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WT-Int. Crude - $30.53
WTIC Posted - $27.50
Natural Gas - $5.821



LIGHTS, THEN ACTION — Nancy Campbell prepares the lighting for today's edition of the Circus Gatti at Scurry County Coliseum. The 39th edition of the circus will be held at 4:15 and 7:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Utility costs subject of WTC board discussion

Western Texas College is projecting a $25,000 budget shortfall due to skyrocketing costs of natural gas.

Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, told trustees Monday night that the college will have to dip into its contingency funds as the funds budgeted for natural gas will not be sufficient.

Claxton said that $40,000 was budgeted for the fiscal year and that the college's December bill alone was more than $19,000.

As for the effect on next year's budget, Claxton said she is unsure at this point.

"That really depends on natural gas prices, and what I do come April when the contract is redone. The contract is up for renewal in May, and we will be looking at possibly doing fixed cost instead of market prices."

Currently, the college's natural gas bill is determined by market prices.

"It's a commodity just like pork bellies or orange juice," Claxton said.

The advantage of fixed cost is that the institution's bill will not be a surprise.

"We would know exactly what it will be. They take what your average use was for the past time period and apply a fixed amount," she explained. "You'll pay x amount per Btu."

The disadvantage is that if the market price goes lower, the consumer would end up paying more.

"But, if you get a good fixed rate and the prices skyrocket again, then you end up paying less."

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, said staff will be looking into ways to reduce consumption during the heavy usage months, so it will not have to reduce services.

He said that these ideas include such things as the consolidation of classes into fewer numbers of buildings, raising the set point for thermostats, the adjustment of schedules, and limiting the use of college facilities to off-campus groups.

In personnel items, the resignation of Terri Racher, computer science instructor, was accepted.

Trustees also approved the employment of Ray Newton as a drama instructor. Newton has taught theatre at Monterey High School in Lubbock for the past five years.

He completed his theatre doctoral class work at the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1991. He received his master's in drama from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in 1988 and his bachelor's in education/history from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, in 1979.

Jim Clifton, dean of student services, submitted a finalized enrollment report that showed the headcount for the spring semester to be 1,329, up from 1,233 for the fall and 1,268 for the spring of 2000.

Part-time enrollment is up from the fall semester — 981 compared to 851. However, full-time enrollment is showing a downward trend. It was 496 in the fall of 1999, 451 in the spring of 2000, 382 in the fall of 2000 and 348 this semester.

Clifton said planning strategies are in the works to reverse that trend.

Tuition variances and the small class report, routine items for the beginning of a semester, were approved. Also, the board gave approval to seek bids on carpet for various locations on campus.

Lee Presswood presided and all trustees were present to include Carolyn Barbee, Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Jay Kidd, Eddie Peterson and Scott Richburg.

Navy to review safety measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The collision between a Navy submarine and a Japanese fishing boat came just five months after the Navy's top officer ordered a one-day "safety stand-down" for all vessels in the fleet to review their safety and navigation procedures.

Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations, issued the order Sept. 15 because he was disturbed over lapses in seamanship and navigation that led to six major accidents at sea in the preceding 12 months.

It was the first fleetwide safety stand-down since 1989. A stand-down requires each command to set aside a day for extensive activity aimed at solving a particular operational flaw.

Navy officials at the Pentagon referred questions Monday about the possible causes of last Friday's accident 20 miles southeast of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to officials at U.S. Pacific Fleet in Hawaii.

The USS Greeneville, an attack submarine, struck a 180-foot Japanese fishing vessel while conducting a rapid-ascent drill. Twenty-six people from the fishing boat were rescued; nine are considered missing.

The incident has plunged the Navy into another sensitive investigation.

Chamber has four new members

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce board welcomed four new members during its regular meeting Monday.

The new members are Arrow Construction, Grimmett Bros., Oxy-Permian and Marquis Supply Company.

In other business, the board voted to conduct a financial audit for 2000. The chamber by-laws call for an audit every five years, and last year falls into that time frame.

The upcoming Texas Midwest Day in Austin on Feb. 21 also was discussed, and those planning to attend from the chamber are Donna Fowler, Sandra Barboza and Tracie McDowell.

United Way drive ends near goal

Scurry County United Way reached 91 percent of its goal this year as the campaign came to a close, board members were told Monday.

Zola Schlegel, executive secretary, said a total of $73,332 was contributed and pledged. The goal was $80,000.

The annual awards luncheon was discussed and has been tentatively set for Feb. 26 at The Shack.

UW president Kent Wright appointed a nominating committee and said officers would be elected at the awards luncheon.

Peggy Vernon, Dalinda Roberts, Bill Dryden, Stephen Covey and Barbara McGee are serving on the nominating committee.

Directors gave the approval for the first disbursements of the year to the participating agencies, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Snyder Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Girl Scouts-West Texas Council, Buffalo Trail Boy Scouts, American Red Cross, Gateway Family Services Inc., and the Scurry County Food Cupboard.

Attending the meeting were Wright, Schlegel, Dryden, Vernon, McGee, Roberts, Ann Smartt, Jack McGlaun, Joan Bunch, Shirley Fritz, Jo Ann Nunley, Dee Wilson and Dr. Bryan Cave.

Anyone not contacted and still wanting to contribute to the local United Way should mail their donation to P.O. Box 1114 or take it by Anderson & West at 4208 College.



UW CAMPAIGN AT 91% — Scurry County United Way Executive Secretary Zola Schlegel, Peggy Vernon, and President Kent Wright discuss closing the 2001 campaign that reached 91 percent of its goal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Presidential search at WTC officially started

Western Texas College's presidential search is officially underway with applications being accepted through March 16.

Trustees met in executive session for almost 90 minutes Monday evening before coming out and voting unanimously to begin accepting applications.

Required applicant criteria was released and states that the person must have an earned doctorate from an accredited college or university, as well as administrative experience at the dean's level or above at a community college. Teaching experience also is preferred.

Board President Lee Presswood said that once the application period is closed, copies of the resumes will be made available to all board members.

"We will screen down to roughly five people, and then at that time a committee of three, which includes myself, Carolyn Barbee and Scott Richburg, will do further investigation of those last selections."

Trustees will then meet in executive session to come up with three or four finalists.

"From there, we will start interviewing," Presswood said. "When we come up with finalists, they will be identified so everyone will know who we are interviewing."

He said he expects interviews to begin around April 1.

"We welcome any nominations from anyone in the community who knows of anyone who might meet our needs," Presswood added.

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president the past 14 years, is retiring, effective Aug. 31.

Mr. and Miss SHS to be named

The crowning of Mr. and Miss SHS will be the highlight of the Snyder High School Coronation Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Nominees for Miss SHS are Claire Cotton, Whitney Graham, Jordan Hardin, Tara Price and Brooke Williams.

Mr. SHS nominees are Matthew Grimmett, Heath Pinkerton, Ralph Ramon, Jared Thornhill and Jamaal Wofford.

Class favorites as well as sweethearts from the school's various clubs, sports and organizations also will be recognized.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A gold digger expects her man to be a cashanova."

After the weekend column on romance and melting the heart of your sweetie, somebody decided that we were in dire need of counseling.

On our desk Monday was one of those self-help books with a note that said it needed to be read immediately since tomorrow is Valentine's Day.

The book was written by a medical doctor and entitled "The 7 Steps to Passionate Love." We thought a steps program was to get out of something, not in.

The author says flowers and candy are just dandy, but what both men and women really want for Valentine's Day is passionate and true love.

We think his credentials are suspect. The doc claims men and women are the same. We can't help but wonder where he went to medical school.

But the experts do say he is an expert. The doc further suggests that couples need to embrace their vulnerabilities. Heck, we thought men and women were supposed to embrace one another. It's no wonder we have problems with this romance thing, it never occurred that we needed to smooch with a vulnerability. We're not even sure what it is. And anyone who did probably wouldn't admit to it.

The love doc also said that communications is vital to a relationship. He further said that the most important part of communications is listening.

Shoot, men have been doing this for years. That's why men don't say much, we're too busy listening.

It's like the guy who was dragged to one of those marriage enrichment seminars. First rattle out of the box, the reluctant attendee was asked if he regularly told his wife that he loved her. "Shoot no," said the hubby. "I told her when we got married 34 years ago. And if I change my mind, I'll let her know."

And then there was the chap who flatly refused to be a part of that relationship-enrichment thing. Everybody was trying to put a guilt trip on him for wanting to play golf rather than sit in a room with a bunch of gushy folks.

He bogged his heels and explained, "I ain't going. I already know how to be a better husband than I am."

The doc also had some advice on Valentine gift buying for the romantically challenged. Setting boundaries is encouraged. In other words agree on how much to spend. That way, he says, you don't have to worry about spending enough money, but focus on the true purpose of a gift.

Shoot everybody knows the real purpose. If you don't show up with a gift, there will be a long period of silence. That's not good. Remember the love doc stresses the importance of communications.

ASK US

Q—When a TDCJ inmate is executed, is that person given a funeral service?

A—It is the family's responsibility to claim the body. If there is no family or if they wish not to claim the body, the inmate is buried at the state-owned prison cemetery.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 58 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 55; .05 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 1.90 inches.

Area Forecast: Mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low near 50, S wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, 50% rain chance, high 65-70.



Cody Davis
Rainy

Sunset:
6:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:26 a.m.
Of 43 days in 2001, the sun has shone 37 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.
—Oprah Winfrey

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Man kills Samaritan

CHICAGO (AP) — An elderly woman, known for helping needy children and the homeless in her southside neighborhood, died Monday, a week after she was doused with a pot of scalding water while she slept.

Police said her attacker, whom the woman had taken into her home, would be charged with murder. Clarence Pierce, 38, was already charged with heinous assault, in the attack on Carolyn Cochran, 74, who used a wheelchair after a series of strokes.

Pierce allegedly threw the scalding water on Cochran Feb. 5 and ran from her bedroom. Police later found him with several injuries, including a minor gunshot wound to his side, said Officer Matthew Jackson, a police spokesman.

Jackson said others in the house apparently saw the attacker run from Cochran's room and chased him. Pierce was beaten, but managed to board a bus, where he was beaten again, said Jackson.

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In the early morning hours of April 15, 1912, the Titanic, a luxury liner on its maiden vboyage, sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 of the more than 2,200 people aboard died in the disaster.



130 AR POINTS — These Stanfield students have earned 130 points in the Accelerated Reader program. Back row, from left, are Lupe Garcia, Will Toombs, Anthony Taylor, Alex Alcala and Justin Gonzales; front row, from left, are Ana Cabrera, Kaitlin Horton, Taylor Freeman, Audriana Rascon, Leslie Rosas and Skylar Morris. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Students carry too much, new study says

BOSTON (AP) — Jared Idels, 13, takes the bus to and from Wayland Middle School, so his heavy backpack doesn't usually bother him. But it became a problem recently when he had to walk his little brother home from elementary school.

"That day, he really complained about how heavy his backpack was," said his mother, Sue. "I don't think I'd want to walk a mile with that thing on."

Jared may not be alone in carrying a huge weight on his shoulders, according to a new study.

Simmons College Professor Shelly Goodgold found that 55 percent of fifth- through eighth-grade students she surveyed carry backpack loads weighing more than 15 percent of their body weight. One-third of those students said they've suffered back pain.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended that children carry no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of their weight in a backpack.

The results of the new study are to be presented Saturday at a national conference of the American Physical Therapy Association in San Antonio. The study was based on a survey of 345 Massachusetts children.

"When you carry something that is really heavy, your head goes forward and you lean forward," said Goodgold, an associate professor of physical therapy. "This can produce strains in the neck, and strains in the back. Holding it over one shoulder can also create imbalances."

Previous studies have shown that wearing a backpack on one shoulder might increase the curvature of the spine in scoliosis patients, said Dr. Scott Bautch, president of the American Chiropractic Association's Council on Occupational Health.

Bautch said that other back problems have also been documented.

events

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
2-13-25-28-29

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-1-7

Osprey's tilt-rotor design cleared

NEW YORK (AP) — The Marine Corps says the fatal December crash of a V-22 Osprey was not caused by the aircraft's hybrid tilt-rotor design and hopes the finding could lead to the revival of the troubled aircraft program, The New York Times reported in Tuesday's editions.

The finding, discussed by a commandant of the corps on Monday, is part of a crash report that the corps expects to send to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld as early as this week.

The costly V-22 program has been plagued by two fatal accidents and accusations of doctored maintenance reports in the last year alone. The latest investigation blames hydraulic and computer failures.

"The thing I would say now is it doesn't appear to be anything that has to do with tilt-rotor physics," the commandant, Gen. James Jones, said of the Dec. 11 crash which killed four marines.

Jones said there is a belief that an aircraft that takes off like a helicopter and flies like a plane "can't do either very well" but that "so far the physics of the tilt rotor doesn't lend itself to that type of criticism."

Some aircraft experts have questioned the inherent safety of the Osprey, whose wings have rotors that can tilt upward like a helicopter or forward like a plane.

Questions of the craft's aerodynamic stability are being reviewed by an expert panel appointed last year by former Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

Jones said he was optimistic that the Marines' final crash report would include assurances from the Defense Department's inspector general that the December crash, as well as a fatal crash last April, were not a result of falsified maintenance records at the Osprey squadron's headquarters in North Carolina. The April crash, which killed 19 marines, is the subject of a separate inquiry.

The Osprey, built by the Boeing Co.'s helicopter division and Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, has been one of the Pentagon's most controversial programs. The experimental aircraft will have a price tag topping $30 billion should full production proceed.

Helms named to Honor Roll at HSU

ABILENE — Joshelyn Helms of Hermleigh has been named to the Honor Roll at Hardin-Simmons University for the fall 2000 semester.

The HSU Honor Roll recognizes students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.6 or better.

Levens reports for duty at AFB

Air Force Airman 1st Class Joshua L. Levens has arrived for duty at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Levens, a military security apprentice, is assigned to the 88th Security Forces Squadron.

He is the son of Mike and Marsha Levens of Snyder.

Some Walls Industries workers eligible for TAA

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced that all local workers of Walls Industries who lost their jobs due to lack of work on or after Oct. 25, 1999 are eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

Under petition number T38280 which was certified Jan. 23, 2001, and will expire Jan. 23, 2003, workers who were partially separated from employment with Snyder Walls Industries Inc. will also qualify for assistance.

TAA is available to workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports.

TAA includes a variety of benefits and reemployment services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment.

Workers may be eligible for training, a job search allowance, a relocation allowance and other reemployment services.

Additionally, weekly trade adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following their exhaustion of unemployment benefits.

Workers should contact the Texas Workforce Commission, located on the Western Texas College campus (573-5745) for assistance in filing for services.

Those services include weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.

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Ask The Preacher

WHAT IS SIN?

by Bill Looney

Since "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and "all have sinned" (Rom. 2:23) then it seems obvious that we should know what sin is. The Bible says, "**Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness**" (1 John 3:4). Is that all there is to sin? James wrote, "**Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins**" (James 4:17). Again, Paul wrote, "**But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin**" (Rom. 14:23).

Please note. The first type of sin is the sin in which we break the law, God's law or the laws of the land. We commit sin. The second type of sin is omitting to do that which we know we should. The third type of sin occurs when we do that which we believe is wrong, we sin against our conscience.

Is there a way for these types of sin to be forgiven? Yes. The child of God simply has to repent, confess or pray that the sin may be forgiven (Acts 8:23; 1 John 1:8). One who has never obeyed the gospel is told to "**Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**" (Acts 2:38).

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By Phillip A

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REMAINING TOGETHER — Valentine's Day brings thoughts of love and caring of couples, young and old. Five married couples reside at Snyder care centers. Four couples live at Snyder Oaks Care Center and one at Snyder Health Care Center. Couples residing at Snyder Oaks on 37th Street include Kenneth and Edna Gregory, left top photo; Lloyd and Maybelle Ainsworth, right photo; Hershell and Irene Lewis, left photo; and not pictured are Jesse and Ruby Mills and Ferrell and Lela Nipps. Also not pictured are George and Betty Dye who reside at Snyder Health Care Center on College Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Mills married at the center on May 25, 2000. Records were unavailable as to who has been married the longest. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Manage grief in healthy way

Grieving the death of a loved one is part of human nature-scientists have found evidence of burial rituals dating back to 60,000 B.C. If someone close to you has died, you may feel overwhelmed, but it is possible to manage your grief in a healthy way. Experts at the International Cemetery and Funeral Association recommend that you:

Accept your emotions. You may feel sad, angry, confused, guilty, numb or a combination of these. No emotion is wrong. Accept how you feel and try to work through your grief, rather than avoiding it. And if you feel like crying, don't hold back. Crying can provide a powerful physical release, reducing stress and tension.

Honor the life of your loved one. Every culture has traditions for commemorating their dead. You may find some type of ritual helpful in accepting the death and beginning to heal, whether through a traditional funeral or another type of ceremony.

Remember your loved one. Your loved one is gone physically, but he or she lives on in your memories.

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Community Calendar

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Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Altrurian Daughters Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 11:30 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "African Safari," by Jimmy Don and Andrea Mason; 6:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♣ Q

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001

Minor change, major improvement

By Phillip Alder

No doubt other columnists have used my deals when they have felt I made an instructive error. So, it is only fair that I use theirs when something doesn't ring completely true with me.

Defending against four spades, West begins with the heart ace: five, 10, eight. He cashes the heart king: seven, six, jack. West continues with the heart queen. How should declarer play from there?

South's four-spade bid is aggressive, given his three heart losers. It is quite likely that East is itching to overruff the dummy.

And South knows that is the exact situation. If he ruffs the third heart low in the dummy, East overruffs, and there is an unavoidable diamond loser to come: one down. If declarer ruffs the third heart with dummy's spade king, it promotes a trump trick for East. Along with the diamond loser, that again spells o-n-e d-o-w-n. As the writer pointed out, the correct play is to pitch dummy's diamond loser. He claimed that West would switch to a diamond. If so, declarer wins with his ace, draw trumps, and ruffs his diamond loser in the dummy to make the contract. However, does anything strike you?

At trick four, suppose West leads another heart. Declarer pitches from the dummy, and East ruffs with one of his spade honors. Fine, South overruffs and advances his trump 10, but West produces the six. Now declarer has a sweaty guess. If East had a singleton spade, South must finesse; but here South must go up with dummy's king. Why didn't the writer give West a singleton spade honor so there would be no guess?

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Births

Saundra Rosas of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 6:04 p.m. on Feb. 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 12-Nicole Brown, Lara Harrington, Mozelle James, Barbara Jones, Neil Manlief, Valadez boy, Vinita Warren of Hermleigh, Matthew Bass, Cheryl Davis, Sara Ibarra, Saundra Rosas, Odie Wall and Elida Yruegas.

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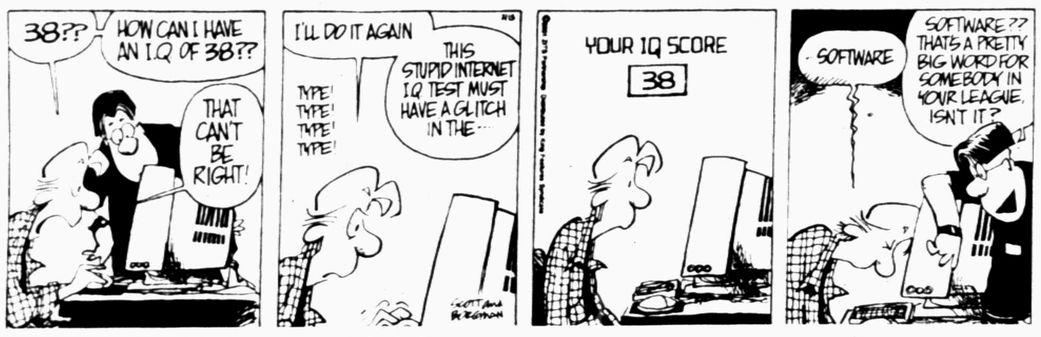
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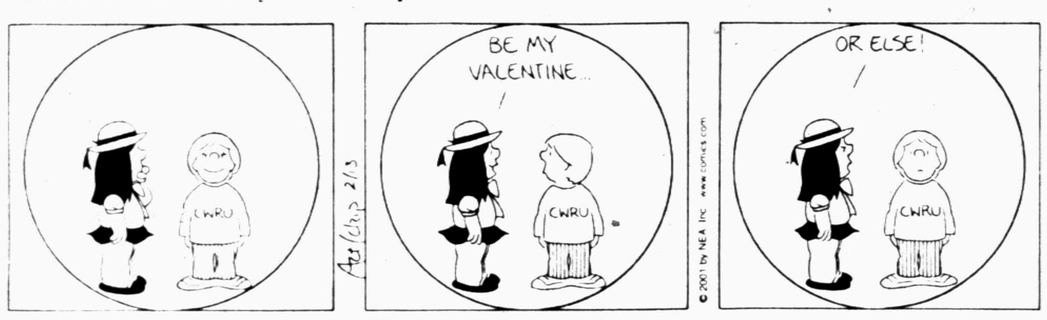
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7 Flashy, in a way
13 Crystalline gem
14 Nonmetallic element
15 Act like a grandparent?
16 Carter's successor
17 Comedian Philips
18 Last mo.
20 Type of pick?
21 Fender-bender result
23 — -jongg
24 Blab
25 WWII event
27 No geniuses, they
29 Exploit
31 Swiss peak
32 Accelerate (a motor)
33 Puppy sound
34 Habituated
37 Urges
40 Three (Sp.)
41 Compass pt.
43 Forest denizen
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51 Carrier
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56 Hardware buys
57 More expensive

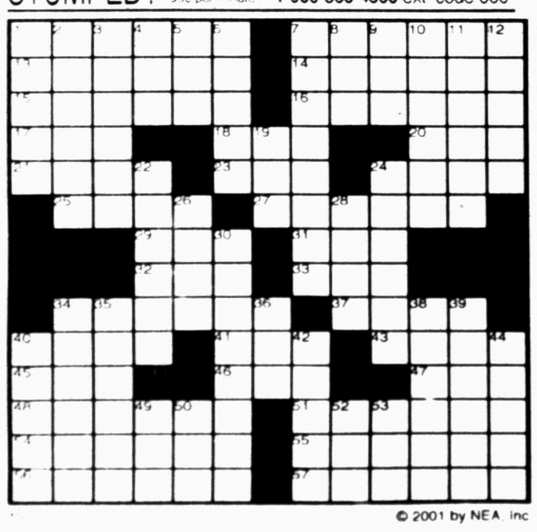
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10 Official seal
11 Slow-moving creatures
12 Barbra Streisand movie
19 Medieval poem
22 Sign of the bull
24 Outdid
26 River in Belgium
28 "Now — — me down to sleep"
30 Smooth quality
34 Like O. Henry's stories
35 Under
36 Genetic material (abbr.)
38 Closer
39 Goddess of the moon
40 Journeys
42 Receded, like the tide
44 More uncommon
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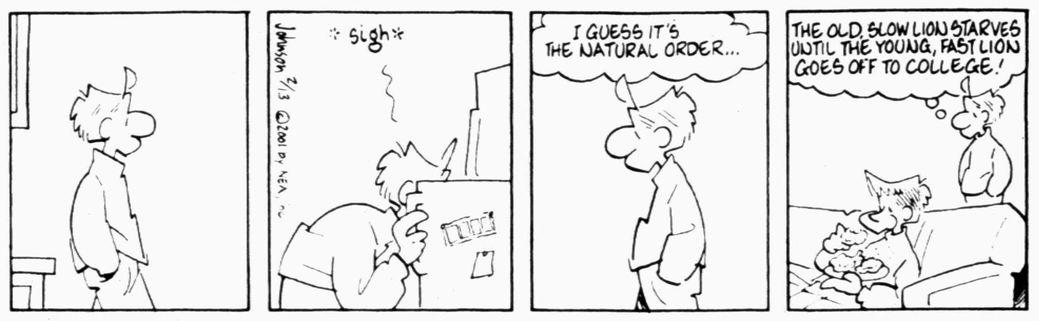


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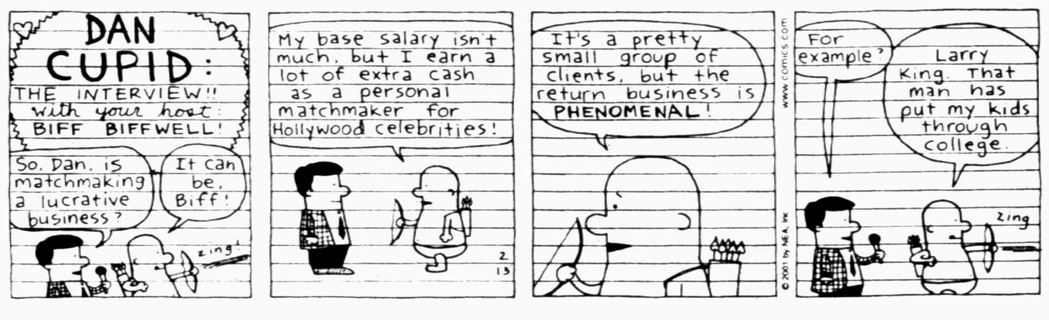
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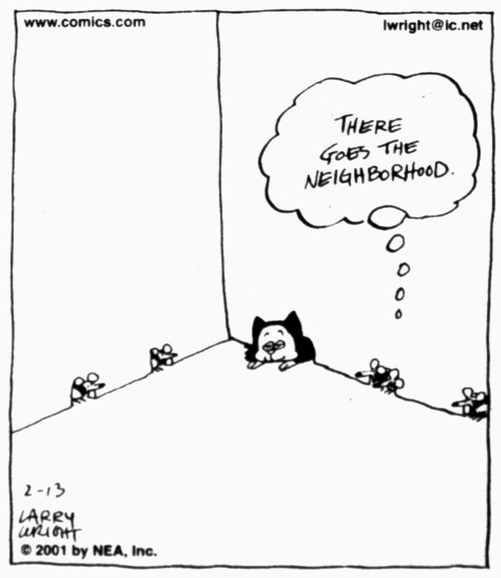


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Tigers Chiefs 4-4A

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SPORTS

Tigers host Chiefs for 4-4A finale

The Snyder Tigers close out their District 4-4A schedule tonight, but even then, the Tigers may not know their postseason fate.

Snyder hosts the Lake View Chiefs in the district finale at 7:30 tonight at the SHS gym. Junior varsity action is slated for 6 o'clock.

The Tigers (19-10) enter tonight's game in a third-place tie with Frenship at 9-4, one game behind Plainview. Lake View (10-21) is 2-11 in league play.

With a victory this evening, the Tigers' postseason positioning will hinge on tonight's outcome between Plainview and Frenship.

If Plainview beats Frenship, the Bulldogs would advance as the runner-up, with Snyder taking third. However, a Frenship victory tonight would result in a three-way tie for second place. Snyder, Plainview and Frenship would play a mini-tournament, with the tourney winner advancing as the No. 2 seed, and the tourney runner-up earning the final playoff spot.

The district runner-up will likely face Canyon in the opening round, while the third-place team will take on state-ranked Hereford.

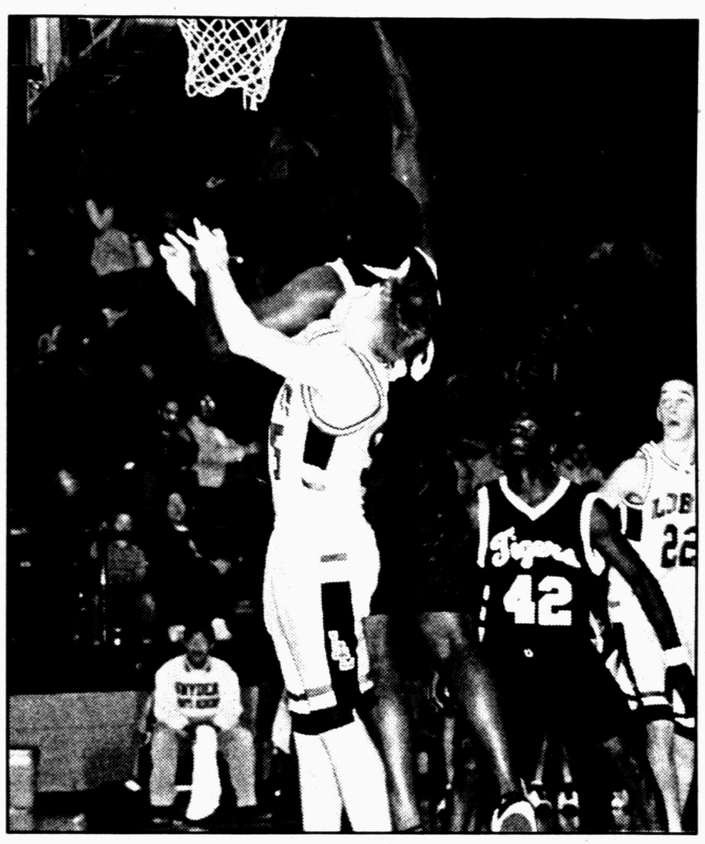
The Tigers are heavy favorites in tonight's match-up with the Chiefs. Snyder whipped Lake View in the first meeting, 67-39, and is coming off victories over Andrews and Levelland.

The first round of the playoffs will be next Tuesday. If a tournament is needed to decide the district seeds, it would be played Friday and Saturday at a neutral site.

In tonight's other action on the hardwood, the Ira Lady Bulldogs square off with Trent in a girls' Class A bi-district playoff at 7 o'clock at Abilene High School.

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	12	1	21	10
Plainview	10	3	19	12
Snyder	9	4	19	10
Frenship	9	4	19	13
Levelland	6	7	20	12
Andrews	3	10	16	15
Lake View	2	11	10	21
Big Spring	1	12	6	24

Tonight's games: Lake View at Snyder; Levelland at Andrews; Big Spring at Estacado; Plainview at Frenship.



OUT-MUSCLED — Snyder's Shante Taylor overpowers Levelland's Wesley Wise for a rebound, while Jamall Pruitt (42) looks on during the Tigers' win on Friday. Snyder hosts Lake View at 7:30 tonight in the district finale. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder netters tune up with pair of victories

LUBBOCK — In preparation for their upcoming spring tournament season, Snyder netters warmed up with a pair of victories over Dumas and Canyon.

Snyder took care of Dumas, 12-2, before knocking off Canyon, 10-5.

Horacio Depaz won all three of his boys' singles matches, while the boys' doubles duo of Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith went undefeated in four matches.

On the girls' side, Patricia Vargas swept all four of her singles matches.

Snyder opens its tournament schedule Friday and Saturday at Big Spring.

Snyder def. Dumas, 12-2

Boys' singles: Horacio DePaz def. Kozak, 6-2, 6-0; Adam Rodgers def. Kozak, 7-5, 7-5.

Boys' doubles: Ryan Gibson-Allen Smith def. Crouch-Kozak, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Gibson-Smith def. Bonner-Sutherland, 6-1, 6-1; Alex Best-Charlie Gorman def. Donner-Sutherland, 6-3, 7-5; Best-Gorman lost to Crouch-Kozak, 2-6, 3-6.

Girls' singles: Patricia Vargas def. Breznak, 6-4, 6-0; Vargas def. Cochran, 6-3, 6-3; Andra Dunham def. Cochran, 6-1, 6-0; Dunham lost to Breznak, 3-6, 5-7.

Girls' doubles: Kara Brumley-Sara Cantu def. Bottens-Perez, 6-7, 6-0, 6-1; Brumley-Cantu def. Manti-Delk, 6-1, 7-5; Laura Hager-Afton Sutter def. Manti-Delk, 6-2, 7-5; Hager-Sutter def. Bottens-Perez, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Snyder def. Canyon, 10-5

Boys' singles: DePaz def. Kessler, 6-3, 6-3; DePaz def. Attridge, 6-0, 6-1; Rodgers lost to Chase, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6; Rodgers lost to Kessler, 6-1, 6-7, 1-6.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Reid-Lewis, 6-3, 6-0; Gibson-Smith def. Thomas-Adkins, 6-1, 6-0; Best-Gorman def. Thomas-Adkins, 7-6, 6-3; Best-Gorman def. Reid-Lewis, 7-6, 7-6.

Girls' singles: Vargas def. Porter, 7-6, 6-3; Vargas def. Nepper, 6-4, 7-5; Dunham def. Nepper, 7-5, 6-1; Dunham lost to Porter, 5-7, 1-6.

Girls' doubles: Brumley-Cantu lost to Yirak-Hicks, 1-6, 1-6; Brumley-Cantu def. Wells-Collier, 6-0, 6-0; Hager-Sutter lost to Wartes-Gwynn, 3-6, 5-7.

Lady Tigers open softball season today at Midland

The Snyder Lady Tigers have a new leader in the dugout, but experienced players on the diamond, and they're hoping the combination equals success this season.

Snyder opens its softball season at 6 this evening when the Lady Tigers visit Midland Lee. Junior varsity action is schedule for 4:30.

The Lady Tigers will be guided by first-year Snyder coach Shelly Hayes, who came from Winters to replace Robbie Dickenson after only one season.

"I'm excited about coaching this team," said Hayes. "They've had success in the past and we hope to build on that this season. We have some things that we still need to work on, but I'm pleased with what I've seen in practice, so far."

Snyder returns 11 players from last year's squad that advanced to the postseason, but lacks experience at the pitcher's spot.

Sophomore Jacque Alvarez, who saw limited action last year, is the only pitcher with any varsity experience. Freshmen Kelsi Johnson and Ashley Martinez should also see some innings.

"We don't have much experience in the pitching department, but so far all three girls have looked good in practice," Hayes stated. "So far, they haven't made a lot of the mistakes that young pitchers make, and that's a good sign."

The Lady Tigers' strength could be its defense where five starters are back from last year.

"Defensively, we should be pretty solid," Hayes remarked. "Offensively, we're making good contact, but we're still trying to learn a few things.

"We need to learn how to hit the outside pitch to the opposite field, and we're going to try to switch-hit a little bit this year."

Returning from last year's squad are Alavarez, Cameron Mackey, Kira Diaz, Shelley Fisk, Jennifer Newman, Chaelyn Robinson, Leticia Martinez, Dara Chambers, Kara Herrley, Angie Shoemake and Valerie Hernandez.

Following tonight's game, the Lady Tigers will be in action again Friday at the Brenham tournament, before competing in the Abilene tournament the following weekend.

SHS powerlifters grab fourth place at tourney

LEVELLAND — The Snyder Tigers muscled their way to a fourth-place finish Saturday at the Levelland powerlifting meet.

Snyder tallied 21 points, thanks to five competitors finishing in the top-five.

Edwin James won the 165-pound classification to lead the squad's efforts. The senior registered a total lift of 1,245 pounds to strengthen his lead in the regional standings.

Josh Knox was runner-up in the 242-pound division with 1,145 pounds, while Isaac Sanchez lifted 760 pounds to take second in the 132-pound class.

Jeff Proctor's total lift of 690 was good enough for third place in the 123-pound division, and Caleb Durham was fifth in the 165-pound class with a total of 990.

Other total lifts for Snyder were Stephen Ortegon, 1,060; Enrique Perez, 545; Diego Hernandez, 960; Andrew Bane, 885; Ruben DeLoera, 800; Barrett Munson, 540; Isidro Gutierrez, 830.

Local Schedule

TODAY

Basketball

Lake View at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 p.m. and 7:30

Ira girls vs. Trent, at Abilene High School, 7 p.m.

Softball

Snyder JV and varsity at Midland Lee, 4:30 and 6 p.m.

Snyder teams fall in final hoop contests

Snyder dropped a pair of season finales Monday night in boys' basketball action.

The freshman Tigers fell to Lubbock Alderson, 59-48, while Snyder Gold was topped by Andrews, 63-31, in eighth grade competition.

In the freshman game, Blake Grimmett poured in 15 points to pace the Tigers, while Marcus Villarreal added 11.

Lee Scott tallied nine points. Isaac Ramon netted six. Tucker Early and Justin Boyd drained two apiece, and Jacob Rodriguez chipped in one.

In the eighth grade match-up, Zack Garcia's 10 points were tops for Snyder.

Lico Castillo dropped in nine points. Alan Gray finished with five. Jason Ramos posted three, and Patrick Jones and Hadley Hirt registered two apiece.

Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Feb. 24-25 at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man scramble, and entry fee is $80 per team.

The field will be pre-flighted by total handicap, with a five-shot maximum differential between players. Play will begin at 1 p.m. both days. To enter, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Bass club meeting

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Scifres Tire. The meeting is open to the public. On the agenda are election of new officers and this year's tournament schedule. For more information, call 573-4031.

Girls Little Dribblers

Registration for girls Little Dribblers basketball will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Players can sign up from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Ages 8-12 are eligible to play, and entry fee is $30. Players must be accompanied by a guardian, and bring a copy of their birth certificate.

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Washington	12	37	.245	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	29	18	.617	—
Toronto	26	23	.531	4
Charlotte	26	25	.510	5
Indiana	21	27	.438	8½
Cleveland	20	27	.426	9
Detroit	19	31	.380	11½
Atlanta	16	33	.327	14
Chicago	6	42	.125	23½

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Midwest Division

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Utah	32	15	.681	—
San Antonio	31	16	.660	1
Minnesota	32	18	.640	1½
Dallas	31	19	.620	2½
Denver	27	24	.529	7
Houston	25	25	.500	8½
Vancouver	13	36	.265	20

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	35	15	.700	—
Sacramento	31	15	.674	2
L.A. Lakers	31	16	.660	2½
Phoenix	28	20	.583	6
Seattle	28	24	.538	8
L.A. Clippers	16	34	.320	19
Golden State	15	33	.313	19

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

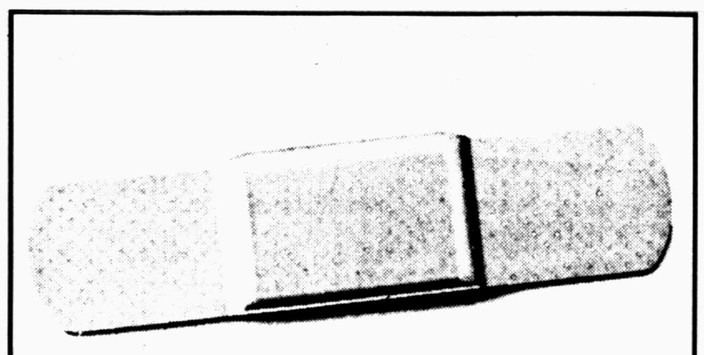
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The accident involved two UH60 helicopters participating in an exercise over Kahuku on Monday evening, said Maj. Nancy Makowski, a spokeswoman for the 25th Infantry Division based at Schofield Barracks.

"This is a very tragic event for us," Makowski said.

It was initially believed the two helicopters collided in the air, but that has not been confirmed and will be determined in an investigation, Makowski said.

"I heard a big thud," said Perry Dane, who lives on Kamehameha Highway about a mile from the crash site. "It sounded like thunder. It shook, too, like a big rattle."

The accident was in a remote military area and accessible only by four-wheel-drive vehicles because of the wet conditions, said Mandy Shiraki, district chief of the city ambulance services.

The two aircraft crashed about 200 yards apart, said Capt. Stephen Johnson, whose fire company came from the nearby Sunset Beach station.

When paramedics and firefighters reached the scene, it was raining heavily and had been raining on and off all day, creating muddy conditions at the site, he said.

There were five or six helicopters in the flight, but only two were involved in the crash, Shiraki said.

Thirty helicopters were involved in ferrying nearly 1,000 soldiers from Wheeler Army Airfield to a base in Kahuku, according to an earlier Army advisory warning of possible noise disturbing residents.

It was part of the Army Hawaii's two-week Lightning Thrust Warrior exercise, which began Feb. 5.

The Black Hawk is a light transport helicopter that is the primary helicopter for air assault, air cavalry and aeromedical evacuations units. Each helicopter can transport an 11-man squad.

On the Net:
http://www.army.mil

American spacecraft has smooth landing

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — NEAR, the spacecraft that became the first manmade object to land on an asteroid, may continue sending its signal for months, but after Wednesday nobody will be listening.

The spacecraft, which was designed for orbiting and not landing, astounded even the experts on Monday by touching down so gently on the asteroid Eros that its radio beacon continued to send a strong signal to Earth.

Mission director Robert Farquhar said that if the craft's solar panels continue to generate electricity, the signal could last at least three months.

But on Wednesday, Valentine's Day, the five-year mission officially ends, said Farquhar, and NASA's Deep Space Network will no longer relay signals from Eros, some 196 million miles away.

"We could still speak to it, but we won't be able to," he said. And, in any case, NEAR will eventually be silenced when the craft's landing point on Eros moves out of sunlight and the solar panels can no longer make electricity. The craft's signal then would slowly fade as its batteries died.

NEAR's signal carries almost no information, so there is little likelihood of getting new scientific data from the spacecraft, which had been orbiting Eros for the past year and relaying photos and other information to Earth, officials said. The signal is little more than a hum that lets mission control known that NEAR is still alive — not of a quality high enough to send data or photos.

The featherlight landing of the 1,100-pound NEAR — for Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous — surprised even the most optimistic of mission officials.

"I just figured something had to go wrong, but it didn't," said Farquhar, the official who had first proposed the landing. He had estimated that the odds of NEAR being able to send a signal after landing was less than 1 percent.

Some NASA officials even warned that it would be "a controlled crash" and not a landing on Eros, a potato-shaped object about 21 miles long.

Instead, NEAR precisely fired its rockets to drop from a 15-mile orbit over the asteroid and then drifted down, slowed by four more rocket firings. It hit the asteroid, with rockets still firing, and bounced back up, before alighting firmly on the surface.

On the Net: Mission site:
http://near.jhuapl.edu

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	34.00	33.45	33.46	— .54
AOL TimeWrn	49.10	47.69	48.72	+ 1.19
AT&T Corp	22.80	22.50	22.62	— .18
Albertsons	28.55	27.92	28.10	— .32
Alltel	55.00	54.47	54.70	— .71
AmEl Pw	45.52	44.75	45.24	— .28
AndarkPtr	66.23	65.00	66.20	+ .70
ATMOS Egy	24.50	24.15	24.20	— .20
Aviall	8.01	7.90	7.96	+ .01
BP Amoco	51.49	51.07	51.23	— 2.26
BakerHughes	43.20	42.00	43.19	— .20
Bank of Amer	51.49	50.33	50.91	+ .85
BellSouth	43.46	42.47	42.61	— .09
Beth Steel	2.51	2.42	2.51	+ .03
BurlNoSFe	30.27	30.04	30.24	+ .16
Caterpillar	43.88	43.15	43.83	+ .70
Chevron	85.64	85.03	85.40	— 1.13
Citigroup s	55.96	55.05	55.17	— .28
CocaCola	60.08	59.62	59.78	— 1.04
ColgatePal	58.83	57.81	57.85	— .97
ComclMetals	24.65	24.45	24.60	+ .30
CooperIn	46.80	45.40	46.75	+ 1.26
DaimlrChry	51.25	50.68	50.70	+ 1.50
DallSemicn s	37.72	36.21	37.30	+ .92
DeltaAirl	44.50	44.20	44.36	— .34
Dillards Inc	18.60	18.06	18.40	+ .10
DowChem s	31.98	31.10	31.70	+ .20
DuPont	42.62	41.61	42.60	+ .51
EastmanChem	51.00	49.20	50.78	+ 1.52
EstKodak	46.18	45.35	46.13	+ .93
EDS Corp	64.26	63.63	64.12	+ .52
Entergy	37.00	36.12	36.60	— .40
ExxonMobil	85.25	84.76	85.16	— .60
Flowers	17.50	17.35	17.36	— .01
GenDynam	68.12	66.90	68.01	+ 1.60
GenIElec s	47.66	47.13	47.38	— .13
GenMills	43.72	43.21	43.58	+ .11
GenMotors	56.48	55.11	56.39	+ 1.24
GaPacGP	31.01	30.25	30.95	+ .44
GlobalMar	30.93	29.95	30.89	+ .75
Goodrich	38.70	37.95	38.70	+ .90
Goodyear s	24.21	23.65	24.06	+ .14
GtAtlPac	11.75	11.35	11.40	— .40
Halliburtn	43.20	41.62	43.05	+ .40
Hanson ADS	32.37	32.00	32.00	— .40
HarteHanks	23.41	23.10	23.31	+ .21
HomeDepot	46.00	44.85	45.19	— .54
HoneywellIntl	49.33	48.72	48.95	— .11
IBM	117.92	114.12	116.38	+ 1.48
IntlPaper	37.93	36.80	37.78	+ .58
JohnsonJn	97.95	96.53	96.97	— 1.13
K mart	8.90	8.75	8.90	+ .16
Kroger Co	24.70	24.16	24.17	— .67
Litton	79.25	78.99	79.10	+ .11
LockheedM	35.45	34.40	35.30	+ .40
Lowes Cos	54.14	53.72	54.05	+ .05
Lubys	7.24	7.00	7.15	+ .12
LucentTech	14.75	13.69	13.73	— 1.07
MayDeptStr	37.90	37.50	37.50	— .49
Medtronic	52.60	51.68	51.87	— .43
Motorola s	20.29	19.50	20.10	+ .73
NCR Corp	48.45	46.80	48.39	+ 1.64
Navistar	27.10	26.15	26.64	— .22
Penney JC	14.55	14.30	14.31	— .04
PepBoys	6.31	5.95	6.20	+ .20
PepsiCo	46.51	46.01	46.42	— .53
Pharmacia	53.25	52.01	52.05	— 2.18
PhelpDodge	45.24	44.29	45.20	+ .91
PhilipPet	56.53	56.00	56.39	+ .05
PilgrmPrd B	10.87	10.84	10.86	+ .10
Polaroid	6.70	6.39	6.41	— .29
Praxair	45.10	44.49	45.08	+ .30
ProctGamb	74.90	73.56	73.94	— 1.16
PubS NwMx	25.41	24.91	25.15	— .40
RadioShack	46.75	45.70	46.44	— .44
ReliantEngy	41.00	40.26	40.83	— .24
RoyalDut	61.70	61.20	61.40	— 1.35
SBC Comm	47.98	47.25	47.94	+ .17
SaraLee	21.30	20.88	21.09	— .18
Scripps EW	65.40	64.75	65.09	+ .09
SearsRoeb	38.60	37.52	37.65	— .82
SherwinW	26.88	26.30	26.79	+ .28
SouthernCo	30.56	29.96	30.30	— .26
SwstAirl	32.12	31.58	32.04	+ .18
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SprintFON	24.70	23.88	24.47	— .14
SprintPCS	27.09	25.90	26.75	+ .50
Sunoco Inc	35.50	34.97	35.50	+ .41
TXU Corp	40.83	40.10	40.53	— .27
TempleInland	50.31	48.86	50.24	+ .89
Texaco	63.95	63.30	63.55	— .90
TexInd	28.80	28.45	28.80	+ .27
TexasInst s	38.50	37.33	38.01	+ .31
Textron	52.85	52.20	52.80	+ .38
TriconGlbR	35.24	34.70	35.24	+ .16
TrinityInds	22.98	22.63	22.80	+ .05
TritonEngy	26.85	25.91	25.99	— .56
TylerTech	1.75	1.73	1.73	— .10
USX-Marathn	28.85	28.00	28.81	— .14
USX-USS	15.99	15.79	15.97	— .04
UnionPacif	54.25	53.93	54.20	+ .30
UnitedTech	76.05	75.00	76.03	+ 1.03
Unocal	36.00	35.60	35.80	— .44
Venator Grp	12.65	12.33	12.37	+ .33
VerizonComm	53.75	52.75	53.42	— .03
WalMart	53.25	52.03	52.19	— 1.26
WellsFargo	50.99	50.35	50.54	— .26
WstnGasRs	27.85	27.60	27.60	— .10
WinnDixie	24.20	23.32	23.50	— .37
Xerox Cp	6.99	6.77	6.96	+ .21

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Clinton may rent space in Harlem

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Clinton has ditched plans for an office in tony midtown and may be moving into a building near the Apollo Theatre in Harlem.

Clinton's transition office confirmed Monday that plans to lease expensive office space just south of Central Park have been scrapped, and a site some 70 blocks north is being considered instead.

"He's more than welcome to come," said Arlene Davis, 38, who works in the building on 125th Street and lives in the neighborhood. "We're his people."

Julia Payne, a Clinton spokeswoman, said Monday the former president wanted "to go to a place where he could be a good neighbor and be welcomed by the neighborhood as well."

Payne said Clinton was looking at about 8,000 square feet of office space at 55 W. 125th St. Neither Clinton's office nor the building owner would comment on what the space might cost the former president.

Also known as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 125th Street is home to the Apollo Theatre and the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. federal building.



PLACED AT FORT WORTH — These Ira students recently exhibited animals, which won at recent state livestock shows. From left are Tyrelle Gilbert, Kaci Waller and Amber Sanchez. Gilbert exhibited the ninth place steer at Fort Worth. Waller showed the fourth, seventh and ninth place sheep at Fort Worth and the sixth place sheep at El Paso. Amber Sanchez' Duroc pig placed seventh at the breeders' show in San Antonio. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001

Business or personal arrangements that are hastily formed will falter at the first sign of trouble in the year ahead. Conversely, well-planned situations will witness success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The only way you can achieve your objectives today will be through continuity and persistence. If you try to take any shortcuts, the results will be anything but perfect. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because your ideas might be predicated upon irrational thinking today, your initiatives aren't apt to produce much of anything. Get back on track and start again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't get dazzled by the packaging or succumb to an illusion today. Find out what's in the box first before you make a commitment to anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The last thing in the world you should do is engage in erratic behavior, yet today that's exactly what you could do, creating complications in a significant relationship. Stay steady.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're smart, you'll find a place where you can work in private today. Otherwise, outside influences can hamper the completion of things you'll have your heart set on accomplishing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should you have any apprehensions about a social invitation you receive today, beg off and find another social outlet. Listen to the inner voice of reason.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) By not honoring your commitments today, your stature in the eyes of those who love you could be greatly lessened. Strive to live up to your responsibilities and promises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What could cause your plans to go awry today is poor judgment or vagueness on your part. Think things out and lay out a plan you know will be workable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Of course you love beautiful things, but that's no reason to go overboard today by acquiring something you can't afford. Unfortunately, other things you like will have to be sacrificed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should you allow an emotional situation to get the best of you today, there's a strong chance you'll lose your sense of decorum and let the other person have it. No one will win.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There's a strong probability today that you'll yield to your desire for comfort and allow your industriousness to go by the boards, causing many problems for you in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your guard up in all social encounters when out with friends today. Although you may not be the one who starts anything, a disagreement could pop up.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Clingy couple are too close for grandmothers comfort

DEAR ABBY: How do you feel about a granddaughter who brings her fiance to dinner and then throughout the evening lies close to him on the sofa, caresses him, and can't keep her hands off him, apparently forgetting there are others present in the room?

Her parents seemed unconcerned, but I was shocked that they would display such behavior in front of so many people. I am sad that they showed her grandfather and me so little respect. Please respond. — **FLABBERGASTED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Don't take it personally. I'm sure no disrespect was intended. People can't be expected to know what they haven't been told — and obviously your granddaughter hasn't been told that intimate displays of affection make other people uncomfortable.

If you invite the young lovers to dinner, speak up and tell your granddaughter that while you're pleased that she's head-over-heels in love, you would prefer she keep both feet on the floor while she's at your house.

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DEAR ABBY: Two days after Thanksgiving, my next-door neighbor's house burned to the ground. They had gone 10 miles away to spend the night with their children and grandchildren. We didn't know our neighbors well enough to know anyone to contact in case of emergency, although they know we are here for them and vice versa.

Abby, please urge people to think about possible emergencies and to plan ahead of time for them. It was more than two hours before these people could be located, and by then they had lost everything.

I only wish I had asked them for an emergency number ahead of time. You can be sure we will be giving a contact number to a few of our closest neighbors if we go away. — **SORRY WE WERE TOO LATE, McALESTER, OKLA.**

DEAR SORRY: Not only should travelers make sure they can be reached in case of an emergency — such as damage to property or a sudden illness or death in the family — they should carry with them the name and phone number of someone to be contacted in case something happens to them while they're away.

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DEAR ABBY (a.k.a. Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips):

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For 45 years, you have fulfilled that early promise. In recognition of your achievement, on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, a Dear Abby "star" will be placed in front of the beautiful and historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Your star will shine more brightly than ever from the world's most famous boulevard of brightly shining stars. You have earned it and deserve this tribute from all of us who love you. — **JOHNNY GRANT, HONORARY MAYOR OF HOLLYWOOD**

DEAR JOHNNY: I'm over the moon about the star! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Race motivates hate crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Racial prejudice motivated more than half the 7,876 hate crimes committed in 1999 that were reported to the FBI, the bureau said Tuesday.

As in 1998, 1997 and 1996, racial prejudice was the most common motivation for hate crimes, accounting for 4,295 incidents in 1999.

There also were 1,411 incidents attributed to prejudice against the target's religion, 1,317 incidents over sexual orientation, 829 over ethnic or national origin, 19 over disabilities and five over multiple prejudices, the FBI said.

The data came from 12,122 law enforcement agencies in 48 states and the District of Columbia, representing 85 percent of the nation's population.

In 1998, there were 7,755 hate crime incidents, of which 4,321 were racially motivated. But the 1998 data came from 10,730 law enforcement agencies in 46 states and the District of Columbia, representing 80 percent of the nation's population.

So the 1999 total was 121 higher than the 1998 figure but the data came from 1,392 more police agencies than in 1998.

Because the number of agencies reporting varies under the voluntary system established by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990, officials caution against drawing conclusions about trends in hate crime volumes between years. They say the figures provide a rough picture of the general nature of hate crimes.

In 1999, crimes against people accounted for 66.5 percent of the offenses, with intimidation the most frequent of all hate crimes at 35.1 percent of the total. Vandalism and destruction of property accounted for 28.5 percent of all reported offenses, simple assault for 19 percent and aggravated assault for 12 percent.

Seventeen people were murdered in 1999 hate crimes, with nine attributed to race bias and three apiece to bias against sexual orientation and prejudice against ethnic or national origin. Two murders were motivated by religious bias.

Of the 9,802 hate crime victims, 82.8 percent were people and the remainder were businesses, religious organizations or other targets.

Taft has surgery

CLEVELAND (AP) — Gov. Bob Taft underwent a two-hour operation Monday to remove a small, non-cancerous tumor just below his left ear.

Taft, 59, was under general anaesthesia for about three hours, including a period before the surgery at the Cleveland Clinic began at 9 a.m.

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Napster looks to future after legal defeat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Napster Inc., the Internet song-swapping sensation, has its work cut out if it wants to parlay its latest legal defeat into financial victory.

Napster had plans to start charging subscription fees by summer, but major record labels haven't yet been persuaded to work side-by-side with the Redwood City-based company and, as a result, will not willingly part with titles from their coveted artists.

It's not even clear whether the one industry heavyweight that does support Napster, Bertelsmann AG, will continue to finance the Internet upstart in the face of a losing legal battle.

Under Monday's ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the company must somehow stop the millions of people who use it to swap copyrighted music without charge and without restriction.

The court sent the case back to a trial judge, asking her to rewrite an injunction so it allows Napster to survive if it is able to patrol its network for copyright infringement — something its own lawyers have said is virtually impossible.

Bertelsmann insists it will continue to support Napster financially.

"This is neither the beginning nor the end of Napster," said Andreas Schmidt, head of Bertelsmann AG's eCommerce group. "Now it's really important to move to the future with a membership-based service."

That future is cloudy. Legitimate online music retailers have failed to win over the 50 million fans who download free songs in the MP3 format from Napster.

Two other Internet-based companies' history may be instructive.

MP3.com, which has teamed up with a handful of firms in the recording industry, refuses to say how many people have signed up for its subscription-based streaming song service called My.Mp3.com.

That service relaunched only after MP3.com reportedly paid millions to the Big Five record labels — Sony, Universal, BMG, EMI and Warner — to settle a copyright infringement suit of its own.

EMusic.com tried a similar route, allowing computer users to buy songs at 99 cents each, or subscribe for music downloads for as low as $9.99 a month. EMusic's business hasn't dried up completely, but the company has reported more bad news than good and recently laid off 36 percent of its staff.

The true test of Napster's technology is whether it will offer any reason to exist other than free MP3s.

Riffage.com went bust after little more than a year of promoting unknown artists and broadcasting concerts over the Net. The Internet Underground Music Archive, a pioneering online haven for garage bands, was acquired by EMusic and promptly closed its service to new artists after the funding floundered.

Though Napster vows to fight the appeals court ruling, and any subsequent new injunction, the company's music free-for-all may be doomed.

"I'm bumming," said John Nock, 35, of Morgantown, W.Va., who said the ruling could prevent him from mixing more tapes for his June wedding.

"We'll all find a way to get around it," said Faisal Reza, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "People who want music will always be one step ahead of people trying to stop them."

Napster's service is still up and running and the appeals court did not mention any liability of users who choose to continue downloading the application. But the MP3 trading appears threatened.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court said it was apparent that "Napster has knowledge, both actual and constructive, of direct infringement."

In upholding a lower court judge's injunction that would shut down Napster, the panel said the recording industry "would likely prevail" in its suit against the file-swapping service.

The heavy metal group Metallica, the first band to demand its songs be removed from Napster, saw the ruling as vindication.

"We are delighted that the court has upheld the rights of all artists to protect and control their creative efforts," the band said in a statement. "Napster was wrong in taking not only Metallica's music, but other artists who do not want to be a part of the Napster system."

On the Net:

Napster: http://www.napster.com

Recording industry: http://www.riaa.com

EMusic: http://www.emusic.com

MP3: http://www.mp3.com

Alternatives are here to stay

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Napster Inc.'s fate notwithstanding, the song-swapping technology it popularized is here to stay. Programmers have developed variations that won't be so easy for the recording industry to stop.

Want "The Real Slim Shady"? Launch Napigator.

"Jail House Rock"? Just type the name into Gnutella.

A Bach cello suite? Just a few clicks away on BearShare.

Though more difficult to use than Napster, alternative file-sharing software has staying power because its decentralized technology empowers anyone with a computer to make songs available to millions of users.

The profusion of alternatives underscores how difficult it will be for record labels and artists to eradicate music piracy.

Some people suggest that it's current copyright law — not the digital distribution the Internet promotes — that should change.

"The fundamental problem is that copyright pretends that information is property," said Ian Clarke, the developer of the Freenet platform, which can be used to swap all manner of files — music, video, whatever.

"The Internet is the most effective communications technology we've ever had," he said. "It's inevitable that it's going to make it difficult to enforce copyright. I don't think that is ever going to change."

In the nearly two years since Napster's creation, dozens of other programs have emerged to rival the top Internet file-swapping service.

Some have taken pages from Napster's programming book. All have closely watched its court battles.

Napster was the first so-called "killer application" to take advantage of a networking structure known as peer-to-peer, which enables computers to both receive and serve files.

The idea of peer-to-peer is as old as the Internet itself, but desktop PCs were almost never used to distribute data until the dawn of Napster.

Napster changed that. In 10 minutes, a home computer connected to the Internet can make MP3 files — digital copies of songs — available to anyone with a similar setup. Other programs made it possible to trade more than just songs.

Napster, however, is not pure peer-to-peer. It relies on a central index server, which acts as a traffic cop, directing requests for songs to other users' hard drives.

The easiest-to-use alternatives rely on software that work like Napster's servers but can be set up on any home PC with a cable modem or digital subscriber line.

These could pop up anywhere in the world — even outside the jurisdiction of U.S. courts.

"I think we could see a renegade version of Napster show up, be it in Antigua or Tijuana," said Phil Leigh, a digital music analyst at Raymond James and Associates.

On the Net

Napigator: http://www.napigator.com

Musiccity.com: http://www.musiccity.com

Espra: http://www.espra.net

Gnutella: http://gnutella.wego.com

Freenet: http://freenet.sourceforge.net

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Are GPs OK for seniors?

DEAR DR. GOTT: During my discussions with many other senior citizens, I have been told that the health needs of the elderly would be better met by a doctor of internal medicine, rather than a doctor in general practice. Is this correct?

DEAR READER: Not by a long shot. Internists and family physicians are equally skilled at providing first-class health care to aging citizens. Of course, internists often choose to specialize in certain disease groups — heart, lungs, kidneys and so forth — and are of inestimable value in providing second opinions and specialized assistance for doctors in primary care. What senior citizens need are well-trained physicians who are thoughtful, caring, available, respectful and committed; such doctors can be either internists, general practitioners or doctors of osteopathy (Dos, or non-MDs who have identical training).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 39-year-old mother of two who exercises regularly, eats prudently and neither smokes nor drinks. My cholesterol level is 217; my LDL is 135.

Although my doctor is satisfied with these numbers and tells me not to worry, I know several people on medication whose levels are lower then mine. A friend who is a heart-attack survivor believes that I should be taking a cholesterol-lowering drug.

I am well aware of the risks of therapy and would like your opinion. May I stop worrying?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes. The acceptable level of cholesterol has been modified over the years. Most authorities now recommend that most of us, depending on age, attempt to keep our cholesterol levels below 200 milligrams per deciliter (and the "bad" cholesterol, the LDL, below 130 mg). You're pretty close to those figures, and I believe that the risks of cholesterol-lowering drugs exceed the potential benefits for you. (The situation is somewhat different for a patient with documented heart disease, who should probably aim for a level of about 150 mg on the therapy.)

High cholesterol levels are one of many variables that seem to be important in the genesis of heart disease; as you know, smoking, obesity, a sedentary lifestyle, genetic predisposition and other factors also play a large role.

I think that your doctor is on the money. I suggest that you follow his or her advice. In addition, monitor your cholesterol level every few years so that you and your physician can address any future rise.

I should add the following footnote. I have several patients who have had heart attacks at young ages, even though their cholesterol levels were well below 200 mg. In contrast, I also take care of many healthy old folks with cholesterol levels of 300 mg or above, none of whom have exhibited cardiac disease. These sprightly and healthy seniors also have refused cholesterol-lowering medications because of the potential dangers of the drugs.

Therefore, in your case, I wouldn't rush into any therapeutic commitment until your physician deems it necessary.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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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Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001

Today is the 44th day of 2001 and the 55th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1913, the U.S. Navy's first radio station began operating in Arlington, Va.

On this day in 1953, Sen. Lyndon Baines Johnson became the youngest Democratic Leader in the history of the U.S. Senate.

On this day in 1972, the Broadway musical "Grease" opened. Among the cast were Barry Bostwick and Adrienne Barbeau.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Grant Wood (1892-1942), painter; Georges Simenon (1903-1989), novelist; Patty Berg (1918-), golfer, is 83; Tennessee Ernie Ford (1919-1991), singer; Chuck Yeager (1923-), aviator, is 78; Kim Novak (1933-), actress, is 68; George Segal (1934-), actor, is 67; Oliver Reed (1938-1999), actor; Henry Rollins (1961-), singer, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, skier Tommy Moe won a gold medal in the men's downhill skiing event at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The guns and bombs, the rockets and the warships, all are symbols of human failure." — Lyndon Baines Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Feb. 14).

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Greenspan fears economy 'stalling out'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, delivering a sober assessment of the U.S. economy to Congress, said Tuesday that economic growth was close to "stalling out" at the start of the year and the country still faces a large number of "downside risks."

His comments sent a clear signal that the Fed, which has already reduced interest rates by a full percentage point this year, is ready to do more to combat the threat of a recession.

"The Fed still sees the risks weighted in the direction of economic weakness," said David Jones, economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

Jones predicted the Fed would cut rates twice more but by one-quarter each rather than the half-point reductions made in January. Jones said the Fed is also likely to wait to act at its regular meetings in March and May rather than moving between meetings as it did on Jan. 3.

Investors had been expecting such a Greenspan signal. By late morning, the Dow Jones industrial average had gained 40 points and the Nasdaq index added 47 points.

Greenspan, delivering the Fed's semiannual economic report to Congress, cautioned that forecasters have great difficulty predicting recessions because full-blown downturns are often the result of unreasonable fear that overwhelms normal business and consumer buying decisions.

"This unpredictable rending of confidence is one reason that recessions are so difficult to forecast," Greenspan said

New gyroscopes are working on station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A new set of gyroscopes took over control of the international space station's attitude in orbit on Tuesday as NASA tested the equipment that will allow a huge savings in thruster fuel.

The motion-control devices went into operation one day after astronauts from the space shuttle Atlantis installed a new shutter that allows the station crew to look out through a state-of-the-art window.

The four gyroscopes, sent up to station Alpha on an earlier shuttle flight, took over control of the state's orientation in orbit from thrusters on the Russian module of the station. Replacing the thrusters will save the fuel they need to operate and allow NASA to take over command of the station.

"We've reached another benchmark," Mission Control said as it informed station commander Bill Shepherd the gyroscopes were in control.

"Another step for the Federation," Shepherd responded with a reference to "Star Trek."

Testing of the gyroscopes will continue through the Atlantis flight.

The astronauts had a relatively light agenda for Tuesday, with Atlantis' crew planning to fire the shuttle's steering jets to boost the station and shuttle's altitude. The mission's third and final spacewalk was slated for Wednesday.

On Monday, spacewalkers Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam Jr. attached an aluminum shutter to a porthole on the Destiny science laboratory, which had been joined to the station two days earlier.

4 arrested for having marijuana

• Drug-free zone arrests

Four persons were arrested at noon Monday near Snyder High School for Class A misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana in a drug-free zone were two 17-year-old males. They were also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of tobacco. Two juveniles were charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A drug-free zone is within 1,000 feet of a school, playground or youth center.

• Grand jury arrest

Officers arrested Grant Gordon Gonzales, 17, of 2004 Ave. M at 10:05 a.m. at the jail. Gonzales had been indicted earlier this month for a Nov. 26 offense of forgery.

Other arrests include a 22-year-old male taken into custody by DPS troopers at 3 p.m. on Highway 180 for no drivers' license and no liability insurance.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 7 p.m. at the jail on an outstanding city warrant for minor in possession and failure to appear.

• Thefts

Officers are investigating the report of a ring missing from a residence in the 1600 block of Augusta, and items taken from a residence in the 3200 block of Avenue K.

• Gas drive-off

A report of a gas drive-off was filed at 3:12 p.m. in reference to a person not paying for $14.05 worth of gas at Allsup's.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Brinner

1919-2001

Funeral service for Elizabeth M. Brinner, a retired Snyder public school teacher, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Merrell, former pastor, and the Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor, will officiate.



Brinner

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brinner, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 11, in Walnut Place Care Center in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 11, 1919 in Seminole, she married John W. Brinner on May 21, 1944. He died Jan. 15, 1993.

Mrs. Brinner received her teaching certificate from Sul Ross State University. She taught in Klondike and Big Spring before teaching in the Snyder schools for more than 37 years, retiring in 1984.

She also was preceded in death by a son, John Brinner, on April 1, 1993; and two sisters, Jo Poe, in 1994, and Nova Lynn Campbell.

Survivors include three daughters, Roevella Baker of Snyder, Cheryl Collins of New Braunfels and Sandra Snyder of Dallas; a son, Dan Brinner of Rockwall; two brothers, G.C. Graves of Hereford and Jack Graves of Lexington, Tex.; eight grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 2910 Swiss Ave. in Dallas, 75204.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Janie Graham

1905-2001

Janie Graham, a 92-year resident of Scurry County, died Monday, Feb. 12, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Graham, 95, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, interim pastor, and Bill Looney, associate minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate.



Janie Graham

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 22, 1905 in Coryell County, she moved with her parents, W.F. and Ada Jane Martin, and her nine older siblings to Scurry County in a covered wagon.

The family settled near Dermott. Reared on a farm, she attended school in Bookout and later in Snyder. While attending high school in Snyder, she worked at Towle Jewelry on the north side of the square. She graduated in 1914. She attended Draughon's Business College and later worked as a secretary for Dr. H.G. Towle.

She married Joe Graham on April 6, 1926 in Snyder, and worked with her husband in Joe Graham Dry Cleaning plant for 35 years. They retired in 1960. Mr. Graham died April 24, 1979.

A member of First Baptist Church in Snyder since 1921, she taught Sunday School class for 53 years. Mrs. Graham was also a member of the Alpha Study Club and Snyder Garden Club.

She also was preceded in death by a great-grandchild, Douglas Pinkerton; and a great-great-grandchild, Randy Hopper.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen Roberts of Snyder; a granddaughter and her husband, Sherry Bob and James Merritt of Snyder; five great-grandchildren, Joetta Merritt and Hope Carrillo, both of Snyder, Tara JoCarol Chambless of Abilene, Tracie Molina of Lubbock and Amy Hopper of San Angelo; 10 great-great-grandchildren, Adam Hopper and Johnathan Hopper, both of San Angelo, Brett Wriley of Snyder, Kyle Sanchez and Amanda Sanchez, both of Abilene, and Savanah Molina, Victoria Molina, Santanya Molina, Dawn Carrillo and Steven Carrillo, all of Lubbock.

Chad Raines

1955-2001

Chad Raines, a lifetime resident of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 12, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Graveside service for Mr. Raines, 45, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Billy Capps, pastor of the North College Ave. Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Chad Raines

Born Aug. 15, 1955 in Electra, Mr. Raines was a representative for Wester Company in Abilene and a member of Snyder's Morningside Baptist Church. He married June Owens on April 28, 1979 in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, June Raines of Snyder; a daughter, Chassy Raines of College Station; a stepson, Todd Owens of Snyder; his parents, S.T. and Virginia Raines of Lake Hubbard; a brother, Cris Raines of Virginia; two sisters, Debra Eaton of Plano and Tanya Essery of Snyder; two grandsons, Dakota Owens and Joshua Owens, both of Snyder; and his father- and mother-in-law, Cecil and Dorothy Lankford of Snyder.

The family will greet friends at North College Ave. Baptist Church following the service.

Lewis Elliott

1897-2001

COLORADO CITY — Lewis Beall Elliott, an owner of Mitchell County Abstract Company, died Saturday, Feb. 10, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Elliott, 103, is set for 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kay Reed, pastor, will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Colorado City Cemetery.

Born Sept. 1, 1897 in Sweetwater, he lived in Loraine and Lubbock and then moved back to Loraine. He served in the U.S. Army from 1917-19 as a sergeant in the Medical Corps.

He married Elizabeth Wilson on June 22, 1919 and the family moved to Colorado City. Mr. Elliott acquired the abstract plant and maintained an interest in it at the time of his death. He founded Elliott Insurance Agency in 1922 and Colorado Federal Savings in 1934. He retired as chairman of Colorado City Savings and Loan in 1973.

Mr. Elliott was a member of the Lions Club and the American Legion posts in both Colorado City and Snyder. He had been active in the chamber, palette club, historical commission and museum. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had served as a member of the administrative board.

He was a Mason for more than 80 years, was a Past Master and Past District Deputy. He was a member of the Suez Shrine Temple in San Angelo for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, of Colorado City; three daughters, Frances Godwin and Ruth Cooper, both of Colorado City, and Esther Brewer of Carrollton; 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. James Lewis Elliott; and two daughters, Juanice Elliott and Shirley Wilkinson.

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ONGOINGS

East family reading

Family reading sessions at East Elementary will begin at 3:45 p.m. today and will conclude at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare is provided.

Discovery School open house

Discovery School, a childcare program at the First United Methodist Church, invites the community to an open house sandwich supper at 7 tonight. An RSVP at 573-4770 is requested, but not required.

Alzheimer support group

Alzheimer family support group will meet at 6 this evening at Snyder Oaks Care Center. For more information, call 573-9377.

AARP board meeting

A board meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center.

Eastern Star reception

Snyder Chapter #450 Eastern Star will have a reception honoring Jo Terrell, Humanitarian District 2 chairman of the Grand Chapter of Texas, at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Hall. At 6:30 p.m., a meal will be served and all Master Masons and their wives are invited. At 7:30 p.m., a stated meeting will be held.

FBC worship service

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

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Nursing graduation

WTC's school of vocational nursing will have its graduation and pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Mark of the Beast," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Depression."

CPR heartsaver course

A CPR heartsaver course will be taught at Western Texas College on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. and the cost is $35. Call 573-8511, ext. 350 for additional information.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday, Feb. 23. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

Earthquake relief

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church is pooling financial help to reach out to the needs of earthquake victims in Bhuj, India. To contribute, call 573-3866 or write to 1311 Ave. K in Snyder.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank for four-month premature Christa Lane Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.