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Snyder, entire state still feeling the heat

From staff and wire reports

DALLAS (AP) — Annie Dennis is feeling the heat.

"The air conditioning in my bedroom went out yesterday. It's like you're going into a steam room," said the 78-year-old, who ate lunch Tuesday at the Catholic Charities center near downtown Dallas and carries a water bottle wherever she goes. "All my plants at home have died. I'm so weak, and I'm a diabetic."

Ms. Dennis is among about 100 senior citizens who have flocked each day this week to the air conditioned center, which usually draws about 70 people.

They're all struggling to stay cool after weeks of triple-digit temperatures. At least 23 people statewide have died — including 16 in Dallas County — in the warmest weather to hit the state since Jimmy Carter was president.

The death of a Snyder man in June may have also been heat related.

Elsewhere, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported four possible heat-related deaths in that East Texas city since June 16.

And police told Wichita Falls television station KAUZ that two people in that city have died since July 3, including a 73-year-old woman who died Tuesday.

With high temperatures around 100 and little rain forecast for the rest of the week, relief is hard to find.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport hit 101 degrees Tuesday afternoon, and Dallas Love Field reached 102 — both a far cry from Sunday's DFW high mark of 110. Fort Worth reached 112 on Sunday.

After a brief respite Monday — the temperature only reached 99 — it was back to triple digits in Snyder Tuesday as the temperature reached 100 degrees.

This month, Snyder has recorded eight days of triple-digit weather, including 108 on Sunday.

In June, the city recorded 21 days of 100 degree weather or higher.

Readings of 100 or above are expected through Sunday.

Tuesday was the 9th straight day that north Texas temperatures climbed to 100 degrees or higher.

"This is the hottest summer since 1980," when Dallas recorded 26 days of 100-degree heat by July 13, said National Weather Service meteorologist Bob Owen in Fort Worth. "It's terrible anytime someone dies from it."

That year, there were 69 days of 100 degrees or more.

Dallas County health officials declared a state of emergency Tuesday, setting up a telephone hotline to advise residents on where to go stay cool.

Guidelines require the county to issue the declaration when the heat index hits 105 degrees and nighttime lows are 80 or higher for four consecutive days, according to The Dallas Morning News.

July's average high temperature at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is 96.5 degrees Fahrenheit, the National Weather Service said. This summer, however, high readings in July have averaged 101.7.

Many of those who died from the heat already had heart disease or another medical condition. Ten of the victims were older than 60, and all but four died in homes where air conditioners were broken or turned off.

Catholic Charities has distributed electric fans all summer, but now there's a waiting list. The group also finds cooler housing for people who live in places without air conditioning.

"On some of these hot days, they're so slow and it's hard to get them energized," Anne Carrara, director of the Catholic Charities senior program, said of her clients.

Volunteers from Meals on Wheels of Dallas also check on the city's elderly and provide them with food and nursing care at home.

Meanwhile, TU Electric officials say the utility can handle the overwhelming demand for electricity, even with more air conditioners running all day.

TU is not asking people to cut back on electrical usage, but is offering advice on how to conserve energy, spokeswoman Gyna Bivens said.

Customers should set thermostats to 78 degrees instead of 72, close blinds and drapes that face the sun and run fans to circulate air, Ms. Bivens said.

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Home Of John Pyburn

TALKING COTTON — About 25 people were present for an informational meeting updating cotton growers on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program Tuesday at the local office. Pictured talking afterwards were staff entomologist Danny Kiser, Rolling Plains Central zone manager Larry Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension agent Stephen Biles and area cotton grower Tim Huddleston. (SDN Staff Photo)

As part of eradication program...

Deadline for plowing cotton under is today

The deadline to destroy live cotton plants in fields where growers plan to terminate crops is today.

Growers not meeting the deadline, set by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program, will have to pay a $10 per acre assessment fee.

Cleve Cleveland, district supervisor for the program, said the destruction of terminated fields is necessary.

"For this program to be effective, we have to be able to treat all cotton. We are urging cotton growers to go in and plow up the stray stalks if they have decided to terminate their crop."

Cleveland said the stray stalks provide materials boll weevils need to feed and reproduce.

"And our goal is zero reproduction."

About 25 people attended an informational meeting Tuesday afternoon at the local office of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

Danny Kiser, staff entomologist and Larry Smith, Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone manager, were on-hand to provide an update on the program to area cotton growers as was Cleveland.

Cleveland reported to the group comparative figures between 1996 and 1998. Figures for 1997 were unavailable as the Supreme Court had shut down the program that year.

The figures showed an impressive decrease in the number of boll weevils caught.

The first week of June 1996 showed an average of 36.2 boll weevils per trap while the same time frame in 1998 showed 3.7 weevils per trap.

An average fifty weevils per trap were caught the second week of June whereas this year and average of 1.5 weevils per trap were caught.

The third week in June this year showed an average of 2.8 weevils per trap being caught, compared to 86.9 in 1996.

"We are working them down," Cleveland said of the results. "We are way ahead of schedule."

Insecticide spraying is also down, Smith told the group.

"And if you're not spraying, you're not spending."

Cleveland added that year-to-date, only 4,338 acres have been sprayed.

"It has been very minimal and this has saved a tremendous amount of money."

Area cotton grower Steve Moore expressed his concern about adjacent counties without eradication programs and the possibility of weevils moving in from those areas.

Cleveland did say areas west and southwest of the Rolling Plains zone do not yet have programs, however, weevil movement from there is not a concern now.

"This year that is not a concern because their cotton failed. If they had raised a crop, it would have been a concern," he said. "Next year if they don't get a program, it will be a concern."

Ira ISD...

Trustees approve handbook changes

Ira's ISD trustees approved changes to the student handbook and took care of several yearly action items when they met Tuesday night.

Supt. Rick Howard said the board voted to ban baggy or saggy pants from the district's campuses, and to prohibit hair coloring or dyeing that is out of the ordinary.

"We won't have any 'Dennis Rodman' hair in the Ira ISD," said Howard.

In other matters, the board approved insurance bids for unemployment insurance and workman's compensation, plus student accident insurance.

Six early release days were approved, said Howard, with the days to be used for holidays and special events.

The board also approved budget amendments resulting from the district receiving a TIF grant for $98,000.

"Those funds are beginning to come into the district, so we had to account for them," said Howard.

The grant money is designated for the installation of computers and related expenses.

The board also approved the annual contract with the Hobbs Alternative School.

The district has one slot at the school at a cost of $6,000 per year.

The board also adopted a handbook for athletics which includes a method for evaluating coaches.

The board voted to buy a house located adjacent to the campus for use as a teacherage. The cost of the 3-bedroom, 1-bath house is $23,000.

The board also continued work on the budget for the coming school year.

In Borden County...

Snyder firemen continue to fight area grass fires

Two residences were threatened Tuesday afternoon by a 40-acre grass fire northwest of Vincent, but both homes were saved.

The fire was discovered by an air attack supervisor guiding aircraft to another Borden County fire.

Area volunteer fire departments, including Snyder's, responded with two engines, a water tanker and porta-tank about 5 p.m.

Firemen were assisted by Interagency Task force units, including three helicopters and three single-engine air tankers.

At the request of the Texas Forest Service, Snyder Fire Department sent two trucks to the blaze. Units from Westbrook and Coahoma also responded.

Snyder fire officials said the blaze, named the Wildcat Fire, was contained around 8:30 p.m.

Elsewhere in Borden County, three helicopters were used to assist local firefighters on a 100-acre fire, four miles northwest of Gail which has been burning for three days.

Two Texas Department of Transportation maintainers and a trackloader also were used.

Borden County officials said the fire, named the Rock Canyon Fire, has was still burning this morning. Fire guards have been placed around it.

Community-wide blood drive set for Thursday

A community-wide blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

A blood drive for Cogdell Hospital employees is being held through 5 p.m. today at the hospital.

The event got underway at noon.

Each person who registers to give blood will receive a free T-shirt from Texas Blood Institute and tickets to a Lubbock Crickets baseball game.

Each donor will also receive a free "mini-physical."

Blood pressure will be checked, along with temperature, pulse rate, iron and cholesterol levels. Written cholesterol test results will be mailed to donors.

In addition, there will be a raffle at the end of the three drives for a set of five assorted collectible TY Beanie Babies.

The drive is being sponsored by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for TBI.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Bad is never good until worse happens."

A guy down state sent us a copy of a hard-luck story. He vows for its authenticity. If it is true, then it has to rank at the top of the list for both bad luck and stupidity.

A fellow bought a new sports utility vehicle — one of those that cost in excess of $30,000.

The proud new owner went duck hunting and took along a friend. The hunters arrived at the lake with guns, ammo, a hunting dog and an ample supply of human antifreeze packed in the new vehicle.

They drove onto the lake and set up camp. With the lake frozen, they realized there was little chance for ducks to land, so they decided to use some dynamite to blow a large hole in the ice.

Rather than taking a chance of slipping on the ice trying to get far enough away from the explosion, they decided to throw it a good distance from the vehicle. One lighted a 40-second fused and tossed it with all his might.

But remember the dog, a highly-trained Black Lab. Seeing his master throw it, the dog took off, snatched it up and started happily back.

The two hunters begin screaming, trying to get the dog to stop or drop the dynamite. He didn't. The dog continued forward, comforted in the knowledge that he would be justly rewarded.

In desparation, one man grabbed a shotgun out of the new vehicle and shoots the dog. The dog is only wounded, but thoroughly confused by now.

The dog dashed for cover. The only safe haven the dog could find was under the sports utility vehicle.

The mutt and the vehicle were both blown to bits and the remnants sank to the bottom of the lake beneath a hole intended as a duck decoy spot.

But things did get worse. The man's insurance company declared that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives was not covered.

The letter of denial did, however, tell him to "have a nice day."

ASK US

Q—Since an aquifer is an underground lake, is the CRMWD monitoring how much they are lowering the level of water with the continuous pumping of their eight wells?

A—Yes. Officials say they monitor levels in areas where they have wells, but not over a general area.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 100 degrees; low, 75; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 75; no precipitation; total for 1998 to date: 5.65 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, less than 20 % chance of thunderstorms. Thursday, mostly sunny. Less than 20 % chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High around 100.

Bryce Westmoreland
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.
Of 195 days in 1998, the sun has shone 193 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We are what we repeatedly do.

Aristotle

JUL 15 1998

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Response to Worried Mother Is Resoundingly Condemned

DEAR ABBY: I cannot believe your advice to "A Mom Who Tried in Florida." That woman should absolutely *not* apologize to her mother- and sister-in-law for not wanting her daughter to spend the night with her sister-in-law, whose drunk boyfriend was coming home later with other men friends who had been drinking. That was putting her daughter into a dangerous situation.

Men do all kinds of unpleasant and violent things when they've been drinking. I don't have to tell you that! This mother said she had gotten "ugly" in front of the child and her husband, but that's probably because they were arguing with her decision. I'd put up a fight, too, for my daughter in such a situation.

You'll probably get a lot of mail on this one, Abby. You *blew* it.

DEBBIE BROWN, ALOHA, ORE.

DEAR DEBBIE: I certainly did — in spades! And I've received a hail of mail concerning that error in judgment. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: No way does any mother owe an apology to anyone when it comes to the safety of her child. From her own past experience, Mom knew the situation her 6-year-old daughter could find herself in. I am amazed that the child's father agreed to his daughter's staying in a house with a total stranger who had been drinking.

Had I been in her shoes, there would have been no argument. My answer to the child would have been a resounding *"No way!"* and that would have been the end of it.

In my view, the mother was the only rational adult in the family. —

MARTY ROGERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

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DEAR ABBY: Obviously you have never been subjected to drunks. They ruin every family gathering. No child should be subjected to such a situation.

The mother owes no one an apology, and her sister-in-law should find another boyfriend. Her choice in men is lousy, and the family should think carefully about their attitude. The family owes the young mother and daughter an apology — not the other way around.

Abby, I should know because I grew up in a family of alcoholics. Both my parents died young as a result of alcoholism.

LEVOTA M. MISNER, MADERA, CALIF.

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DEAR ABBY: You were way off base in advising "Mom in Florida" to apologize to her sister-in-law, mother-in-law and husband for "overreacting" when she objected to her 6-year-old daughter spending the night in the house with her sister-in-law's obviously intoxicated boyfriend.

Since when is it "overreacting" to make sure your child is safe? The young mother should have taken her child home without making excuses and arguing with her moronic husband and sister-in-law.

Apologize? *Absolutely* not.

JOAN LASZCZAK, PINSON, ALA.

DEAR JOAN — AND THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER READERS WHO WROTE TO TELL ME THAT MY ANSWER WAS WAY OFF BASE: You are right. I was wrong. And to "A Mom Who Tried in Florida": A thousand apologies for my naive answer.

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Town bully now sits in jail

LORENZO (AP) — For years, Larry McClaren had terrorized the folks who lived along County Road 123 on the wide-open farm lands just outside of this small West Texas town.

He threw rocks at passerbys and if you tried to pass him on the road, he might try to run you into the ditch.

Most people thought of him as the town bully.

Now, as McClaren sits in Crosby County Jail charged with capital murder in the shooting deaths of Clarence Gregory, 70, and his son Loyd, 42, neighbors are wondering if the tragedy could have been averted.

Especially since many residents of the farming community knew of McClaren's violent behavior, but never pressed charges against McClaren when they were harassed.

In Crosbyton, Crosby County Sheriff Red Riley has dozens of anecdotes about neighbors who complained that McClaren had driven them off the road or thrown a rock through their front window.

Once, McClaren broke a farmer's nose because he thought he was encroaching on his property. The sheriff said he even has a report from McClaren's wife that he held a gun to her head.

But whenever Riley and his deputies would encourage victims of McClaren's erratic behavior to press charges, they always got the same answer.

"'Would he (McClaren) know it was me who told? Then there's no way I'm gonna do it,'" Riley said.

"This has been going on forever," said Susan Swenson, who lived on a farm near McClaren. "Everyone knew it might come to something like this someday."

Police say McClaren walked out onto his neighbor's corn field Sunday and fatally shot the Gregorys as they sat in their silver Ford truck. Police believe the Gregorys were killed because they were going to be witnesses in an upcoming lawsuit over where McClaren's property line ended.

"As soon as we heard what happened, we knew that he was probably involved," Riley said. "This has been brewing for a long time — for years probably."

The town McClaren terrorized is 20 miles east of Lubbock, with a population of 1,208. Mainly a collection of old barber shops and antique stores, Lorenzo is surrounded by cotton fields and homesteads connected by dirt roads.

DATE BOOK

July 15, 1998

Today is the 196th day of 1998 and the 25th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Washington Bradley pitched the first no-hitter in the history of baseball, as St. Louis beat Hartford, 2-0.

On this day in 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his now-famous "malaise" speech.

On this day in 1987, former national security advisor John Poindexter testified that he protected President Reagan by never telling him about using Iranian arms-sales money to fund the Nicaraguan insurgents known as the Contras.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669), artist; Clement Moore (1779-1863), poet-educator; Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917), religious worker; Iris Murdoch (1919-), writer, is 79; Julian Bream (1933-), musician, is 65; Linda Ronstadt (1946-), singer, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Detroit first baseman Walt Dropo made his 12th base hit in a row, tying the record set by Pinky Higgins in 1938.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All things are filled full of signs, and it is a wise man who can learn about one thing from another." — Plotinus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1995, Connecticut's all-time high-temperature record was set in Danbury, which recorded 106 degrees.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (July 16).

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More lookers, few protesters

HOUSTON (AP) — The men turned out in force. The protesters didn't.

Only six, thong-clad women showed up Tuesday for a noontime demonstration outside City Hall to protest the cancellation of a bikini competition in a downtown park.

More people — specifically, about 100 men — turned out to watch the protest.

The demonstration was prompted by a complaint made by City Councilwoman Martha Wong that led to the cancellation of a thong bikini competition on Saturday in Eleanor Tinsley Park.

The competition was to have coincided with a gathering of African-American fraternity and sorority members. But the event organizer agreed to cancel it following Ms. Wong's complaint about displaying thongs at a public park.

Thongs are the bottom half of a bikini, abbreviated in the rear to the width of a string.

Probe of strip searches sought

CHICAGO (AP) — Two Illinois senators are calling for a federal investigation into how U.S. Customs agents across the country conduct strip searches, saying authorities unfairly target black women.

U.S. Sens. Carol Moseley-Braun and Dick Durbin were responding Tuesday to a report by the U.S. Customs Service at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport that showed black women were commonly targeted for strip searches even though illegal drugs were more often found on men.

Data showed that of 104 strip searches at the airport last year, 77 were of women. Many of the women were subjected to body cavity searches, handcuffed and X-rayed.

"These searches are far more successful at stripping women of their dignity than stripping our nation of its drug supply," Durbin said in a statement.

Customs agents said they found drugs in nearly half of the 27 men who were strip searched in 1997. Among the women, 14 of the 77 strip searched had drugs.

Moseley-Braun and Durbin, both Democrats, asked the General Accounting Office in June to investigate Customs procedures at O'Hare. This week they asked that the investigation be expanded nationally after learning of similar complaints and lawsuits in California, Florida and Texas.

The Treasury Department, of which Customs is a branch, said it supports the investigation. The department has launched its own investigation of procedures nationwide, Undersecretary Raymond W. Kelly said in a statement.

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Of Secret Service...

Starr presses for testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr has finally pressed his pursuit of Secret Service testimony into President Clinton's personal security detail, subpoenaing the agent who runs the elite team to testify to the Monica Lewinsky grand jury.

Moving quickly after two consecutive court victories on the issue, Starr also subpoenaed at least four uniformed officers and demanded that the agency turn over documents detailing the president's nighttime whereabouts from 1995 through 1997, the years Ms. Lewinsky was in Washington as a White House intern and a Pentagon staffer.

Starr's move to question Special Agent Larry Cockell and others in the Secret Service is being vigorously resisted by the administration. On Tuesday the Justice Department filed new appeals of court decisions that declared the prosecutor is entitled to evidence from the agency sworn to protect the president.

Three government officials confirmed the subpoena was issued to Cockell. Legal sources confirmed the subpoenas to the four uniformed officers. All spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department is seeking a review by the full U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia Circuit of the ruling of a week ago by three appeals court judges.

The Justice Department could file a motion to quash Starr's subpoenas if it wants to try to block the Secret Service testimony. A department source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that if a motion to quash it filed it probably would be done under seal.

Among those subpoenaed was uniformed Secret Service officer Gary Byrne, one of three Secret Service employees involved in the court case.

Starr and the Clinton administration are embroiled in a high-stakes court battle to determine whether Secret Service employees can be compelled to divulge what they observe while protecting the president.

Though the issue could be delayed for some time if the full appeals court takes the case, Starr pressed ahead with his investigation to see whether Secret Service agents have relevant information about whether the president had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and tried to cover it up.

The subpoena to Cockell sent shock waves through the Secret Service and left officials concerned that subpoenas would be sent to other former heads of Clinton's personal detail, including Lewis Merletti, David Carpenter and Brian Stafford, one official said.

Merletti is the director of the Secret Service. Carpenter, a tall gray-haired agent often mistaken for Clinton, left the agency and has been appointed by the president to head the State Department's security team and the office of foreign missions. He is awaiting Senate confirmation to the prestigious post, which carries the rank of ambassador.

A third government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Carpenter had not been subpoenaed, and he has not talked to Starr or his office.

Secret Service officials were worried that Starr's actions might have a chilling effect on the relationship between Clinton and his immediate security detail. The president and the detail headed by Cockell will travel to Arkansas and Louisiana this weekend.

Starr's staff advised the Justice and Treasury departments some time ago that they wanted to subpoena additional Secret Service personnel in the Lewinsky case, a senior Justice official said.

This official said Starr's staff felt that, having won two court decisions, they were entitled to deliver those subpoenas now.

One of the government officials also confirmed that Starr has subpoenaed records from the Secret Service that would detail Clinton's activities and whereabouts at night on numerous dates between 1995 and 1997. CBS News first reported the request.

After being transferred to the Pentagon, Ms. Lewinsky returned to the White House on more than three dozen occasions for visits, mostly to the Oval Office.

In its appeal, the administration argued that the three-judge appeals panel wrongly "substituted its judgment" for the judgment of experienced Secret Service officers and agents.

Custody dispute ends in murder-suicide for five

BALLWIN, Mo. (AP) — Police believe a custody dispute ended in a murder-suicide that left five people, including two young boys, dead in suburban St. Louis.

Police on Tuesday found three adults and the boys in a two-car garage connected to a house in an affluent neighborhood in west St. Louis County.

The victims were identified as Michael Tramble, Jr., 32, a St. Louis lawyer, his wife, Rosalind Tramble, 33, a nurse; her ex-husband, Reginald Sublet, 34, a former Dallas police officer; their son, Reginald Sublet, 11; and the Tramble's son, Michael Tramble III.

Police said Sublet was the main suspect in the murder-suicide. Officers believe that he killed the four others and then himself.

"At this time we're looking at this as a homicide investigation," Lt. Jon Belmar said Tuesday afternoon. "We're also looking at it as perhaps a suicide on the suspect's part."

Sublet had been fired twice from the Dallas police force, The Dallas Morning News reported today. He had been involved in a lengthy custody dispute with the residents of the home, police said.

"This was an unfortunate custody dispute that ended as badly as it could possibly go," Belmar said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-15-98
♠ Q J
♥ K 10 2
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ Q 10 6

West
♠ A K 9 3 2
♥ J 8 6
♦ K 8
♣ J 5 3

East
♠ 10 8 7 5
♥ A Q 9 5
♦ 10 9 6 3
♣ 2

South
♠ 6 4
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A K 9 8 7 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Another brilliant observation

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned a dazzling observation by a golf commentator. Well, during the same broadcast, while watching someone putt on a par five, we heard, "He must have hit two excellent shots to be on this green in two." Since when did two bad shots get one onto a par five in two?

Still, I know from personal experience at bridge events that it is easy to make mistakes when talking live. The commentator at a world team championship made an incorrect prediction on this deal. See if you can work out my — I mean, his — slip-up.

At many tables, South raised the 15-17 no-trump straight to three — not unreasonable at IMP scoring. All the Easts led a spade. The defenders can take the first nine tricks: five spades and four hearts. Yet understandably they took only seven: first five spades, then two hearts.

At the key table, though, South responded with an invitational three clubs. North, liking her club fit but hating her spade holding, passed.

What did the man with the mike predict would occur in three clubs?

I suggested that West would lead a top spade, then switch to the heart *jack*. This would be covered by the king and ace. East would return a spade to West's king; then another heart through the dummy would give the defenders the first five tricks.

I was 50-50. West did lead a top spade, but she switched to the heart *six*. This put impossible pressure on East, who won with the queen after declarer made the great play of a smooth two from the dummy. So, three clubs made. Next board, please!

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Jury selected in ex-cadet's trial

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — The sequel in the tale of two cadets charged with capital murder gets under way today.

David Graham, a 20-year-old former Air Force Academy cadet, has sat attentively next to his team of lawyers for more than a week of jury selection. On Tuesday, a seven-man, five-woman jury of Comal County residents was chosen to hear his case.

"That's a good jury," said defense attorney Dan Cogdell. "I wanted smart, intelligent, free-thinking jurors and I think I got it."

Among the panelists are a hair stylist, a woman who works with nursing home patients, a man who works for an ice cream company and a woman who said it was against her religion to judge others.

Graham is accused of shooting to death 16-year-old Adrianne Jones in December 1995 after his then-fiancee, Diane Zamora, became furiously jealous of his alleged romantic fling with Miss Jones.

Miss Zamora was convicted in February in Fort Worth and is serving a life sentence. Judge Don Leonard moved Graham's trial to New Braunfels because of extensive publicity in Tarrant County.

Prosecutor Mike Parrish plans to rely on much of the same evidence he presented at the trial of Miss Zamora, a former Naval Academy midshipman.

Miss Zamora and Graham were high school sweethearts when Miss Jones was killed, several months before the couple went off to their respective prestigious military academies.

Despite defense efforts to disassociate Graham from Miss Zamora in the eyes of the jury, Parrish clearly will try to link the two.

"This is the 'Diane and David did it' trial," Parrish said.

Confessions Graham and Miss Zamora gave police, the alleged murder weapon recovered in the attic of Graham's home and blood stains in a car are among the expected prosecution evidence.

Defense attorney Dan Cogdell is likely to attack the credibility of Miss Zamora and may call her as a witness.

"It's important, or we wouldn't have subpoenaed her," Cogdell said. "She's coming."

Whether her attorneys advise her against testifying remains to be seen, Cogdell said. Miss Zamora's conviction is on appeal.

If Graham and his ex-fiancee come face to face in court, it won't be a reunion of long-lost lovers, Cogdell said.

"Whatever bond there was between them, I think, dissipated long ago," the lawyer said.

Miss Zamora is in a women's prison. Graham is being held in jail in Comal County.

Cogdell also may criticize the tactics of the Grand Prairie Police Department, which investigated the Dec. 4, 1995, slaying and arrested another man before charging Graham and Miss Zamora with the crime.

Cogdell, in a hearing last week outside the presence of potential jurors, hammered away at police officer Dennis Meyer, suggesting he threatened Graham to get him to type a confession for investigators at a Colorado Air Force Base in September 1996.

"Admit or deny that you threatened David Graham with the death penalty," Cogdell said.

"I didn't make any threats," Meyer replied. "What I did was explain to Mr. Graham the range of punishment that was involved in the homicide."

Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty, partly because of the wishes of the victim's family. Graham would get a life prison sentence if convicted of capital murder.

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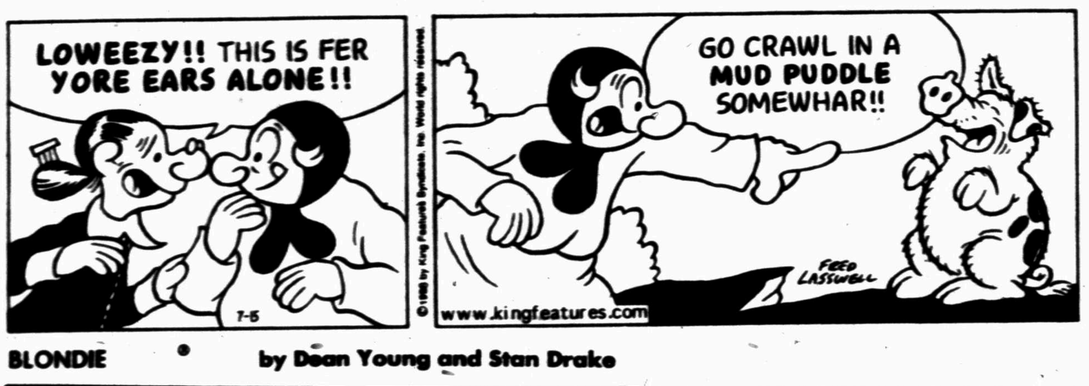

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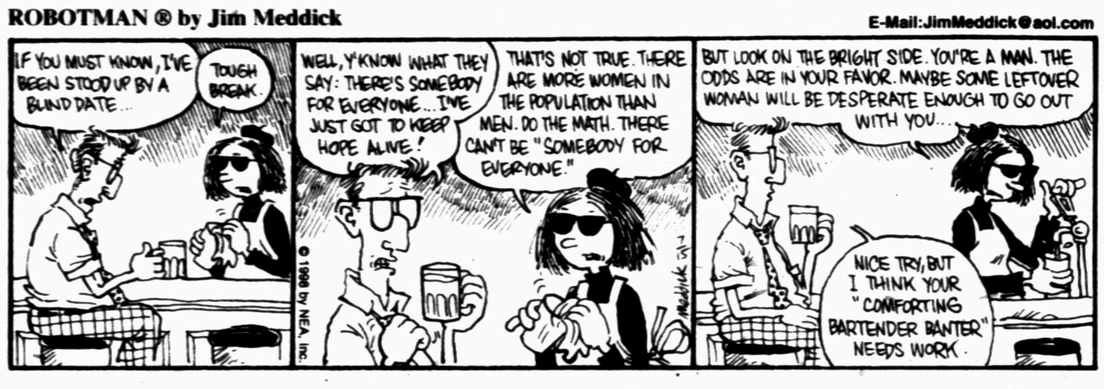

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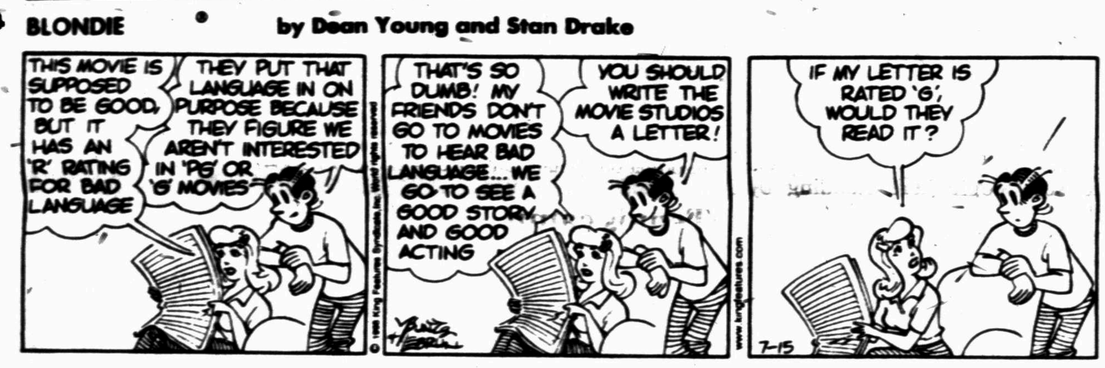

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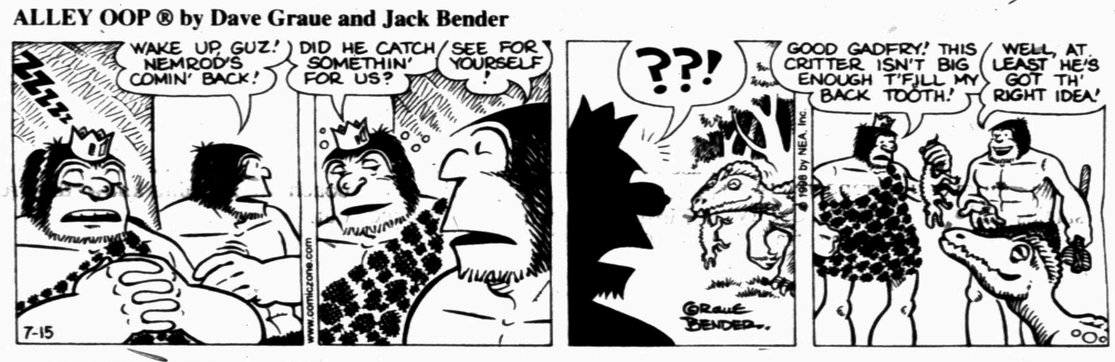

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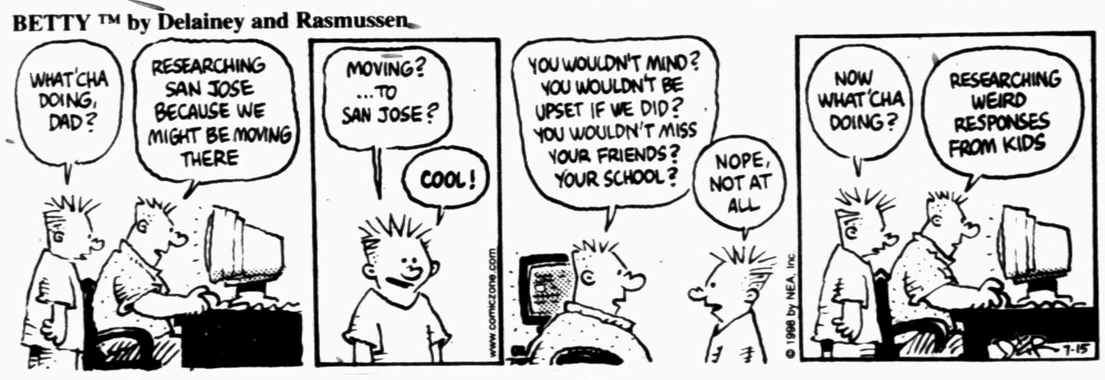

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7 Waiting (2 wds.)
13 Greasier
14 Hidden shooter
15 Golfer Arnold —
16 Hebrew, e.g.
17 Highest card
18 Yes, Henri
20 One Day — — Time
21 Actor Douglas
23 UK pilots
24 Bit of news
25 Russian's no
27 Champion
29 Not high
31 Have a snack
32 Roman 52
33 Sault — Marie
34 Is in a bee
37 Like a bug in a rug?
40 Israel's Golda —
41 Sort
43 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
45 Psyche parts
46 Humorist, Bill —
47 Wheel of Fortune buy (2 wds.)
48 Grammatical case
51 Juice fruit
54 Mall units
55 Building beam
56 Past and future
57 Hourly

DOWN

1 Tea type
2 It prevents pellagra
3 Detective Queen
4 Poorly lit
5 Golly!
6 Mistake
7 Turns to bone
8 Compass pt.
9 That man
10 Sedative
11 X or Y
12 Nocturnal movie
19 Car assemblers' assn.
22 Out of the Dark author, Helen —
24 Purpose
26 Work hard
28 Hentoff and Cole
30 Craftiness
34 Staid
35 Engine part
36 Like a fox
38 Kampala's land
39 Dancer Rogers
40 Center
42 — Plan (retirement account)
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50 Victory sign
52 Carnival city
53 Timetable abbr.

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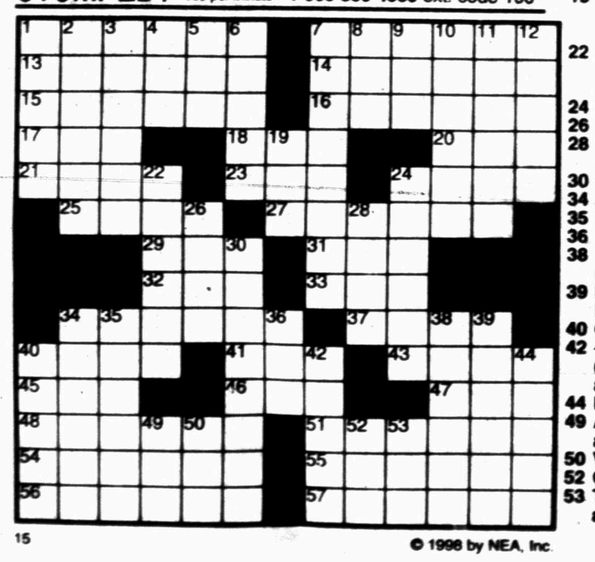

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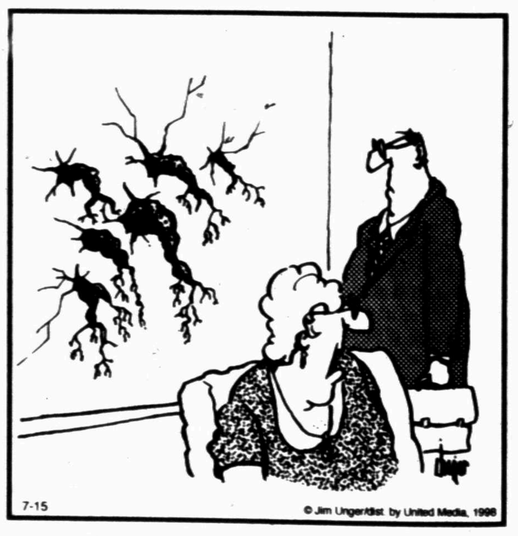

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SPORTS

Snyder stops C-City rally, nabs 5-4 win

Josh Arizmendi's sixth inning run Tuesday night might not have seemed like much at the time.

But it ended up being the game winner.

Arizmendi gave Snyder Senior a 5-1 lead in the sixth, and Matthew Grimmett and the Snyder defense withstood a Colorado City rally to notch a 5-4 all-star tourney victory at Moffett Field.

The win sets up a Snyder-Wylie rematch tonight at 6 o'clock. Wylie topped Snyder, 6-2, in a second round contest.

Colorado City posted a run in the bottom of the opening frame for a 1-0 advantage, before Snyder answered back in the top of the second.

Ryan Braziel started the inning by reaching on an error. After Brandon McGuire singled, Wade Pinson knocked a base hit to drive in Braziel and knot the tally at 1-1.

Grimmett and the defense behind him shut down C-City over the next four innings, before Snyder erupted for three runs in the fifth.

A lead-off double by Pinson got the offense started. A walk to Brooks Nunley was followed by a Ralph Ramon single, knocking in Pinson.

Next up, Jessie Haines slapped a base hit to bring Nunley home for a 3-1 score. Ramon crossed the plate on a Grimmett ground ball, upping the margin to 4-1.

Arizmendi cushioned the Snyder advantage in the sixth, scoring on a Ramon single for the four-run lead.

But Colorado City came roaring back in the bottom of the inning.

After fanning the first two batters, Grimmett surrendered two singles and two doubles. C-City netted three runs in the frame, slashing the deficit to 5-4.

Still clinging to a one-run advantage in the final inning, Snyder retired Colorado City in order to preserve the victory.

Pinson finished the night with a double and a single, with Ramon knocking a pair of singles.

Grimmett fanned seven hitters in the ballgame, while walking only one.

In Tuesday's other contest, Abilene Wylie ran over Cross Plains, 41-11.

Following tonight's Snyder-Wylie match-up, Abilene Senior faces Southwest in the winners' bracket semifinal.

The winner of Snyder's contest will face the loser of the Senior-Southwest battle for the right to play for the championship.

The title contest is slated for Friday at 5 p.m. Another game would be played at 8 o'clock, if necessary.

SENIOR ALL-STARS
at Moffett Field

Snyder	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	— 5	2
C-City	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	— 4	6

Snyder: Wade Pinson, double and single; Ralph Ramopn, two singles; Jessie Haines, Matthew Grimmett, Josh Arizmendi and Brandon McGuire, single.

All-star tournaments

SENIOR LEAGUE
at Moffett Field

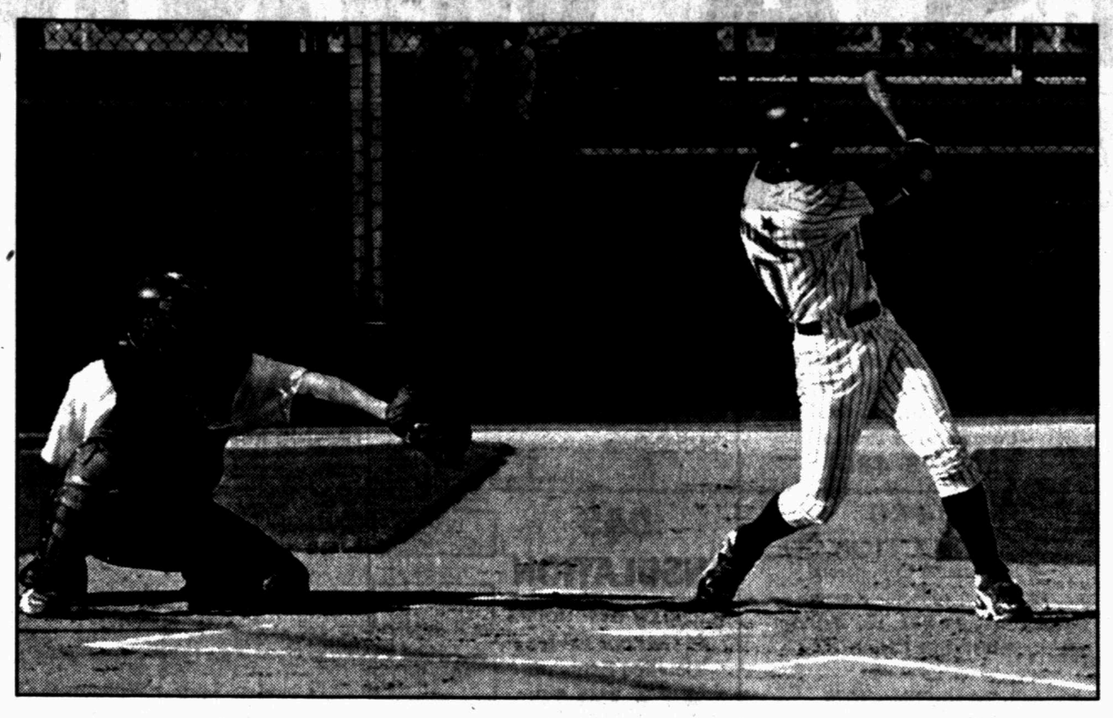
Thursday: Eula 6, Clyde 5; Colorado City 15, Merkel 3
Friday: Snyder 11 Abilene North 4; Coleman 11 Merkel 3
Saturday: Cross Plains 10, Coleman 8; Snyder 12, Eula 1
Monday: Abilene Senior 19, Wylie 7; Southwest 8, Colorado City 2
Tuesday: Snyder 5, Colorado City 4; Wylie 41, Cross Plains 11
Tonight: Snyder vs. Wylie, 6 p.m.; Abilene Senior vs. Southwest, 8:30

10-YEAR-OLDS
at Sweetwater

Friday: Merkel 31, Cross Plains 13; Dyess 10 Hamlin 9
Saturday: Breckenridge 17, Coleman 7; Merkel 7, Eastland 6; Clyde 13, Lone Star 3; Albany 18, Dyess 5
Monday: Sweetwater 18, Colorado City 1; Snyder 8, Western 7
Tuesday: Breckenridge 14, Merkel 1; Clyde 7, Albany 6
Tonight: Western vs. Clyde, 6 p.m.; Colorado City vs. Breckenridge

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	11	3	.786	-
NewYork	8	7	.533	3½
Cleveland	7	7	.500	4
Detroit	7	8	.467	4½
Washington	2	12	.143	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	14	1	.933	-
Phoenix	10	3	.769	3
LosAngeles	4	9	.308	9
Sacramento	4	10	.286	9½



BATMAN — Snyder Senior All-Star Josh Arizmendi rips a base hit during tourney action at Moffett Field. Arizmendi scored in the sixth inning Tuesday night, giving Snyder a 5-4 victory over Colorado City. Snyder now faces a rematch with Wylie tonight at 6 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wichita Falls welcomes Cowboys

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Thousands of Dallas Cowboys fans turned out despite 100-degree heat to welcome the team to its new training camp site with an old-style pep rally at a city park.

The National Football League team will open summer training camp Thursday afternoon on the campus of Midwestern State University, ending their long stay at Austin.

Wichita Falls police estimated Tuesday's crowd at about 10,000.

"This is a great welcome we're putting on here," said Nelda Bond, 53, who identified herself as the Cowboys' No. 1 fan in Wichita Falls. "We don't want El Paso or any other town to get 'em to leave here next year."

Most of the fans were decked out in Cowboys' attire and came to Jaycee Park prepared to beat the heat. They brought lawn chairs, portable fans and enough cold beverages to last through the party ending fireworks show.

It was 100 degrees as the party began with loud country music and dancing by the Cowboys' Cheerleaders. "They could have lost every game last year and it don't matter," said Karen Pervine, a Pizza Hut waitress who also identified herself as the Cowboys' No. 1 fan in Wichita Falls.

"The Cowboys are the Cowboys. That's all I can say. I love 'em, and I always will," Ms. Pervine said.

They have forgotten last year's 6-10 record and the off-field problems the team has suffered through during the past few years.

Fans in this North Texas city of 103,000 are grateful that the team left Austin to open summer camp on the 176-acre MSU campus.

"I'm a Cowboys fan now, and I'll still be one even if this thing goes to hell in a handbasket," said MSU police Sgt. Tom Sloan.

Sloan and other officers will be responsible for security at the team's dormitory and at the practice field.

The biggest job will be keeping "the undesirables" out of the dormitory, Sloan said. Keeping the Cowboys in the dormitory after their 11 p.m. curfew is another matter. "We were told that if any player wants out, let him out," he said. "Then, we pick up the phone and call the head coach to let him know they're out."

Signs have been erected all over town to show tourists and anyone who needs to know where the training camp is located.

A huge "Welcome Cowboys" billboard looms over downtown next to the city's main freeway.

Most stores in the city have "Welcome Cowboys" banners on display.

A Cowboys' souvenir store opened near the campus by J.C. Penney is doing a good business selling T-shirts, caps and other items with the team's logo.

"Business is great," said Tracy Carron, a Penney's employee. "Some people in Dallas would bail (out) on the Cowboys because of the bad year they had. It's great to see people here standing by them."

Astros snap losing streak with 4-2 win

PHOENIX (AP) — Shane Reynolds became the NL's fourth 12-game winner Tuesday night, picking up his fifth victory in a row as the Houston Astros snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-2.

Reynolds (12-5) gave up a run in the first and another on Danny Klassen's solo homer in the seventh. In between, he shut out the Diamondbacks on one hit and gave up five hits in 7 2-3 innings.

It is the second five-game winning streak of the season for the 30-year-old right-hander. He has a 2.34 ERA in his last five outings.

Reynolds is 9-2 since losing in Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout performance in Chicago May 6. He struck out seven and walked three. Billy Wagner got the final four outs for his 22nd save.

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Griffey bats Mariners past slumping Rangers

SEATTLE (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. says he doesn't care about his home run race with Mark McGwire.

That may be so, but he's staying close to the St. Louis slugger.

Reaching a career milestone Tuesday night, Griffey hit two home runs — Nos. 38 and 39 — in the Seattle Mariners' 6-3 victory over the Texas Rangers. The homers were the 1,500th and 1,501st hits of his career.

"He's the best player in the game," said manager Lou Piniella, who watched Griffey help the Mariners beat the Rangers with a spectacular catch in center field Monday night. "He can beat you in a lot of ways."

"He does whatever he wants to do," rookie teammate Shane Monahan said. "I've seen him the last two seasons during spring training. But during the season, it's amazing."

With his first multi-homer game since June 2, Griffey moved within one homer of St. Louis' McGwire and four ahead of Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs.

Griffey, homering for the first time in four games, hit a 370-foot shot to right field in the third inning off John Burkett (5-10) to give Seattle a 2-0 lead.

In the seventh, he hit a two-run homer off Scott Bailes to put the Mariners ahead 6-3.

Texas' Juan Gonzalez, who leads the majors with 101 RBIs, did not drive in a run for the sixth straight game.

Jeff Fassero (9-5) got his fourth win in a row. He lost his bid for his first shutout of the season when Kevin Elster hit a three-run homer in the seventh. The left-hander pitched eight innings, giving up three runs and five hits.

The Mariners took a 1-0 lead in the first on Joey Cora's triple and Alex Rodriguez's RBI groundout. After Griffey homered in the third, Edgar Martinez singled and David Segui doubled before Jay Buhner had a two-run single.

In the seventh, Ivan Rodriguez reached on a fielder's choice and Will Clark doubled before Elster hit his seventh homer.

After Rodriguez led off the seventh with a single off Burkett, Rangers manager Johnny Oates brought in Bailes, a left-hander, to face Griffey, who hit a 2-2 pitch down the line over the fence. He leads the majors with 15 homers against left-handers.

"Those things are going to happen," Oates said of Griffey's second homer.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	66	21	.759	-
Boston	53	38	.582	15
Toronto	47	47	.500	22½
Baltimore	44	50	.468	25½
TampaBay	35	57	.380	33½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Cleveland	53	38	.582	-
Minnesota	42	50	.457	11½
KansasCity	41	51	.446	12½
Chicago	39	53	.424	14½
Detroit	38	52	.422	14½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Anaheim	51	41	.554	-
Texas	51	42	.548	½
Oakland	44	48	.478	7
Seattle	41	53	.436	11

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Boston 4
Detroit 8, Kansas City 3
Oakland 6, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 11, Toronto 5
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 5
Seattle 6, Texas 3

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Hentgen 9-5 and Stieb 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 7-10 and Castillo 3-4), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-4) at Boston (Martinez 11-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 7-3) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-3), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 2-6) at Texas (Helling 12-4), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 5-8) at Seattle (Moyer 5-7), 10:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 3-7) at Oakland (Candiotti 5-10), 10:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 4-6) at Anaheim (Finley 8-4), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Toronto (Carpenter 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 4-3), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 8-8) at Oakland (Stein 3-5), 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 13-2) at Detroit (Moehler 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Gooden 3-3) at Boston (Wakefield 10-4), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 9-7) at Texas (Sele 12-5), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 9-7) at Seattle (Johnson 8-8), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	61	32	.656	-
NewYork	46	42	.523	12½
Philadelphia	47	43	.522	12½
Montreal	37	55	.402	23½
Florida	36	57	.387	25
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Houston	55	38	.591	-
Chicago	51	42	.548	4
Milwaukee	46	45	.505	8
Cincinnati	44	50	.468	11½
St.Louis	43	49	.467	11½
Pittsburgh	41	52	.441	14
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
SanDiego	60	34	.638	-
SanFrancisco	52	42	.553	8
LosAngeles	47	46	.505	12½
Colorado	41	53	.436	19
Arizona	31	62	.333	28½

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Neagle 9-7) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-4), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 9-8) at Milwaukee (Karl 6-4), 2:05 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 6-9) at Florida (Sanchez 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hershiser 7-7) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 9-6) at St. Louis (Morris 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Brown 10-3) at Colorado (Wright 5-8), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 8-4) at Arizona (Benes 6-10), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-5) at Montreal (Pavano 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-5), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 4-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-3), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdez 6-9) at St. Louis (Mercker 5-6), 8:10 p.m.

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Tennis tourney

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Entry fee is $8 for one event, $15 for two and $20 for three. For more information contact Chad Redwine at 573-9064.

Tennis camp

The Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will be held July 27-31. Sessions will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Cost is $125.

For more information, call Chad Redwine at 573-9064.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

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KEN JANK

The residence of such Administrator is Tomah, Monroe County, Wisconsin. The post office address is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 13th day of July, 1998.
(s) KEN JANK

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You are hereby notified that Ken Jank has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Nita Louise Keeble, deceased, in Cause No. 5,447, of the Probate Court of Scurry County, Texas. Said Administrator has also filed an Application for a determination of the heirs of Nita Louise Keeble, deceased, such Application having been filed on the on the 2nd day of July, 1998.

You are commanded to appear and file a written answer to such application at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, the 31st day of August, A.D., 1998.

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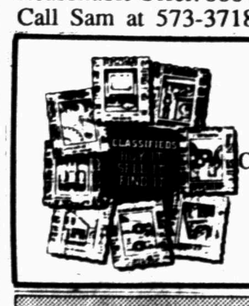

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For almost half of June the temperature in Amarillo hit 100 degrees or higher each day.

In Tampa, Fla., last month there were 12 days when it never got below 80 degrees, even at night. Climate experts call it a "one in 1,000-year event."

People in Texas and Florida this summer haven't been alone in suffering through record heat.

The federal government said Tuesday that June on average worldwide was the hottest June in more than a century of keeping climate records. In fact, each month so far in 1998 has eclipsed past temperature records on a global average.

"How much more proof do we need that global warming is real?" Vice President Al Gore asked Tuesday after summoning climate officials to the White House to announce the latest temperature data.

Gore, the administration's most strident voice on the issue of global warming, said last month's temperature data was "more evidence" that man-made heat-trapping greenhouse gases are leading to long-term climate change.

"It is so incredibly unusual to have six months in a row and every single one of those months sets an all-time new record for being the highest month ever. You can see quite clearly the long-term warming trend," insisted Gore as he chastised Congress for failing to endorse the administration's proposals to curtail greenhouse gases.

Skeptics of global warming argue that short-term temperature data are inadequate to predict long-term trends and point out that the scientific community remains divided about whether significant warming will occur or what impact it will have.

"The observational evidence is not explained by our understanding of how the climate system changes," contends John Christy, a climatologist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. "You see a situation where the surface of the earth is warming, and the troposphere (up to 10 miles high) is not. In an enhanced greenhouse system it's supposed to be the opposite."

The data provided Tuesday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed global surface temperatures in June were the highest recorded for the month in more than 100 years of record keeping, averaging 1 degree Fahrenheit above the long-term mean temperature dating back to 1880.

The temperatures over land were even more dramatic — 1.75 degrees higher than the long-term mean, exceeding the old record by several tenths of a degree.

NOAA Administrator James Baker called the findings "remarkable and sobering." Tom Karl, NOAA's senior climate researcher, said the monthly data — along with other evidence, including the fact that 1997 was the warmest year on record — provide "compelling evidence" that global temperatures are on a long-term warming track.

Even with the central Pacific Ocean cooling because of the end of El Nino, "we still have the warmest global temperatures on record," said Karl. "That is extremely remarkable."

Global warming skeptics have criticized the use of the ground temperature data and pointed to satellite findings as well as some balloon data that have shown temperatures 5,000 to 30,000 feet above Earth have changed little over the past 20 years — perhaps even showing a slight cooling. But Karl said the satellite information, depending on how it is interpreted, has shown some warming.

Gore insisted latest findings are clear and "that the time to act is now" to begin curtailing greenhouse gases.

Many climate scientists believe man-made emissions of heat-trapping gases — primarily carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels — will cause a warming of the earth much like a greenhouse, leading to a rise in sea level, coastal flooding and climate changes.

The United States and other nations agreed last December in Kyoto, Japan, to take actions to slow the normal growth of greenhouse gases, but the treaty has not been ratified by the Senate.

AG Janet Reno defends decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno today stood by her decision not to seek an independent counsel to investigate alleged White House involvement in campaign funding violations. She told hostile Senate Republicans she would appoint one only when there was evidence to do so.

Reno, in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, denied she was using a double standard by asking for an independent counsel to investigate charges of influence peddling against Labor Secretary Alexis Herman but using similar arguments to reject a special prosecutor for campaign funding.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said there was "overwhelming evidence" of White House involvement in questionable campaign funding practices and asked "what is the real reason, the real motivation" for Reno's stance on the independent counsel.

Specter said that in Herman's case, the Justice Department resolved that it could not determine whether the allegations against her were credible, and there was strong evidence she was not involved in wrongdoing. But Reno in May went ahead with the request for an independent counsel.

Specter claimed that Reno had the same basis for naming an independent counsel to investigate whether President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore had a role in illegal fund raising activities. He also criticized the Justice Department for refusing to provide the Senate with information concerning the department's investigation into election violations.

"How can this kind of a double standard be applied?" he asked.

Reno said the practice of not turning over to Congress information from an open investigation was established during Republican administrations.

She said that since 1977 it had been the policy to defer to the Federal Election Commission investigations of election law violations.

"We have brought criminal prosecutions only where the law is clearly established and clearly violated," Reno said. "To establish criminal violations we have to show that the defendant acted knowingly and willfully, that he consciously violated the law."

Reno said she was willing to stay and answer the committee's questions "until hell freezes over." Specter, an outspoken critic of her handling of independent counsel issues, said that might happen before the day was over.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: James Calvert, Kenneth Collins, Gladys Williams, B.D. Bruyere.

DISMISSALS: Marina Alvarado and baby, Julia Filler, Anna Hoxsey, Rube McKinley, Wanda Merrill and baby, Lucille Shaw, Jennifer Faulkenberry, Maxie McNew, Bertha McQueen, Gladys Williams.

CENSUS: Long-term, 25; Medical III, 6; ICU, 1; Total: 32.

Births

Marina Alvarado and Fernando Candanoza are the parents of an 8 lb., 7 oz. boy born at 5:39 p.m. Sunday, July 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	89 15-16	87⅞	87⅞	— 1⅛
AT&T Corp	58 13-16	57 15-16	58⅜	+ ⅞
AirTouch	59 11-16	59	59 11-16	— 1-16
Albertsons		52¾	51⅝	52 7-16
AlldSignal s	44⅞	43 13-16	44¾	+ ¼
Alltel	42⅝	42	42 1-16	— 3-16
AmOnline s	122¼	117⅞	118⅜	— 1⅞
AmStores	24¾	24 3-16	24¾	+11-16
Ameritech s	47⅝	47 7-16	47½	— ¼
Amoco s	41 13-16	40⅞	41 5-16	+ 3-16
AndarkPtr s	32 15-16	32 9-16	32 15-16	+ ⅜
ArmcoInc	6 7-16	6 3-16	6 3-16	— 3-16
AtlRichfld		75	73¼	74⅜ +15-16
ATMOS	29 3-16	29 3-16	29 3-16	+ ⅛
Aviall	13 11-16	13 11-16	13 11-16	+ ⅜
BakerHu	31 5-16	30 13-16	31 1-16	+ 3-16
BellAtl s	45 5-16	44 5-16	45¼	—11-16
BellSouth	66⅞	65⅞	66 1-16	—11-16
BethSteel	11 7-16	11 3-16	11 5-16	
BritPet	85 7-16	84 1-16	84 7-16	— ¼
BurlNoSFe	100¼	99⅞	100⅛	—13-16
CBS Corp	33 15-16	32⅞	33 11-16	+ 1
Caterpillar	55 7-16	53 9-16	53⅞	— 2⅜
CenSoWst	26⅞	26⅛	26 9-16	— ¼
Chevron	83⅞	81 9-16	83⅞	+15-16
Chrysler	58¼	56 11-16	56 11-16	—1 1-16
Coastal s	33 3-16	33	33 3-16	+ 1-16
CocaCola	88 15-16	88 3-16	88⅝	+11-16
ColgatePalm	96⅞	96	96⅞	+13-16
ComclMetals	31⅞	31⅛	31⅝	+ ⅛
CooperIn	55⅝	54 11-16	55	— 5-16
Cyprus	12 13-16	12⅝	12 11-16	+ 5-16
DallSemicn	34⅞	33⅞	33⅞	— 1
Delta	143⅜	140⅞	141 1-16	— 1⅛
Dillards Inc	39⅞	39 1-16	39⅞	— ⅛
DowChem	96⅞	96⅛	96 7-16	— 1-16
Dresser	41 13-16	40 13-16	41⅜	+15-16
DuPont	68⅞	67⅞	68⅛	— ⅛
Eastman	60 7-16	59⅞	59 15-16	— 3-16
EstKodak	82⅛	80	81 9-16	+7 13-16
EDS Corp	37⅞	36 9-16	37⅞	+ ⅞
Entergy	27⅞	27 7-16	27⅛	— 5-16
Exxon	72 3-16	71 5-16	71 15-16	— ⅛
FstBksAm	19 15-16	19 15-16	19 15-16	
Flowers	20 1-16	19⅞	19 15-16	— ⅛
FordMotor s	60 9-16	58⅞	58⅞	— 1⅞
GTE Cp	56 13-16	56⅛	56⅛	— 7-16
GenDy	46 5-16	45⅞	46 3-16	+ 7-16
GenElec	95 1-16	94 5-16	94 7-16	— ⅜
GenMills	68⅛	68 3-16	68 5-16	— ⅛
GM	69⅞	68 15-16	68 15-16	—11-16
GaPacGP s	57⅞	56 1-16	56 7-16	— 1⅛
Global	17 7-16	17 1-16	17 5-16	+ 9-16
Goodrich	48	47 7-16	47⅛	— 3-16
Goodyear s		64	63⅞	63⅞ — ⅛
GtAtlPac	32⅞	32 3-16	32 3-16	— ⅜
Halliburtn	42⅛	41 9-16	42⅛	+1 3-16
Hanson	31⅛	31 3-16	31 3-16	— 3-16
HarteHanks s	25⅛	25	25 1-16	+ 1-16
HomeDepot	49	48	48 7-16	— ⅛
Houston	29 15-16	29 13-16	29 15-16	— ⅛
IBM	120	118⅞	119⅞	— ⅛
IntlPaper	43⅞	42 15-16	43	— 9-16
JohnsonJn	77 7-16	76 9-16	76⅞	+ 2⅛
K mart	17⅞	17 7-16	17⅞	— ⅛
Kroger Co	47⅛	46⅞	47⅞	+ 2⅛
Litton	61⅛	61 7-16	61⅜	— ⅛
Lockhd	106⅞	105	105 1-16	—15-16
Lowes	43⅛	42 9-16	42 9-16	+ 3-16
Lubys	17⅞	17 11-16	17 13-16	
LucentTech s	90⅞	88⅛	89⅞	+1 7-16
MayDeptStrs	69⅞	68⅛	69⅞	+ 3-16
MediaOne	48⅞	47⅞	48⅞	+ 1⅛
Medtronic s	67⅞	66 9-16	66 11-16	— ⅛
Mobil	76⅞	74 15-16	76⅞	+ ⅞
Monsanto	55⅛	53 13-16	54 13-16	+15-16
Morgan	133⅞	132 9-16	132 13-16	— ⅜
Motorola	52⅛	51 7-16	51 13-16	+ 5-16
NCR Corp	33	32 9-16	32⅞	+ 1⅛
NationsBk	87⅞	87	87 5-16	— ⅜
Navistar	31	30 9-16	31	+ ⅛
Norwests		39⅞	39 5-16	39⅞
OryxEngy	21⅞	21⅛	21⅛	+ 5-16
Penney JC	68 9-16	67 15-16	68	— ⅜
Pennzoil	52 3-16	51 5-16	51 11-16	+ ⅜
PepB	17 5-16	16 15-16	17 3-16	— 3-16
PepsiCo	39⅞	39 5-16	39 9-16	+ 5-16
PhelpDodge	58⅛	57 7-16	57⅞	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	48⅞	47⅞	48⅛	+ 9-16
Pilgrm	21 5-16	20 15-16	21 5-16	+ 3-16
Polaroid	35 11-16	34 11-16	35⅛	+13-16
Praxair	45 5-16	44 15-16	45	— 1-16
ProctGamb s	92⅛	91 13-16	92⅛	— 1⅛
PubSNwMx	22 11-16		22⅞	22 11-16
RoyalDut		53⅞	53⅞	53⅞ + ⅛
SBC Comm s		39⅞	39 9-16	39⅞
SaraLee	56 9-16	55 15-16	56 5-16	+ 5-16
Scripps EW	52⅞	52⅛	52 11-16	+ 5-16
SearsRoeb	59 7-16	58⅞	59⅛	+11-16
SherwinW	34⅞	34 5-16	34⅞	+ ⅛
SmthBc	63 13-16	62⅞	63⅞	— 9-16
SouthernCo	26 15-16	26⅞	26⅞	— 3-16
SwstAirl s	31 3-16	30⅞	30⅞	— ⅞
Sprint		74⅞	74	74⅛ — ⅛
SunCo	38 15-16	38 7-16	38 15-16	+ ⅛
TNP	32 15-16	32 11-16	32 11-16	— 7-16
Tandy s	57⅞	57 3-16	57 5-16	— 1-16
TempleInland	53⅞	52 15-16	53	— 7-16
Tenneco	35⅞	34⅞	35	— 7-16
Texaco s	59 3-16	57 9-16	59⅛	+ 1⅛
TexInd		52	49⅞	52 + 3
TexasInst s	59⅞	58⅞	59 5-16	+15-16
TexUtil	42 3-16	41⅞	42 3-16	+ 3-16
Textron	73⅞	73 5-16	73 5-16	— 5-16
Traveler	72 3-16	70 15-16	71⅞	+ 3-16
TriconGlbR n	33⅞	33 7-16	33⅞	+ ⅛
TrinityInds	43 3-16		42⅞	43 + ⅛
TritonEngy	32 7-16	31 9-16	31⅞	+ ⅛
Tyler		9⅞	9⅛	9⅛
US West Inc	50⅞	50 7-16	50 13-16	— ⅜
USX-Marathn		35	34⅞	34⅞ + ⅛
USX	31⅛	31 3-16	31 3-16	— 1-16
UnCarbde	53 7-16	52⅞	52⅞	— 5-16
UnionPacif	43⅞	42⅞	42 13-16	+ 3-16
UnitedTech		95⅛	94⅞	95 — 7-16
Unocal	35 13-16	34 15-16	35 13-16	+13-16
Venator Grp	17⅞	16 15-16	17⅞	+ 9-16
WalMart	67	66	66 1-16	— 7-16
WstnGasRs	14⅞	14⅛	14 3-16	— ⅛
WinnDix	47 3-16	46⅞	46 11-16	— ⅜
Xerox Corp	110⅞	108	110⅞	+2 9-16

Scurry County Country

Congress at odds on ag's economic hardship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officially on the record as recognizing "economic hardship" for American farmers, Senate Republicans and Democrats disagree on what to do about it.

Democrats are pushing a $2.1 billion package of election-year governmental aid, while Republicans insist on sticking with their 1996 free-market reforms and emphasizing increased foreign trade to boost farm incomes.

Toward that end, the House and Senate sent President Clinton emergency legislation Tuesday exempting agricultural products this year from sanctions imposed on India and Pakistan because of to their nuclear tests. That will enable U.S. traders to bid on a 350,000-ton Pakistani wheat purchase this week and guarantee a critical grain market for U.S. farmers.

Earlier Tuesday, the Senate voted unanimously for a nonbinding resolution urging "immediate action" to address the slump in farm prices, which Democrats say will reduce agricultural incomes by 13 percent from last year.

"We don't yet have an agreement on how we should respond, but we agree there should be a response," said Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, the Democratic leader. "The question is, what do we do about it?"

Farm prices have dropped at least 30 percent for such staples as corn, soybeans and wheat since 1996, mainly due to reduced export demand, bad weather and a worldwide grain glut. Things are especially bad in the northern Plains.

Republicans insist things will turn around with minimal changes in their two-year-old "Freedom to Farm" law, which is gradually ending Depression-era crop subsidies and has removed restrictions on what farmers can plant.

"Agriculture in this country must emphasize business acumen and personal freedom," said Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn. "We must look for the best ways to take long-term action."

The resolution calling for "immediate action" to deal with "serious economic hardship" among farmers was pushed by Democrats as a prelude to a series of amendments they plan to offer beginning today to the annual agriculture spending bill. The language was softened from "emergency action" — which means balanced-budget caps could be ignored — at Republicans' insistence.

Democrats from the northern Plains, where chronic wheat disease and bad weather have combined with lower farm exports and huge worldwide grain surpluses to cause the worst economic problems, say the vote means support for government intervention, especially for small family farmers without the resources to weather the downturn.

"These are emergency measures. We're not planning to reopen the farm bill," Daschle said.

With President Clinton's backing, the Democrats are proposing a $1.6 billion plan to lift caps on marketing loans, which allow farmers to hold on to crops for sale when prices improve, and extend the loans by another six months. Another amendment would set up a $500 million fund for farmers struck by repeated disasters, such as those in the Dakotas.

Other measures would force disclosure of livestock prices that are now private and require labeling of imported beef and lamb.

Entomology Report

By Stephen Biles, County Entomoligist
Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan, Jones

Cotton stages third leaf through bloom. Much of the dryland crop has been plowed under but some areas are still hanging on.

Cotton fleahoppers have not been found at trouble levels. Fleahoppers should be treated during the first three weeks of squaring if 25 to 30 fleahoppers are found per 100 terminals and the plants have less than 75 percent square set. After bloom, fleahoppers usually cease to be a problem.

Aphids have become a problem for some producers. We have found aphids in populations of 0-200 per leaf. Control of cotton aphids should be delayed until infestations exceed 50 aphids per leaf.

No boll weevils were caught during the week ending July 13 from the Walker Trap Lines in Jones County.

Beet Armyworm trap counts from June 26 until July 7 were 65/trap om 9.3/day/trap. Beets have been found in survey fields at levels of 0-2 per plant. They have also been reported by growers and other consultants at similar levels. All cotton fields need to be inspected at least weekly, in order to catch any problem with beets early. Once worms have grown to larger than ½-inch long, insecticidal control is less effective.

Cotton bollworms and Tobacco Budworms have been found from 0-10 worms per 100 plants. All cotton, including Bt cotton needs to be carefully watched for boll/budworms.

In Bt cotton, some feeding damage should occur on the smallest squares, but if the Bt is working, that should be all the damage seen (remember the larvae may feed at least some in order to get the toxin to kill them). If you start finding larvae ¼-inch or larger, then you may need to treat if you have 12 to 15 percent of plants with such larvae.

Non-Bt cotton fields should be scoured carefully. Bollworm eggs are typically laid on the top ⅓ of the plant but can be found on the lower regions of the plant. They will hatch in 3-4 days. Small larvae are easier to kill than larger larvae.

CRP acreage is released for haying and grazing

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculure Dan Glickman announced that emergency haying will be permitted on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in some areas suffering from drought, according to Congressman Charles Stenholm.

"Emergency haying will be permitted in the same counties that have been approved for emergency grazing," said Stenholm. "To be eligible these counties must have suffered at least a 40 percent variation from normal precipitation in the four most recent months, resulting in at least a 40 percent loss of pasture and forage and a livestock emergency."

The Agriculture department (USDA authorizes each area based on recommendations by county Farm Service Agency (FSA) committees and state FSA committees.

As of July 6, the following counties have been approved for emergency grazing and now haying: Coke, Concho (partial), Fisher, Howard, Jones, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry and Taylor.

Producers within these counties must request approval to hay eligible acreage, and must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying requirements. Participants must leave at least 50 percent of each field unhayed.

For further information about the specifics of the haying provisions contact the FSA office at 573-0171.

Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
Couny Extension Agent

Selecting the correct processing time

When canning in boiling water, more processing time is needed for most raw-packed foods and for quart jars than is needed for hot-packed foods and pint jars.

To destroy microorganisms in acid foods processed in a boiling water-canner, you must:

*Process jars for the correct number of minutes in boiling water.

*Cool the jars at room temperature.

The food may spoil if you fail to add process time for lower boiling-water temperatures at altitudes above 1,000 feet, process for fewer minutes than specified, or cool jars in cold water.

To destroy microorganisms in low-acid foods processed with a pressure canner, you must:

*Process the jars for the correct number of minutes.

*Allow canner to cool at room temperature until it is completely depressurized. The food may spoil if you fail to select the proper process times for altitudes above, 1,000 feet, fail to exhaust canners properly, process at lower pressure than specified, process for fewer minutes than specified or cool the canner with water.

Process times for half-pint and pint jars are the same, as are times for 1½ pint and quart jars. For some products, you have a choice of processing at 5, 10, or 15 PSIG. In these cases, choose the canner pressure (PSIG) you wish to use and match it with your pack style (raw or hot) and jar size to find the correct process time.

Helpful canning hints

Rubber seal — Use glycerin or rubber seal to protect seal from drying or cracking — when stored, it will not get sticky.

Cleaning aluminum canner

The darkened surface on the inside of an aluminum canner can be cleaned by filling it above the darkened line with a mixture of (1) one tablespoon cream of tartar to each quart of water. Place canner on a heat source (stove or range), heat water to a boil, and boil covered unil the dark deposits disappear. Sometimes stubborn deposits may require the addition of more cream of tartar. Empty the canner and wash it with hot soapy water, rinse and dry.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,006 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 9 sale. Packer cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 35 to 40.50.
Canners and low cutters: 30 to 35.
Slaughter bulls: 43 to 51.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 80-100
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 68-77.505
600-700: 65-72
700-800: 63-72
feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-90
400-500: 70-77.50
500-600: 65-72.50
600-700: 65-71
700-800: 58-68
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 66 to 75; 700-800, 61-65.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 500 to 700; Grade 400 to 500.
Springs: 300 to 550.
Baby calves: 50 to 150.
Doodlers 100 to 185.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,388 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 11 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $3 higher. The rest of the stock sild steady to stronger. Packer cows and bulls were $2 lower. Young pairs were $2 higher. Bred cows were too few to test. Trading was active and demand good.

Steers:
300 to 400: 80 to 105
400 to 500: 81 to 95.50
500 to 600: 75 to 86
600 to 750: 64 to 742
Heifers:
200 to 300: 73 to 86
300 to 400: 67.50 to 88
400 to 500: 62.50 to 75
500 to 600: 63 to 75
600 to 800: 60.25 to 72
Medium age to older bred cows: 400 to 550.
Young bred cows: 575 to 670
Packer cows: 25 to 39.50.
Packer bulls: 42.50 to 49.25.

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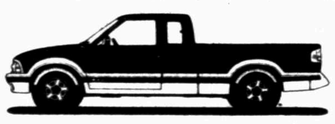
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. flights to Cuba resumed

HAVANA (AP) — Hundreds of waving, screaming Cubans greeted a chartered Boeing jetliner carrying 203 passengers to Havana this morning as the United States resumed direct flights to Cuba.

Relatives and friends crowded in and around the Havana airport terminal to meet the passengers, many of whom they had not seen since the direct flights were canceled two years ago.

The visitors waved at the crowd and rushed through Cuban customs with packages of vitamins and basic medicines such as Tylenol and Motrin.

"Is this my father?" Joslyn Alvarez, 9, asked his mother as he reached over a rail to touch the hand of a man waiting for them outside customs. "Yes," she said, and the boy smiled broadly.

Also returning to visit family members were Angel and Mirely Perera, who left Cuba with one daughter four years ago and came back with two. Their second child, now 18 months old, was born in the United States.

The Boeing 767-300 took off from Miami International Airport shortly after 9 a.m. for the 45-minute flight to Havana's Jose Marti International Airport. It was the first nonstop commercial flight to the island nation in two years.

Juan Alvarez of Hialeah, Fla., was traveling with his 12-year-old son and his wife, who expected to meet her mother-in-law for the first time.

"The most beautiful thing is the reunion," said Alvarez, who last visited two years ago. "The last time it was like a dream. I hope to be able to enjoy it more this time."

The American trade embargo against the communist nation remains in place. But the Treasury Department, which administers the embargo, has granted approvals to nine companies to resume direct flights.

Miami's Airline Brokers Co. Inc. — also known as ABC Charters — made the first trip. Also approved were seven small charter companies, along with American Airlines.

President Clinton canceled direct flights in 1996 to punish the Cuban government for shooting down two unarmed civilian aircraft.

The planes carried members of the anti-Castro exile group Brothers to the Rescue. They were searching for refugees over international waters when Cuban military jets shot them out of the sky, killing four people.

Clinton lifted the ban on direct flights in March, after the visit of Pope John Paul II to Cuba. At the time, the president said the resumption of flights and other measures were designed to build on the Pope's January visit and to "help prepare the Cuban people for a democratic transition."

State must issue 'HIV Pos' plate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state can't refuse to issue a license plate reading 'HIV POS' to a man with AIDS, a federal judge ruled.

The state has allowed plates that say CANCER, ALZHIMR and ADDICTD, as well as END HIV, so denying the HIV POS plate would be discriminatory, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said Tuesday.

"Disease and illness, including those that are terminal, are subjects of wide public discourse," she said. "Unlike racial, ethnic and religious slurs, there is nothing inherently offensive about declaring that one is infected with HIV."

She rejected Kevin Dimmick's claims that the DMV discriminated against him on the basis of a disability or intentionally inflicted emotional distress, the main basis for his $5 million damage request.

The judge told the attorneys on both sides meet to see if they can come up with some sort of relief. If they can't, the case could still go to trial.

Dimmick, who will get the license plate unless the state appeals, said he still hoped to take the case to a jury.

"I'm pleased to get the plate, but spending as much time as I had to do with these bigots, putting up with crap such as (DMV Director Sally Reed's) saying HIV POS is the equivalent of an ethnic slur, what I had to do to get a plate that they should have issued in the beginning," said Dimmick, who wants the plate for his motorcycle.

24-hour period sees one arrest

Department of Public Safety troopers took one subject into custody early Wednesday morning on an alcohol-related charge.

At 12:11 p.m., DPS troopers arrested a 17-year-old female at the intersection of FM 1605 and Avenue M for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In activity Tuesday, an offense report of burglary was filed at 7 a.m. in reference to a burglary of a house belonging to Nita Keeble at 3405 Old Lubbock Hwy.

At 7:46 a.m., a subject in the 3700 block of Avondale was issued a citation for letting his dog run at large.

In other activity, a woman came to the police department at 9:32 a.m. to request an attempt to locate on her 19-year-old daughter who was last seen around 5:30 Sunday.

Ft. Worth girl was strangled

FORT WORTH (AP) — An 8-year-old girl found dead near her home Sunday was strangled, police said Tuesday.

Fort Worth police withheld other details of the girl's autopsy, saying the results could be crucial in finding the killer.

Edna Maria Rodriguez was reported missing early Saturday morning by her father. Searchers combed the family's south Fort Worth neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

The girl's body turned up in a driveway of a vacant house around the corner from her home. Police say she was killed elsewhere and dumped in the driveway, which had been searched Saturday.

Police spokesman Lt. Mark Krey said detectives questioned the girl's father and mother, Fidencio and Juana Rodriguez. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the father took a polygraph examination and had no attorney present during questioning.

"We're still talking to him. We still have questions to ask and information to obtain from him," Krey said late Tuesday.

Police said at least five people have supplied hair and body-fluid samples to investigators, the Dallas Morning News reported. Police declined to identify the people. Krey said the samples will be used along with other evidence such as fingerprints.

Krey also said about 40 to 50 registered sex offenders live in the same ZIP code as the Rodriguez family, including about 20 within several blocks of the home.

Obituaries

Celia Barrientez

1910-1998

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Celia Barrientez, 87, who died Tuesday, July 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1910 in Mexico.

Sonia Gamez

1953-1998

Sonia Corona Gamez, 45, of Sweetwater died this morning at her daughter's residence in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

The body will be cremated. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gamez was born on Jan. 12, 1953 in Sandusky, Ohio, and married Enrique L. Gamez on Feb. 24, 1973 in Houston. She had worked for the Sweetwater Healthcare Center for 11 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Corona.

Survivors include her husband, Enrique L. Gamez of Sweetwater; her mother, Margarita Corona of Houston; a son, Enrique (Ricky) Gamez II of Sweetwater; a daughter, Roxanne Taylor of Snyder; six brothers, Martin Corona, Johnny Corona, Tony Corona, Macky Corona, all of Houston, Jimmy Corona of Pasadena and Raymond Corona of Claremont, Calif.; three sisters, Hilda Arron and Mary Torrez, both of Houston, and Lucy Corona of Richmond, Tex.; and three grandchildren, Jackie Taylor, Bubba Taylor and Nate Gamez.

Mrs. Greenfield

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Laura Gertrude Greenfield, the mother of two Scurry County residents, died Monday, July 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Greenfield, 84, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. Friday in the Mahomet Cemetery near Bertram. Max Copleland of Marble Falls will officiate.

Born March 16, 1914 in Briggs, she married Clyde Leslie Fraley on June 16, 1932 Briggs. He died on Feb. 11, 1970.

She married Harvey O. Greenfield on Sept. 19, 1975 in Snyder, and he died on Oct. 1, 1992.

Mrs. Greenfield was a homemaker, a member of the Eastern Star and a member of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Gayle and Carl Burleson of Snyder; seven sons and four daughters-in-law, Norman and Joy Fraley of Hermleigh, Neil Fraley of Odessa, Morris and Bonnie Fraley of Big Spring, Harold Fraley of Midland, Dean Fraley of Hobbs, N.M., David and Kathy Fraley of Odessa and Mackey and Melinda Fraley of Mullin; three brothers, Olen "Pete" Shell of Bertram, George Shell of Florida and Fred Shell of Buchanan Dam; two sisters, Judy Naceda of Temple and Mattie Roe of Bertram; 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Snyder likely on route for napalm

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) is handling the shipment of napalm from California to Deer Park like any other hazardous cargo.

"As a common carrier, BNSF is obligated to accept reasonable requests for transporting hazardous materials provided the material is packaged and described in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Railroad Administration guidelines," said Rick Nelson, vice president of consumer good for the railroad.

"Before we agreed to handle the napalm, BNSF's marketing and environmental engineering groups made a thorough analysis of the product and its potential effects on BNSF people and the communities through which the product would pass," said Nelson.

Authorities with BNSF in Fort Worth on Tuesday would not confirm which exact route the material is traveling enroute to the Houston area.

"The Navy is just like any other customer," said the spokesman. "We would not tell the route of a load of GM cars or other cargo."

BNSF personnel have said that if a person looked at the firm's web page on the Internet, it would not be hard to figure out which route the material would be travelling.

The firm's web page shows a route that leaves from California enroute to Clovis, N.M., Lubbbock and then Snyder.

Both Snyder mayor David Holt and County Judge Ricky Fritz said they have received notice from the Navy that the route would include Snyder.

The first shipment of napalm left Tuesday from California and expected to be in Deer Park on Thursday.

The chemical is contained in four railcars.

Ten thousand gallons of the Vietnam War-era napalm will be recycled into fuel by GNI Group, Inc. at its facility just east of Houston.

The firm signed a $10 million contract last week agreeing to recycle the napalm into fuel for cement manufacturing.

The Navy's prime contractor for the disposal originally had given the contract to an Indiana company, which abruptly backed out of the deal in April while the first shipment was en route. The company cited public and political pressure for its decision.

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ONGOINGS

Utility bill assistance

Representatives from People for Progress are at the Snyder Park Club at Winston Park until 4 p.m. today to offer assistance with utility bills. Additional information be be obtained by calling 915-235-8455.

Installation of officers

Scurry Lodge 706 will have installation of officers on Friday at 7:30 p.m. It will be a closed installation and all Master Masons are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the installation.

Ira Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School continues through Friday at Ira Baptist Church for ages four years through the sixth grade. Time of VBS is 6- 9 p.m.

Gov. Bush here Monday

Gov. George Bush will be in Snyder at noon Monday for a public reception at Martha Ann's Womans Club. The stop is part of the Republican's campaign swing in West Texas.

AARP to meet

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Jack Gorman Sr. will be the guest speaker.

VBS Star Quest

Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church will be held July 20-24 for children ages kindergarten through 6th grade. Times are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

VBS Space Mission

Vacation Bible School at 37th Street Church of Christ will be held at 7 p.m. June 20-22. There will be classes for all ages, including adults.

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox will be held each Tuesday beginning on next week from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next tapes to be shown, "Bear One Another's Burdens," followed by "When the Future Really Begins" will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Parkinson's support group

An organizational meeting for a Parkinson's community support group will be held from 10:30 until noon Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Information will be provided by the Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock. For more information, contact Tammy Tyler at 574-7277.

Ritz Variety Show

The Ritz Variety Show will be held July 24-26 at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 and season ticket holders may make reservations Thursday and Friday and again July 21-25 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. at the Ritz box office. Reservations may also be made by calling 573-8880.

Children's Day Out

Registration for the fall semester of Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church will be held Thursday, July 30. Classes are for ages 1-4, and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-4770 for more information.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
16-25-30-34-38

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-5-0

Salons seek to block Clinton's Viagra directive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers in both parties are moving to block a Clinton administration order directing states to help low-income men buy Viagra, the popular but expensive anti-impotency pill.

By voice vote, the House Appropriations Committee approved language Tuesday prohibiting the federal and state governments from paying for the drug with Medicaid, the health care program for the poor.

The legislators acted as Wisconsin, New York and perhaps other states considered defying the administration directive. The National Governors Association estimated that Medicaid coverage for Viagra could cost taxpayers $100 million a year.

"Given the mixed results so far with the drug in question, and given the fact that so many health maladies are not covered, there is no need at this time to use scarce Medicaid dollars for Viagra," said the committee's top Democrat, Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin.

The Viagra provision was inserted into a $290 billion measure for financing the departments of Health and Human Services, Education and Labor for fiscal 1999, which begins Oct. 1. The overall bill was approved 32-23.

The ultimate fate of the Viagra language is unclear. The Senate has yet to write its own version of the HHS-Education-Labor appropriations bill, and President Clinton said again Tuesday that he would veto the House package.

But Clinton did not mention the Viagra provision in his written statement. Instead, he criticized the bill as providing too little money for hiring new teachers, modernizing schools and improving job training, child care and other programs.

"This bill shortchanges investments in education, and if it were sent to me in its current form, I would have no choice but to veto it," the president said.

The Appropriations Committee cast several other noteworthy election-year votes. The lawmakers voted to require federally financed family planning clinics to notify parents when the clinic gives contraceptives to minors; to create a new warning label for blacks on cigarettes; and to require the nation's health-care plans to give women direct access to obstetricians and gynecologists.

The Viagra provision would block a July 2 Clinton administration directive ordering states to use Medicaid to cover purchases of the drug when medically necessary.

More than 30 deaths among Viagra users have been reported. Patients are cautioned not to use it if they take organic nitrates, which are often used to treat angina, or chest pain. Viagra can cost $10 per pill.

Two spending bills approved by panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a pair of 1999 spending bills Tuesday, including one requiring the government to help U.S. citizens who are victims of terrorism to collect damages from guilty countries.

The committee approved both bills by 27-0. One would provide $47.5 billion for transportation programs next year, while the other contains $29.8 billion for the Treasury Department, the executive office of the president and several smaller agencies.

By voice vote, the committee approved language by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., that would require the Treasury and State departments to help American victims of state-sponsored terrorism collect damages awarded by U.S. courts.

Lautenberg cited the case of Alisa Flatow of West Orange, N.J., who died in 1995 when the bus in which she was riding in Israel was destroyed by a suicide bomber. In March, a U.S. district judge awarded her family $247.5 million and said that Iran was responsible for the attack.

The Clinton administration, however, is opposing her family's effort to seize frozen Iranian assets to collect the damages.

The bill also contains language that would block members of Congress from receiving a cost-of-living pay raise next year. A House version of the bill would do the same thing, all but guaranteeing that lawmakers will not give themselves a raise this election year.

The Senate bill omits controversial language the House included in its version. Left out were House provisions allowing federal workers' health plans to cover contraceptives; limiting the Federal Election Commission's staff director and general counsel to four-year terms, unless they are reappointed by a majority vote of commissioners; and withholding $630,000 from the White House personal residence until the administration provides data on overtime costs caused by President Clinton's overnight guests.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

What's the word on saw palmetto?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friends have urged me to use saw palmetto for my prostate problems. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: Early studies on rats indicated that saw palmetto inhibited an increase in prostate weight. Several human studies have also yielded promising results. However, the final word is not yet in.

Although this herbal remedy is free of side effects, other prescription medicines, such as Proscar, have been shown to be superior. Nonetheless, I see no reason why you shouldn't try saw palmetto — provided, of course, you do so only with your physician's approval. If, for example, your prostate problems are related to cancer in the gland, palmetto may deter you from seeking more appropriate and effective therapy. Therefore, first check out your options with your doctor.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you recommend a suitable exercise program for healthy people in their 70s?

DEAR READER: There is enormous variation in the physical abilities of the elderly, some of whom continue strenuous exercise (such as rock climbing, running and body building) well into their 80s.

On the other hand, geriatric patients who have never been particularly inclined to exercise may feel comfortable with a less demanding schedule that involves walking, swimming, aerobics and so forth.

In my experience, it's not so much the level of intensity that is important; rather, a program of regular, enjoyable exercise seems to have beneficial results that are more consistent.

If you are healthy and relish physical activity, you might try bicycling, jogging, weight training, hiking and other high-energy endeavors. If your abilities are modest, golf, swimming, skiing, calisthenics, aerobics and tennis would suffice. Finally, if you're not "into" physical exertion, brisk walking, canoeing or gardening might provide a welcome distraction.

The most important considerations are: Pick activities that you enjoy, try to vary your routine and exercise regularly.

One caveat: If you choose to engage in strenuous exercise, check first with your doctor, because you may need a stress test to make sure that your heart can handle the increased physical activity.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Opportunities to improve your lot in life could come through people who operate at your level and in your chosen field. Make an effort to be a joiner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be careful how you conduct yourself today. Your behavior will be scrutinized, and a poor display could tarnish your image. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In interactions with others today, bring things that irritate you out in the open. If you keep them bottled up, they'll do more harm than good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to let yourself get too deeply involved in a friend's affairs today. S/he might use your interest as an excuse to pass the burden.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make it a point to give credit where credit is due today. Failing to acknowledge the input of associates could lead to a loss of supporters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're not likely to fulfill your aspirations today if you force subordinates to yield to your orders. Consideration and tact will encourage workers to contribute on their own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sweet-sounding financial proposals could turn out to be pies-in-the-sky today. Proceed prudently, so you don't end up with a piece of burnt crust.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You and your mate should have equal input in a critical decision today. Don't make impulsive judgments on your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If co-workers think you tell them to do things you refuse to do yourself, your directives won't have impact. Set a good example.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you lack self-discipline today, your self-esteem could diminish considerably — causing you gamble on others instead of trusting yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to be more tolerant and understanding of casual acquaintances than family members or relatives today. It's best to reverse your priorities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Self-doubt is your worst enemy today. If you think there are things you cannot do, chances are you'll prove yourself right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you frivolously spend what you've saved and hope you'll be able to cover it later, remorse may be waiting down the road.

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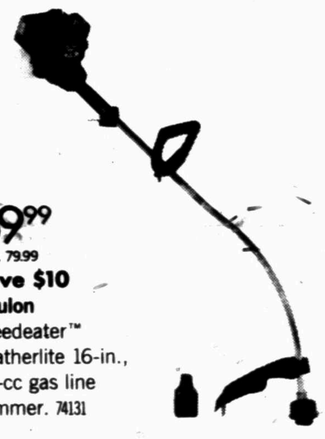

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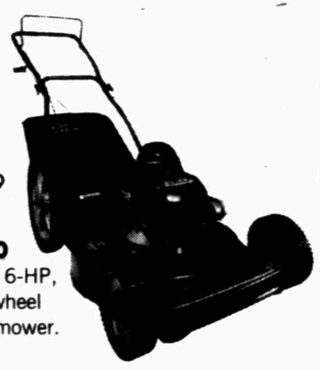

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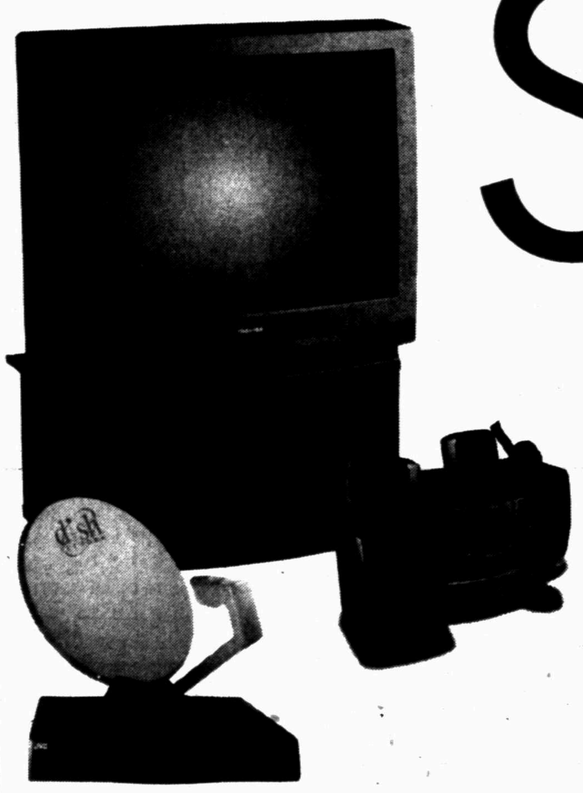

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