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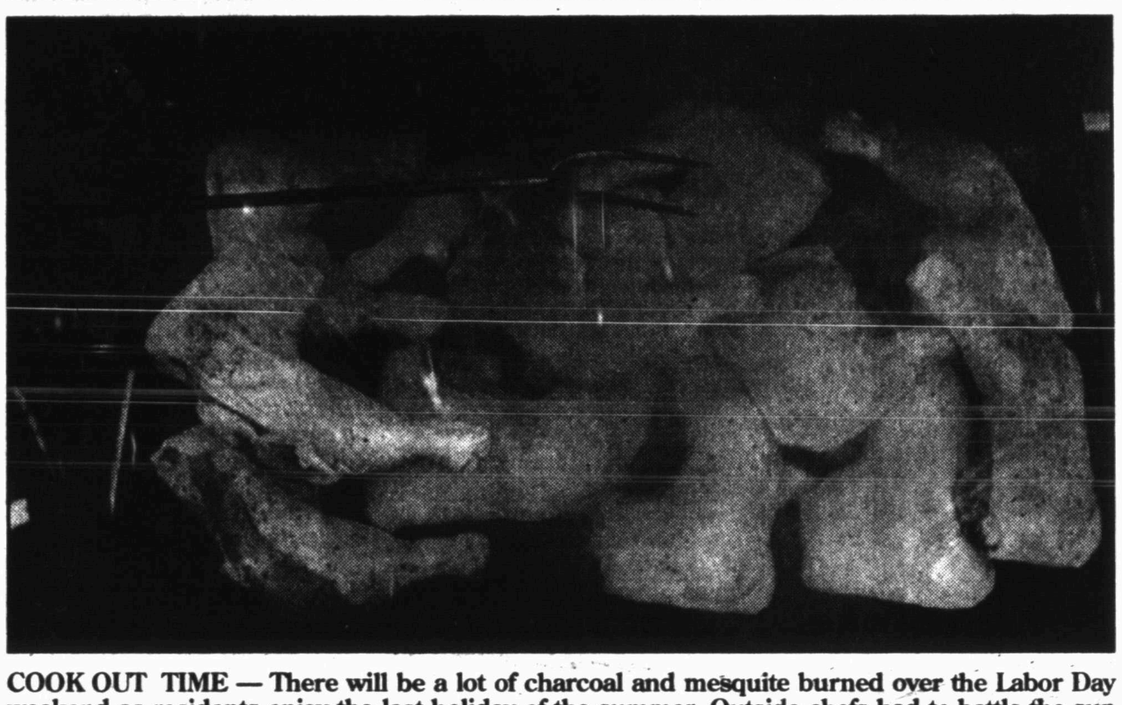


COOK OUT TIME — There will be a lot of charcoal and mesquite burned over the Labor Day weekend as residents enjoy the last holiday of the summer. Outside chefs had to battle the sun on Sunday as the high was officially recorded at 103 degrees. (SDN Staff Photo)

Budget hearings have about run their course

Appraisal District meets Tuesday morning

A public hearing on the Scurry County Appraisal District's 2001 budgets is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The hearing will be followed by a meeting at 9 a.m. to formally adopt the appraisal and collection budgets.

The appraisal budget is down almost $3,900 from 2000 at a total of $553,261 compared to the 2000 amended budget of $557,100.

The collection budget is up slightly compared to the current year — $24,235 compared to $23,338 in 2000.

The almost $900 increase is due primarily to additional time spent in collections, Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said.

The appraisal district collects for Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Included in the appraisal budget are salary increases for five employees.

Crooks said that the district eliminated one position, reducing the number of employees to 11, and spread the responsibilities of that position.

The portion in the 2001 budget for salaries is $279,931. That is a $756 increase over the 2000 figure of $279,175.

Like most other entities and businesses, the district is bracing for a potential increase in insurance costs.

"We did figure about a 12 percent increase in health insurance just to be on the safe side," Crooks said. "It could end up being more than that, but if we have to, we will change companies and take a higher deductible."

The district budgeted $38,445 in 2000 for insurance and has increased that to $42,500 for the upcoming year.

Building to be 100 years old this week

By Aline Parks
Scurry County Historical Society

Snyder was a young, growing town in 1900 when the First National Bank built its new home at 1825 25th Street on the northwest corner of the courthouse square. The building will mark its 100th year this week, making it one of the oldest buildings on the square.

In its edition for Sept. 6, 1900, Snyder's newspaper, *The Coming West*, noted, "The bank building is the nicest building in town and is pointed to with pride by our citizens. It should be an incentive to others and will no doubt be the cause of Snyder having a number of substantial business houses in the near future."

"The lower story will be occupied by the City Bank," *The Coming West* wrote, "and the upper story will probably be fitted up for lodge purposes." The bank was chartered as a national bank and changed its name to First National Bank about the time it opened in its new building.

An early photograph of the building shows a one-story business building adjoining it on the east with a sign reading "Warren Bros.," above the door. Farther east were other businesses, perhaps including a two-story hotel and livery stable. These were apparently destroyed by fire in about 1910. In 1910, T.J. Faught built a two-story building on the east end of the block that still stands, and his name can be seen above the front entrance.

Another photo made near the time the First National Bank building was completed shows Snyder Mercantile in a large two-story building across the street west, with other business buildings occupying the space to the north corner of the block. The mercantile building later burned and W.A. Fuller built a new building to house Snyder National Bank there in 1916. The yellow brick building at 2501 College Avenue was built in 1911 to house the First State Bank.

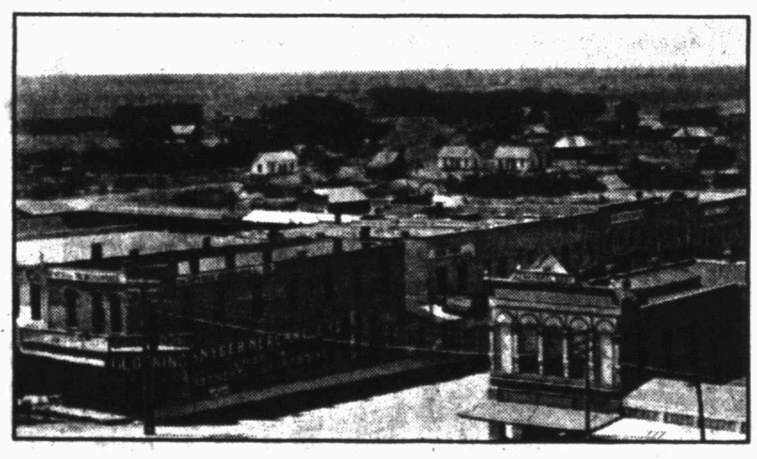
The City Bank had been founded in 1893 by Dr. J.E. Dodson and his brother, A.D. Dodson, a Snyder merchant. It was first housed on the south side of the square. In June of 1900, H.B. Patterson was listed as bank president. He was succeeded by George W. Smith, a rancher. Smith died in 1902 and W.A. (Billy) Johnson, also a rancher, took over. Several men prominent in county history served as directors of the bank.

They included: J. Wright Mooar, probably best known as a successful buffalo hunter who killed a white buffalo in Scurry County in 1876 and later became a rancher; T.J. Faught, a rancher and second sheriff of Scurry County; W. D. Sims, a rancher and brother-in-law of Johnson and Faught, and Harry Nelson, a Snyder merchant and postmaster, Robert H. (Bob) Curnutte, a young lawyer, served alternately as vice president and cashier. His daughter, Lois Lucie Curnutte Yeaman, began working in the bank after school when she was 14, assisting Miss Ethel Wasson, the bookkeeper.

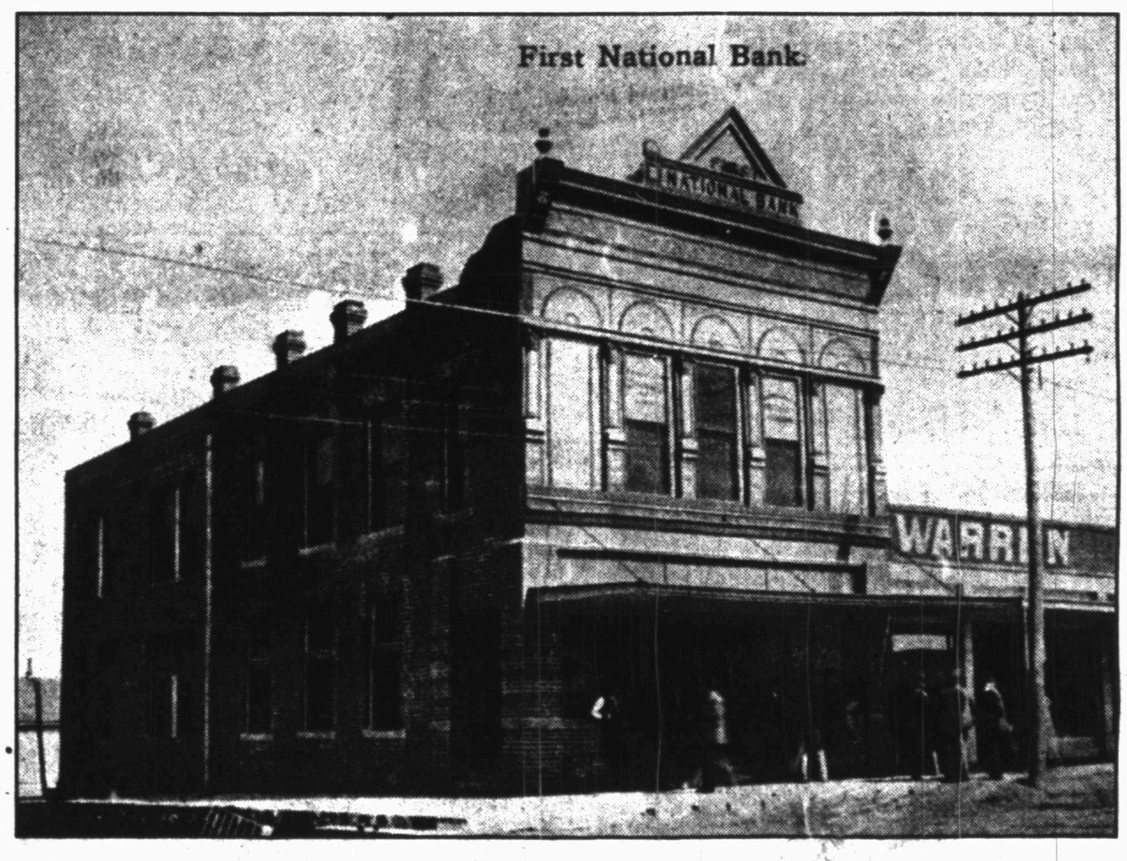
With an economy depending almost entirely on agriculture, Scurry County was hard hit by droughts in the early 1900s. The *Snyder Signal* reported on Jan. 12, 1912, that "Last summer was the driest season throughout the country known in many years and this is the coldest winter for a long time. Our comfort rests in the hope that Scurry County will make good crops this year." Then came the severe drought of 1918, and The Signal wrote. "The drought has hurt this country more than the war (World War I), but we have been as brave as we could and maybe we can tide over. We will have to keep level and Dr. Scarborough sways none of us could live here if we let our hopes get out of fix."

Due to the unfavorable financial conditions, First National and First State merged in 1927 and operated as First State in the building at 2501 College Avenue until the institution closed about 1931. Dr. H.G. Towle, an optometrist and jeweler, who came to Snyder in 1904, bought the First National building and operated his businesses there until his retirement. It was Dr. Towle who installed the aluminum siding that presently covers the brick exterior of the building. He served as Snyder's mayor from 1926 to 1946, longer than any other mayor. Following his death, Mrs. Towle gave the land for Towle Memorial Park in his memory.

The Towle's son-in-law, Dr. John Blum, worked with Dr. Towle in the optometry business for several years. The building was later sold to Dr. Jack Nesbit, an optometrist, and to Jim Shearer following Dr. Nesbit's death in 1999. Shearer now operates his appraisal business from the building.



Snyder in the early 1900s



First National Bank building was completed in 1900

Earthquake hits wine country in California

NAPA, Calif. (AP)— In the dead of night, Etta Crocker woke up with a bolt: Her television set was inexplicably flying across the 52-year-old woman's room.

Crocker and hundreds of other residents in the heart of Northern California's wine country were jolted early Sunday when a 5.2 magnitude earthquake knocked out windows, broke gas and water mains, and shut down power to about half the surrounding county.

Three people were hospitalized following the temblor, including a 5-year-old boy in critical condition with head injuries and a broken pelvis after chimney parts fell on him. Two others — a 41-year-old man and 37-year-old woman — were both in fair condition, said Debbie Fisher of Queen of the Val'ey Hospital.

Napa officials estimated the quake caused between $5 million and $15 million in damage. About 100-150 buildings sustained structural damage, including collapsed chimneys and broken hot water heaters, according to Napa police.

Seventy-one people, including 23 children, spent Sunday night in an emergency shelter in a Napa church, said Jason Smith of the American Red Cross.

Court meets Tuesday to set 2001 tax rate

Scurry County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday to formally adopt the tax rate for 2001.

The county's $21.3 million budget is figured at a tax rate of 53.88 cents per $100 valuation.

The court will also discuss recycling permits requested by Dennis Patton of Surbec.

Surbec recycles hazardous material and uses it for road material.

In a May meeting, company representatives told the court that it plans to convert material from four different sites in the county to road paving material.

The company has submitted a bid to the Texas Railroad Commission and company representatives are expected to update the court on the bid process.

At the May meeting, representatives said up to 300,000 tons of material could be recycled, and the county could receive a $1 per ton, plus the use of the road material. The county could also sell the excess material.

ASK US

Q—Has the Holiday Ramblers scheduled a meeting for Snyder this year?

A—The group will gather at the Scurry Coliseum Sept. 26-29.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 101 degrees; low, 72; high Sunday, 103; low, 71; 7 a.m. Monday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 72. Tuesday, sunny and hot. High 100, low 70.

Tom Davis
Hot

Sunset:
8:03 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:23 a.m.

Of 247 days in 2000, the sun has shone 244 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Above all, life should be fun."

Missing part matches one that gashed tire

PARIS (AP) — French investigators said Monday a stray metal piece that gashed a tire of a supersonic Concorde in July — causing a fire in the fuel tank and dooming the flight — apparently came from a Continental Airlines plane.

The Continental DC-10 took off from the same runway minutes before the Concorde, which caught fire and crashed into a hotel, killing 113 people, said France's Accident and Inquiry Office.

A Continental DC-10 had a missing part "which appeared to be identical to the metal piece found on the runway after the July 25, 2000, accident," said a statement from the office, known by the French acronym, BEA.

The BEA's preliminary report on the accident, made public Thursday, showed a picture of a bent metal piece 16 inches long.

The statement Monday said a BEA official in Washington noted the absence of the Continental part to the National Transportation Safety Board and other officials.

The part was found to be missing from a space between a fan and a door on the right-wing engine of a Continental DC-10, it was learned earlier in Houston, where Continental is based.

The BEA statement said a piece was missing from a hood on a thrust reverser of the DC-10. It was not immediately clear whether the two pieces referred to in Houston and Paris were the same.

Investigators have all along speculated that the part came from another airplane. The picture shows a bent part, reddish on one side and greenish on the other, with rivet holes.

The BEA was convinced early on that the metal part destroyed a left forward tire. Huge chunks of rubber were then thrust at high velocity toward the fuel tanks in the Concorde's delta-shaped wings, causing a fuel leak and a huge fire.

The flight, filled with German tourists, dived into a small hotel, less than two minutes after takeoff. It was the first accident by the supersonic Concorde since it entered commercial service 24 years ago.

The only two existing Concorde fleets — in France and Britain — were both officially grounded in August until further notice.

The Concorde, which flies across the Atlantic at Mach 2, twice the speed of sound, has been the most sophisticated form of commercial trans-atlantic air travel.

According to the BEA, Continental officials were cooperating totally with the investigation.

"We are making no further comment," Catherine Stengel, a Continental spokeswoman in Houston said Monday morning.

At a news conference Friday, BEA director Paul-Louis Arslanian expressed hope that an airline would discover that one of its fleet was missing a part.

Runway 26, from which the Concorde took off, had not been fully swept for more than 12 hours before the flight. The BEA statement did not say exactly how soon the Continental flight took off ahead of the Concorde.

The statement said the time lapse amounted to "several minutes." That would eliminate pointing a finger at airport officials for having postponed a cleaning to allow for a fire drill on the runway. The postponed cleanup was briefly mentioned in the 75-page preliminary report.

The final report on the accident is not expected out for at least a year.

On the Net:
http://www.continental.com
http://www.bea-fr.org

Burning Man festival aided by weather

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The weather took a turn for the better over the weekend on the Northern Nevada high desert, just in time for more than 25,000 revelers to enjoy the climax of the 15th annual Burning Man celebration.

After heavy rain and high winds plagued the counterculture festival earlier in the week, the weather cleared for Saturday night's ceremonial torching of a 52-foot-high wooden man for whom the event is named.

Participants from at least 40 states and 20 countries cheered loudly and danced after the giant bonfire was set on the Black Rock Desert 120 miles north of Reno. A spectacular fireworks display and laser-light show followed.

"It was insane," said celebrant Cara Farnsworth, 19, of Chicago. "Everybody is either in costume or naked. There's lots of colors, lots of light and lots of fire. It made all the bad weather worth it."

"It was overwhelming," added Benjamin Rush, 27, of Colorado Springs, Colo. "You name it, there was more for just one person to take in. I only wish I had better drugs."

The Mardis Gras-like celebration began in San Francisco in 1986 and moved to the Nevada desert in 1990. It combines wilderness camping and an offbeat mix of art and music in a surreal 5-square-mile encampment known as Black Rock City.

Other than the weather, law enforcement agencies reported no major problems at the weeklong festival billed as a celebration of art and radical self-expression.

Unlike last year, there were no reports of major traffic jams as participants began heading home Sunday. About half of the revelers weren't expected to leave until Monday.

There were at least 45 arrests during the week, but no details were available.

At least two participants, struck by objects, suffered head injuries and had to be flown to a Reno hospital. Other participants escaped injury when their vehicles hit cows on a highway leading to the site.

Burning Man spokeswoman Marian Goodell said the crowd peaked at just under 26,000. Last year's festival drew about 24,000 people.

Heavy rain pelted the festival Friday night. High winds kicked up huge dust clouds off and on all week, and jeopardized Saturday night's extravaganza. Although the winds later died down, temperatures remained cool.

The anything-goes event features games and activities, including an X-rated miniature golf course and a parade by members of both sexes who march in women's lingerie.

Personal drug use is tolerated, but not drug sales. Clothing is optional.

"The coolness cut down on the nudity, but it didn't cut down on people having a great time," said Don Lawson, a store owner in nearby Empire. "There was a lot of energy out there."

On the Net:
Burning Man celebration: http://www.burningman.com

Berry's World

Borden County ISD earns Propane Superstar award

Borden County ISD in Gail is one recipient of the Texas Railroad Commission's annual Propane Superstar Awards.

The school has used propane since 1990 and Supt. Jim Thomas says the conversion has saved the district thousands in energy costs.

The school district was nominated for the award by Gerry Smith of the Snyder Eddins-Walcher Company.

The Railroad Commission presents its Superstar Awards each year to public agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals who have found innovative ways to use propane as an environmentally beneficial fuel.

"The winners truly set an energy efficient example for others to follow," said Michael L. Williams, the chairman of the commission.

"Each Superstar proves that propane is not only clean and efficient, but is also a beneficial fuel that can be used every day," said Williams.

"Texas produces, stores and utilizes more propane than any other state in the union," said Railroad Commissioner Charles R. Matthews.

The presentations were made at the Texas Propane Gas Association's annual convention in San Antonio.

A total of 22 awards were presented.

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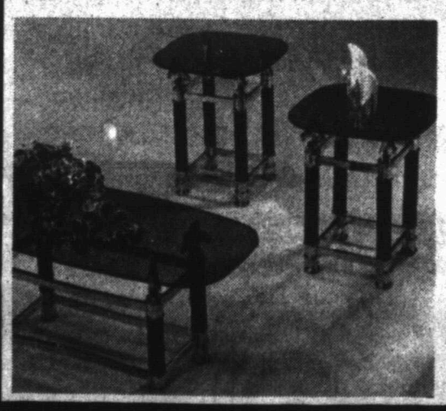

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Suspect, family, police continue to wait

TRINIDAD (AP) — With holsters slung across their hips, three bearded men wearing camouflage hats and torn jeans sit in folding chairs at the end of the dirt driveway.

Homemade signs in various sizes and colors hang from the gate, barbed-wire fence and tree trunks: "We are militia and will live free or die!" "Disobedience to tyranny is obedience to God!" "Notice to all public servants. No trespassing _ survivors will be prosecuted."

For six weeks, a felony assault suspect and more than a dozen of his relatives — including seven children — have been holed up in a remote part of a ranching community some 50 miles southeast of Dallas. The adults stand guard 24 hours a day.

John Joe Gray, 51, charged with trying to take a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper's gun and biting him after a traffic stop, says he won't surrender.

He has a two-year supply of food and arsenal of weapons on this 50 acres beside the Trinity River. He's even built a bunker marked "kids inside." In a handwritten note delivered by a friend, Gray told authorities to bring body bags if they step on his land.

"We don't want to hurt anybody, but we're going to defend our property," said his wife Alicia Gray. "Joe didn't do anything wrong, and we just want to be left alone."

So far, authorities have done just that.

Henderson County Sheriff Howard "Slick" Alfred has taken no action to prevent people from delivering food and supplies, nor has he set up round-the-clock surveillance. Alfred insists there's no plan to storm the property.

"There's never been a standoff or a siege. This isn't another Waco," Alfred said. "Joe Gray is just something else in the normal work day. I really think he'll get tired of all of it. He's just kind of pinned in there."

The subject of another Waco is a sensitive one in Texas.

In 1993, David Koresh and about 80 of his Branch Davidian followers died after a standoff at a compound near Waco, about 75 miles from Trinidad. It began 51 days earlier when federal agents tried to serve members with search and arrest warrants, and the ensuing gunfight killed four agents and six Davidians.

Waco became a rallying cry for religious and militia groups, some of whom — fueled by Internet rumors of increased police surveillance, federal involvement and an impending raid — now are calling on members to go to Trinidad by the busload.

So far, several have responded. Michael Treis heard about the Grays' saga a few weeks ago and drove to this East Texas town from Alexandria, La., where he leads the Yahshua Messiah Seventh-day Ministry.

Treis, his wife and teen-age son have been staying with the Grays ever since.

"It's pretty bad when a pastor has to strap on a gun and protect a family from an attack like Waco," said Treis, adjusting his shoulder holster. "If things start taking a turn for the worse, there'll be more people here."

Authorities hope that doesn't happen.

Ed Miers, a former police chief in nearby Malakoff, has been mediating. He's trying to ease the Grays' distrust of the government while urging authorities to back off further. But false reports spread by some radical groups could hinder negotiations, he said.

"One lie in a situation like this can be volatile," Miers said.

Others want law enforcement to be more aggressive.

Keith Tarkington believes his ex-wife, who is the Grays' oldest child, is keeping their two young sons on the property. Tarkington has not seen the blond tots since April 1999, when Lisa Gray Tarkington moved in with her parents, he said.

Their divorce was final in August 1999, according to documents filed in Henderson County District Court.

Tarkington was given full custody of 4-year-old Joe Douglas and Samuel, who will turn 3 this month.

Sheriff Alfred said removing the children was too risky even before the so-called standoff, but now he does not want to risk bloodshed by storming the Grays' property.

Tarkington already fears for their safety. He contends that the family would not leave the compound even for a medical emergency. And the house has no air conditioner since the electricity was turned off months ago for nonpayment.

"I just want my kids back, and the police should do their job and go in there and get them," Tarkington said.

Mrs. Gray will not say if Tarkington's children are there. But she says she has seven grandchildren and confirms that seven youngsters are staying on the property.

Mrs. Gray explained that the family believes the government is so corrupt that people should only recognize God's authority. The Grays also were involved with the Republic of Texas.

Banished BP to return to Kenedy Ranch

SARITA (AP) — The Border Patrol is negotiating a return to the Kenedy Ranch, the vast stretch of cattle and cactus here scores of immigrants have died of dehydration.

Five sweltering months have passed since the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation rid the ranch of federal agents. The Border Patrol set fires, broke electronic fences and violated the human rights of immigrants, the Catholic foundation said then.

The heat is turning the pastures to powder this summer — and the Kenedy foundation has agreed to let the Border Patrol return. Negotiations continue between the two groups.

The Border Patrol can't come soon enough for Kenedy County Sheriff Rafael Cuellar Jr. When the agents were banished, he was left alone with the hot, dirty and often gruesome task of patrolling some 235,000 acres of scrubby pastures.

"The sooner, the better," Cuellar said, bumping his pickup truck along a dirt road on a recent afternoon. "I need help out here. This is a big ranch, a lot of desert."

The disputed Kenedy turf has long been a popular, perilous thoroughfare for illegal immigrants. The land circles a Border Patrol roadblock, where agents stop and question northbound drivers.

The Kenedy loophole is known to immigrants and smugglers alike: Trek into the desert on foot, skirt the checkpoint and meet a driver further down the road.

But the Kenedy detour is one of the border's deadliest passages — immigrants are threatened by dehydration, freight trains and rattlesnakes. In the last four years, nearly 60 people have curled up and died on the trails of Kenedy County, unable to take another step north.

"Once they're in there, we're the best friends they've got," Border Patrol spokesman Ramiro De Anda said. "There sure isn't anybody else who's going to help them if they get sick."

Since agents withdrew from the ranch, there have been fewer arrests and fewer bodies recovered. As Cuellar points out, he's the only one looking.

De Anda says the Border Patrol didn't really have to halt patrols and remove motion sensors from Kenedy property. The government can patrol open lands within 25 miles of a U.S. boundary — including the Kenedy ranch, which lies near the Gulf of Mexico, the Border Patrol argues.

"If some rancher down on the (Rio Grande) tried to lock us out, we'd cut the chain and put on a new lock," De Anda says. "That's what we could have done up in Kenedy, but we want to do things the nice way."

After years of complaints, the Kenedy foundation's strained tolerance snapped this spring.

In two separate March accidents, immigrants were rushed to the hospital. Both men were run over by Border Patrol trucks in the Kenedy fields.

In the first case, agents were racing across the open plain, chasing down a group of suspected illegal immigrants. They didn't notice Victor Manuel burrowed deep in the tall grass. The government truck rolled over Manuel's arm.

Five days later, a Border Patrol truck crushed Armando Leal's back and pelvis. Leal was cowering in the dirt, trying to hide from the agents.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grandfather tunes into life thanks to new hearing aid

DEAR ABBY: We recently moved back to Texas to be closer to my parents, allowing me to spend some wonderful time with my 88-year-old grandfather. My letter is for all people who wear hearing aids. He has just returned with his digital hearing aid, and it is like he is alive again!

He tried many different kinds, and actually had a shoebox he threw them into when they didn't work. So far, this one has done the trick. He hears everything without having to adjust the volume. It doesn't pick up the background noise that he has always complained about.

He went running into the kitchen because he thought he heard the washing machine making a funny noise. It was actually the refrigerator motor. He said he hasn't heard that humming noise in years! He also told me he hears traffic noises he hasn't heard in quite some time. (A good thing!)

Please tell your readers not to throw away their old hearing aids because there are organizations that will take them. Doctors use them for children in poor countries. And please, Abby, urge anyone who has difficulty hearing not to be embarrassed to have their hearing checked. It could be the beginning of a whole new life. — **SUSAN IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

DEAR SUSAN: Hear, hear! An estimated 20 million Americans suffer from some kind of hearing loss. I was once told about a sign hanging in an audiologist's office: "Your hearing loss is far more obvious to everyone else than your hearing aid will be."

Anyone with a hearing aid to donate should contact HEAR NOW, a national nonprofit organization that provides hearing aids to people with limited financial means. The hearing aids should be mailed in a small box or padded envelope to: HEAR NOW, 4248 Park Glen Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416. The contribution is tax deductible, so please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your receipt for tax purposes.

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DEAR ABBY: What makes you think that the wife who is "visiting" her friends at 2 a.m. might be hanging out with a colony of bats? No self-respecting bat is home at that time. During the night hours, they are hard at work ridding the world of hundreds of billions of bugs or pollinating millions of plants and trees.

Unlike some unhappy humans, bats don't have the luxury of too much time on their hands. A bat mom likes nothing so much as hanging out with her baby and all her other bat mom friends and their babies. There's no time for bat hanky-panky.

Please, Abby. Our friends the bats don't need more bad publicity, or to have their reputation endlessly maligned. Humans must realize that their fear of bats stems from ignorance. Instead of posing a threat, bats are highly beneficial to humans. The reality is that less than one person a year in the United States dies from bat rabies. That's minuscule compared to the number who die from bee stings, bicycle accidents, lightning strikes, drowning while swimming or spousal abuse.

I recommend bat education for all. — **BAT ADVOCATE IN SEATTLE**

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000

Family conditions should be better for you in the year ahead than they've been for awhile because of everyone pulling together for a common cause. You could be the instigator.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll likely to be one of the first to step forward today and come to the assistance of someone who needs help. Don't spoil things by attaching strings to your good gesture. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take time to digest in totality the circumstances involved before responding to something another says. Understanding and tolerance must be in play or you may say something you'll regret.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A commercial endeavor in which you'd like to get involved has both profitable potentials and hazardous possibilities. Be careful — these influences could overlap.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although you're quite capable of ingenious tactics today in implementing your plans, it'll be important you don't overlook the timing of executing them, or they could lose their impact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When dealing with someone today you don't particularly like, it could prove counterproductive if you approach this person emotionally rather than logically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A deterioration of a warm friendship could result from permitting yourself to get financially indebted to this person. Don't borrow from anyone in your social circle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The trouble begins today when you and the people with whom you're involved in a team effort turn out to be poor team players. Without coordination, chaos could occur.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to think of yourself as being first among equals today, especially when involved in a joint endeavor. If you do, you can expect dissension in the ranks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Fortunately for you today, that which gives you trouble because you took things for granted will correct itself the moment you see the error of your ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being attentive today to someone whom a loyal, close pal really dislikes could be interpreted as a slap in the face to him or her. Be kind to all, but be careful about how far you carry this.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be reluctant to call in the cavalry today if you get involved in a project you find you're not really equipped to handle. Don't let pride stand in your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you use your ingenuity along practical lines today, a profit is possible. Conversely, if you're a bit of risk taker, it will work out to your detriment.

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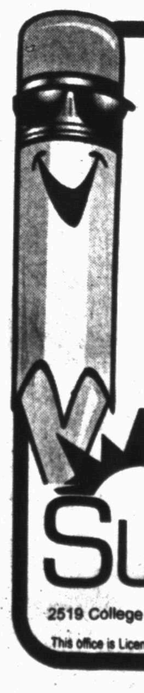
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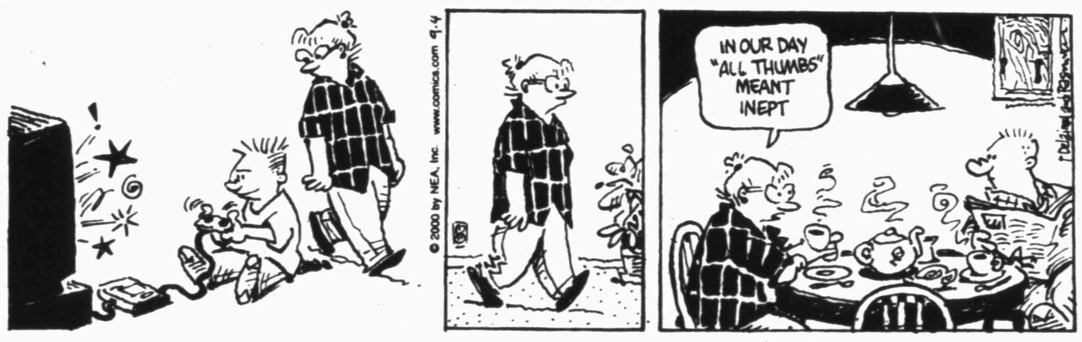

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ACROSS

1 Openness
7 Population count
13 "Seinfeld" gal
14 Like some knights
15 Lemonlike fruit
16 Almost
17 "Time — — Bottle"
18 Make lace
20 — Aviv
21 Camera part
23 Sun. speech
24 Irish
25 Word in an octagon
27 Raised places
29 Boy
31 — Paulo
32 Color
33 "Pod" start
34 Treasure boxes
37 Brother of Jacob
40 Bring up
41 Santa's helper?
43 Wine casks
45 Hockey great Bobby —
46 Caviar
47 Opp. of NNW
48 Cream of —
51 Click beetle
54 Ineffective
55 More ornamental
56 Took five
57 Brown pigment

DOWN

1 — B. DeMille
2 Some skirts
3 Swimming
4 Bd. member
5 Lennon's love
6 Leases
7 Middle-of-the-roader
8 Before, to a poet
9 Heston's org.
10 Author Jean-Paul —
11 Except if
12 Vogue
19 — Lingus (airline)
22 Unite metals
24 Self-centered person
26 Compensates
28 Risk
30 Prevented from acting
34 Waxy ointment
35 Kind of tweed
36 — -mo (film technique)
38 Tennis player Tracy —
39 Invisible
40 Turning part of a dynamo
42 Senses
44 Spanish missionary Junipero —
49 Small child
50 Ibsen character
52 Medieval poem
53 Point for 38 Down

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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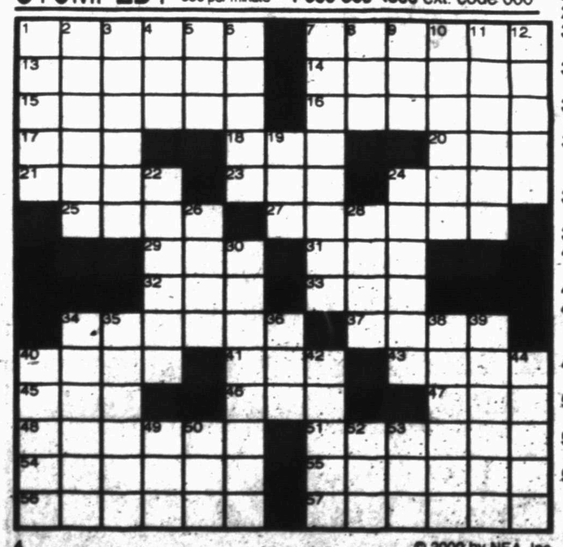

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers finish third...

Tournament prepares SHS for loop opener

PLAINVIEW — In their final tune-up before Tuesday's league opener, the Snyder Lady Tigers showed they are ready to defend their district title.

Snyder registered two victories over district foe Plainview en route to a third-place finish over the weekend at the Coca-Cola Classic volleyball tournament at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The strong finish gives the Lady Tigers some momentum heading into Tuesday's District 4-4A opener against rival San Angelo Lake View at the SHS gym.

"It was a good tournament for us to play, right before district starts," said Snyder head coach Patty Grimmett. "We played some tough teams, and it gave us a chance to work on a few things. Overall, I was very pleased with the way we played. The girls will be ready for Tuesday."

The Lady Tigers were second in Friday's pool-play action, sweeping Plainview, Sanford-Fritch and Dalhart, before splitting games with Dumas.

Snyder began Saturday's competition with an 11-15, 16-14, 5-15 setback to Lubbock Monterey, but quickly recovered for its next two matches.

The Lady Tigers outlasted Midland Greenwood, 15-11, 11-15, 15-7, then downed Plainview, 15-7, 15-7, in the third-place match.

Snyder was spurred by the played of senior Ashley Delce, who earned all-tournament honors for her efforts. Delce recorded 10 kills and 12 blocks in Saturday's three matches.

Delce

"Ashley played well all weekend, and our whole offense looked good, for the most part," said Grimmett. "We still had a few glitches, but our offense and defense were pretty smooth, most of the time."

Tuesday's district opener will be the first meeting between Snyder and Lake View, since the Lady Tigers upset the Maidens for the district title last year.

Freshman action gets underway at 6 p.m. at the junior high, with the JV playing at the same time at the high school. The varsity match is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Lubbock Monterey def. Snyder
15-11, 14-16, 15-5

Snyder service points: Mackey, 11; Geiger, 8; L. Billingsley and Eicke, 4; Webb, 3; Wright and Kallemeyn, 1. **Kills:** Delce, 3; Kallemeyn and Mackey, 2; Geiger, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 5; Geiger, K. Billingsley and Kallemeyn, 1.

Snyder def. Midland Greenwood
15-11, 11-15, 15-7

Snyder service points: Kallemeyn, 17; Eicke, 7; Mackey, 6; Geiger and Webb, 4; L. Billingsley, 3. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 7; Geiger, 5; Delce, 4; Voss, 2; Mackey, 1. **Blocks:** Delce and Geiger, 5; K. Billingsley, 1.

Snyder def. Plainview
15-7, 15-7

Snyder service points: L. Billingsley, 13; Mackey and Kallemeyn, 4; Geiger, Eicke and Webb, 3. **Kills:** Delce and Kallemeyn, 3; Geiger and Mackey, 1. **Blocks:** Delce and Geiger, 2; Kallemeyn, 1.

Eagles embarrass Cowboys, 41-14

IRVING (AP) — The hardest hits Duce Staley took were a flip over his own bench after a long run and a celebratory chest-bump with Donovan McNabb.

"Duce didn't get high enough," McNabb, the Philadelphia quarterback, said of the celebration after his 3-yard TD run in the fourth quarter of a 41-14 victory at Dallas.

The chest-bump knocked Staley to the ground, something the Cowboys had a hard time doing in the season opener Sunday.

Staley ran for 201 yards, becoming the Eagles' first 200-yard runner since Steve Van Buren set a team record with 205 in 1949. He was also the first person to run for that many yards against the Cowboys since 1984.

Philadelphia quickly set the tone with a game-opening onside kick, and went ahead to stay when McNabb threw a 1-yard touchdown to Jeff Thomason eight plays later.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said he decided to start his second season with an onside kick while watching film a month ago. When the Cowboys won the coin toss and chose to receive, Reid got his chance.

"Dallas has this image at Texas Stadium, but one advantage of Andy Reid is his aggressiveness. He's not afraid to try things," said Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie.

"He's not holding anything back. He takes chances as a coach _ that's what you want as a player," Staley said.

Dallas never appeared to overcome the shock of the opening kickoff, and things only got worse when quarterback Troy Aikman was knocked out of the game with the ninth concussion of his 12-year NFL career.

Aikman, sacked just 19 times last season, was sacked three times on the opening possession. He suffered the concussion when he was sacked a fourth time early in the second quarter.

He was taken to a hospital, where tests showed no serious problems, but his status for next week's game at Arizona is uncertain.

Staley sat out several plays late in the first quarter after being run out of bounds and landing on his back when he flipped over the bench. On his first play back, Staley scored on a 1-yard run to put the Eagles ahead 14-0.

"This makes a big statement for us ... something we can feed off of," McNabb said.

Staley gained 38 percent of Philly's total yards the past two years, ranking second in the NFL only to Marshall Faulk's 40 percent for St. Louis.

Staley accounted for half of his team's 425 yards in the opener, with a team-high 61 receiving yards _ on four catches _ in addition to his 201 rushing yards.

Philadelphia had 306 rushing yards, the most allowed by the Cowboys, and won at Texas Stadium for only the third time in 11 years.

"It was a rude awakening," Dallas defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban said.

And it was an embarrassing debut for Dave Campo, the former defensive coordinator who replaced fired Chan Gailey. Campo is still winless after the Cowboys went through the preseason 0-5 while trying to protect their starters _ two of whom were injured Sunday.

In addition to Aikman, $42 million receiver Joey Galloway was injured. Galloway was carted off the field with a sprained knee in the final minutes. An MRI is scheduled Monday.

Randall Cunningham replaced Aikman and wasn't any better against the Philadelphia rush. His first two completions _ which took five pressure-filled attempts _ went a total of 2 yards and he threw an interception before getting a first down. He finished 13-of-26 for 135 yards and a touchdown.

Aikman finished 0-for-5 with an interception, only the second time in his 155 career starts that he didn't have a completion.

Texas downs Detroit, 4-1

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit won two of three games against the Texas Rangers over the weekend, and Tigers manager Phil Garner still wasn't totally pleased.

Ryan Glynn pitched 6 1-3 strong innings and the Rangers beat the Tigers 4-1 for just their third victory in 12 games.

"It's a little disappointing because Glynn's not a household name and that club's a little flat," Garner said. "We wanted to put them down. Two of three isn't anything to sneeze at, but winning today would've been a big win."

Especially since the Tigers' next 21 games _ starting Monday night with a four-game home series against Anaheim _ are against teams either leading their divisions (New York and Chicago) or in the wild card chase (Anaheim, Toronto and Boston).

Cleveland leads the wild card standings, with Detroit five games behind.

"This is the first time in a long while this team's been in contention this late," Tigers pitcher Jeff Weaver said. "That makes it so much more fun to come to the yard and see what you can do."

Weaver (9-12) couldn't do much Sunday. He lasted only 3 1-3 innings _ his shortest start of the season _ and allowed four runs on nine hits.

"I was working from behind and giving them a good opportunity to put a good swing on the ball," Weaver said. "I've been working trying to get to the late innings. That's what's most important, and I didn't do that."

Glynn (4-3) won for the first time since an Aug. 11 fainting spell at Texas. "I was fine the whole game," said Glynn, who was diagnosed with a fainting condition he's controlling through medication and diet.

Glynn had thrown only 81 pitches when manager Johnny Oates removed him with a 4-1 lead in the seventh.

Glynn allowed a run on seven hits with two strikeouts and a walk.

JV grabs second place

Competing against Class 5A teams, Snyder JV held its own on Saturday in the Snyder volleyball tournament at the SHS gym.

Snyder knocked off Odessa Permian and Abilene Cooper, before falling to Midland High in the championship match, 15-13, 9-15, 13-15.

The Lady Tigers finished as runners-up, and Head Coach Mechelle Chrane was pleased with her squad's effort.

"The girls played very well as a team this weekend," said Chrane. "The third game of the Midland High match was rally scoring, and our girls hung in there. It was anybody's match, right up until the end."

In the title tilt, Leticia Martinez paced the Lady Tigers from the service line with 10 points.

Snyder opened the event with a 16-14, 15-6 victory over Permian, before topping Cooper, 15-11, 15-9.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again at 6 p.m. Tuesday when they host San Angelo Lake View at the SHS gym.

Snyder def. Odessa Permian
16-4, 15-6

Snyder service points: Chaelyn Robinson, 13; Amber Alexander, 8; Loryn Brown, 4; Leticia Martinez, Dara Chambers and Shelley Fisk, 2.

Snyder def. Abilene Cooper
15-11, 15-9

Snyder service points: Leticia Martinez, 9; Amber Alexander and Dara Chambers, 6; Loryn Brown, 5; Chaelyn Robinson and Shelley Fisk, 2.

Midland High def. Snyder
13-15, 15-9, 15-13

Snyder service points: Leticia Martinez, 10; Shelley Fisk and Loryn Brown, 6; Chaelyn Robinson, 5; Amber Alexander and Dara Chambers, 4; Lori Chesser, 2.

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Lake View at Snyder freshmen, at SJHS, 6 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Lake View at Snyder JV & varsity, at SHS, 6 and 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Big Spring at Snyder seventh grade, at SJHS, 5:30
VOLLEYBALL: Big Spring at Snyder eighth grade, at SHS, 5:30
FOOTBALL: Littlefield at Snyder JV, 6:30
FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen at Littlefield, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Big Spring at Snyder eighth grade, 5 & 6:30
FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh grade at Big Spring, 5 & 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Littlefield, 8 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Ira at Veribest, 7:30
FOOTBALL: Grady at Hermleigh, 7:30
FOOTBALL: Borden County at Trent, 7:30

SATURDAY

GOLF: Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament, at Western Texas College
TENNIS: Snyder at Plainview
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen & varsity at Levelland, 2 & 3 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder JV at Lamesa tourney
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder seventh grade hosts Snyder tourney, at SJHS
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder eighth grade hosts Snyder tourney, at SHS

Sports Briefs

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Jack-n-Jill League

Jack-n-Jill mixed bowling league will hold a meeting at 6:30 Tuesday at Snyder lanes. League play is scheduled to start, after the meeting.

Women's bowling meeting

Roll-n-hope women's bowling league will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 11.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Format will be least and most strokes to the green on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Tennis meeting

Snyder Tennis Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss the spaghetti supper.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Friday.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

National Football League

Sunday's Games

NY Giants 21, Arizona 16
Washington 20, Carolina 17
Atlanta 36, San Francisco 28
Detroit 14, New Orleans 10
Indianapolis 27, Kansas City 14
Tampa Bay 21, New England 16
Baltimore 16, Pittsburgh 0
Minnesota 30, Chicago 27
Jacksonville 27, Cleveland 7
Philadelphia 41, Dallas 14
Miami 23, Seattle 0
NY Jets 20, Green Bay 16
Oakland 9, San Diego 6
Buffalo 16, Tennessee 13

Monday's Game

Denver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10

Oakland at Indianapolis, noon
Green Bay at Buffalo, noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, noon
NY Giants at Philadelphia, noon
Kansas City at Tennessee, noon
Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon
Miami at Minnesota, noon
Jacksonville at Baltimore, noon
Atlanta at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 3:15 p.m.
New Orleans at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 11

New England at NY Jets, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 2, New York 1
Milwaukee 8, Colorado 3
San Francisco 13, Colorado 2
Montreal 9, Cincinnati 5
Atlanta 8, Houston 6
Florida 10, Arizona 1
Pittsburgh 6, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 1, Philadelphia 0, 10 innings

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 8, Montreal 1
St. Louis 4, New York 3, 11 innings
Houston 9, Atlanta 3
Milwaukee 6, Colorado 4, 11 innings
San Francisco 5, Chicago 2
Arizona 10, Florida 5
Pittsburgh 8, San Diego 6, 13 innings

Monday's Games

New York (Leiter 14-6) at Cincinnati (Dessens 6-5), 12:15 p.m.
Montreal (Vasquez 8-6) at St. Louis (Hentgen 13-10), 1:10 p.m.
Florida (C.Smith 3-5) at Houston (Holt 6-13), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lieber 12-7) at Colorado (Rose 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 3-16) at San Francisco (Ortiz 11-10), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-8) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 10-7), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 6-7) at San Diego (Tollberg 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

Baltimore 8, Cleveland 6
Seattle 4, Boston 1
Oakland 8, Toronto 0
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 5
Detroit 5, Texas 3
New York 13, Minnesota 4, 7½ innings, rain
Chicago 13, Anaheim 6

Sunday's Games

Oakland 4, Toronto 3
Texas 4, Detroit 1
Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 2, New York 1, 10 innings
Chicago 13, Anaheim 12
Cleveland 12, Baltimore 11, 13 innings
Seattle 5, Boston 0

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay (Lopez 11-9) at Cleveland (Burba (12-6), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 2-3) at Toronto (Wells 19-5), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-8) at Boston (P.Martinez 15-4), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 10-5) at Minnesota (Redman 12-7), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 5-5) at Chicago (Garland 3-4), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Karl 0-0) at Detroit (Nomo 5-11), 4:05 p.m.
New York (Petitte 16-7) at Kansas City (Suzuki 8-7), 7:05 p.m.

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Delaware 29, Rhode Island 7
La Salle 14, St. Francis, Pa. 0
Northeastern 48, American International 7
Pittsburgh 30, Kent St. 7
Robert Morris 30, Buffalo St. 20
Rutgers 34, Villanova 21
Sacred Heart 55, Assumption 21
Syracuse 63, Buffalo 7
Temple 17, Navy 6
Toledo 24, Penn St. 6
Towson 36, Fordham 13
W. Connecticut 43, Marist 15
West Virginia 34, Boston College 14

SOUTH

Ark.-Pine Bluff 40, MVSU 7
BYU 38, Virginia 35, 2OT
Bethune-Cookman 30, Savannah St. 15
Charleston Southern 58, Guilford 0
Clemson 38, The Citadel 0
Duquesne 57, VMI 31
ETSU 37, Liberty 20
East Carolina 38, Duke 0
Florida 40, Ball St. 19
Furman 16, Elon 3
Georgia 29, Georgia Southern 7
Georgia Tech 21, UCF 17
Grambling St. 29, Alcorn St. 6
Jackson St. 34, Howard 16
James Madison 72, Lock Haven 0
LSU 58, W. Carolina 0
Lenoir-Rhyne 24, Jacksonville 14
Louisville 40, Kentucky 34, OT
Miami (Ohio) 33, Vanderbilt 30
Mississippi 49, Tulane 20
Mississippi St. 17, Memphis 3
N.C. State 38, Arkansas St. 31, 2OT
New Hampshire 31, Hampton 17
North Carolina 30, Tulsa 9
Northwestern St. 31, Southern U. 14
Richmond 10, Bucknell 7
Sam Houston St. 21, Louisiana-Lafayette 14
South Carolina 31, New Mexico St. 0
South Florida 40, Jacksonville St. 0
Tennessee 19, Southern Miss. 16
Tennessee St. 39, Alabama St. 13
Troy St. 28, Alabama A&M 13
Virginia Tech 52, Akron 23

MIDWEST

Drake 28, McKendree 11
E. Michigan 32, Connecticut 25
Illinois 35, Middle Tennessee 6
Iowa St. 25, Ohio 15
Kansas St. 54, Louisiana Tech 10
Michigan 42, Bowling Green 7
Minnesota 47, Louisiana-Monroe 10
Missouri 50, W. Illinois 20
Nebraska 49, San Jose St. 13
Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 10
Ohio St. 43, Fresno St. 10
Purdue 48, Cent. Michigan 0
St. Francis, Ind. 56, Butler 37
Valparaiso 32, Tri-State 12

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 38, SW Missouri St. 0
Oklahoma 55, UTEP 14
Rice 30, Houston 27, 2OT
SMU 31, Kansas 17
Texas Southern 42, Prairie View 0
Texas Tech 38, Utah St. 16

FAR WEST

Air Force 55, CS Northridge 6
Arizona 17, Utah 3
Azusa Pacific 24, San Diego 23
Boise St. 31, New Mexico 14
Colorado St. 28, Colorado 24
Hofstra 10, Montana 9
Oregon 36, Nevada 7
Oregon St. 21, E. Washington 19
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Safety a concern as NASA gets set to boost flight rate

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA has long yearned for the day when it could start sending space shuttles up in quick succession to the international space station.

"One of these days," shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore kept saying, "the dike is going to break, the dam is going to burst."

Well, D-day is finally here.

Safety is the main concern as NASA gets set to boost its space shuttle flight rate in order to furnish and finish a space station that's more than two years behind schedule. The surge begins Friday with the scheduled launch of Atlantis.

Just last week, the General Accounting Office warned that a dwindling and aging shuttle work force could jeopardize flight safety as the pace picks up. An independent team commissioned by NASA offered an even grimmer assessment last spring, saying cutbacks had eroded safety procedures and put undue stress on the remaining workers.

In response, NASA and its prime shuttle contractor, United Space Alliance, have hired a few hundred more people, including experienced veterans.

The space agency also is modernizing the shuttle to make it safer.

"We're starting to embark on a set of activities that is probably as complex as anything that we've ever done in the space business, including landing on the moon," Dittemore says. "We have tens of flights, assembly flights, tens of spacewalks and these are all related."

Atlantis will carry a load of space station supplies on this week's mission. A U.S.-Russian crew of seven will unpack the shuttle and a cargo ship that's already waiting for them, and hook up equipment both inside and outside the outpost orbiting 230 miles high.

Discovery will follow in October with the first major truss that will extend beyond the modules already in place to carry electronics and communications equipment. Then Endeavour is to arrive in November with the U.S. power supply and Atlantis again in January with Destiny, America's lab module.

And so it will go, mission after mission, until the station is completed in 2006. After that, the station is planned to operate for 10 more years — with tens more shuttle ferry flights.

Everything had been on hold pending the arrival of the control module Zvezda, Russian for Star. Its flawless docking in July, after more than two years of delay, broke the shuttle logjam and paved the way for the planned launch of the station' s first permanent crew on a Russian Soyuz rocket on Oct. 30.

Beginning with Zvezda, the next year should see 15 American and Russian flights to the space station.

Space station manager Jim Van Laak calls it "the most intense period of flight operations human space flight has ever undertaken."

NASA plans a total of five shuttle flights this year, then eight flights in 2001 and just about every year thereafter. That compares with a paltry three missions in 1999 and five in 1998, when Russia's cash shortage curtailed work on Zvezda.

With an estimated 1.2 million procedures performed on a shuttle before each launch, the increase in workload is painfully clear.

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On the Net:
NASA:
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10-year-old boy dies in crash; tread on SUV tire separated

ENCINAL (AP) — A 10-year-old boy died and six others were injured when the driver of a Ford Explorer equipped with Firestone tires lost control of the vehicle and it tumbled off an interstate. At least one of the tires appeared to have shredded.

Authorities didn't know if the tread separation contributed to the accident or was a result of the vehicle skidding off the highway and rolling onto its roof Sunday afternoon.

Jose Martinez, deputy chief of the Webb County Sheriff's Department, told the Laredo Morning Times in Monday's editions that the shredded tire was possibly related to the recent Bridgestone/Firestone tire recalls and that the incident would be investigated further.

The child died in the crash about 4:30 p.m., some 40 miles northeast of Laredo. Six people were taken to hospitals with shoulder and other injuries after the vehicle overturned and landed on its roof.

Congress opens hearings this week aimed at determining when Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and its customer Ford Motor Co. knew about tire problems that have been linked to 88 deaths in U.S. accidents and more overseas.

Last week, federal authorities updated the number of reported deaths from 62 and issued a consumer advisory that said an additional 1.4 million tires could be dangerous and should be replaced. Previously, 6.5 million tires were recalled by the tire company.

It wasn't clear Sunday whether the tires on the SUV that crashed were under the recall.

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Forest fire consumes 2,000 acres

HOUSTON (AP) - Ninety homes were evacuated Sunday as a forest fire sparked by lightning consumed 2,000 acres in southeast Texas.

The fire started Saturday as two separate blazes that later merged, said Traci Bowen, a spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service. The fire was situated northeast of Houston, near Cleveland in Liberty County.

By Sunday evening the fire still was not under control, said Mike Stacy, a dispatcher with the Texas Forest Service. The number of evacuees, who were called to leave their homes just before 6 p.m. Sunday, was unknown.

Earlier in the day, National Guard helicopters dumped more than 2,000 gallons of water on the fire. Forest Service crews from as far away as Abilene were helping local fire departments battle the blaze.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

What is celiac sprue?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently diagnosed with celiac sprue, but my doctor doesn't seem to know much about this disorder. What can you tell me?

DEAR READER: Celiac sprue (also known as non-tropical sprue or gluten entopathy) is a surprisingly common hereditary disorder that is marked by a sensitivity to gluten, a cereal protein found in wheat, rye, barley and oats.

Although some patients experience no striking symptoms, most patients are plagued by diarrhea, bloating and a high fat content in their stools. Associated signs include short stature, infertility and anemia — all due to nutritional deficiencies. Other symptoms (including weight loss, bone pain, skin disorders and swollen ankles) are less prominent. Children with celiac sprue often do not thrive; they become listless, suffer abdominal distension, exhibit querulousness, and pass pale and malodorous bulky stools. Celiac sprue often is accompanied by vitamin deficiencies and a degree of malnutrition.

Because all these signs and symptoms result from gluten sensitivity, they can readily be treated by prohibition of dietary gluten — and this is exactly the rationale for diagnosis and therapy. In a suspected case, dietary gluten is eliminated. Usually, within a few days, the pattern of evacuation returns to normal. Of course, other tests — such as intestinal biopsy — are sometimes used, as are special blood analyses.

Once a patient has been diagnosed with celiac sprue, gluten must be absolutely eliminated from the diet. This is more challenging than it sounds, because gluten is commonly added to processed foods, including commercial soups, sauces, iced cream and hot dogs. In addition, the products I listed at the beginning are rich sources of gluten; therefore, patients have to avoid wheat and rye, in particular. Even a small amount of ingested gluten may trigger symptoms, delay remission or induce relapse. Consequently, gluten-sensitive individuals should, in my opinion, receive detailed dietary counseling from a registered dietician.

In summary, celiac sprue is an inherited metabolic disorder marked by an extreme sensitivity to the gluten protein, which causes a wide range of symptoms, in both adults and children who eat it; therefore, treatment consists of assiduous avoidance of this common substance.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that celiac sprue can, in some instances, be fatal. An occasional patient may not respond to gluten-restriction (no one knows why) and may require steroid therapy, intravenous fluids, aggressive nutritional support and comprehensive replacement of vitamins. Other adult patients are, unfortunately, diagnosed late after having suffered symptoms for decades. They, too, are at risk for serious consequences, including lymphoma (lymph cancer) of the intestine.

Celiac sprue is a serious disorder. In my view, those patients who suffer from it should be monitored by a gastroenterologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've just been diagnosed with hypertension and one working kidney. My family doctor has run some blood tests, but I wonder if this is enough. Should I see a kidney specialist?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. Blood tests are not enough. Here's why:

Some patients develop hypertension as a result of kidney damage. In particular, if the circulation to one kidney is blocked, the body responds by increasing blood pressure. Called a "Goldblatt kidney" (after Dr. Harry Goldblatt, the discoverer), this cause of hypertension is entirely curable by correcting the circulation problem in the defective kidney. This could well be your best option, but you won't know until you have had further testing.

In my opinion, you need a renal arteriogram or MRI/MRA to study the non-working kidney. Then, armed with this crucial information, your doctors — one of whom should be a kidney specialist — can advise you how best to proceed. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." 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.

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Man lived with bodies believed to be parents

GALVESTON (AP) — An unemployed shrimper remained in jail Sunday after authorities discovered he had been living with corpses believed to be his dead parents for as long as two months. Police believe he was collecting their retirement benefits.

David Sidney Hisey, 51, was arrested around midnight Friday when sheriff's deputies, who had been trying to check on his parents' welfare for days, discovered two bodies in a back bedroom of the island couple's home, said Galveston police Lt. Mike Putnal.

Hisey had allegedly taped the door to the bedroom and used insect bombs to conceal the stench of decay and kill parasites feeding on the bodies, Putnal said.

Hisey was being held in Galveston County Jail on $10,000 bond for two counts of abuse of a corpse, a jail spokesman said.

The bodies are believed to be Hisey's pensioner parents: Hollis Hisey, 85, and Sunnye Hisey, 91. Hisey is believed to have concealed their deaths to collect $3,000 a month in Social Security and other benefits, Putnal said.

Hisey had also allegedly been eating Meals on Wheels food brought to the home for his parents.

An autopsy has been ordered for the two badly decomposed bodies to identify them and determine the cause of death. Foul play has not been ruled out.

"He made the statement that they died naturally," Putnal told The Galveston County Daily News in Sunday's editions. "There are no obvious signs of trauma to the bodies."

Authorities began searching for the Hiseys after a daughter, who lives in Texas City, told a Galveston County commissioner she was concerned she hadn't heard from her parents.

Adult Protective Services visited the home, and Hisey told them his parents were vacationing in East Texas.

After he failed to give authorities a phone number to reach his parents, Galveston County deputies went to the house daily, but with little luck.

They caught up with Hisey as he drove up to the home late Friday. Hisey consented to a search of the home and opened the room containing the bodies voluntarily.

"They found the back bedroom that had tape around the entire door.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 4, 2000

Today is **LABOR DAY**; it is the 248th day of 2000 and the 77th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1888, inventor George Eastman registered the trademark "Kodak."

On this day in 1951, President Harry Truman addressed the nation in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

On this day in 1984, Brian Mulroney was elected prime minister of Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francois Chateaubriand (1768-1848), writer-diplomat; Mary Renault (1905-1983), writer; Richard Wright (1908-1960), writer; Paul Harvey (1918-), broadcaster, is 82; Mitzi Gaynor (1930-), dancer, is 70; Dawn Fraser (1937-), swimmer, is 63; Tom Watson (1949-), golfer, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Rick Baker took only 25 minutes to play a round of golf at a course in Queensland, Australia.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The original writer is not one who imitates nobody, but one whom nobody can imitate." — Francois Chateaubriand

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Sept. 5).

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Tarrant Co. commissary shortchanged

FORT WORTH (AP) — A state jail commissary cart program run by a private company in Tarrant County is returning less money than comparable programs in the state, according to an analysis by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The carts, nicknamed "banana wagons" by inmates, offer toiletries, over the counter medications and snacks.

In Tarrant County, they made $10 million in gross sales from fiscal year 1996 through the first seven months of this fiscal year, but the jail only saw $360,388 or 3.54 percent of the gross, the newspaper reported.

The remainder, after overhead costs, went to Mid States Services, a Dallas company.

The jail puts its share of the money into its inmate welfare fund to pay for Bibles for inmates or amenities such as weight rooms to exercise equipment.

Commissaries in other large metropolitan jails had higher returns, between 13.7 to 38.6 percent.

Mid States board Chairman John Sammons, questioned the accuracy of the Star-Telegram's findings, saying that the records "are just a bunch of numbers that don't mean anything."

"I feel we provide a quality product at a fair price," Sammons told the newspaper.

Tarrant County's three-page contract with Mid States was negotiated by sheriff David Williams, who declined to comment on the deal with Mid States.

According to the Star-Telegram review, Tarrant County's jail carts raised $2.27 million in gross sales last fiscal year. Mid States returned 3.56 percent, or $81,307, to the jail.

Elsewhere in Texas, Travis County Jail's commissary in Austin generated $992,269, and received $238,069, or 24 percent of the gross revenue.

Harris County's cart program generated $4.4 million in gross sales and $1.7 million or 38.6 percent came back, while Bexar County's cart commissaries had $1.53 million in sales. The jail got $209,905, or 13.7 percent.

In Dallas County, where the program also is run by Mid States, the carts rung in $5.39 million — $213,301, or 3.9 percent was returned.

In Travis and Harris counties, the commissaries are operated by the sheriff's departments and Bexar County's program is run by a ministry group, whose board of directors works closely with government officials.

Tarrant County commissioners said the newspaper's findings added to growing frustration over the commissary program.

"As a financial person, I think there's quite a bit of additional funds that could be there for the county if we had the right financial arrangement," said county auditor Rene Tidwell.

Tarrant County judge Tom Vandergriff said he planned to push the Legislature to change state law to cede local government leaders more power inside jail walls.

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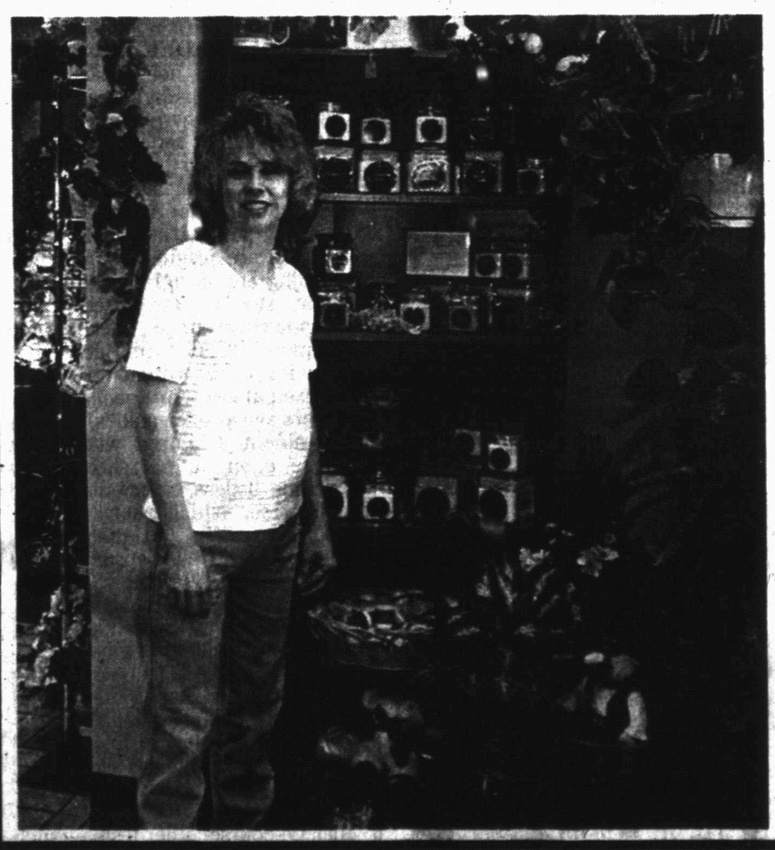

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Union reaches tentative agreement

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and union negotiators reached a tentative agreement on three-year contracts governing workers at nine U.S. factories, averting a potential strike at the tire company already burdened with a major recall and several investigations.

After nearly round-the-clock sessions at a hotel in St. Louis, executives of the United Steelworkers of America and the Nashville-based tire company agreed on broad terms Sunday and will return Monday morning to finalize the deals, said John Sellers, one of the union's negotiators.

Sellers declined to discuss details but said early Monday, "We think that it's an agreement that will certainly meet our members' needs."

The tentative agreement consists of one master contract that covers seven factories, and two local contracts in two other factories. The union's membership would need to ratify the deal.

Christine Karbowiak, a Firestone spokeswoman, said the company was "extremely pleased" about the tentative agreement. "We negotiated in good faith to create tentative agreements that we believe serve the best interest of our customers, our employees and our company," she said.

"The timing could have been better but I think both parties here wanted to get this done," said Saul Solomon, chief negotiator for Firestone. "What we have to do now is focus on getting together, keeping the plants operating and helping out."

"I was relieved," said fork lift operator Kevin Hilderbrand, who was finishing the overnight shift early Monday at Firestone's LaVergne plant. "They need people in there. They've got to make up for all those tires."

Asked if last month's recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires and a government investigation into the tires was used as leverage by the union, Sellers said: "I've never looked at it that way."

The federal government is investigating three Firestone brands in connection with 88 U.S. traffic deaths, and it issued a consumer warning Friday saying 1.4 million additional Bridgestone/Firestone tires are susceptible to tread separation problems.

Congress will open hearings this week aimed at determining when Bridgestone/Firestone and Ford Motor Co. knew about the tire problems. The tires were original equipment on some Ford trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Soon after talks began publicly of a recall, reports showed that some of the recalled tires had been made by replacement workers during a previous strike.

The United Steelworkers of America, which represents workers at nine of the company's 28 U.S. plants, gave its 14-day strike notice just a week after the company was pressured to issue the recall.

Bridgestone/Firestone had

Status of 970 voters called into question

GALVESTON (AP) — The Galveston County Commissioner has begun an investigation to determine whether 970 people on the county's voter registration rolls are dead or alive.

Commissioner Ken Clark began the investigation based on information from the U.S. Social Security Administration, The Galveston County Daily News reported. Clark's doubts have triggered a state law requiring Tax Assessor-Collector Chuck Wilson to notify those in question.

Explosion in central Russian city kills three people today

RYAZAN, Russia (AP) — A bomb tore through an outdoor market crowded with early-morning shoppers in this central Russian city Monday, killing three people and wounding at least three others in what officials said was part of a criminal turf war.

Another small explosion destroyed the windows of a boutique in the northern city of St. Petersburg, but nobody was hurt. A police spokesman in St. Petersburg blamed that incident on organized crime as well.

The blast in Ryazan, a small industrial city about 120 miles south of Moscow, shattered a meat stall.

Shards of torn metal and food were strewn for yards around.

Two people were killed immediately and a third died in a hospital, medical officials said.

The bomb was in a plastic bag placed on the corrugated metal roof of the meat stall, NTV television news quoted a witness as saying. It exploded when a saleswoman tried to move it, the witness said.

Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said a gang of Afghan war veterans and a rival group from Russia's Caucasus region were competing to control a protection racket in the market. Most Russian outdoor markets pay protection money to criminal gangs, and bombings and contract killings by organized crime groups are common.

Rushailo dismissed the possibility that the blast was a terrorist attack carried out by Chechen rebels.

Obituaries

Barry Runnels

1955-2000

Funeral service for Barry Runnels of Snyder is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Ronnie Travis of Richland Hills and Miller Robinson, interim pastor of First Baptist Church.

Barry Runnels

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Runnels, 45, died Friday, Sept. 1, from injuries sustained in a truck accident in Fort Worth.

Born July 18, 1955 in Lamesa, Mr. Runnels was a driver for Triple S Dairy in Sweetwater.

Survivors include two sons, Brad Mark Runnels of Midland and John Tyler Runnels of Snyder; a daughter, Ashley Ryan Runnels of Snyder; three grandchildren, Cody Runnels of Colorado City, Bradley and Lindsey Runnels of Midland; his parents, Burt and Kay Runnels of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Candyce and Ray Derrick of Wichita Falls.

Family visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. today at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Kathryn Dabney

1937-2000

Kathryn Dabney, who worked with her husband in his paint contracting business in Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 3, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dabney, 63, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate.

Graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. in the Tahoka Cemetery in Lynn County.

Born March 8, 1937 in Slaton, she married Wesley Dabney on Aug. 24, 1956 in O'Donnell. She attended the Baptist and Pentecostal churches, and also had worked in a bank in Tahoka.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley Dabney of Snyder; a daughter, Vicki Burton of Snyder; a son, Steve Dabney of Granbury; a sister, Da Onne Curry of Malakoff; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers include Jonathan Burton, Michael Burton, Steven Burton, Alan Curry, Greg Curry, John Douglas Curry and honorary pallbearer, Bryan Burton.

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Emilie Hoepfl

1899-2000

Emilie Hoepfl, whose life span touched three centuries, died at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hoepfl, 101, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Jerry Latham officiating. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

Born Aug. 18, 1899 in Moulton, Tex., she married Otto Hoepfl on April 25, 1919 in Moulton. He died in 1965.

Mrs. Hoepfl moved to the Hermleigh area in 1932 and was a member of the St. Elizabeth Altar Society.

Survivors include six daughters, Rosemary Goebel of Hermleigh, Shirley Keen of Snyder, Jean Cagle of Brownwood, Maurine Russell of Bangs, Margaret Echols of Weatherford and Lillian Long of Fort Worth; 19 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Margaret Cole

1925-2000

Margaret Cole of Snyder died Sunday, Sept. 3, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Services for Mrs. Cole are pending with Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Labor Day weekend keeps officers on run

Dispatchers at the Scurry County Law Enforcement Center noted almost 90 calls over the Labor Day weekend, ranging from a sexual assault to complaints of loud music and reports of intoxicated subjects.

• ***Sexual assault***

Officers were called to Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 1 a.m. Sunday in reference to a sexual assault. The case has been referred to the criminal investigation division and no further information was available this morning.

• ***Loud music reports***

Police officers in Snyder and deputies in the Hermleigh area responded to seven calls over the weekend due to either car radios being played too loud, or live bands playing late into the night.

• ***Possible intoxicated drivers***

Officers were called to the Wes-T-Go store at 9:17 p.m. Saturday in reference to a possible intoxicated driver. Officers contacted the driver of the vehicle and found he was unlicensed. He was released to his parents, as was the vehicle.

A person being treated at the Cogdell Hospital emergency room left after treatment and officers were notified that the female had an elevated alcohol level.

• ***Domestic assaults***

Officers were called to Cogdell Hospital at 8:12 p.m. Saturday in reference to a woman being treated after being assaulted. Officers filed a report for Class A family violence.

A woman notified officers at 10:22 p.m. Saturday that she had been assaulted by an acquaintance. That person left before officers arrived and is being sought.

Officers were called to the 900 block of Avenue Q at 2 a.m. Sunday in reference to two females fighting. Officers filed a report for Class A assault.

• ***Minors with alcohol***

Officers filed a report at 1 a.m. Saturday of minors in possession of alcohol at a residence in the 2000 block of Moncrief.

• ***Vandalism***

Travis Brackeen requested a deputy at 4 p.m. Sunday in Hermleigh in reference to a building being vandalized. The deputy filed a report for Class B criminal mischief.

• ***Arrests***

DPS troopers arrested a 40-year-old male at 12:49 a.m. Sunday on Highway 208 south of Dunn. The man was taken into custody on a warrant for speeding and expired registration.

City officers arrested a 44-year-old female at 4 p.m. Sunday in the 1200 block of Avenue O for public intoxication.

At 11:40 p.m. Sunday, a 31-year-old male was arrested in the 1300 block of 26th Street on city warrants for failing to pay his fines for public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 2—Frankie Henderson, Stanley Green; Sept. 3—Kimberly Bell, H.A. Smith and Ophelia Trevey.

DISMISSALS: Sept. 2—Lelia Darlin, Rosalio Gutierrez; Sept. 3—Clara Allen, Pauline Compton, Brianna Segura and Wilma Gleghorn.

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ONGOINGS

Special account

A special account for the family of those killed in the Carlsbad pipeline explosion has been set up at Snyder National Bank. The Smith Family Fund account number is 181-697-7.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "A Sure Word from God," followed by "There Were Other Little Ships."

Grand jury

At least three cases will be presented to the Scurry County grand jury when it convenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Snyder Lions Club

The club will not meet Tuesday. Members are urged to attend the United Way kick-off on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Ira booster club

The Ira Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Ira cafeteria. All interested fans are urged to attend to discuss a membership drive and putting up yard signs.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High School will take school pictures Wednesday and Thursday.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday and again Friday, Sept. 22, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-211, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Fish fry

An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion, 1800 Ave. R. Tickets, $5 each, can be purchased at the Legion in advance or at the door. Call 574-6805.

Hamburger supper

The junior high choir will host a hamburger supper fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any junior high choir member. For more information, call Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

Women's prayer day

Women from various churches in Snyder will have a prayer study starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in the building behind the main auditorium of East Side Church of Christ. A luncheon will be provided. Contact Sue Lyon at 573-5495 for more information.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Thursday, Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Joint class reunion

The SHS classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948 will hold a joint reunion Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Ira annuals

The Ira 2000 Bulldog yearbooks have arrived and several extras are available at $22 each. To purchase one, call 573-2628.

Millennium cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary millennium cookbook are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone wanting to purchase a cookbook needs to contact Libby Whitworth at 573-6870, or Diane Arnold at 573-2159 to set up a time to pick one up. Cost is $7.

Dieciseis parade

Anyone wishing to participate in the Dieciseis parade sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church can call Lucy Garcia at 573-5996.

Bulldog quilt

Ira High School seniors are raffling a quilt made by Doris Sanders. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased from any senior or at the school. The raffle will be held Nov. 3 during halftime of the Ira-Loraine football game.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for additional information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-25-36-39-41-52. Estimated jackpot: $36 million. Number matching six of six: None. Matching five of six: 106. Prize: $2,920. Matching four of six: 7,275. Prize: $105. Matching three of six: 137,843. Prize: $5. Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night. Estimated jackpot: $46 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-5-9

Special bricks to shield against Mars radiation

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Ryan McGlothlin takes a sugar-like powder, stirs in a substance that resembles flour, pours the mix into a mold and bakes it.

The result is a small, shiny, black bar designed to shield against radiation. The powder is polyethylene and the "flour" is a gray topsoil.

McGlothlin, a chemistry major at the College of William and Mary, and chemistry department chairman Richard Kiefer are using those ingredients to develop a material to make bricks that would protect astronauts against radiation on Mars. They are working with aerospace researcher Sheila Thibeault at NASA Langley Research Center in nearby Hampton.

"What we're doing is the basic research, establishing that yes, you can do this," Kiefer said. The work also could have applications on Earth, such as use in shields around nuclear reactors, he said.

NASA hopes to put people on Mars within the next several decades. Because of the different orbits of Earth and Mars, the window of opportunity for travel between the two planets occurs only once every two years. That means that anyone traveling to Mars would have to stay there for a long time.

The prospect of an extended stay on Mars prompts a number of concerns, among them the health effects of galactic cosmic radiation, found nearly everywhere in space. The magnetic field surrounding the Earth deflects the radiation, but Mars does not have such a field.

Radiation can cause illness or even death, depending on the dosage and length of exposure. Therefore, astronauts will need a material they can use to build shelters and laboratories that also will shield against radiation.

The lighter the material is in terms of mass, the better its shielding properties, and research has shown that liquid hydrogen is the best possible shield, Kiefer said. "But that's a little impractical to take to Mars," he said.

So the next best thing is a solid polymer, or chemical compound, that contains a lot of hydrogen. And polyethylene, a very cheap plastic from which plastic bags are made, has more hydrogen than other polymers, said McGlothlin, 21, of Lebanon, Va.

Loading lots of building material onto the space shuttle would create a heavy weight at launch. So the researchers are trying to figure out how much — or little — polyethylene is needed to create bricks by mixing it with a material that astronauts can find in abundance once they get to Mars: regolith, or topsoil.

"We're trying to find the most efficient way to get the least payload and the maximum payout," Kiefer said.

Obviously, Mars topsoil isn't easy to get on Earth. Chemical analysis of soil samples obtained by probes has shown that Mars topsoil is similar to that on the moon. But since that isn't plentiful on Earth either, the researchers are using regolith from a quarry in Minnesota that is similar to lunar soil.

Regolith contains very little hydrogen, so it would not shield very well against radiation without the addition of polyethylene, Kiefer said.

At a laboratory at NASA, McGlothlin experiments with mixing different concentrations of polyethylene and regolith to see what works best. He has created small "Mars bars" containing 10 percent, 15 percent and 20 percent polyethylene.

Once the polyethylene and regolith are thoroughly mixed, McGlothlin puts the mixture in a drying oven to remove moisture.

The mixture then is poured into a stainless steel mold that creates a small sample bar, such as 31/2 inches by three-quarters of an inch. The mold is heated for a half hour at 245 degrees Fahrenheit.

Back at William and Mary's chemistry labs, McGlothlin does thermal mechanical analyses on the samples to find out how the material reacts under extreme temperatures. The bricks also are tested to make sure they can withstand pressure, so bricks toward the bottom of a building would not crumble or crack.

The topsoil the researchers are using is gray, so bricks made from it are black. Bricks made from Martian topsoil would be a reddish color.

Kiefer said another student who since has graduated began testing Mars bricks using a different polymer a year ago. McGlothlin picked up the project this summer and will continue the research until he graduates next May.

On the Net:

College of William and Mary chemistry department: http://www.chem.wm.edu/

NASA Langley Research Center: http://www.larc.nasa.gov/

Gun control advocates go after Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bringing their van tour to Washington, gun control advocates assailed GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush, blaming him for legislation that permits concealed handguns virtually anywhere, including churches, hospitals and amusement parks.

Mike Barnes, president of Handgun Control, called Bush's record on gun issues "dangerous" and said it is matched by what he called "absolutely bizarre" votes against gun control in Congress by his vice presidential running mate, Dick Cheney.

Standing in Lafayette Square with the White House as a backdrop, Barnes and allies said they will discuss Bush's record on guns at length during a tour this fall of states likely to be decisive in November's presidential election.

Stops already have been made in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and are scheduled for Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, he said.

Barnes noted a Texas law that makes it easy for citizens to carry guns into churches, synagogues, hospitals, nursing homes and amusement parks.

"I guess he believes you need your gun in case you are attacked by your minister, or if a nurse in a nursing home goes berserk," Barnes said.

Nina Butts, a lobbyist for Texans Against Handgun Violence, said: "Gov. Bush has been a dream come true for the National Rifle Association. What the NRA wants, Gov. Bush supports. What the NRA doesn't want, Gov. Bush defeats."

Barnes said that as a GOP congressman from Wyoming, Cheney was one of only 21 House members to vote against a ban on so-called "cop-killer" bullets and just one of four voting against banning plastic guns which many call a favorite of terrorists because they have no metal parts to set off metal detectors at airports and other security checkpoints.

In 1995, Bush approved a measure allowing Texans to be licensed to carry concealed weapons. Bush called it another weapon in the fight against crime. "This is a bill to make Texas a safer place," he said.

In 1997, Bush signed a bill making changes in that law. Among them, it prevented prosecution of licensed gun owners for illegally carrying guns into churches unless they were given verbal or written notice that it wasn't allowed.

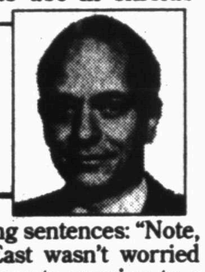
The Bush campaign responded with a dig at Vice President Al Gore.

"If any one's record on guns is dangerous it is the record of the Clinton-Gore administration and its failure to enforce and prosecute our gun laws," said Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for the Bush campaign. "Gov.

Bush has signed tough laws in Texas cracking down on juveniles and holding parents responsible for making weapons inaccessible to children."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 09-04-00
♠ K 9 8 4
♥ A J 10 7
♦ 6
♣ A K Q J

West
♠ —
♥ 9 8 6 5 3 2
♦ J 8
♣ 10 9 7 6 2

East
♠ 6 3 2
♥ —
♦ A K 10 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 4 3

South
♠ A Q J 10 7 5
♥ K Q 4
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			3 ♦
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

Monday, Sept. 4, 2000

The the oretical rules of Blackwood

By Phillip Alder

This deal is the same as last Monday's. East made a Lightner Slam Double of six spades, hoping his partner would lead a heart so that he could ruff and cash a top diamond to defeat the slam. I am rerunning the column because I received several queries about these concluding sentences: "Note, though, that East wasn't worried about the opponents running to a different slam. He could beat six no-trump; and if the bidding was trustworthy, neither opponent had a diamond void." Well, how did East know that neither opponent was void in diamonds?

North had bid four no-trump, and you don't (shouldn't!) use Blackwood, asking for aces, when holding either a void or two losers in an unbid suit (unless, in the latter case, you are certain partner has a control — ace, king, singleton or void — in that suit). If you have a void and partner's reply to four no-trump tells you that one ace is missing, you won't know whether it is in your void suit, making six the limit, or in the other possible suit, when a grand slam might be on. If you have two losers in a suit and again learn an ace is missing, you won't know whether or not the opponents can take the first two tricks in that suit. So, here, because East had the ace-king of diamonds, he could infer that North held a singleton.

Could South be void in diamonds? Only if West belonged to a silent order. If North held one diamond and South none, West would have five diamonds. He wouldn't have passed over South's three spades; he would have jumped to at least five diamonds.

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