Ramsey says she's pleased with the business so far: "We're making some profit, and we see it's going to develop quickly." And she has plans for developing the business even more. "I would like to do a maternity wardrobe, and I want to expand

the sales representatives and pursue the mail-order market," she says.

She's started mailing a small brochure with pictures of the outfits and an order blank. "I want this job to be good for the employees and the customers. And I want the product to be excellent, and if it's not there, we'll get it there."

Even as she manages a burgeoning business, she's keeping her success in perspective. "I am a firm believer that everything has a right time and a right priority. I felt like I'd raised my family and was ready for a career."

But, she adds, "While I think a career is important, it's not the most important thing."

Dressing by 'type'

Steps to a new you

By FLORENCE DE SANTIS

It's not easy these days to feel well-dressed or even appropriately dressed. Fashion influences come from all sides — classic preppy, ethnic or even street-wild. Choosing on a budget can be tough.

The problem has encouraged a number of fashion advisers to set up shop in recent years. An extension of the old-time "personal shopper," the advisers work one-on-one with their customers, helping them assemble suitable wardrobes, as well as change or add to them season by season. They also save their clients time by bringing accessories together.

Emily Cho and Neila Fisher have been doing all this for some years at their company, New Image, in New York City, but they've now gone a step further. As they explain in their new book, *It's You!* (Villard Books, New York), the real guide through today's fashion maze is you. They've divided women into six basic types, and the book shows you how to place yourself in one of these groups. A final chapter shows how to make an occasional breakout into another type. (We all like a change now and then.)

The authors enlisted Cheryl Lickona to help with the many sketches that illustrate choices one might make in



SUIT STYLES for different types of women, as shown in *It's You!* include a sweater jacket outfit, right, for a casual woman, and a dressmaker suit, left, for the woman suited to more feminine fashions.

each group for varying occasions, whether business or social. With the old idea of fashion "rules" gone, it is now possible to discover your own type and create an impressive image by dressing accordingly. A scattered assemblage of fashion choices makes no personality impression, as *It's You!* clearly shows.

Cho and Fisher think that clothing possibilities could in-

clude some items made by you or by a handpicked dressmaker. You'll get custom fitting, more quality for the money and exclusivity. It saves shopping time, too.

The authors have worked out a group of outfits for Vogue-Butterick patterns that incorporate some of their personality points for the six basic styles.

It's not easy to get AIDS

DEAR ABBY: Like everyone else, I am confused about AIDS. How contagious is it? I have a friend who will not eat at a restaurant that employs gay waiters. And she's quit her regular hairdresser because she thinks he's gay. (She says, "Why take a chance?")

Abby, how big a chance is a person taking to be served by a gay waiter, or to let a gay hairdresser shampoo and set her hair? I'm signing my name, but please don't use it. I hope you print my letter because a lot of people are as confused and frightened as I am.

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DEAR LADY: AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease, and your friend would be far wiser to worry about her own sexual behavior than who is setting her hair or taking her order. According to Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research: "All" gays do not have AIDS, nor have "all" gays been infected with the virus. Further, there is not one case on record of a hairdresser infecting a client in the line of duty, nor of a food handler infecting a customer.

AIDS is not transmitted easily or casually — not by a sneeze, not by a touch, not by being in the same room with an infected person.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

It is transmitted by sexual contact or directly through the blood. In the last year, several studies have been conducted of persons living in the same household with people with AIDS without sexual contact. Of the several hundreds of people studied, and though they used the same dishes, the same towels, the same bed linen and the same toilets as the people with AIDS, not a single person contracted the AIDS virus. So it is reasonable to conclude that people who do not engage in unsafe sex or shoot up drugs are at no risk from being around people with AIDS.

The bottom line: AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease. It is no longer limited to homosexuals and drug addicts.

Who is absolutely safe? Only couples who *always* use a condom unless they are in a long-

standing monogamous relationship. The days of casual sex are over!

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Anyone who wants a list of sleep centers accredited by the Association of Sleep Disorders Centers should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Carol Westbrook, ASDC, 604 Second St. S.W., Rochester, Minn. 55902.

WILLIAM C. DEMENT, M.D., Ph.D., DIRECTOR, STANFORD SLEEP DISORDER CENTER

DEAR DR. DEMENT: The material you sent me on sleep disorders certainly woke me up! I hope that physicians will be sufficiently interested in this problem to take advantage of your offer. I, for one, thank you for it.

Comfort and elegance keynote evening clothes for the holidays

This year's holiday evening clothes combine glamour with ease, a concept no doubt influenced by sportswear. It means that even many fitted gowns will actually be comfortable.

The trend can be seen in the collections of leading designers like Oscar de la Renta, who likes softly draped dresses with cashmere skirts and bodices with all-over silver embroidery. Cashmere, the luxury fabric of sportswear, also appears at Carolyne Roehm — usually a designer of elaborately elegant gowns. She does a strapless, softly shirred gown with an easy slit skirt. Chain embroidery glitters at the waist and is repeated as edging for the cardigan jacket.

Lenore Smith uses every glamour trick in the book for gowns that fall on the body as softly as a nightie. Soft platinum-gray silk is cut in a tapered silhouette with wide shoulders-accented with jewelry. Deep barrel-cuffed dolman sleeves blend into a draped cowl back. A front V-segment is filled in with ivory silk and delicate swags of pearl embroidery.

Carolina Herrera uses soft fabric and glitter trim in her easy red wool crepe with gold belt.

Bias cuts move a little closer to the body in a softly sinuous way. One such dress is Bob Mackie's black wool sheath with a low back framed in wide straps and banding of red beading. George Stavropoulos is famous for his flowing, yet body-conscious chiffons

that are worn year-round.

When designers turn to fitted evening dresses, they often combine a fitted bodice with a full skirt. One of the prettiest is Jon Haggins' iridescent purple taffeta with a bra-shaped bodice framed by romantically big puffed sleeves. It's a look that combines sophistication with femininity.

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Sports Scene

Clemens garners American League's Cy Young Award

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

KATY, Texas (AP) — Boston's Roger Clemens has accepted the American League Cy Young Award and the legacy that accompanies it. "It's almost a challenge to get this award because Cy Young winners in the past have had trouble the year after they win it," Clemens said Wednesday after becoming only the third unanimous winner of the honor. "I'll work even harder in the off-season to try to knock down those gremlins that seem to chase the Cy Young winner."

Clemens, 24, already has overcome long odds by winning the award one year after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder on Aug. 30, 1985. He led the major leagues with 24 victories and set a record by striking out 20 batters in a 3-1 victory over Seattle last April 29.

He won his first 14 decisions before losing 4-2 to the Toronto Blue Jays on July 2. He lost only three more games the rest of the season.

Clemens led the AL with a 2.48 earned-run average and was second to Seattle's Mark Langston in strikeouts, 245 to 238.

"I'd love for it to happen again, but this was just a year that happened for me," Clemens said. "We had a couple of injuries and they looked around the corner and there I was."

Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen won the AL honor in 1985, only to succumb to arm injuries that dropped him to a 7-12 record and 4.15 ERA.

Detroit's Willie Hernandez, the 1984 winner, finished 8-10 in 1985. Chicago's LaMarr Hoyt won the 1983 award after a 24-10 season, only to slip the next year to 13-18.

Milwaukee's Pete Vukovich was 18-6 in winning the Cy Young in 1982, then didn't win a game the next season after experiencing arm troubles.

The 1981 winner, Milwaukee reliever Rollie Fingers, went from a 6-3 record to 5-6 while adding 1½ runs to his earned-run average.

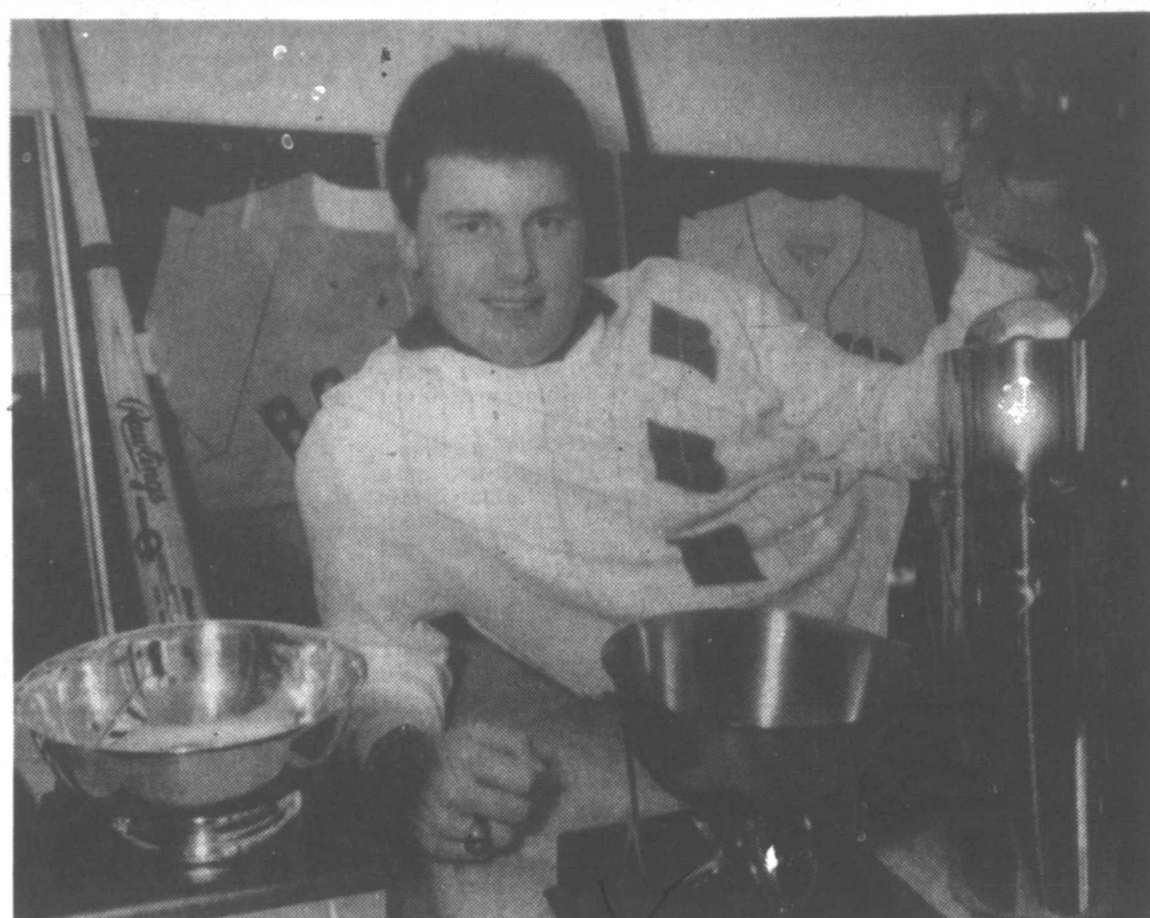
Baltimore's Steve Stone won 24 games and the Cy Young in 1980, but had only a sore arm and four wins the next season.

"A lot of the past winners have gotten caught up in all the banquets and autograph signings," Clemens said. "I'm going to make a select few banquets and do my off-season work."

Clemens helped Boston win its first pennant since 1975 and the Red Sox were one strike away from winning the World Series before losing in seven games to the New York Mets.

Clemens joined Detroit's Denny McLain and New York's Ron Guidry as the AL's only unanimous Cy Young winners since the baseball writers began giving the award to the best pitcher in each league in 1967. McLain was a unanimous choice in 1968 and Guidry in 1978.

"There were several outstanding pitchers in the league this year, but only one Roger Clemens," Boston Manager John McNamara said. "It would have been the robbery of the century if he hadn't won."



American League Cy Young winner Roger Clemens and his trophies.

College football picks Tradition-rich Irish underdog against Penn State

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Football Writer

Notre Dame is the most hallowed of all college football schools. Not only have the Irish won more national championships (seven) than anyone else since the Associated Press poll began in 1936, but they also have been involved in many memorable games.

Nov. 1, 1913 — The combination of quarterback Gus Dorais and end Knute Rockne popularizes the forward pass as a legitimate offensive weapon in a 35-13 upset of Army.

Nov. 10, 1928 — Rockne, now Notre Dame's coach, makes his famous "Win One for the Gipper" pregame speech and the Irish beat mighty Army 12-6 at New York's Yankee Stadium.

Nov. 2, 1935 — Notre Dame's 18-13 upset of Ohio State in Columbus is still labeled "The Game of the Century" in some quarters.

Nov. 9, 1946 — Notre Dame snaps Army's 25-game winning streak with a 0-0 tie at Yankee Stadium.

Oct. 24, 1953 — Johnny Lattner returns the opening kickoff 80 yards to set up the first touchdown in a 27-14 victory that ends Georgia Tech's 31-game unbeaten streak.

Nov. 16, 1957 — Halfback Dick Lynch scores the game's only touchdown in a 7-0 triumph that snaps Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak, still the longest in college football history.

Nov. 19, 1966 — Notre Dame and Michigan State battle to a 10-10 tie that keeps the Irish No. 1 en route to the national championship.

Jan. 1, 1971 — The Irish down Texas 24-11 in the Cotton Bowl and end the Longhorns' 30-game winning streak.

Oct. 27, 1973 — A 23-14 victory that snaps Southern Cal's 23-game unbeaten streak is the pivotal triumph in Notre Dame's drive to the national championship.

Dec. 31, 1973 — Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23 in the famous Sugar Bowl shootout.

Jan. 2, 1978 — Fifth-ranked Notre Dame rips No. 1 Texas 38-10 in the Cotton Bowl and vaults to the

national championship.

Nov. 15, 1986 — Notre Dame Stadium. The unranked Irish are 4-4 but have won three games in a row under first-year Coach Lou Holtz, including last week's 61-29 rout of Southern Methodist. Third-ranked Penn State is 9-0, has a 20-game regular-season winning streak and is making a serious run at the national championship.

Penn State is a 5-point favorite. This corner picks Penn State 24-14.

Last week's prediction record was 36 right and 14 wrong for a percentage of .720; for the year, 364-138-7—725. Against the point spread, last week's score was 18-19—486; for the season, 168-169-5—499.

Tulsa at No. 1 Miami, Fla. (favored by 35): Miami 48-7.

Minnesota at No. 2 Michigan (by 25): Michigan 31-14.

No. 4 Oklahoma (by 23) at Colorado: Oklahoma 28-14.

Wichita State at No. 5 Arizona State (no line): Arizona State 56-7.

No. 6 Nebraska (by 31) at Kansas: Nebraska 42-10.

No. 7 Texas A&M (by 4) at No. 17 Arkansas (Little Rock): Arkansas 24-21.

Georgia at No. 8 Auburn (by 10½): Auburn 28-14.

No. 9 Ohio State (by 20) at Wisconsin: Ohio State 30-13.

No. 19 UCLA at No. 10 Washington (by 3): Washington 24-17.

Temple at No. 11 Alabama (by 20): Alabama 35-13.

No. 12 LSU (by 9) at Mississippi State (Jackson): LSU 27-20.

California at Southern Cal (by 27½): Southern Cal 31-14.

No. 15 Clemson (by 5) at Maryland (Baltimore): Clemson 28-17.

No. 18 Baylor (by 24) at Rice: Baylor 42-14.

Tennessee at No. 20 Mississippi (by 6½): Upset Special of the Week... Tennessee 27-17.

Rutgers at Pitt (by 7): Second Upset Special... Rutgers 21-17.

Harris football rating system

District 1-4A Picks
Lubbock Estacado over Pampa, by 38; Hereford over Borger, by 5; Canyon over Frenship, by 26; Lubbock Dunbar over Dumas, by 6.

Area Picks
Wheeler over Vega, by 12; Panhandle over Canadian, by 2.

f19District 1-4A Rankings
2. Lubbock Estacado, 185; 20. Hereford, 172; 24. Levelland, 171; 29. Canyon, 169; 41. Borger, 168; 68. Lubbock Dunbar, 162; 105. Dumas, 150; 119. Frenship, 145; 120. Pampa, 145.

Class AA Rankings
37. Panhandle, 154; 47. Canadian, 152; 133. White Deer, 129.

Class A Rankings
13. Wheeler, 146; 22. Groom, 143; 130. McLean, 93.

Top Twenty

Class 5A — 1. SA Holmes, 199; 2. Converse Judson, 195; 3. North Mesquite, 193; 4. La Marque, 193; 5. Houston Yates, 193; 6. SA Clark, 190; 7. Midland Lee, 188; 8. San Angelo Central, 9. SA Jay, 187; 10. Willowridge, 186; 11. Dallas Carter, 186; 12. Plano, 186; 13. Round Rock Westwood, 185; 14. Duncanville, 184; 15. Wichita Falls, 184; 16. Highland Park, 184; 17. Katy, 183; 18. Beaumont West Brook, 183; 19. Odessa Permian, 183; 20. SA Churchill, 183.

Class 4A — 1. Corsicana, 192; 2. Lubbock Estacado, 185; 3. Wichita Falls Hirschi, 182; 4. Jasper, 182; 5. Sweetwater, 181; 6. West Orange-Stark, 179; 7. Gregory-Portland, 179; 8. McKinney, 179; 9. Kilgore, 178; 10. Everman, 176; 11. Big Spring, 176; 12. New Braunfels, 176; 13. Sulphur Springs, 176; 14. Uvalde, 175; 15. Monahan, 175; 16. Palestine, 175; 17. Henderson, 175; 18. Wharton, 173; 19. Brownwood, 172; 20. Hereford, 172.

Class 3A — 1. Daingerfield, 193; 2. Cuero, 184; 3. Pittsburg, 176; 4. Ballinger, 171; 5. Jefferson, 171; 6. Littlefield, 171; 7. Groesbeck, 171; 8. Cameron Yoe, 171; 9. Gladewater, 170; 10. Randolph, 170; 11. Lubbock Roosevelt, 169; 12. Kirbyville, 169; 13. PA Austin, 169; 14. Springtown, 169; 15. S. Lake Carroll, 169; 16. Bellville, 169; 17. Denver City, 168; 18. Friona, 168; 19. Sinton, 168; 20. Hooks, 168.

Class 2A — 1. Refugio, 189; 2. Shiner, 175; 3. SA Cole, 171; 4. Eastland, 167; 5. Goldthwaite, 165; 6. Mason, 165; 7. Elysian Fields, 164; 8. Mart, 164; 9. Forsan, 164; 10. Reagan County, 164; 11. Seymour, 163; 12. Abernathy, 162; 13. Caddo Mills, 161; 14. Pilot Point, 161; 15. New Waverly, 160; 16. Alto, 160; 17. Holliday, 160; 18. McCamey, 160; 19. Electra, 160; 20. Eustace, 159.

Class A — 1. Valley View, 168; 2. Munday, 164; 3. Valley, 162; 4. Axtell, 157; 5. Apple Springs, 154; 6. Burkeville, 153; 7. Flatonia, 153; 8. Bremond, 150.

Accusations continue against SMU

DALLAS (AP) — A former Southern Methodist University football player says he was paid \$25,000 to sign with SMU and was later paid \$750 per month after the school was cited in 1985 for recruiting violations by the NCAA.

David Stanley made the allegations during a broadcast Wednesday night on WFAA-TV.

He said the monthly payments were made to him after the National Collegiate Athletic Association imposed major sanctions on SMU and warned that a future major violation might result in a two-year suspension of the school's football program.

The \$25,000 payment was made before he signed in 1983 to attend SMU, Stanley said.

The television station said the NCAA is investigating the allegations by Stanley, but there was no confirmation of that available from the NCAA.

The former linebacker said Henry Lee Parker, administrative assistant to SMU athletic

director Bob Hitch, made monthly payments of \$400 to him and \$350 to Mrs. Dawn Stanley of Angelton, his mother, until Stanley dropped out of school in December 1985.

Stanley admitted in an interview with the television station that he is bitter about his early departure from SMU because it cost him a chance at a possible professional football career. He said he hopes that the NCAA does punish SMU.

"I hope they get what's coming to them," he said.

Stanley also said he was hospitalized for a time during his stay at SMU for treatment of a drug problem. He said the university paid for the treatment.

Hitch admitted that the school paid for the drug treatment and said he knew the payment was a violation of NCAA rules at the time it was made.

Stanley told the television station that he lied to NCAA investigators who questioned him about possible payments from the

school because he felt loyalty to the school and feared that it would harm his football career if he told the truth.

School officials denied the allegations and said they had questions about Stanley's credibility. They would not comment further on the questions about his credibility.

Motocross results

The Pampa MX and ATV racing team recently competed in an indoor series last weekend at the Amarillo Civic Center.

In the motocross division, Andy Anderson placed second, Cody Anderson was third and Dustin Miller, fifth in the 80 expert class.

ATV members placing were David Bolch, second, 60 modified; Jimmy Keough, sixth, amateur 4-wheeler 250 class, and James Skinner, sixth, pro 4-wheeler, 250 class.

The Pampa team competes in the second of six meets two weeks from now in Austin.



Canadian back Jeff Kirkland will be in the lineup Friday night when the Wildcats tangle with Panhandle in the Class 2A playoffs in Pampa's Harvester Stadium. Kirkland also kicks extra points for the Wildcats.

Canadian ready for Panhandle in football playoff opener

CANADIAN — The last time the Canadian Wildcats earned a playoff berth, few, if any, of this year's team had even started school, let alone think about playing football.

According to head coach Paul Wilson, it was 14 years ago that Canadian made it past regular season play, but the "Cats are ready."

"We are as healthy as we have been in a long time," Wilson said Wednesday of Friday night's meeting with the Panhandle Panthers. "We are going to be ready emotionally."

Ready or not, the Wildcats face a squad that ranked only two points better in the Harris Poll.

Although the two teams didn't meet in the pre-district warm-ups, they did have a couple of common foes. Canadian tackled the White Deer Bucks in the opening game of the season and came away with a 27-6 victory. The Panthers played the Bucks in a district contest and stopped them 31-0.

Both teams have played Fritch this year, too. The Wildcats managed a 6-6 tie and the Panthers won 13-7.

All indications are that the two teams are evenly matched going into the 7:30 p.m. contest at Harvester field, but there is one difference that might prove critical.

"Panhandle has been in the playoffs for the past umpteen years," Wilson remarked. And the last time the Wildcats got an extra game was 1972.

Actually, this makes the eighth consecutive playoff appearance for the Panthers, who have a 6-3 record so far this season. Panhandle fell to

Memphis 14-3 in bi-district a year ago.

The Panthers use a 5-3 defense and swarming type defense, according to Wilson.

"You can't make a steady diet out of running the ball against them," he explained. "You have got to have a balanced attack."

The Panthers use a veer offense and their quarterback makes good use of it, Wilson said. He also said that the Panthers had a couple of running backs that could cause problems for the Wildcats and that Panhandle had a quick line.

Panhandle clinched the District 1-2A crown last week with a 56-13 rout of Gruver. In that game, Chris Koetting did most of the damage for the Panthers as he scored four touchdowns and rushed for 144 yards. Jesse Rocha added 136 yards rushing and one touchdown.

It was Panhandle's first outright district title since 1983.

Panhandle coach Stocky Lamberson said Canadian is a much-improved team since overcoming injuries earlier in the season.

"Canadian has really been coming on and has shown a lot of improvement during the past three or four weeks," Lamberson said. They've got a real strong running game. Shawn Wright is one of the better running backs in the area. Canadian is always known for its big, strong linemen and this year is no exception."

Tickets to the game are available at the gate and are \$4. Canadian will be the home team for this game.

Disaster preparations



Police Chief J.J. Ryzman and Vaughn view problems board in Emergency Operations Center.



Dispatcher Jeanne Gould monitors radio traffic at police station.



DPS units direct traffic while SPS units repair a transformer at scene of real accident on Hwy. 60.



A city employee uses a truck to block traffic on 23rd Avenue.

Disaster

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Department, local units of the Department of Public Safety, the Gray County Sheriff's Department, Pampa Medical Services, Celanese emergency response teams, local Texas Department of Highways and Transportation employees, units of the city's Department of Community Services, Gray County precinct units and various utilities personnel.

Also assisting with the drill in various phases were the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Coronado Community Hospital, the Texas National Guard, the public schools, various business and industry personnel, Pampa Chamber of Commerce members and even a representative of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

The First Baptist Church offered its communications center for broadcasting information from Emergency Operations Center personnel over local radio stations KGRO-KOMX and KSNZ and over the Sammons Communications cable television systems.

Coordinating the drill was the Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) Committee, composed of city and county emergency response personnel, business and industry employees, health and human service agency officials, medical services agencies and chamber members.

One of the main reasons for holding practice drills is to check local response procedures and identify deficiencies that need correcting.

"There were a lot of problems ... but a lot of good things about it, too," Vaughn said. Considering the extensive drill situations and the actual weather conditions, "we had a pretty good response," he added.

One of the major problems was communications between all the various agencies involved. There

were some problems with radios not operating properly and some troubles in routing all the radio traffic to the proper personnel needing the information.

Other communications problems included not having enough walkie-talkies and in determining who should have the portable radio units. There also was no easy telephone access to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Some security problems also were noted. Traffic was to be diverted around the bus-truck accident scene, but apparently arteries to the east were not blocked sufficiently to keep traffic out. In addition, there was no way of checking who had proper access to the EOC, with anyone being able to wander in and out.

At the bus-traffic accident, some problems were observed. The "victims" apparently were taken out of the back of the bus, causing them to step into the spilled toxic chemicals. The victims also walked and wandered about despite their supposed injuries, creating problems for medical personnel in giving them proper treatments.

The major problem at the Pampa spill scene was that no one bothered to check the truck's cab, leaving the injured driver waiting for rescue.

There also were some equipment problems. These included not having enough air bottles for suited personnel working with the chemical spill and somewhat inefficient radio set-ups at the command post.

Other problems were noted in the command structures, with some personnel handling too much and not delegating enough duties to others. Also, too many people were hanging around and asking too many questions instead of receiving needed instructions.

The real thing occurs in middle of practice

While law enforcement and emergency personnel were in the midst of a simulated disaster drill Wednesday, some had to leave to respond to the real thing when three accidents occurred.

Around 10 a.m., about an hour into the drill, an empty cattle truck jackknifed near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 60 and Loop 171 east of the city.

Department of Public Safety units were at the accident scene and then called Pampa firemen after the truck's gas tank ruptured and spilled diesel fuel on the highway. The firemen washed down the fuel.

The truck also damaged a transformer and downed a power line, with Southwestern Public Service personnel called in to repair the damage to the electrical power lines.

But driver Alvin Holmes of Dumas apparently was uninjured in the one-vehicle accident.

DPS units directed traffic around the site, with some drivers failing to slow down despite the warnings and slick roadway.

Also during the drill, a 1977 Chevrolet driven by Irva Black Crouse, 725 E. Frederick, collided with a building at 612 E. Frederick. And there was a collision reported on Interstate 40 south of Pampa.

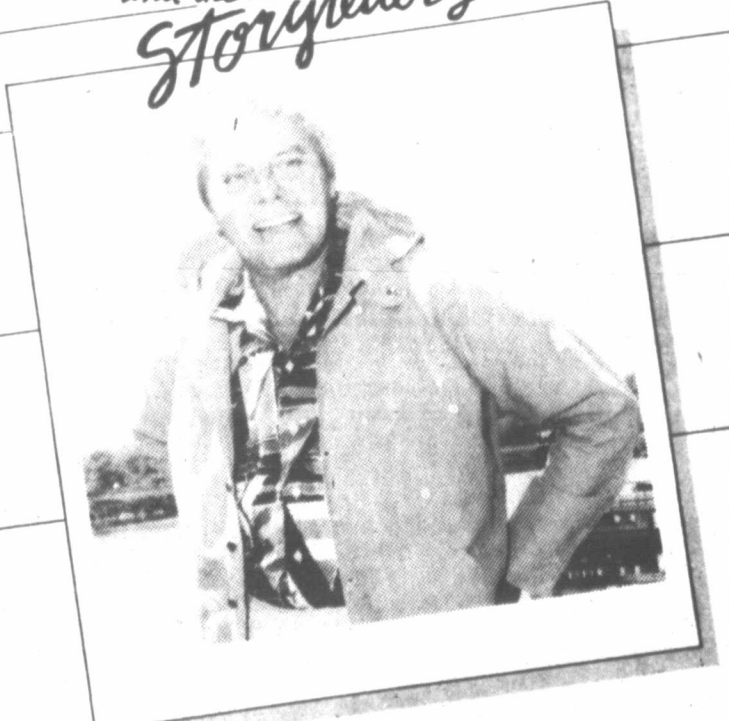
Pampa Environmental and Emergency Management Director Steve Vaughn, speaking at the disaster drill critique session Wednesday afternoon, said, "We had excellent response to a real emergency" in the middle of the drill, referring to the cattle truck accident.

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True colors



Four of the winners of the recent Wal-Mart Halloween coloring contest show their work to Wal-Mart assistant manager Herbert Bridgeman. They are, from left, Audra Ellis, 7, daughter of Weldon and Sondra Ellis; Sara Cadena, 8, daughter of Tony and Rosemary Cadena; Jeremy Buck, 4, son of Mike and Shirley Buck; and Jacklyn Jennings, 3, daughter of Gary Jennings.

Pentagon studies controls on unclassified data banks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials say they will take steps to limit access to unclassified government and business computer data banks as part of a Reagan administration effort to make it more difficult for hostile governments to acquire technical and economic information.

Officials from the Defense Department, FBI and CIA already have approached the computer data bank industry, company officials say, to ask them how to best control access to electronically stored information.

In an interview Wednesday, Diane Fountaine, director for information systems in the office of Assistant Defense Secretary Donald C. Latham, said she was attempting to let the information industry know "we are very serious about protecting information, including unclassified but sensitive information."

At the same time, John Poindexter, President Reagan's national security adviser, has signed a memorandum creating a new "sensitive" classification, further restricting access to government information. The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

Poindexter signed the memorandum Nov. 6, the Post reported. It gives federal agency heads the power to label information "sensitive," which would prohibit it from being distributed outside the government — and into data banks.

"Sensitive" information is defined in the memo as "those unclassified matters that are related to the national defense or foreign relations of the U.S. government," including "a wide range of government or government derived" subjects, including economics, technology and agriculture, the Post said.

The issue of controlled access to data banks has simmered within the administration for several years. In September 1984, President Reagan directed the Pentagon to study the ways the Soviets gain access to information in the West and what might be done to impede them.

Tuesday night in New York, at a convention of the Information Industry Association, Ms. Fountaine told her audience, "The question is not will there be restrictions or controls on the use of commercially available on-line data bases — the question is how will such restrictions or controls be applied."

Beauty pageant again raises eyebrows

LONDON (AP) — The Miss World pageant is raising a few eyebrows — as usual.

But despite a fuss over Miss USA's skimpy star-spangled bikini — her "national costume" — and whether Miss West Germany had appeared nude or just topless on television, it's been tame compared with some of the previous 35 years.

"Maybe they're all good girls," said Tom Smith, Miss World spokesman, said Wednesday on the eve of the beauty pageant at London's Royal Albert Hall.

It has weathered sex scandals, bombs planted by feminists that drove Bob Hope from the stage in 1970, and perennial allegations of rigging that have never been substantiated. In the early 1970s, three winners within four years resigned, prompting speculation that the Miss World title was jinxed.

But the contest's popularity remains strong.

Thames Television, the commercial network, will broadcast this year's event to more than 500 million people worldwide, including about 16 million in Britain.

The rival British Broadcasting Corp. dropped the show in 1984, calling it "an anachronism in this day and age of equality, and verging on the offensive."

"It always amazes me how a lot of people poo-poo the thing but then rush home and sit glued to it," said Liz Brown, a Thames spokeswoman.

"You're obviously going to get the feminist element, the cattle market thing, but by and large most people view it as an enjoyable 1½-hour spectacle."

The majority of the 77 contestants hoping to walk away with the title of Miss World 1986 are students, models and secretaries. Miss U.S. Virgin Islands, 21-year-old Carmen Rosa Acosta, is an assistant funeral director aiming for a career in mortuary science.

Eric Morley had not intended it to be an annual event when he organized a bathing beauty contest for the 1951 Festival of Britain. But the following year, the United States inaugurated the rival Miss Universe pageant, and Morley couldn't resist the challenge.

Television drama puts Oswald on trial for Kennedy assassination

LONDON (AP) — Twenty-three years after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Lee Harvey Oswald has been put on trial for murder in a British television drama.

The defense says Oswald was framed in what has become a "national lie." The prosecution argues no evidence exists to contradict the Warren Commission finding that Oswald was the lone assassin. The real Oswald was killed by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby two days after Kennedy's assassination.

The TV verdict is in, but it is being kept secret until the program is shown over the weekend of Nov. 21-23 in five countries, Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Denmark.

"The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald," a 5½-hour docu-drama, is being shown in the United States in two parts on Nov. 21-22 by the cable TV network Showtime.

It attempts to put to an impartial jury some of the contradictory evidence surrounding Kennedy's assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

If Oswald fired three bullets at the president from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, why was he found 90 seconds after the shooting in the building's canteen four floors below? Why did so many spectators insist shots were fired from a grassy knoll ahead of the president's motorcade? How did the remains of Kennedy's brain vanish before an autopsy was done?

The television drama is set in a replica of a federal courtroom in Dallas. The 12 jurors and two alternates were chosen from among Dallas residents on a computer list of Dallas' electoral rolls.

Oswald's defense lawyer is Gerry Spence, who gained fame in winning a big initial jury award from the Kerr-McGee Corp. in the 1979 Karen Silkwood case.

Opposing Spence is Vincent T. Bugliosi, who prosecuted mass-killer Charles Manson in the 1970-71 Sharon Tate case.

Presiding over the mock trial is U.S. District Judge Lucius Desha Bunton III of Dallas.

No actors were used, so no one portrayed Oswald. However, Spence at one point displays a poster-sized photograph of Oswald. The case is based on the assumption Oswald would have pleaded innocent to the murder charge lodged against him the day after his arrest.

Executive producer Richard Drewett said at a press preview Tuesday there was no script; instead, lawyers prepared their own cases based on evidence gathered by the program's three researchers over two years.

The outcome was left to the jurors, and they spent eight hours deliberating their verdict.

Drewett said, "No one is pretending that this will go down in history as the verdict, but it is an attempt to explain the key issues."

One researcher, Richard Tomlinson, a Cambridge University history graduate, said in an interview that the program produces no new evidence. But he noted that it is the first time various versions of the assassination have been subjected to legal cross-examining.

"I don't think this program is the final word on who killed Kennedy," Tomlinson added.

Oswald, a 24-year-old ex-U.S. Marine who had defected to the Soviet Union and returned with his Russian wife, Marina, was arrested soon after Kennedy was shot.

He protested that he was framed. But before he could be brought to trial, Oswald was shot to death by Ruby while being led to a county jail.

In "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald," jurors hear evidence from 24 witnesses, including spectators, ballistics experts, pathologists and Oswald's close friend, Ruth Paine.

Reports say

Reagan admits U.S. arms deal with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan told congressional leaders the United States sent military equipment to Iran in an attempt to establish ties with moderate elements in the Iranian government, published reports say.

The remarks were made at a closed-door meeting Wednesday and were reported in today's editions of The Washington Post and New York Times. Both newspapers quoted unidentified administration sources.

The Times reported that an administration official paraphrased Reagan at the meeting as saying the United States would be at fault if Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died "and we had not made any preparations for contacts with a future regime. The arms are necessary for that."

The Post reported that the covert operation provoked angry exchanges between White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan and national security adviser John M. Poindexter. The two got into a "shouting match" in front of the president in the Oval Office on Nov. 6 on whether to make some details of the operation public, with Poindexter arguing for secrecy and Regan for some openness, the Post said.

Wednesday's briefing was the first since the emergence of reports of a purported administration attempt to complete an arms-for-hostages deal with Iran to spring Americans held captive in Lebanon.

"I have not changed my mind," said Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., after the meeting. Byrd has sharply criticized what he said is the administration's apparent violation of its own policy not to negotiate with terrorists.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., had nothing to say and was described by a spokesman as, "tight lipped, no words."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, who was not included in the White House briefing, told reporters he felt administration officials were "groping for a retroactive justification" for the reported dealings with Iran.

The White House, which has never confirmed any such dealings, said Reagan was joined by Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger, Attorney General Edwin Meese, CIA Director William Casey, Regan and Poindexter.

In New York, said Rajai Khorassani, Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, strongly denied an arms-for-hostages deal with the United States. He did, however, confirm that his government was receiving U.S.-made military hardware.

"We did not have any arms deal or any other kind of deal with regard to the release of the hostages — with the United States or anyone else," he told a news conference. And he insisted that the "two issues are absolutely separate."

Non-Hispanic whites could become minority

WASHINGTON (AP) — High immigration rates pose the possibility that a century from now the European whites who have dominated the nation will slip to minority status, a private population group reports.

Low birth rates among the current population, coupled with immigration estimated at 1 million annually — legal and illegal — could result in Hispanics, blacks and Asians constituting more than half the population by the year 2080, the new report speculates.

"The nation must once again redefine itself," reports the study, "Immigration to the U.S.: The Unfinished Story," published by the private, non-profit Population Reference Bureau.

Major population changes are not unheard of in American history, a land where American Indians were succeeded by Northern European whites and black slaves. At the turn of this century Italians, Greeks, Poles and others from the south and east of Europe flooded in, vastly changing the complexion of the nation.

Today the flow stems largely from Asia and Latin America, the study notes.

"One thing is clear: The nation's ethnic composition is again changing dramatically. This is an opportunity and a challenge."

"If illegal immigration remains high and annual immigration averages 1 million, the non-Hispanic white population would drop to just under 50 percent in 2080," the new study said.

The report was written by Leon F. Bouvier, a population researcher and former vice president of the Population Reference Bureau, and Robert W. Gardner, a research associate at the East-West Population Institute in Honolulu.

The 1980 Census counted 226.5 million Americans, of which 79.9 percent were whites other than Hispanics. The Census said 11.7 percent of Americans were black, 6.4 percent were Hispanic and 2.0 percent were Asians and others.

At current high immigration rates, the non-Hispanic whites could shrink to 49.8 percent of the population by the year 2080 — becoming "the largest minority in a nation without any ethnic majority population."

Are we really that well off?

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — On hearing the report, average Americans probably let out a cheer for themselves. Why not? It related that Americans are increasing their standard of living at a rate of more than 20 percent every decade.

In fact, said the Conference Board in an effort to underscore the magnitude of the great leap forward, it now takes only 17 minutes for the average American to earn a six-pack of beer, compared with a half-hour in 1960.

Progress can be measured in many ways, depending on how it is defined, and the Conference Board and the Bureau of the Census, which cooperated on the report, undoubtedly came up with some stunning examples of material affluence.

— In the past 35 years the goods and services consumed by the average American have doubled.

— In 1915, it took about 60 cents of a household's dollar just to buy the necessities of life — food, clothing and shelter. Now it is 45 cents.

— About 40 percent of all American households now own two or more automobiles, up from 15 percent 25 years ago. The telephone is in almost every home; but in 1950, two out of every five homes were without a phone.

— Last year alone, shipments to the nation's retailers included 9 million microwave ovens, 14 million electric coffee makers, 21 million television sets, 7 million video recorders, 28 million portable tape players, 19 million hair dryers and 20 million home security devices.

The Conference Board-Census Bureau reports also pointed out that the output of the average American worker more than doubled during the first half of the century. It increased not just from hard work but from smart work — innovation, invention, more efficient management — and capital.

Savings were invested — stored — in more productive plants, machinery and processes, and all three were kept up to date by the need to meet competition. As a result, output of the average worker doubled in the century's first half.

The report notes that it more than doubled again during the past 35 years, but that can be deceiving. Much of that gain was before the tiara was put on the consumer's head. More recently, productivity growth has been lagging.

Because of the great consumer splurge, consumers are deep in debt. And so is the government, which has sought to serve the consumer appetite for services not directly available in the marketplace. Budget deficits are a way of life.

Many economists contend that because of government and consumer borrowing there is less money available for investment in productivity, which is the engine of a consumer society.

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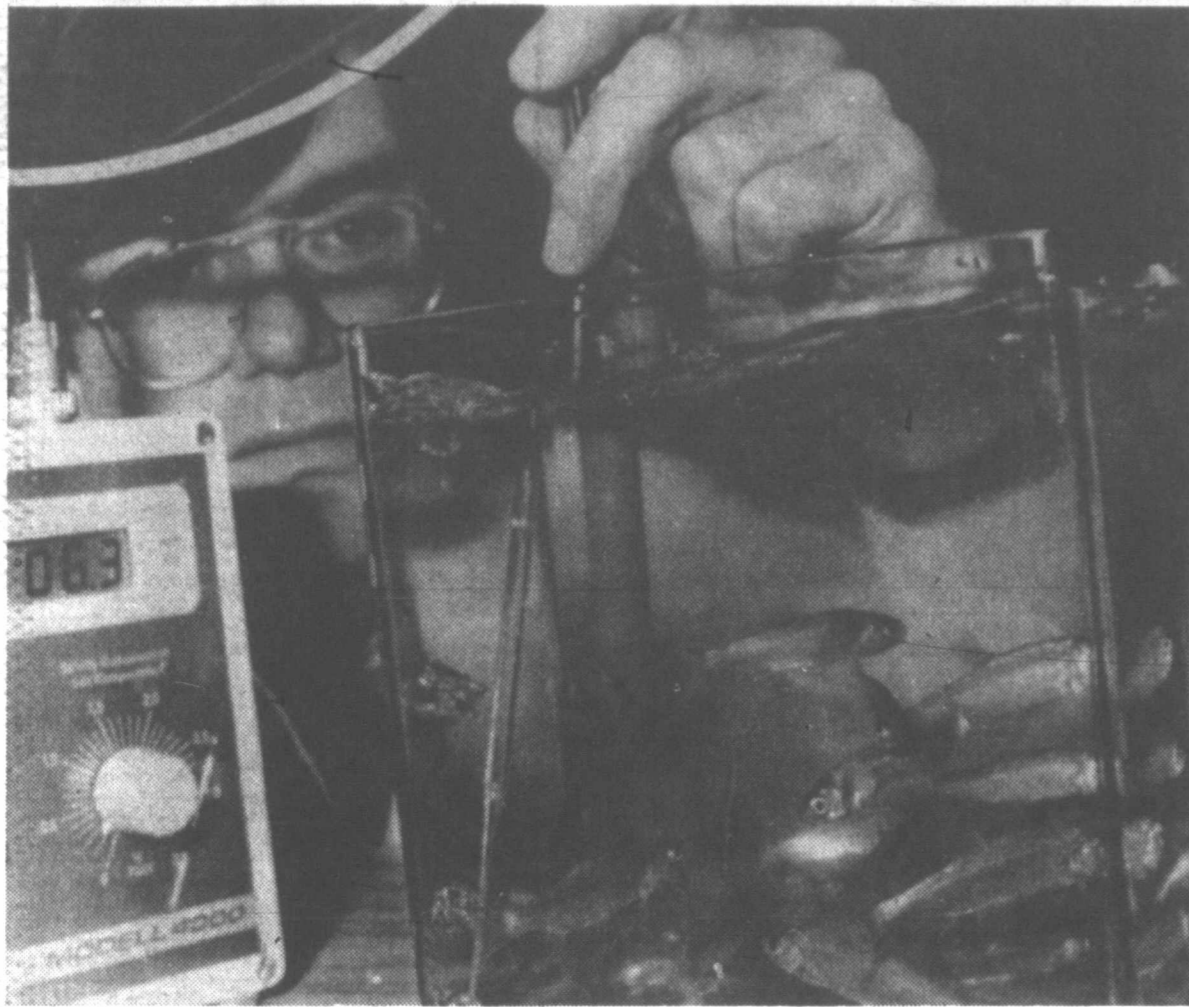
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A worker at a West Germany testing institute uses fish to test water samples from the Rhine in the wake of the recent toxic spill.

Switzerland promises tighter control of chemical industry

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Switzerland promised to monitor its giant chemical industry more closely after a toxic spill in the Rhine River killed half a million fish, endangered drinking water and threatened the North Sea's winter cod harvest.

European environmental ministers, in a meeting Wednesday called by Switzerland in response to charges it mishandled the disaster, issued a statement pledging to cooperate in cleaning up one of Europe's worst environmental disasters in recent years.

About 30 tons of agricultural chemicals — insecticides, herbicides and mercury-containing fungicides — washed into the Rhine on Nov. 1 when firefighters doused a blaze at a Sandoz chemical plant warehouse near Basel.

A 25-mile-long slick drifted down the 820-mile Rhine toward the North Sea, killing an estimated 500,000 fish and eels, harming other aquatic life and endangering drinking water.

Swiss President Alphonse Egli said his government and Sandoz would consider damage claims from other countries.

"I hope that an amicable solution would be possible," he said, also expressing the hope that

compensation claims will be resolved without going to court.

No official estimates for overall damage have been given.

Egli said "it is an exaggeration to say my colleagues were satisfied with the information they were given" on the accident. He did not elaborate.

North Sea fishermen fear the pollution could ruin this winter's cod catch, reports from Copenhagen said, although Danish authorities said the chemicals probably will be too diluted to pose a threat.

The Rhine runs from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea.

A joint communique issued after the five-hour meeting of ministers from France, West Germany and the Netherlands as well as representatives from Luxembourg and the European

Common Market said Switzerland had agreed to check chemical storage sites' compliance with safety standards.

Egli, head of the Swiss delegation to the meeting, said his government will also review disaster contingency plans.

Aquino says

Everything is 'under control'

TOKYO (AP) — Philippine President Corazon Aquino, saying everything in Manila was "under control," today flew home to her rumor-rife country after reporting success in her appeals to Japanese leaders for increased financial aid.

Mrs. Aquino, ending a four-day visit to Japan that was overshadowed by persistent reports of an impending coup at home, spoke to a full house at the Japan Press Club before boarding a plane for Manila.

She said she had been in touch by telex and telephone with her Executive Secretary, Joker Arroyo, who said that Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Armed Forces Chief Gen. Fidel V. Ramos "have everything under control."

Enrile has sharply criticized Mrs. Aquino's policy of negotiating with Communist rebels and has said Cabinet members he views as leftist or incompetent should be replaced. He has emerged as her strongest political rival, and there were reports in Manila last week that officers loyal to him planned to overthrow Mrs. Aquino's government.

Asked today about firing Enrile, Mrs. Aquino said, "As far as when I will replace him, I have no intentions at the moment of doing so."

She added, "Since we (the Philippines) have so many problems, it is necessary for all of us to continue working together and to contribute all of our efforts for the greater good of the Philippine people."

Asked about reports of other cabinet shuffles, she said, "I always think of ways of improving government service to the people."

The Philippine army has been on maximum alert since 8 a.m.

Sunday, the day before Mrs. Aquino left for Japan. Troops also went on alert in August when the president made her first overseas trip to Indonesia and Singapore, and in September when she traveled to the United States.

Mrs. Aquino, who came to power in February after a civilian-military revolt forced ex-

President Ferdinand E. Marcos to flee, inherited a foundering economy, a 17-year-old Communist insurgency and a \$26 billion foreign debt.

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